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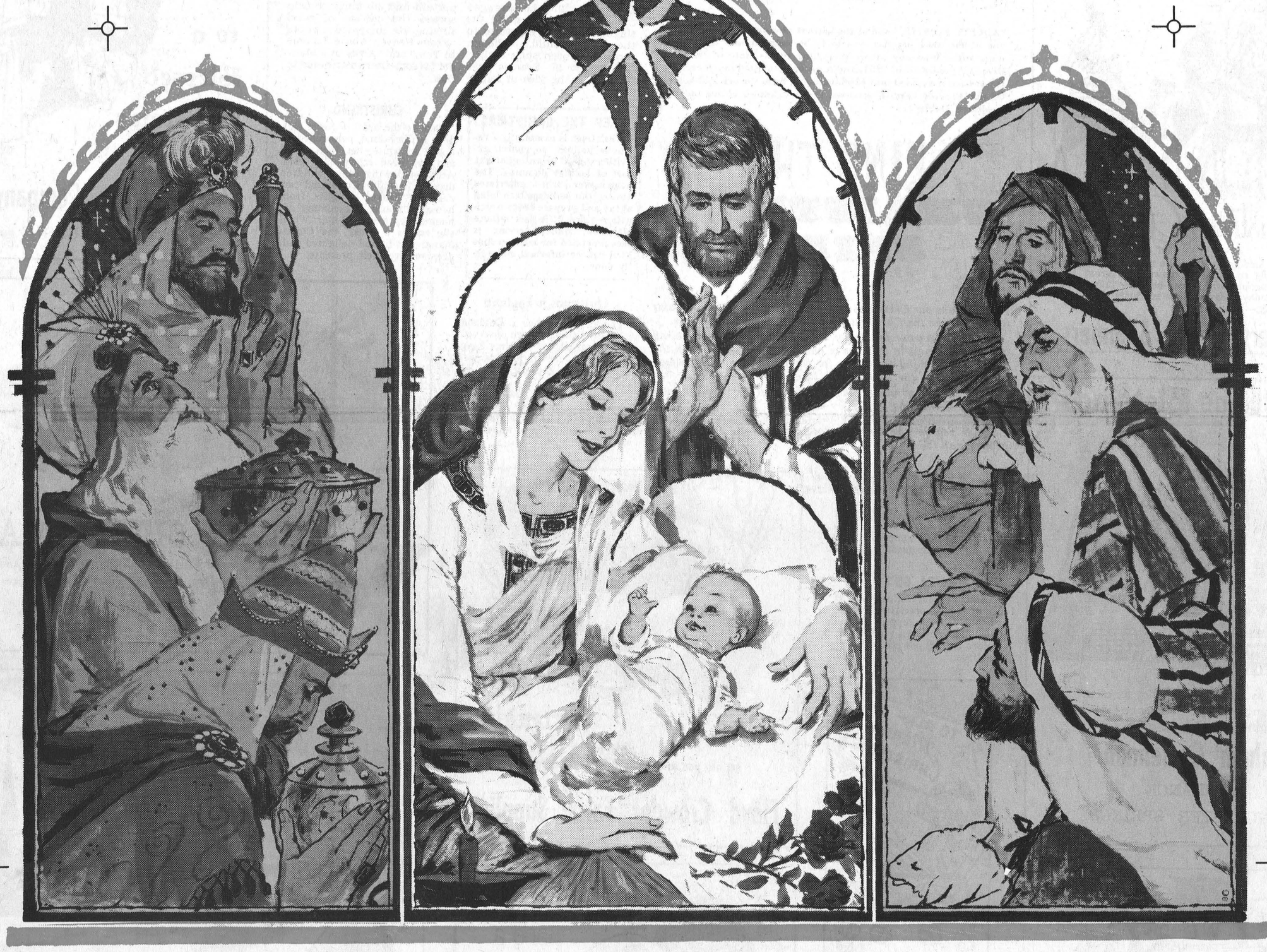
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." To humble shepherds keeping watch over their flocks in starlit fields, the triumphant message of the herald angels burst forth in fullest glory. And for the Wise Men from afar, the brilliant light of a Star shone in the heavens, guiding them on their way. Then to the sacred manger, shepherds and Wise Men came, to worship and rejoice. Each year, as we hear the Christmas story and welcome anew the Christ Child in our hearts, we find a new meaning for life, a new hope for the future. For Christmas is not an ancient tale of bygone time. Christmas lives. Christmas is now. Christmas is ever wondrous, ever radiant with joy and promise. May all its blessings be yours.

The Winchester Press

Rudolph of the Red Nose Adds To Fame of Santa's Reindeer

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer!
now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on,
Donder and Blitzen!"

Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer" who drew his "miniature sleigh," according to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem — the red-nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the team through a dark, overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history, a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.

"Merry Christmas"

Many Ways To Offer Holiday Wishes

In how many languages can you say "Merry Christmas"? Try and match the following Yuletide greetings with their respective countries:

1. Felices Pasquas Y Felices Ano Nuevo	a. Portugal
2. Boas Festas e Feliz Ano Novo	b. Ireland
3. Houska Joulua	c. Brazil
4. Joyeux Noel	d. Finland
5. Froehliche Weihnachten	e. France
6. Nodlaig mhaith chugnat	f. Argentina
7. Linksmu Kaledu	g. Wales
8. Boas Festas	h. Lithuania
9. Feliz Navidad	i. Germany
10. Nadolig Llawen	j. Spain

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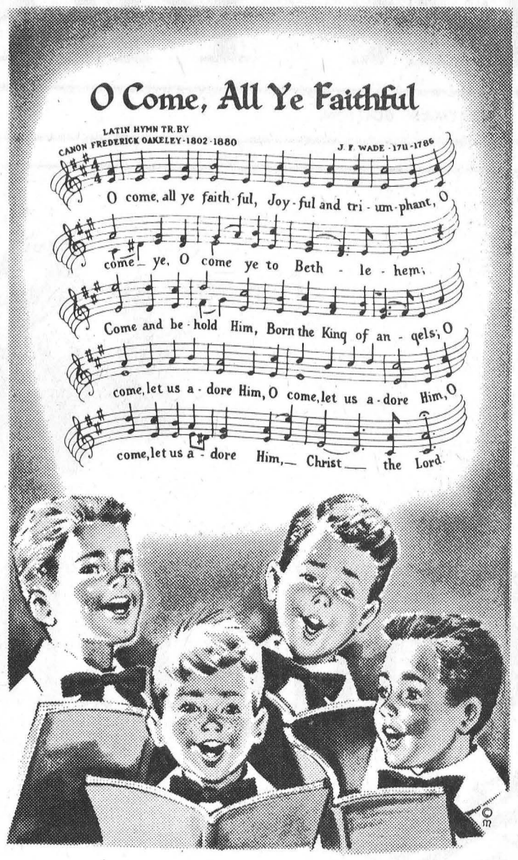

"ADESTE FIDELIS," one of the earliest Christmas hymns, is now one of the most popular — said to be sung, around the world, more often than any other. It is sung to the tune of "Cantus Diversi," published in 1751, and it probably existed much earlier. It has been translated into 120 languages, from the original Latin. Of the 40-some English versions, the best known is this one by Frederick Oakley.

Caroling Everywhere, But Start of Custom Is Obscure

"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant."
"Silent night, holy night."
"God rest you merry, gentlemen."
"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."
"Oh little town of Bethlehem."
"Deck the halls with boughs of holly."
"On the first day of Christmas."

Wherever people gather, the glad sounds of hymns and carols ring out at Christmas time, as they have for centuries.

Although the words and music of favorite carols are well known, the meaning of the word "carol" itself is obscure. One explanation holds that it comes from the old French word, "caroler," meaning "to dance." The first carols were often sung by worshippers dancing in a circle.

There is also the belief that "carol" comes from the Greek word for flute player, in compliment to the musicians who played for the Christmas ringdances. Still another thought is that carols originated with the songs of the Roman Saturnalia.

The name, "Father of the Christmas Carol," is often given to St. Francis of Assisi. At Greccio in 1224, he arranged a Nativity scene and led the singing of songs of praise to the Christ Child. Although carols had been sung earlier, this act by St. Francis gave impetus to the idea of happy singing at the Christmas season.

Early carols were in Latin. As carols gained popularity during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, many people preferred to sing in their own languages, and new carols were developed.

The growth of carols was helped along by "wassailing" or "gooding" expeditions. Children went from house to house, singing songs and receiving treats.

Wynkyn de Word, apprentice to the famous English printer, Caxton, issued the first printed book of carols in 1521.

Later, English people learned carols from printed "broadsides" which sold for a penny. When the Puritans abolished holiday observances in the seventeenth century, the broadsides were still printed and "bootlegged" to the public.

Students of Christmas stories might be puzzled whether it was a case of carol singing or carol stinging in an English legend. According to the legend, bees used to gather on Christmas eve to hum carols.

HELPED CAROLS

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, felt that group singing in churches was important and did much to help spread the custom of carol singing. He composed a carol, "From Heaven Above I Come to You," and "Away in a Manger" is sometimes attributed to him.

CHRISTKIND

Dear to the heart of Swiss children is Christkind, personified by a girl in white, her face veiled and her head crowned in gold. Accompanied by other children dressed in white, Christkind carries her basket of gifts from house to house, her coming announced by a silvery bell. When she enters a house, the Christmas tree is lit and delighted children receive their presents.

Take Happy Outlook For A Good Year

Thinking about that New Year resolution, or whether or not to make any promises for 1965?

Why not resolve, simply, to try to make it a happy year for yourself and for those with whom you come in contact.

Begin by making an effort to know yourself better. Sit down for a moment and think about the things you like about yourself and the things you would like to change.

Look for Good

Think about the people about you — your family, your friends. Consider their good points and consider as well the things about them that displease you. Ask yourself why this is so, and what can be done about it.

Promise yourself to make an effort in the year ahead to be understanding of the problems of others, to think about the other fellow as well as yourself. Sometimes, if we just make an effort to put ourselves in the other fellow's shoes, we get a better understanding of why he does certain things or acts a certain way.

Resolve

Resolve, in the months ahead, to do the things you like to do. Spend more time pursuing a favorite hobby, whether it be reading, woodworking, or what-have-you.

Make an effort to change the things you don't like — and the best starting point is to change the things about yourself that you know should be changed.

And — learn to live with the things that you cannot change. Be realistic. Accept what must be, and make the best of everything.

KEEP THE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is essentially a religious holiday, so church activities should be an important part of holiday planning. The homemaker who entertains during the holidays can plan ahead and prepare foods which will require little last minute attention. Buffet serving is recommended for large groups as it can be informal and easily done.

FIND THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

We can make our Christmas much happier if we make it a point to try to make the Christmas spirit a real thing in our lives.

We can begin our search for the Christmas spirit by noting the real happiness in the eyes of children. We can find it in the simple act of doing something for the less fortunate than ourselves—the sick, the shut-ins, the lonely and the poor.

We are most certain to find it if we turn our thoughts and our steps toward the church by the side of the road. Here, we will find the unescapable meaning of Christmas and the entire Yuletide season—the birth of Jesus—a message of hope and peace for all the world.

Christmas in England

The first Christmas in England is believed to have been observed in the year 521, at the time King Arthur was celebrating his victory marking the recapture of York.

Guests, including the national heroes, were gathered about the famous Round Table where they feasted to the music of wandering minstrels.

3-DAY FESTIVAL

Christmas in Turkey is a three-day festival. Christian Turks observe the season by visiting and entertaining and coffee, sweetmeats, fruit and sometimes sour milk are holiday treats.

EXTRA GIFT

An "extra" and inexpensive gift certain to be appreciated by most youngsters is a supply of batteries. Most children receive one or more battery-powered toys for Christmas.



Christmas Greetings

But the angel said to them: Have no fear, for, look! I am declaring to you good news of a great joy that all the people will have, because there was born to you today a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. in David's city.—Luke 2:10-11.

MacPherson and Summers

Christmas Blessings



We greet you with the wish that, for all of us, the meaning of Christmas may be ever deeper, its hopes brighter, its blessings greater.

Graham Casselman

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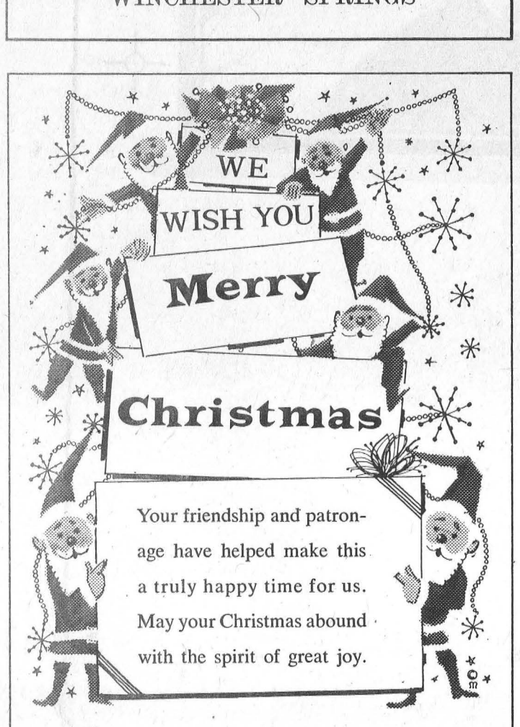

Your friendship and patronage have helped make this a truly happy time for us. May your Christmas abound with the spirit of great joy.

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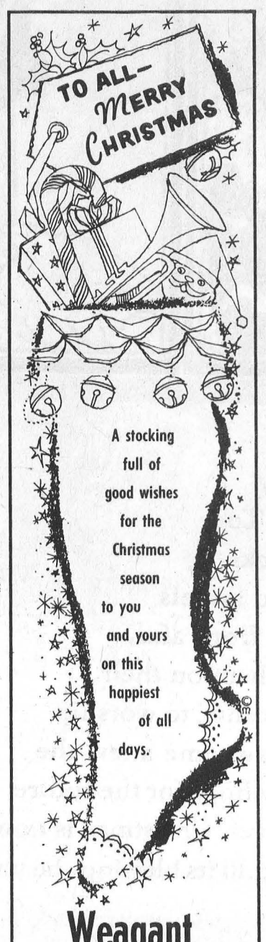

A stocking full of good wishes for the Christmas season to you and yours on this happiest of all days.

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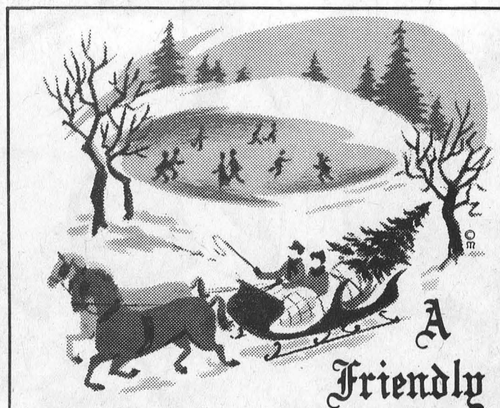

A Friendly wish to you for the Yuletide, hoping you and yours have a Merry Christmas!

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Thanks, and a very Merry Christmas to all our loyal friends.

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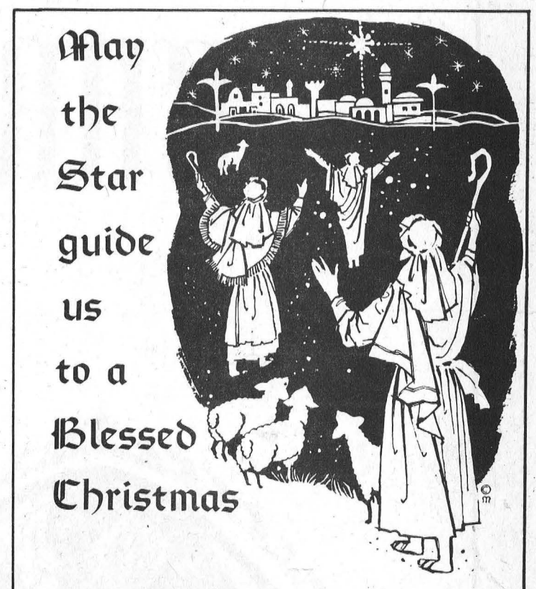

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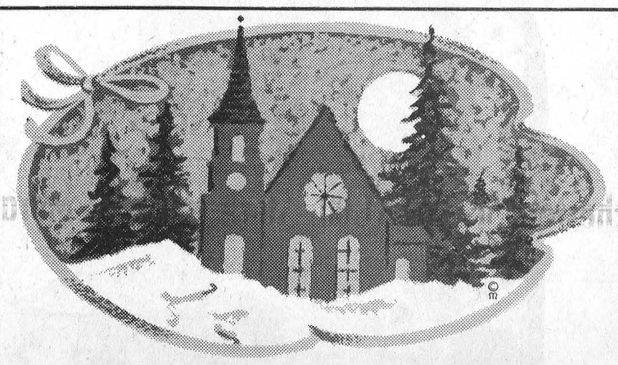

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The sounds and scents of Christmas fill the air with joy and merriment. May your Day be filled with these pleasures.

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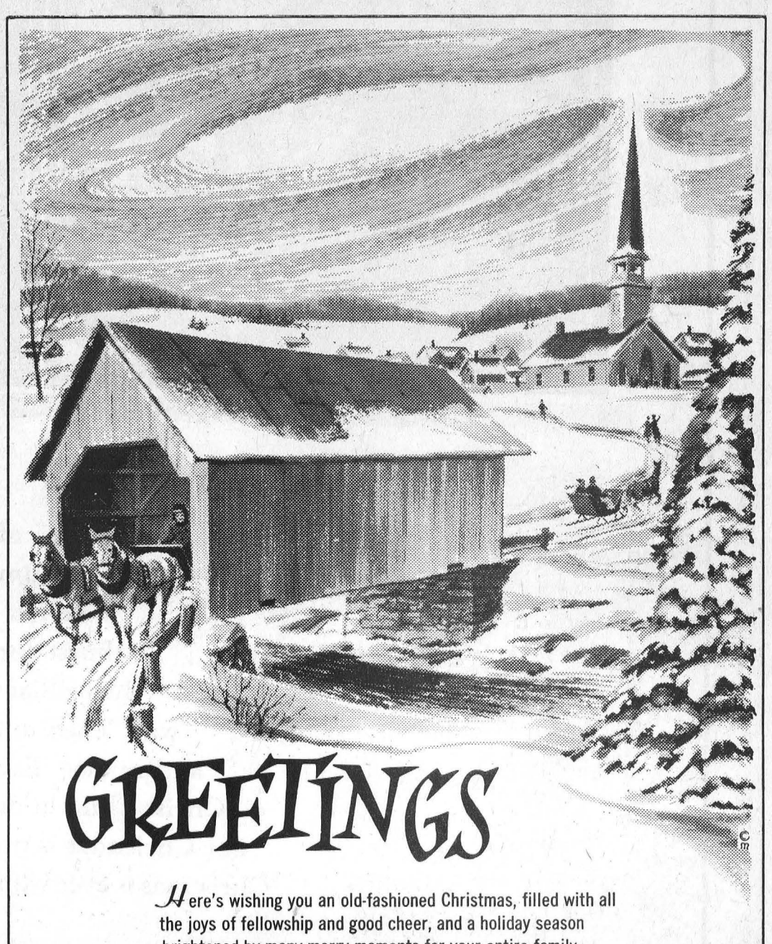

GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas, filled with all the joys of fellowship and good cheer, and a holiday season brightened by many merry moments for your entire family.

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Country Christmas

TED KEYES almost laughed out loud at the bitter reaction of the other passengers when the driver told them the big bus was stranded in the small mountain community of Hillside.

Ted didn't care about the delay. He wasn't "going home" for Christmas as most of his fellow passengers were. He was going to King City to take a new job, and he had a week to get there.

He followed the others as they filed out of the bus and ran the short distance into the general store, eager to escape the fury of the winter storm as quickly as possible.

Somber Group

They gathered about the pot-bellied stove, quiet, oblivious of one another, each wrapped in his own unhappy thoughts.

A big man, elderly, yet straight as a ramrod, entered from a back room.

"Welcome, folks, welcome. Nice to have so much company on Christmas Eve. Ma's putting on the big coffee pot and making some hot chocolate for the kiddies. Don't go reaching for your wallets. This'll be compliments of Ben Flowers, who wishes you one and all a Merry Christmas. If any of you want to make phone calls, reversing the charges, of course, phone's out there in the kitchen. Now, just make yourself to home."

There was a mad rush toward the kitchen. Ted found himself an unoccupied chair near the stove and relaxed.



Ted didn't care that the bus was delayed.

He was suddenly conscious of the fact that Ben Flowers was shoveling more coal into the stove and that the noise had awakened him. Two youngsters were sleeping on a pallet in one corner. An old man puffed on his pipe on the opposite of the stove. No one else was in sight.

"Where is everyone?"

"Gone to church. Little mission up the road. Minister came down and issued invitations to a special service. Tried to wake you, but you're a sound sleeper, son. In fact, I had to slam this stove door five or six times to wake you."

"Why?"

"Just thought you might give me a hand. I ain't as young as I used to be, I found that out. Come along, will you?"

The Tree

Ted followed the man through the kitchen. The old man pointed to a Christmas tree resting against the back porch.

"Cut that tree and brought it down from the hill. Tuckered me out, for sure. Help me get it in, will you?"

"You're putting up a tree on Christmas morning?"

"Yep, first one in several years. Me and ma sorta got out of the habit, son, not having any folks or any youngsters about. Now, this stopover that is such a bother to you is a real occasion for us. We just gotta have a tree, son, and that's all there is to it."

Like Christmas

After that, it was just like Christmas. Ted and Ben Flowers finished the tree, then retired to the kitchen to drink coffee and watch Mrs. Flowers prepare a Christmas meal — turkey, dressing, cranberries, all the things Ted remembered as part of Christmas during his childhood days.

The church-goers returned to find that Mrs. Flowers had wrapped a small gift for each one—actually two gifts were left over, because she had erred in her count of those in attendance. No one seemed to notice.

It was an unusual Christmas dinner—served in the early morning, on paper plates. Ted always remembered how everyone had eaten heartily and had happily said goodbye to the old couple at the country store. Someday soon he would write the Fosters and tell them that they'd made quite a scene in King City when the bus roared into town with all of the passengers singing Christmas Carols and shouting "Merry Christmas" to everyone in sight.

The Good Witch Visits Italy's Young

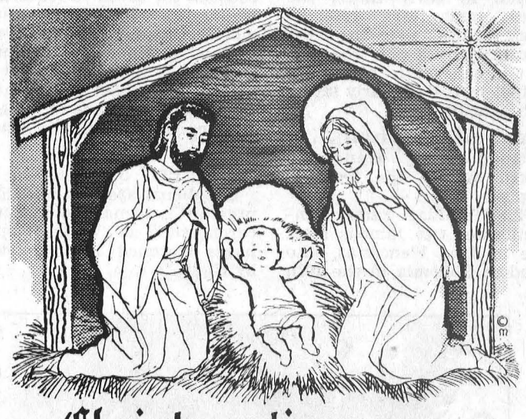
It is on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, and not on Christmas Eve that Italian children place their shoes by the fireplace. The shoes are placed in anticipation of the arrival of "Befana", the good witch, who comes down the chimney on a broom to fill the shoes left out for her — sweets for the good youngsters, coal in the shoes of the naughty.

Towns of Christmas Abound Here & There

Five communities in the United States and one in Canada are named for the Nativity season:

CHRISTMAS, GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA
CHRISTMAS, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CHRISTMAS, LAWRENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
CHRISTMAS, BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CHRISTMAS, ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE
CHRISTMAS ISLAND, NOVA SCOTIA

In addition, Minnesota, "The Land of Lakes," prides itself on having a lake in Scott County by the name of Christmas.

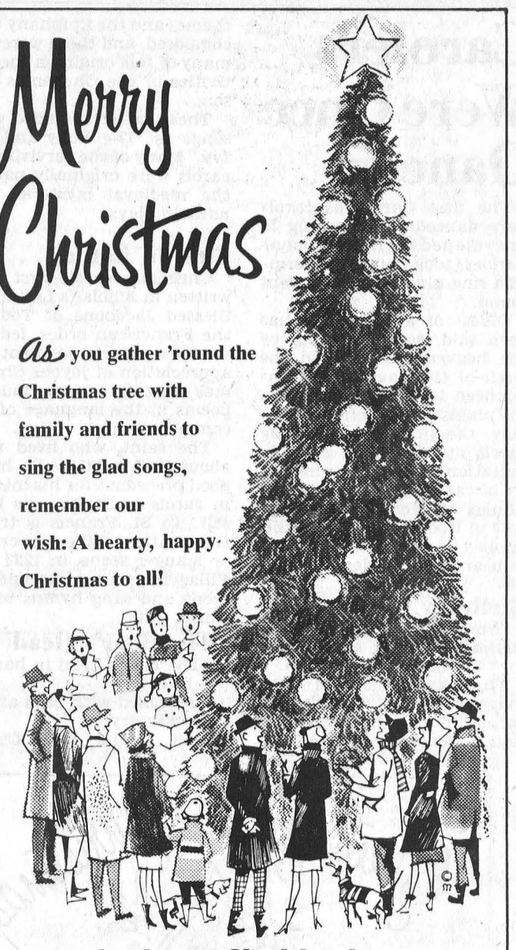


Christmastime, and once again we pause to wish good friends all the special joys and blessings of the season. May your Day bring an abundance of happiness and peace.

Symonds Lunch and Bowling

Merry Christmas

As you gather 'round the Christmas tree with family and friends to sing the glad songs, remember our wish: A hearty, happy Christmas to all!



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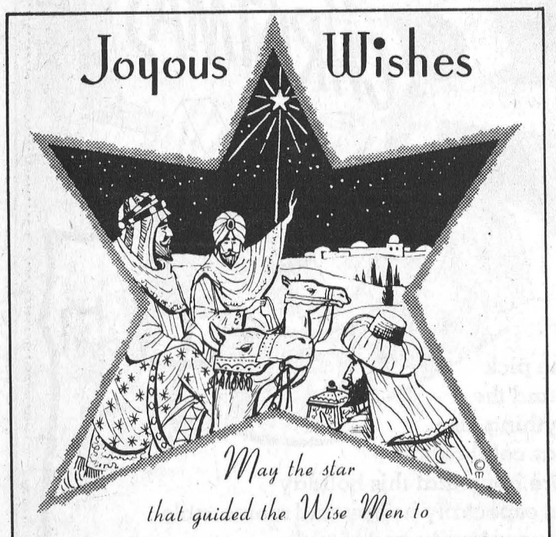
Joyous Wishes



May the star that guided the Wise Men to Christmas joy and peace ever shine for you and yours in all days to come.

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Greetings

May happiness abound in your home on Christmas Day and fill the hours with love and contentment.

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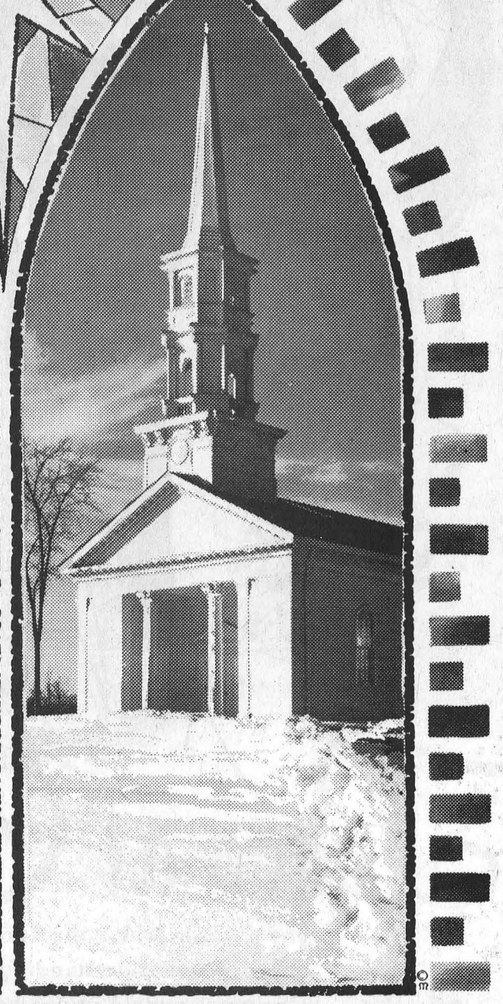
In the Spirit of Christmas



Let us turn our thoughts to the first Christmas and capture in our hearts all the peace, love and understanding of that Day.

In the true spirit of Christmas, we wish you a happy and holy Day and pray that the blessings of the season will truly be yours.

THE PIONEER HOTEL

RAYMOND and SALLY McINTOSH



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Candles glowing warm and bright, countryside in snowy white tell of Christmas peace and pleasure, full of joys for all to treasure. Hope you'll be blessed with the Season's best!

CANADIAN TIRE CORPORATION

WILLIAMSBURG

Carolers Were Once Dancers

The first Christmas carols were danced to, according to Encyclopedia International Carolers took hands and formed a ring, singing as they went round.

Oldest of all carols, it has been said, was that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of the Saviour was announced to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Probably, the practice of singing carols at Christmas arose in imitation of this, as the majority of carols declared the good tidings of great joy, and the title of Noel, nowell or novelle, applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.

Birthday News . . .

"Nowell" or "Noel" means birthday news or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ.

The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity, the Incarnation and the Annunciation. Later, ones on shepherd themes and the Epiphany were composed, and there were also many of folk origin on the festivities of the Christmas season.

These latter included such songs as "The Holly and The Ivy." Many of the surviving old carols were originally part of the medieval mysteries and miracle plays.

First in Latin . . .

Christmas carols first were written in scholar's Latin. The Blessed Jacopone of Todi, of the Franciscan order, led the way to a wider enjoyment and appreciation of joyous Christmas songs by writing musical poems in the language of the common people.

The saint, who lived from about 1230 to 1306 A.D., had a good precedent for his interest in carols in St. Francis himself. To St. Francis is traced the creation of the first creche or manger scene, in 1223 A.D. Villagers gathered around the scene and sang hymns to the Christ Child.

"The Boar's Head"...

"The boar's head in hand
bear I,
Bedecked with bays and
rosemary."

"The Boar's Head Carol," source of this quotation, appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queens College, Oxford.

Other colleges of Oxford had their own versions of the same song. "The boar is dead; lo, here is his head," remarked the carol sung at St. John's, while "The boar's head in hand I bring, With garlands gay and birds singing" was the version heard at Balliol.

Even in early times, the "boar" romantically referred to as traditional at the feast was probably a pig. The wild boar is believed to have been extinct in Britain early in the 12th century.

Feast of Stephen . . .

"Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen."

This familiar carol commemorates two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who ruled in Bohemia in the 10th century A.D. He was noted for his generosity to the poor, and practiced this generosity on Christmas and on St. Stephen's Day, December 26.

St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, noted in legend as a follower of Christ who, at the time of the Nativity, had been in the service of King Herod. When he was permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.

Today the "feast of Stephen" is remembered primarily because of the carol, "Good King Wenceslas." His day is now more commonly observed, especially in England and Canada, as Boxing Day, when presents are given to servants and others who have rendered services throughout the year.

Shepherd Maiden . . .

Shepherds are familiar figures in Christmas stories and carols, such as "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

More novel, but equally established in tradition, is the story of the shepherdess who visited the stable on the first Christmas night.

"D'ou viens-tu, bergere?" (or, "Whence Come You, Shepherd Maiden?") was brought to Canada in the 17th century, by early French settlers. In the carol, a questioner asks the shepherdess where she has been and what she has seen, and she in turn describes the manger scene.

In Holland

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh.

The great horse is named Sleipner, and the Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.

Message Of Christmas Lives Anew

"And lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was." Matthew 2:9.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:16.

From two who became His disciples come the words that tell the story of that Holy Night, the first Christmas. Matthew the tax collector wrote of the Star that shone in the east, and of wise men who followed it to find and worship Him.

Luke the physician wrote of shepherds watching in the fields and herald angels singing in the heavens.

At church services during this Christmas season the words of the tax collector and the physician will be read and studied once again, with ever-deepening meaning.

And as the story is told anew, it is also reflected in the many observances of Christmas, both in churches and in homes.

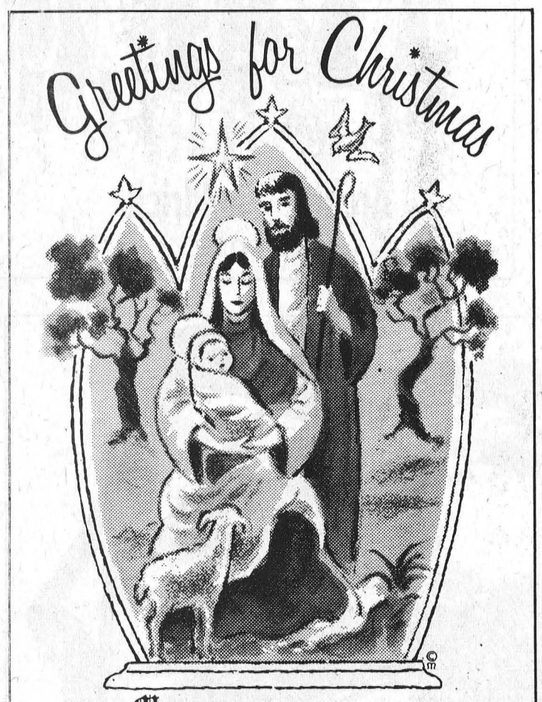
The joyful sound of carols harks back to the first of all carols, the words of the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The glow of candles symbolizes the birth of Christ as the Light of the World, and it also mirrors the eternal gleam of the Star of Bethlehem.

The spirit of giving takes guidance from the gifts of the Wise Men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him.

Above all, at Christmas, mankind experiences once again the reverence, wonder and rejoicing of the wise men, of whom Matthew says,

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."



May the spiritual blessings of the Christmas season be with you and yours.

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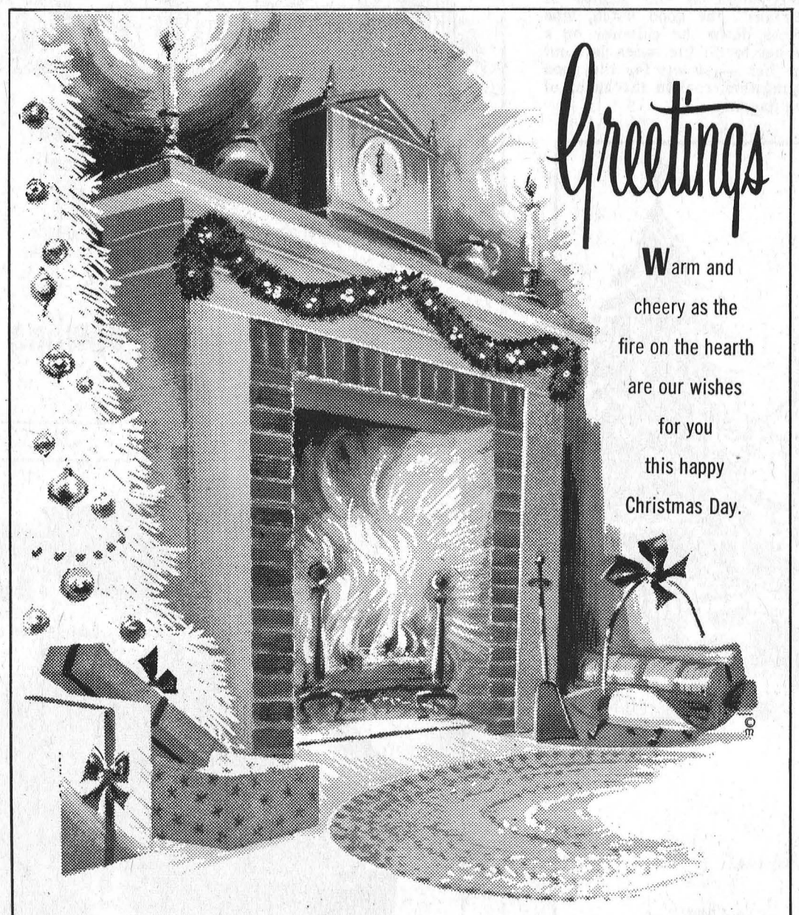

Warm and cheery as the fire on the hearth are our wishes for you this happy Christmas Day.

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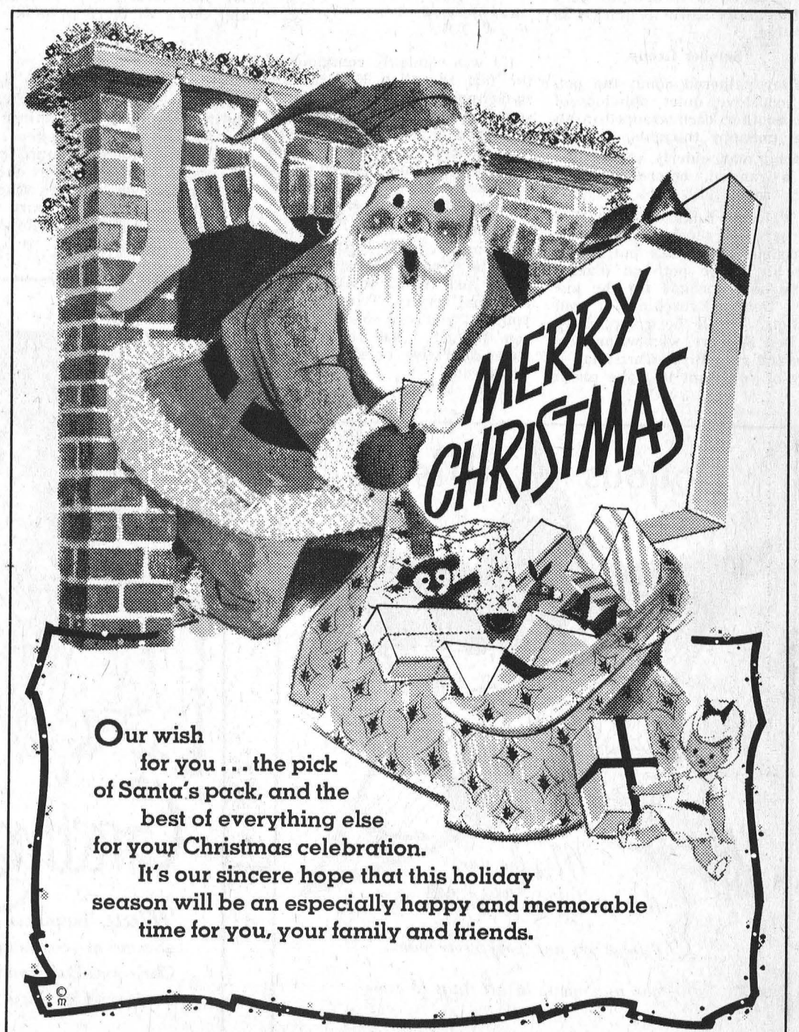

Our wish for you . . . the pick of Santa's pack, and the best of everything else for your Christmas celebration.

It's our sincere hope that this holiday season will be an especially happy and memorable time for you, your family and friends.

Charles Anderson

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We take this opportunity to wish everyone a

Merry



Christmas

Hope your Day is a happy one, filled with all the special joys of the holiday season.

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Peace at Christmas

Joy to the world... the Lord has come! May the spirit of love and understanding the Christ Child inspires each Christmas remain in our hearts in days to come... leading us ever closer to the realization of peace on earth... good will toward men. Merry Christmas, everyone!

H. E. SAUNDERS AND SONS

INKERMAN

Smiles Brighter and Hearts Lighter As Community Greets Christmas

Season's Sights, Sounds Proclaim It's a Joyful, Peaceful Time

By ANNA MANG

It's Christmas, time to greet a friend, wrap a gift, help the needy. It's Christmas, time to sing a carol, light a candle, trim a tree. It's Christmas, time to send a card, surprise a neighbor, delight a child. It's Christmas, time to welcome visitors, spread the festive board, gather the family together for everything good from food to fellowship.

Most of all, it's Christmas, time to say a prayer, count many blessings, rejoice. It's Christmas, time to celebrate anew the very first Christmas of all, the Birthday of Christ.

It's Christmas, and throughout this community the sights and sounds of a joyful, festive season appear. All through the town, twinkling lights, fragrant flowers and greens and a myriad other decorations show to every beholder the glad spirit of Christmas. Bells ring out and voices sing out, proclaiming the wonderful news.

Christmas is here. And because Christmas is here, steps are lighter, smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there may have been hours when everything seemed just too hectic — too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives, there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the glory of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

Most Memorable

No two Christmases are ever alike — but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year it's true. Every Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past.

Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

Happily, the wealth of legend and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be welcomed than a deluge of precise factual detail, and one of the special charms of Christmas customs is the hint of mystery surrounding them.

For Decoration

Candles, apples, colored papers — these were among the early tree ornaments.

Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdcages appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons.

Tree decorations contributed by Scandinavian countries were as various as fish nets and miniature flags.

The modern array of tree ornaments is vast and imaginative, but even so many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned" touch to the tree, with decorations such as paper chains and strings of popcorn or cranberries.

Lighting Candles

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen — a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

By lighting the candles and decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

Why a Tree?

Why a tree at Christmas? One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born.

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an Infant with a halo.

The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles, people good and bad; and the Infant, the Baby Jesus.

Another explanation links today's Christmas tree to ancient feasts of the winter equinox, when trees were adorned with trinkets.

St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany, is said to have told converts that the fir should be their holy tree, replacing the oak, sacred in Druid tree worship, and thus beginning the custom of a decorated fir.

Many are the legends, but one thing is certain. Nowadays Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the tree.



Stocking Up Starts with Santa

Santa Claus, envisioned today as a jolly, cheerful man with an affinity for children, was a romanticist too, according to legend.

The first Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, started the custom of hanging stockings by the chimney when his romantic heart was touched, and he gifted a bankrupt merchant's three marriageable daughters with gold for their dowries.

Desiring anonymity, he tossed the three bags of gold through the window, or, as some tell it, down the chimney. One of the bags landed in a stocking which had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece.

Hanging up stockings thus became part of the holiday ritual.

What's in a Name? Shakespeare Called Play 'Twelfth Night,' But He Chose Different Subject

"After dinner to the Duke's House, and there saw 'Twelfth Night' acted well, though it be but a silly play and not related at all to the name."

So wrote the English diarist, Samuel Pepys, in recording the events of January 6, 1663.

Later critics have taken a more enthusiastic view of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" than did Mr. Pepys, but they have to agree that the comic gambol bears no relationship to its title. Apparently, the play was so named because it had been written to be performed on Twelfth Night.

Had Shakespeare chosen to do it, he had ample materials at hand to create a play that was really about "Twelfth Night."

Epiphany, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, traditionally the night when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child, was a most important festival in Shakespeare's time, and many customs surrounded it.

Characters ready for Shakespeare's pen were such traditional folk as "Patrick O'Tater," "Lady Bluestocking," "Captain Blunderbuss," and others. At Twelfth Night frolics, the young people, especially, dressed themselves in costumes to suggest these characters.

Shakespeare, however, preferred to write of Sir Toby Belch, Malvolio, Olivia and others, and critics can only speculate upon what might have been if he had taken "Twelfth Night" for his theme as well as his title.

In South Pacific

For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 a.m., when carolers wake the villagers with serenades. At dawn, when everyone is awake and assembled, some attend church while others take care of preparing the feast.

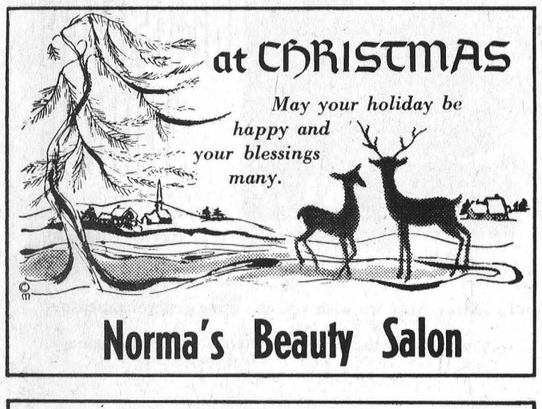


Holiday Cheer

We're dreaming of a bright Christmas for our many friends and patrons. Thank you for your generous support.

C. W. Coons General Store

BRINSTON



at CHRISTMAS

May your holiday be happy and your blessings many.

Norma's Beauty Salon



JOY at Christmas

May this holiday season herald a time of continued "peace on earth."

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OSGOODE



MAY Christmas bring you a multitude of joys.

J. M. Fader



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the light of the Star ever guide us and inspire us in our daily lives.

Blom's Meat and Locker Plant

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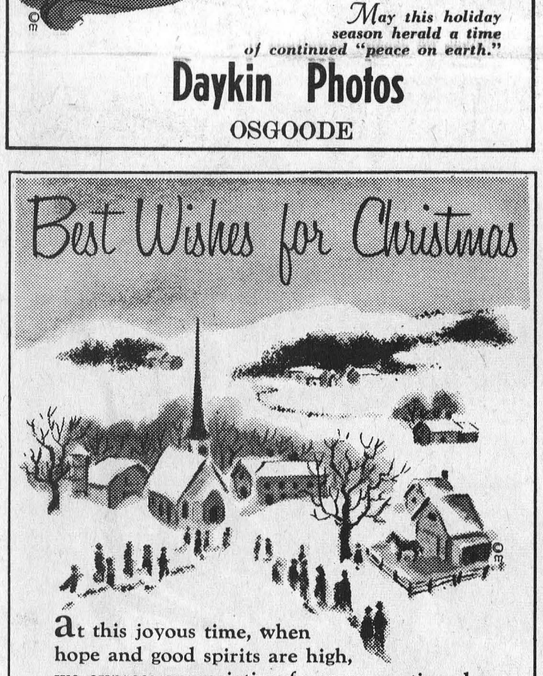


Best Wishes for Christmas

At this joyous time, when hope and good spirits are high, we express appreciation for your continued loyalty, and wish you the best of everything for Christmas as always. Thank you.

Alex Barclay

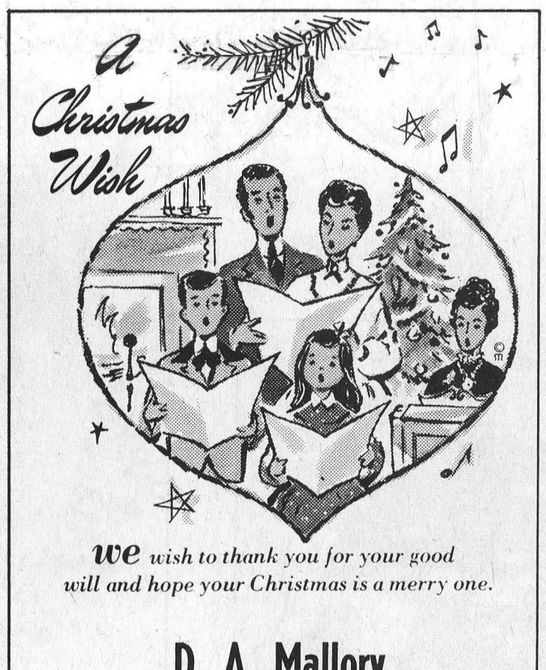
YOUR WONDER BREAD SALESMAN



Greetings

Have a serene and happy holiday season.

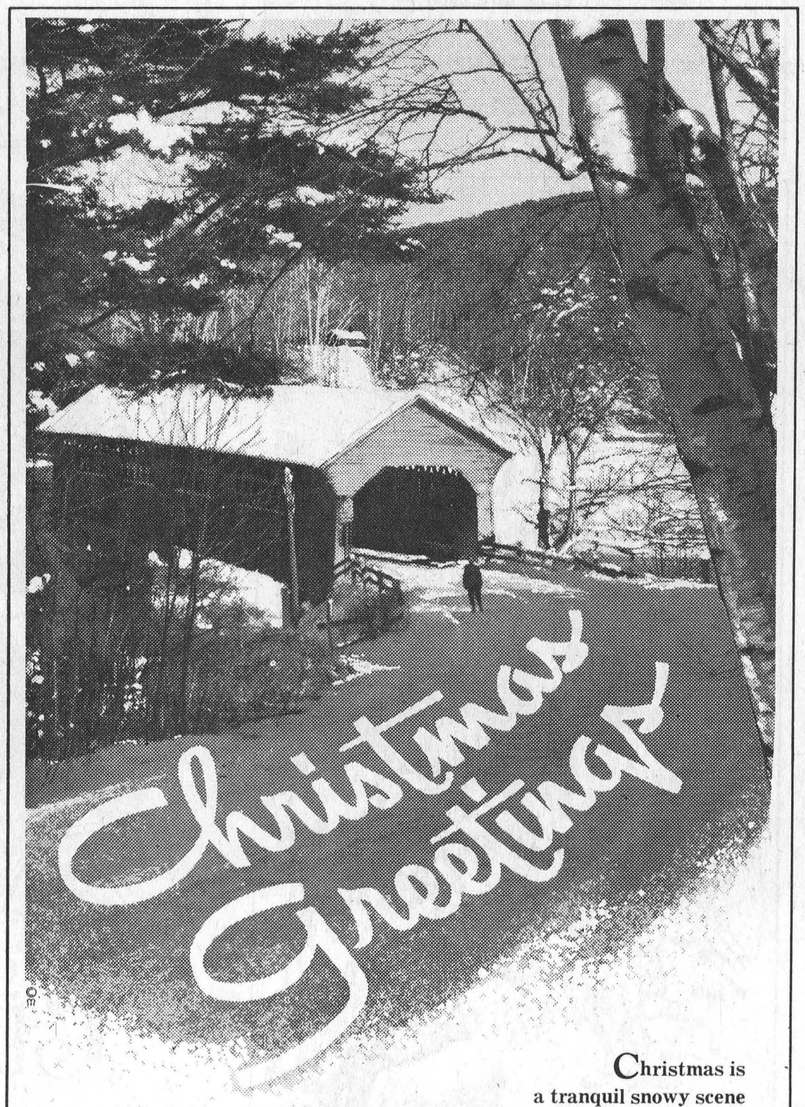
Royal Lunch



A Christmas Wish

We wish to thank you for your good will and hope your Christmas is a merry one.

D. A. Mallory



Christmas Greetings

Christmas is a tranquil snowy scene and brightly-wrapped gifts . . . it is a time of hope and rejoicing for the many things it is our privilege to possess. We wish you an "old-fashioned" Christmas, filled with love and good cheer, and the deep satisfaction of friendships renewed. Happy Holidays!

La Rose Pharmacy



Greetings

As the sacred story of the manger unfolds anew, we wish you a Christmas full of good cheer and spiritual contentment.

S. B. Simms and Sons

MOUNTAIN



Merry Christmas

To all our friends and patrons, we extend joyful greetings and best wishes for the Christmas season.

English's Ready To Wear

WILLIAMSBURG - GLEN BECKER

When Christmas Groups Gather, It's Game Time

Everyone's a child at Christmas time, and that's why there's nothing as much fun when family and friends gather as game-playing. Since Christmas groups usually include both children and adults, games that both can enjoy are best.

The following games can be played with no special equipment, other than that on hand.

Charades . . .

Christmas charades is a lively game that the whole family will enjoy.

Divide the group into two teams. Individual members of teams are then called upon to act out a word, character, phrase, scene or situation — and since it's Christmas, all the charades should have Christmas overtones.

Subjects are supplied on a slip of paper by the opposing team and then passed on to the "actor." From here on, it's his job to see how quickly he can get his teammates to guess what he is acting out.

"The Night Before Christmas," "Jingle, Bells," "A Partridge in a Pear Tree," and "Filling the Christmas Stocking" are just some of the many, many subjects that can be used.

Word Play . . .

A popular pencil-and-paper game is called "word play." The object of the game is to see how many words can be made from a phrase such as "Merry Christmas to All." A time limit is set, and the rule is that no letter can be used in any word more often than it appears in the phrase.

In other words, words made from "Merry Christmas to All" can include no more than one "e," "i" or "o," while they could contain as many as two "m's" or three "r's."

Since word play involves competition among its players, it's advisable to allow the children to compete against one another, while the adults battle it out among themselves.

Santa's Sleigh . . .

"Santa's Packing His Sleigh" is a quiet Christmas game that provides fun and hearty laughter. It starts simply enough with one member of the group saying, "Santa's packing his sleigh, and he's bringing a toy dog."

Then each person repeats the sentence, adding another gift to Santa's sleigh. The object of the game is to repeat correctly, in order, the complete list of gifts in Santa's sleigh — and it's harder than it sounds.

As the list gets longer and longer, more and more players just can't seem to remember the whole list and its order, so consequently they drop out, until only one is left.



HARD TO SEE . . . Camouflaged boy and gun blend in with surroundings. Guerilla gun set, completely camouflaged, was inspired by Viet Nam operations.

THE FIRST GIFTS

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the first Christmas gifts, represented the most precious items of the day. Only the best was considered a suitable gift for a king, and the Wise Men had traveled far to pay their respect to the newborn infant.

The Wise Men were kings themselves—and they could afford expensive gifts. In modern-day gift giving, we should not place emphasis on the cost of the gifts we give. It is the spirit of giving that is important and that is appreciated. This can be readily understood when we note that the simple presents of the shepherds were appreciated as much as the valuable gifts of the three kings.



Joy at Christmas

Let us rejoice and join together with Christmas spirit to celebrate His birth.

Deeks Auto Electric



Christmas

May the miracle of the Christ Child be upon your home and in your hearts this Christmas Day. May the good Lord bless and keep you and your loved ones.

Harry McNeil Store

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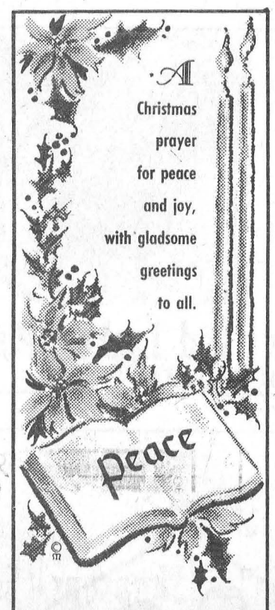
Greetings AND BEST WISHES

We extend our greetings and warmest wishes for a very merry Christmas to you and your dear ones.

H. W. Algate

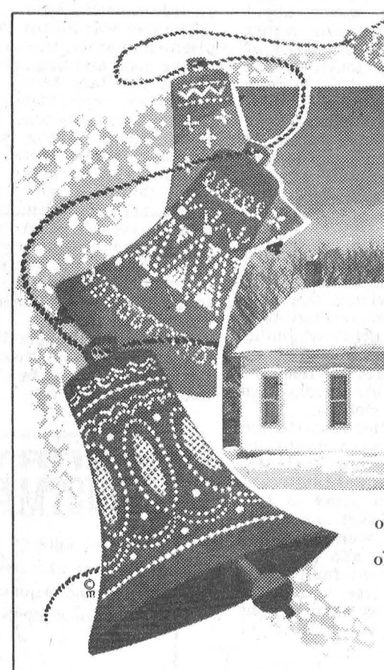
OPTOMETRIST



A Christmas prayer for peace and joy, with gladsome greetings to all.

Peace

Art Leason



GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Bells ring out merrily for all our loyal friends and patrons. May we wish you the same generous measure of happiness you've given us over the years with your valued patronage.

Roy Fawcett



May PEACE bless mankind this Christmas and remain in our hearts for all the days to come.

D. L. Berry and Sons

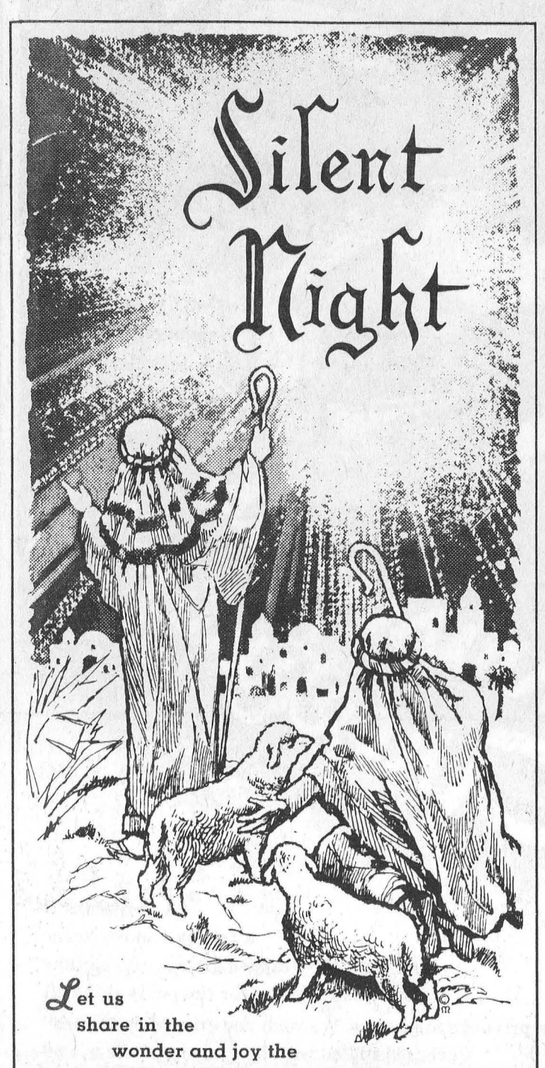
SOUTH MOUNTAIN



Greetings

Happily, we welcome the opportunity to come into your homes at this joyous time, with our thanks for your patronage, our greetings and wishes that you may enjoy the very best the holidays can hold.

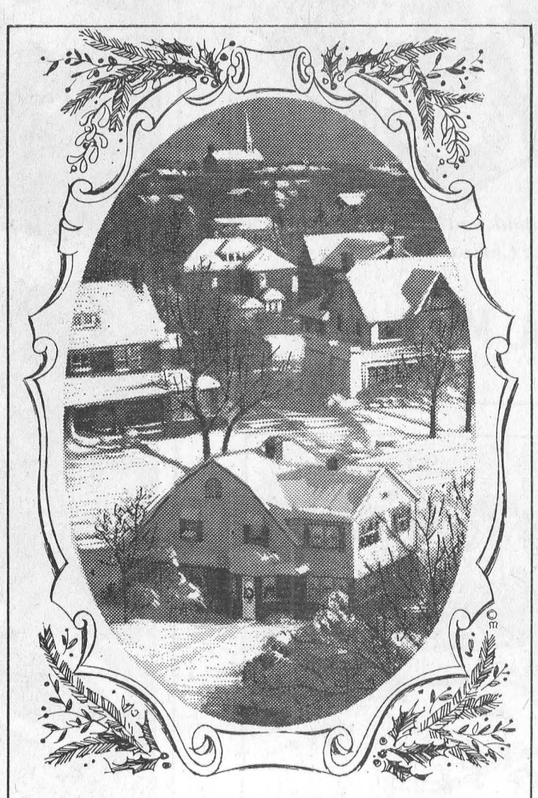
VICE AND CRAIG



Silent Night

Let us share in the wonder and joy the shepherds felt that first Holy Night when angels brought their glad tidings of peace, good will toward man.

Howard E. Biccum



merry, merry Christmas

Christmastime affords us the chance to express our heartfelt gratitude for the friendship and generosity you have shown us through the year. We extend best wishes for a happy holiday.

R. S. Allison and Sons

WINCHESTER SPRINGS

A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY

To the very young, Christmas is a time of bright little lights on a tree, of shiny glass ornaments and decorations, of filmy spun glass filaments, and of toys that have sharp, rough edges, and lots of candy, nuts and other rich edibles. All of this is part of Christmas . . . and this is fine—but a few precautions should be taken to insure a safe holiday.

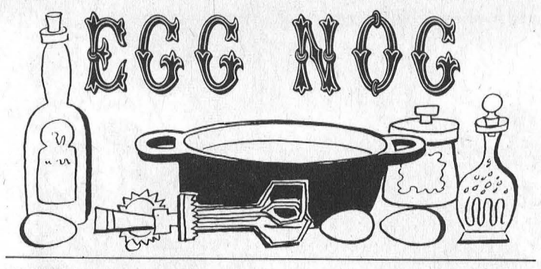
Old strings of lights for the Christmas tree should be examined carefully. If worn-out bulbs are discarded, they should be put where youngsters can't get to them.

Glass ornaments and glass "angel hair" should be kept out of baby's reach. The ornaments crumble readily into sharp slivers.

Most manufacturers now avoid lead-based paint, but be sure the toys that come into your home do not bring the threat of lead poisoning when a child chews on the toy.

Select toys with a minimum of sharp edges and avoid toys constructed of materials which are quick to burn—and see that the toys are large enough so that baby can't swallow them.

EGG NOG



Eggnog's popularity is such that at Christmas and New Year's, the drink can be found in nearly every average American home.

It is generally believed that Eggnog came to us from the Old English sack-posset, a hot drink which contains the same ingredients — milk, eggs, sugar and nutmeg. No one really knows who invented Eggnog. Researchers just say that it goes 'way, 'way back and like Topsy it "growed and growed."

The flavorful taste of Eggnog is not the only reason for the drink's popularity. Eggnog is easy to make, it goes a long way, and it allows the hostess to have as much fun as anybody else without having to worry about the guests. Eggnog is a serve-yourself drink, and most folks seem to prefer to fill their cup themselves.

Eggnog is flexible. That is, you can make a lot of it in one batch if you've got a large enough punch bowl and your refrigerator is particularly spacious. On the other hand, Eggnog can be made in smaller quantities — which are equally delightful and flavorsome.

A typical recipe would include:

- 6 eggs, separated
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 cups light or whipping cream
- 2 cups milk
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- Freshly ground nutmeg

Beat egg yolks and sugar until thick and lemon-colored. Beat in cream, milk, salt, and vanilla. Beat egg whites until they hold stiff peaks; fold into egg yolk mixture. Served in chilled punch bowl; sprinkle with nutmeg. (Makes 2½ quarts.)

TABLE DECORATIONS

Table decorations are an essential during the holiday season. Let the basic rules guide you when doing your home arrangement.

Decorators say the arrangement should be kept as low as possible to allow across-the-table conversation without "dodging" heads back and forth.

There'll be plenty of food around during the holidays, so be sure the decorations don't take up too much room.

Care should be exercised to subordinate the receptacles used to the materials used as decorations.

Use plenty of color but don't allow one shade to dominate too much.

EARLY CARD

What some investigators believe to be the first card printed specifically as a Christmas card was the one designed in 1843 by J. C. Horsley for Sir Henry Cole. The card had one center illustration and two side panels. The center panel depicted an English family raising wine glasses to toast a missing friend. Scenes on the side panels showed the feeding of the hungry and clothing of the naked. It was the only card Sir Henry Cole ever had designed — reaction to the toasting scene from temperance-minded friends was far from what he had expected.

Luther Simulated Christmas Scene

Most everyone has heard the story of Martin Luther and the Christmas tree. Luther lived from 1483 to 1546 and, so the story goes, was one night so impressed by the sight of snow-covered evergreens sparkling in the moonlight that he returned to his home and tried to reproduce the memorable scene for his family.

He chose a small evergreen tree and, to simulate the reflections of the starlit heavens, he attached a number of lighted candles.

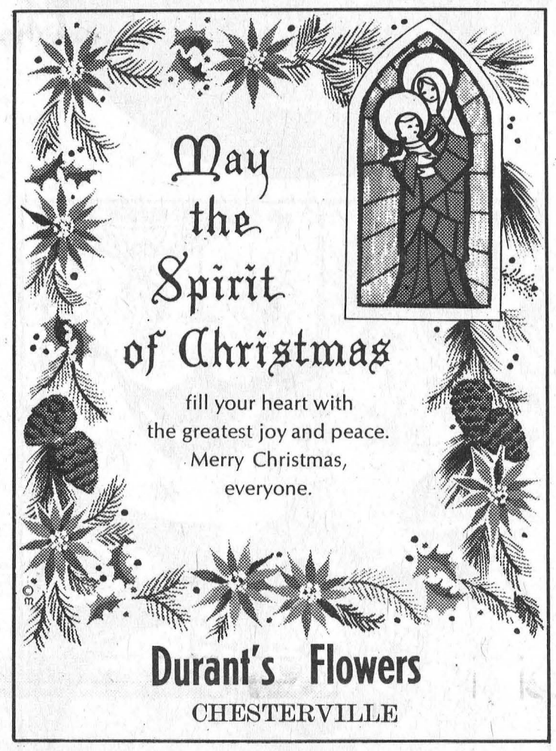
Christmas trees, of course, did not become popular until years later.



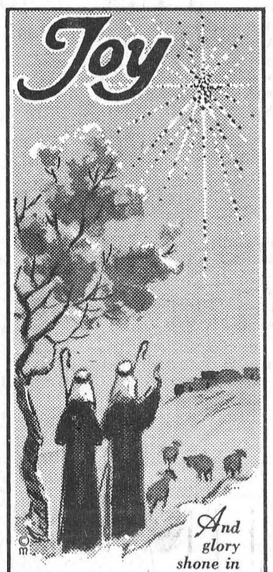
Blessings
Rejoice in His name this Christmas Day. May the spirit of love fill your heart.
Harry Strader



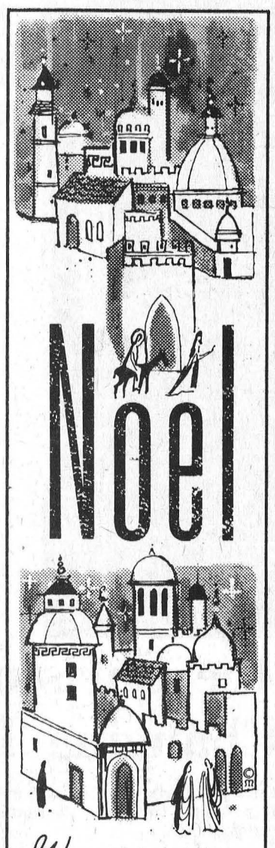
Peace . . .
Good Will to All, at Christmastide.
Holm - El Beauty Salon



May the Spirit of Christmas
fill your heart with the greatest joy and peace. Merry Christmas, everyone.
Durant's Flowers
CHESTERVILLE



Joy
And glory shone in the heavens. May great joy be yours.
Simpsons - Sears
ORDER OFFICE



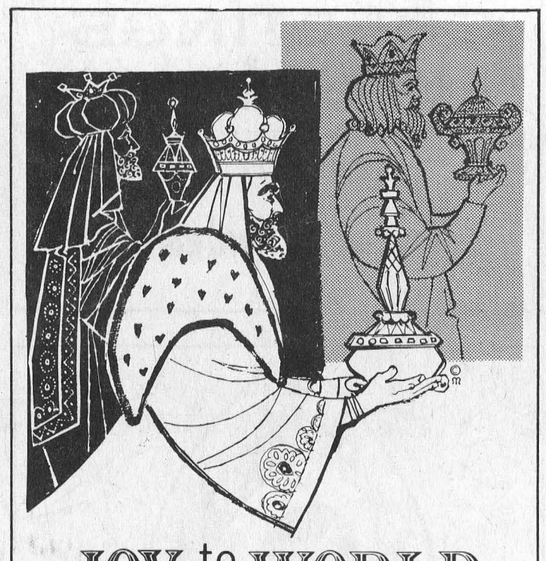
Noel
We join in wishing you a happy Yuletide. May the season bring you much happiness.
Muriel's Flowers



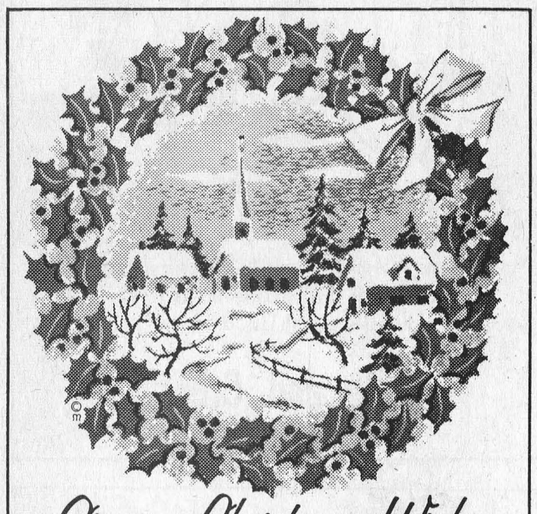
GLAD TIDINGS
Let every heart rejoice . . . it's Christmas! To each and every one of our valued friends, we send our most cordial wishes for a holiday season abounding in blessings.
H. C. Fairbairn
WILLIAMSBURG - BRINSTON



Joyous Wishes
may you and your loved ones have a merry Christmas, and enjoy all the traditional festivities and delights of this glad time.
Abel's Sanitone Cleaners
VIC THOM - SALESMAN



JOY to the WORLD
At this most joyful of holiday seasons, we greet you with sincere good wishes and warm appreciation. Merry Christmas!
Dixon's Allied Food Store



Sincere Christmas Wishes
Hope your Day is wreathed with happiness and your holiday season is one of joy and good cheer. Merry Christmas!
Perso Cleaners
RAYMOND ANNABLE - SALESMAN



Christmas Cheer
Christmas is a time for family and friends . . . for exchanging gifts and greetings . . . for a spirit glowing with good will. May we express our thanks, with best wishes for a happy holiday.
Crowder Insurance Agency
SOUTH MOUNTAIN



Greetings
We're thankful for our many friends and wish them happiness at this very special time. Merry Christmas!
R. H. Beckstead
WILLIAMSBURG



May we wish you a very Merry Christmas . . .
Reynolds Dairy



NOEL
The first Noel . . . a child was born. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for the many blessings of Christmas. May your holiday be rich in spiritual joys.
Fennell Feed Company

'O Holy Night' in Art





From 'Nativity' To 'Adoration'

AS THESE PAINTINGS tell the story of the first Christmas, they also reflect the world of the early Renaissance, in advanced techniques and a newly-lifelike mode of art. All are from the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

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"THE NATIVITY," above left, was painted by Flemish artist Petrus Christus about 1440-50. From the Mellon Collection.

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"ADORATION OF the Magi," upper right, is the work of Giovanni di Paolo, a 15th century Sienese. Mellon Collection.

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TWO ARTISTS painted this "Adoration of the Magi," (lower right) begun by Fra Angelico and completed by Fra Filippo Lippi about 1445. Samuel H. Kress collection.



Early Paintings Tell the Christmas Story —And the Story of Changing Times

From earliest times, artists found, in the story of the Nativity and the events surrounding it, a source of inspiration and a challenge to their talents. The Madonna and Child, the Holy Family, the Magi, the manger scene — these are the subjects that have engendered some of the world's most famous paintings.

And, as students of both art and history know, such paintings not only portray a scene, they also tell something of the times in which they were painted.

As the Middle Ages drew to a close and the Renaissance dawned, new light was spreading over the world.

In "Adoration of the Magi," a painting by Giovanni di Paolo which is now in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., the Three Kings are depicted in an elaborate, decorative style. The background of the painting, however, shows a more lifelike interpretation. The landscape of fields dotted with crops, crisscrossed with roads and bathed in sunlight is refreshing—and a treatment new to the times.

Another "The Adoration of the Magi" at the National Gallery is even more indicative of a world in transition. This tondo (circular) painting was begun by one artist, Fra Angelico, and finished by another, Fra Filippo Lippi. The principal part of the painting, attributed to Fra Angelico, has an idealized, other-worldly atmosphere.

Realism appears in the solid, substantial figures of the foreground — typical Renaissance forms, the work of Fra Filippo.

Both of these "Adorations" were painted in tempera on wood. Tempera, a mixture of pigments and dyes with egg yolk to produce a dull finish on a surface prepared with egg white for adhesion, was a common medium for medieval Italian artists.

In "The Nativity," also in the National Gallery, the Flemish artist Petrus Christus used oil paints on wood, thus marking another advance of the early Renaissance. Flemish artists were the first to use oil extensively in painting; formerly, it had been used only in glazes for tempera paintings.

A study of "The Nativity" shows that the figures of Petrus' painting are very natural and realistic. Joseph is an ordinary Flemish peasant, the Christ Child a lifelike newborn Baby. Space perspective, too, begins to show a more realistic treatment.

To achieve greater realism, these 15th century artists became the technicians and scientists of their age. They ground and mixed their own pigments to achieve the colors they wanted. And they carefully observed nature, even undertaking anatomical studies.

Thus, as the darkness of the Middle Ages faded, artists, in more than one way, spread the light of the Renaissance.

New Year Suitor

On the first day of the New Year, it was custom for a young Dutch maiden to put on her best outfit, including a jeweled cap, and sit in the front room of the family home, surrounded by her family treasures, awaiting the arrival of eligible suitors.

Youngsters Told Where Santa Is "Right At Home"

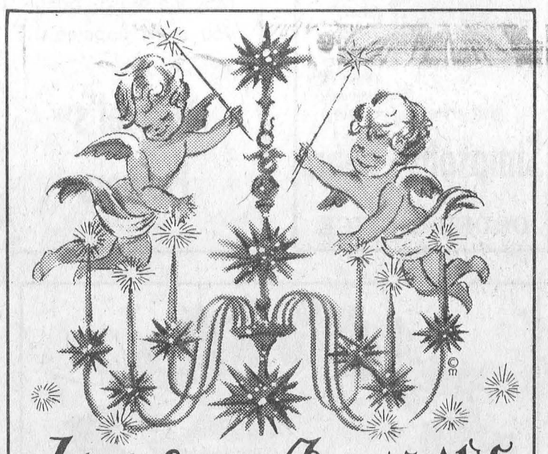
Along with "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why can't I see the wind?," the favorite question of children everywhere is very often, "Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzler needn't get involved in explanations of just what and where is the North Pole. They can answer, with a straight face and a map to back them up, "Why, Santa Claus, Indiana, of course!"

Or how about Bells, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama; Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will and cheer of this happy season all year.

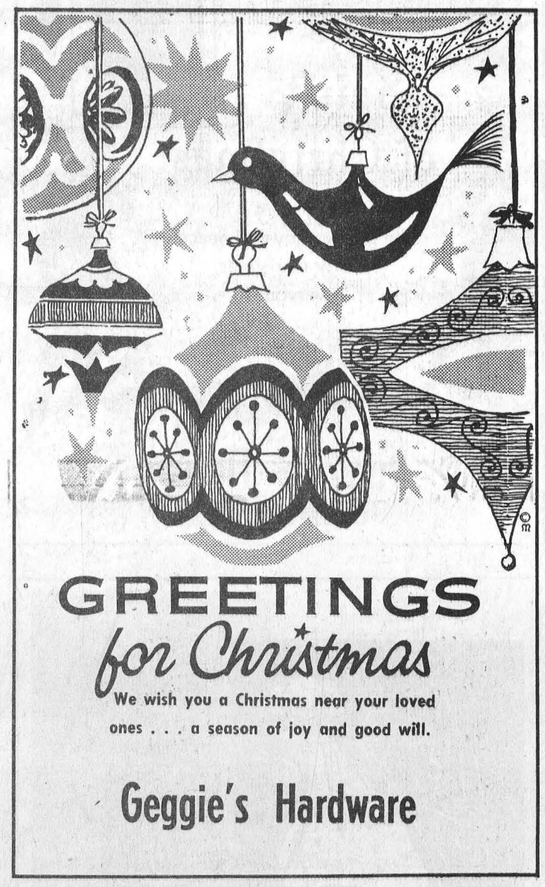
There's only one disadvantage to living in one of these towns. Local parents, faced with the question, "Where does Santa live?" certainly can't say, "Why, right here in Christmas, Arizona, son," or the next logical question would be, much to Dad's consternation, "Yippee! Why don't we go visit him?"



Holiday Greetings

Here's wishing you a bright and merry Christmas and a Yuletide season sparkling with good cheer.

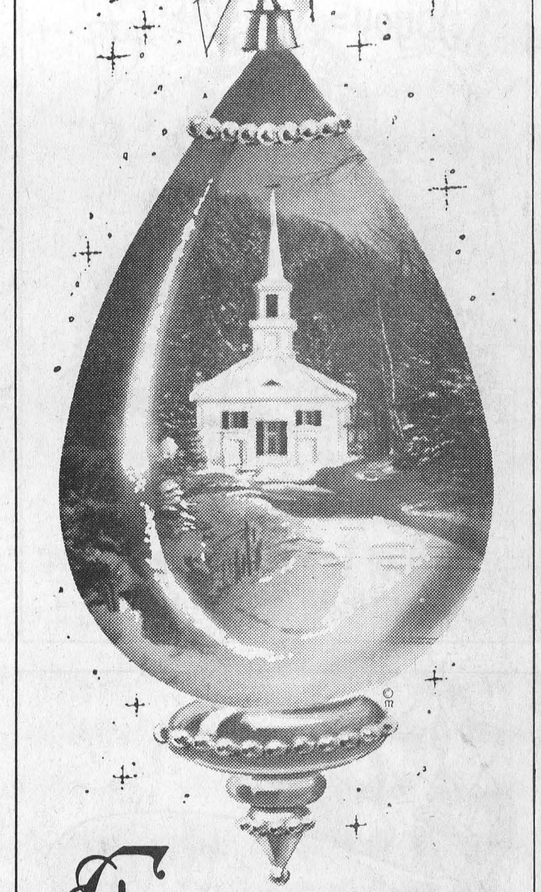
Gale and Greer



GREETINGS *for Christmas*

We wish you a Christmas near your loved ones . . . a season of joy and good will.

Geggie's Hardware



peace on earth...

"GOOD WILL *to All Men.*" *In the message of Christmas, there is hope and promise for all. To you and yours, happy holidays.*

Hylo Eggs

Greetings

May the true spiritual meaning of Christmas gladden your holiday and enrich your festivities with deep contentment and warm associations.

Hugh Slater

TEXACO SERVICE CENTRE



CHRISTMAS *Joy*

and happiness to you.

Holmes Jewellers



On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men

As we celebrate Christ's birth, let us unite in the resolve to forge a stronger society built on greater understanding and dedicated to a lasting peace. Merry Christmas!

Porteous IGA Foodliner

VERNON



Christmas Joy

In the Madonna and Child, mankind sees an ever-present symbol of the love of God, the glory of Christmas. May joy be yours at this holy, happy time.

Harold Poapst

INSURANCE

HOLIDAY STAINS

How do you remove Christmas stains? The best trick to remember is to work fast. Don't let the stain set in the fabric. Even a short delay can be disastrous.

Following are directions for treating washable fabrics to remove the stains you will most probably encounter during the holidays.

Ballpoint ink — use carbon tetrachloride to remove the stains. Soak in warm soap or detergent suds, then wash and rinse in clear water. If discoloration remains on white or bleachfast material, use a mild bleach and launder again.

Candle wax — scrape off excess wax with a table knife. Place stained spot between blotters (white) and press with hot iron. Then rub spot gently with turpentine and wash in warm suds.

Glue — soak in warm suds until dissolved; then launder in fresh warm suds.

Chocolate or cocoa — wash in hot suds. Treat any remaining stain with a weak solution of household bleach or hydrogen peroxide and launder again in hot suds.

Meat juices — soak in cool water; then wash in hot suds.

Gravy and white sauce — soak in cool water then wash in hot suds.

Paint — if fresh, use lots of suds. Otherwise, apply turpentine or kerosene and then wash in hot suds.

Alcoholic beverages — soak or sponge with cool water promptly; thenwash in warm suds.

RECIPES

Holiday Treat

Please Palates With Swedish Cookies

Christmastime means "cookietime" in households throughout the land. For a new, better idea try Swedish cookies. Delicately flavored, these decorative, crisp cookies can be made in various shapes by using different patterns in a cookie press. Sprinkle them with colored sugar and frost or decorate with citrons or candied cherries for more variety.

- 3 cups butter
- 1½ cups sugar
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 cup almonds, blanched and ground
- 8 cups sifted all-purpose flour

Cream, butter, and sugar together. Add eggs, nuts and flour. Mix well. Run through a cookie press. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 5-8 minutes or until delicate brown. (This recipe makes about ten dozen or more cookies, depending on size.)

Old Time Favorite

New England Injun' Puddin'

An early favorite of old New England which has been handed down from generation to generation since colonial days is old Injun' Puddin'.

- 5 cups milk
- ⅔ cup dark molasses
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons butter

Heat 4 cups of milk and add molasses, sugar, cornmeal, salt, spice, and butter to it. Cook 20 minutes or until mixture thickens. Pour into baking dish, add remaining cold milk. Do not stir. Put into slow oven (325°F.) and bake for 1½-2 hours without stirring. Serve warm with Hard Sauce. (This recipe good for a serving of 8.)

From Islands

Hawaiian Hot Bread Is Treat

The stomachs of youngsters everywhere will be delighted even more this Christmas with the addition of this Hawaiian treat to the recipe book of the family cook. The tasty contribution of our 50th state includes: (good for one loaf)

- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup sugar
- ⅓ cup melted shortening
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup crushed canned pineapple (do not drain)

Beat eggs and sugar together; add shortening. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Add dry ingredients to first mixture and blend. Add nuts and pineapple. Stir just enough to combine. Pour batter into a greased 4x8-inch loaf pan. Bake in a moderate oven for one hour (350° F). Before slicing be sure and let loaf cool thoroughly.

Cranberry Punch

A unique but simple way to add more holiday flavor to your Christmas parties is to allow pineapple balls to float in your bowl of cranberry punch.

Make the balls by pouring pineapple juice into small bell-shaped molds. Then freeze them. Dip the mold quickly into warm water and slide the balls into the punch when you are ready to serve.

Good for about 12 servings, try the following recipe at your fast approaching yuletide party.

SPICED CRANBERRY PUNCH

- 1 pound cranberries — fresh or frozen
- 1 quart water
- 1 tablespoon whole cloves
- ½ cup water
- ⅔ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Cook cranberries, water and cloves until skins of cranberries burst — approximately 5 minutes. Be sure cranberries are soft. Strain through cheese cloth. Mix pulp with ½ cup water. Mix well and strain again. Heat, add sugar and boil two minutes. Just before serving, add lemon juice. (To vary this punch you may try substituting some very thin slices of lemon and some fresh mint leaves for the pineapple balls.)

Holly Subject Of Many Superstitions

Holly has long been the subject of many superstitions. Some ancients believed it had magic charms and would protect them from dangers. Early Britons considered it unlucky, however, to bring holly into the house before Christmas Eve. It was also believed that smooth leaves on the holly indicated the wife would "rule" the household during the year ahead; rough leaves indicated the husband would be the "boss."



MERRY CHRISTMAS

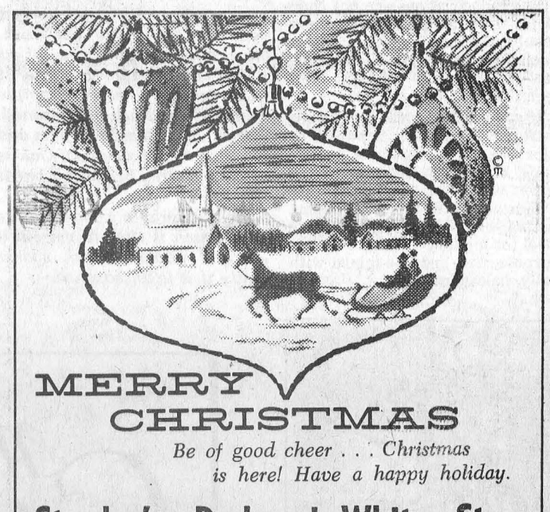
We wish everyone a happy and joyous Yuletide holiday.

McKercher Billiards

Greetings on a note of cheer, may we wish you all a very happy holiday.



Duncan's Store



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Be of good cheer . . . Christmas is here! Have a happy holiday.

Strader's Red and White Store

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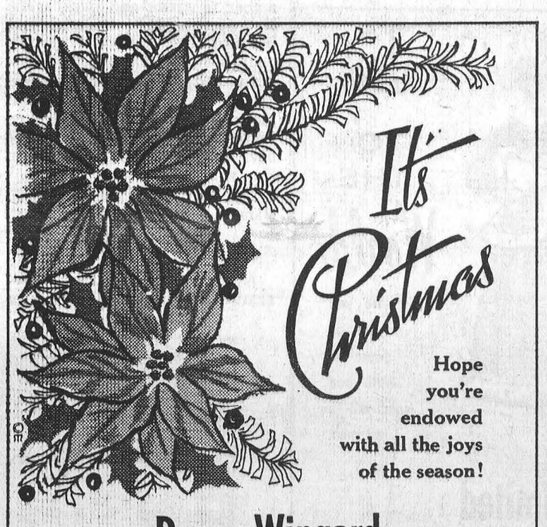


It's Christmas

Hope you're endowed with all the joys of the season!

Ross Wingard

WILLIAMSBURG



May Peace and Joy be Yours at Christmas

Brown's General Store



Cheerful Christmas Wishes

Here's wishing a really wonderful holiday season for you and yours.

Winchester Motors



FRIENDLY Christmas Greetings

We take pause from everyday routine to celebrate the Christmas holiday. And we welcome this opportunity to extend our warmest wishes and thanks to all. Hope your Day is a happy one.

Ault Milk Products Ltd.

Peace on Earth

Good will to all men. A joyful Christmas!

The Family Shoppe

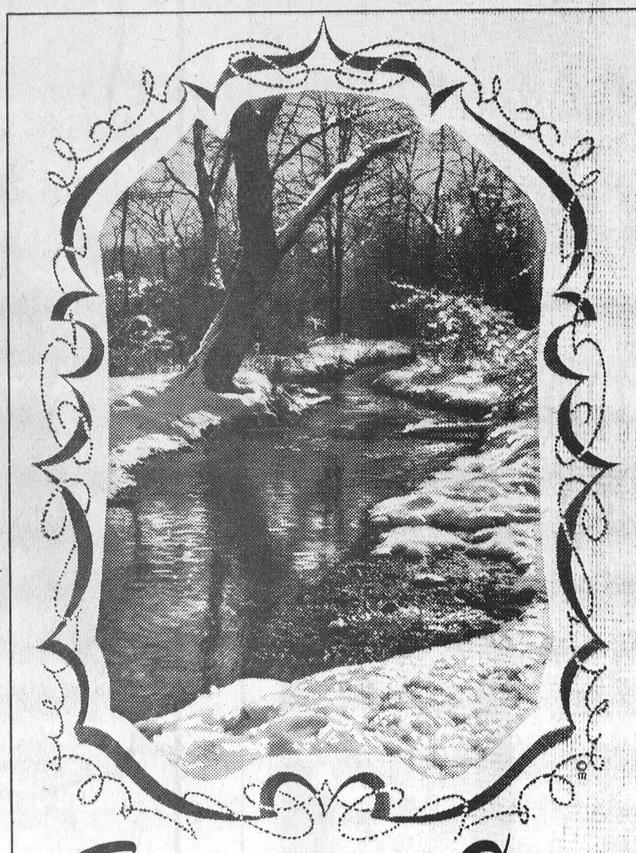
METCALFE



GOOD WISHES FOR Christmas

Children's cheery voices raised in Christmas song express the good will we feel for all our friends. Thanks and Merry Christmas!

W. J. L. Boyd and Sons Ltd.



Our good wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday to all our friends. We thank you for your most kind support.

Greetings for Christmas

Stan Black

SHELL PRODUCTS



TO WISH YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

Let us remember, as we celebrate His birth, that our duty to mankind is ever growing in a world that gropes for peace and understanding. With trust in Him . . . and with the spirit of love, we must renew our faith and dedicate our efforts to accomplish that ideal.

Hugh Eadie

SUPERTEST PRODUCTS

For Christmas Enjoyment, Traditional Recipes Featured Plum Pudding As Favorite Finale of Feast

By MARIE DILLON



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Drawing from Book of Knowledge

For centuries, plum pudding has provided a flaming finale to the traditional Christmas feast.

Early in the 18th century, English cooks used the following quaintly worded recipe in making their holiday dessert:

"Take a quarter of a Peck of Flower and dry it, three Pounds of Currans, wash'd and picked clean, set them before a Fire to dry, half a Pound of Raisins of the Sun, wash'd and stoned and shred small, half a Pound of blanch'd Almonds, beat very fine with Rose-Water, a Pound of Butter melted with a Pint of Cream, but not put in hot, a Pint of Ale-Yeast, a Penny-worth of Saffron steep'd in a Pint of Sack, ten or twelve eggs, but half the Whites of them, a quarter of an ounce of Cloves and Mace, one large Nutmeg grated, a few Carraway-Seeds, Citron, Candied Orange and Lemon Peel slic'd; you must make it thin, or there must be more Butter and Cream; You may perfume it with Amber-greece ty'd in a Muslin Bag, and steep'd in the Sack all Night.

"If you ice it, take half a Pound of Double-refin'd Sugar sifted; then put some of the Sugar, and beat it up with the White of an Egg, and beat it with a Whish, and a little Orange flower-water, but do not over-wet it, then throw in all Sugar by Degrees, then beat it all near an Hour; the Cake will take so long a baking; then draw it, and waft it over with a Brush, and put it in again for half a quarter of an Hour."

A 19th century recipe for plum pudding suggests that just before serving, the holiday hostess turn it out of the bowl and put on top of it a few squares of cut sugar. Then she should pour on a little brandy, set it afire and proudly present it to her guests.

The author of this same Victorian recipe cautiously urges that "only a little be given to the young people, as it might affect them."

Today, plum pudding, from Mother's modern kitchen or the neighborhood bakery, still retains its position among the traditional Christmastime treats.

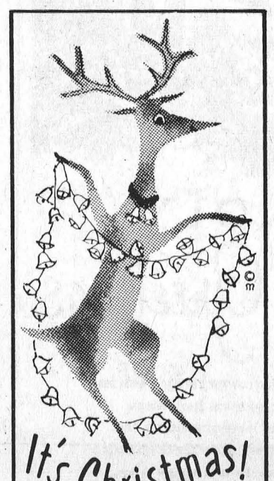
"THE CRICKET"

Charles Dickens is best remembered for "The Christmas Carol"—but this was not the most popular of his Christmas stories during his lifetime. An instant hit with the public was "The Cricket on the Hearth," a touching story of a father's attempts to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life. Shortly after it appeared in 1845, some 12 different theatres in London were presenting dramatic versions of "The Cricket."



Time goes on and on, yet red and green continue as the most popular colors of Christmas. One can find no legendary or historical reason, and many assume that it has something to do with the green holly with its red berries. On the other hand, it just may be that these bright colors are so popular because they are the brightest of shades.

More and more other colors, particularly dark blue, white or silver and red gold are being used for holiday decorations, it's true. Yet, they have a long way to go before they threaten the popularity of red and green.



It's Christmas!

Sleigh bells jingle
a Christmas message
of joy and peace to all.

Archie Sayant Garage
VERNON



Joy TO THE World

We join in wishing peace on earth and good will to all men.

Patz Limited
LORNE ACRES - MANAGER

Merry Christmas

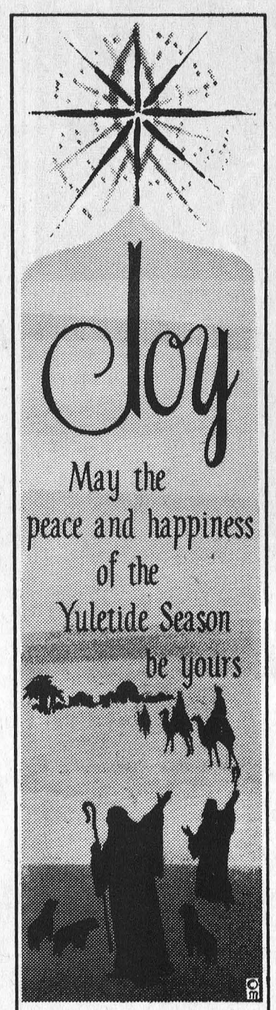
Our heartiest good wishes for a happy and joyous Yuletide go to you and yours.

Lyell Strader
SHELL PRODUCTS - WILLIAMSBURG

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Here's hoping Santa's reindeer delivery comes through with your special wishes, including all of the joy and cheer that goes with Christmas.

H. R. Stephenson
BRINSTON



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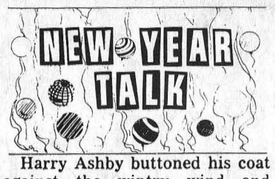

Harry Ashby buttoned his coat against the wintry wind and glanced at the ornate clock in the jewelry store window. Ten o'clock. Two more hours and the New Year would be officially recorded.

Harry didn't like the idea of spending the holiday alone. But business had brought him to Greendale and that business wouldn't be completed for a couple of days yet. It was too far to go home, much as he would like to spend the time with Helen and the kids.

He glanced at the blinking lights of the movie house across the street, then gave it a second thought. He'd seen too many movies, too much television in the last couple of days. He could buy a book or a newspaper, but reading had no appeal either.

A Thought

He ambled down the street, leisurely looking into the store windows, only half seeing what was displayed in each. He began to look for a restaurant. After



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all, he hadn't eaten since this morning and that had been only toast and coffee served in his motel room. Funny though, he wasn't really hungry. Yet, there might be a chance that he would find someone to talk to in a nice restaurant. That was what he really needed, someone to talk to, anybody.

Harry paused at a busy street corner, nonchalantly watching the lights change from red to amber to green and back again. He was unaware that he was blocking the sidewalk, forcing pedestrians to walk around him.

Suddenly, he noticed the man across the street. He, too, was blocking traffic, just standing there, watching the lights change back and forth. Ah, thought Harry, a kindred soul.

The lights changed again and Harry started across the street.

Encounter

As he passed, Harry brushed against the man ever so slightly. "Forgive me," he said in his politest voice. "I am afraid that I was daydreaming."

The man smiled. He was neatly, yet obviously inexpensively dressed. "Perfectly all right. I am afraid that I was, too."

"Yes, but you were standing still. All my fault. I'm sorry."

"No harm done." The man turned his attention to the lights again.

Down a succession of streets Harry wandered until he heard the clock in the tower strike the hour of eleven. He turned his footsteps into the nearest restaurant, found a quiet table in a corner and began to study the menu. He had resigned himself to a solitary meal and, probably before the New Year arrived, he would be back in his room asleep.

"Happy New Year," he muttered to himself.

Surprise

"Happy New Year," came the reply.

Harry looked up. It was the man from the street light incident. "We meet again," the man said. "Welcome to the Cafe Roberto. I am Roberto."

"I see," Harry said. "I thought you were . . ."

Roberto laughed, "Like you, a wandering stranger? Oh, no. I am instead, perhaps, a student of human nature. A people watcher, you might say. When I grow tired or bored, I like to step outside and watch the world go by. You have gone by many times tonight, my friend."

Harry laughed. "I must have been absorbed in my solitude. I thank you just the same and I shall enjoy the hospitality of your Cafe Roberto."

Roberto held up his hand to stop a passing waiter. "Good," he said, taking two glasses from the waiter's tray. "And, we shall drink a toast to the New Year."

Harry raised the water to his lips. "To a Happy New Year." Perhaps it would be. Even the water seemed to taste like champagne.

Holiday Greenery Brightens Home

Home decorations are not complete without holiday greenery about the house. The best choices linclude spruce, pine, hemlock, yew and aborvitae. Of these, yew seems to hold up best.

If you use broadleaf evergreens —laurel, andromeda, boxwood, or Japanese holly—for table decorations, keep them in water or the leaves will shrivel and die within a short time. Even though short lasting, broadleaf evergreens are ideal for making wreaths. For this purpose, they may be mixed with holly, balsam or yew.

CENTERPIECE

For a dramatic and timely holiday centerpiece, arrange several cut poinsettia blooms with greens in a shallow bowl. Another decorative touch may be applied by ringing the bases of Christmas candles with holly and greens. If you are having a special holiday meal, place a wreath on the back of each chair with place cards attached to the top of the wreaths.

SUBSTITUTE

Some researchers conclude that the custom of sending Christmas greetings developed from the old-time tradition of visiting friends on New Year's Eve. When a well-wisher discovered that the person he wanted to visit was not at home—most likely off visiting someone else—he would leave a note and a card as a reminder of the visit.

HOLLY BELIEFS

The early Druids decorated their halls and homes with boughs of holly as a welcome to spirits threatened by frost and winter winds. Britons considered it unlucky to bring holly into a house before Christmas Eve and a variation on this belief held that the type of weather at the time the holly was brought into the home determined who would rule the house in the months ahead—if fair, the wife would rule, if bad, the husband would hold sway.



The open fireplace so popular in today's modern homes is helping to renew the popularity of the Yule Log tradition. Few moderns are likely to venture into the woods to select their own Yule Log, yet there will be a glowing fire in thousands of homes this holiday eve.

If you are going to sit by the fireside this holiday, you'll be in keeping with tradition if your Yule Log is oak, ash, olive, apple or pine.

Ash is popular because it burns quickly, throws off ample heat and need not be seasoned. Beech has a pleasant aroma and gives off a steady glow. Oak is often preferred because it burns slowly.

Less favorable woods are the elm, which is slow to get started, and poplar, which sparks badly if it is unseasoned.

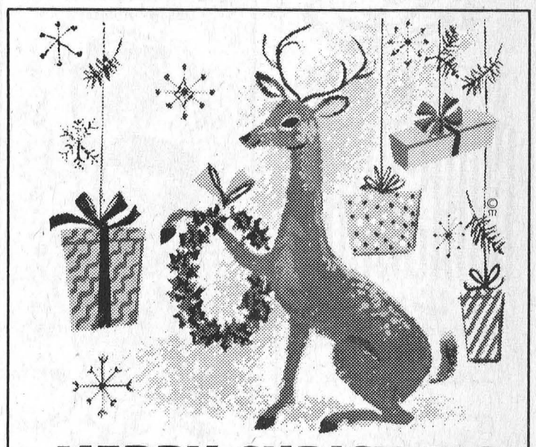
IN NEW ZEALAND

Not all living Christmas trees are spruce or fir. In New Zealand there's one called "Christmas tree" that doesn't even need decorating — it blossoms with its own red flowers. The tree earned its name since it blooms in December and January.



Happy Holidays! Thank you for your loyalty and good will throughout the year.

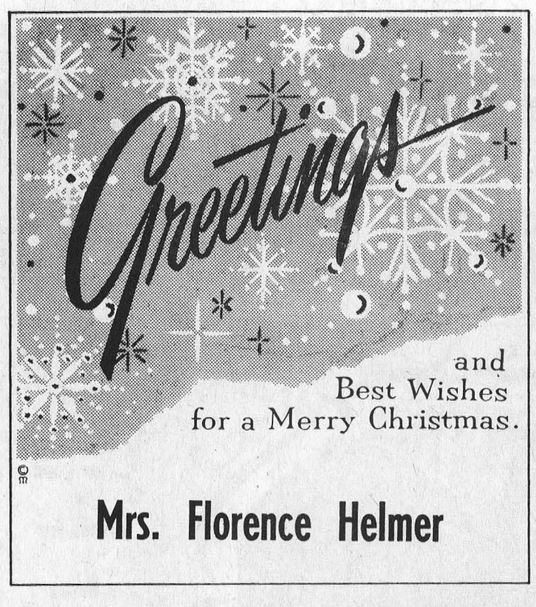
G. E. Elliott



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We take great pleasure in sending you our every good wish for Yuletide happiness, and the best of health and success in days to come.

Lorne Armstrong
SOUTH MOUNTAIN



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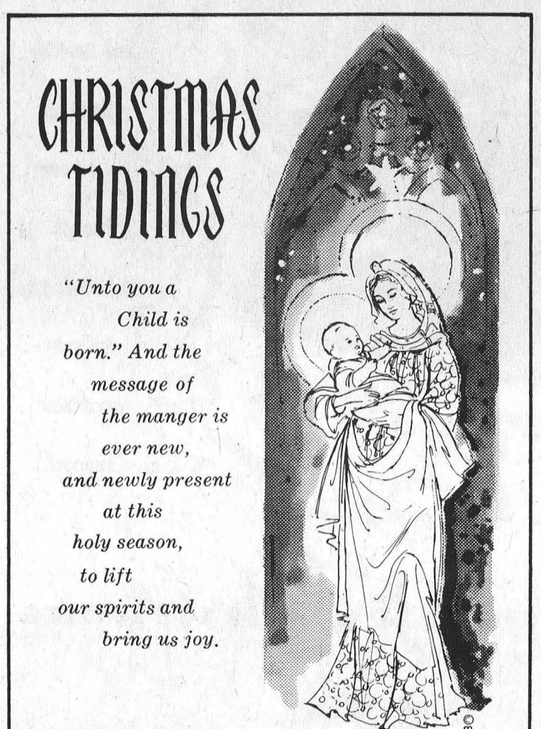


D. Hugh Thompson and Son
WILLIAMSBURG



As the Wise Men came bearings gifts, so we come bearing our warmest wishes for a very merry Christmas Day, and a holiday season filled with many hours of happiness and good cheer for each and every one.

Alex W. Davidson

Greeting Cards Chronicle Manners, Customs, Events

It all began in 1843 when John Calcott Horsley, a prominent London artist, drew the first Christmas card. Horsley's pioneering greeting was a tryptich, a prime example of contemporary recording. The central panel showed a jolly family with young and old tippling toasts from brimming glasses, while the two side panels gave a sobering effect with scenes of the poor being clothed and the hungry fed.

From that time on Christmas cards have faithfully chronicled the manners, customs and events of their times.

One Christmas card collection, that of Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers, houses hundreds of cards that capture for posterity the fads and foibles, changes and evolution in sports, fashions, modes of transportation, current events, filial love, amusements, even children's pastimes and music making.

According to Miss Esther Mooney, who is a curator of the collection, many of the cards are gems of social comment.

"In an English card of 1892," said Miss Mooney, "the formality existing between children and parents in that Victorian era is quite clearly expressed by the artist. He depicts a little girl on bended knee at her mother's feet solemnly offering her a Christmas bouquet. Just 40 years later, a Christmas card of 1930 shows how relaxed filial relations had become with its breezy greeting that says, '3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!' "

Christmas card artists have always been quick to pick on innovations as subjects.

The advent of the horseless carriage was duly recognized in a card of 1910. Cut out in the shape of a car of that vintage, it cheerfully puns:

"You 'Auto' be Happy
As you, on Pleasure's Motor-Car
Steer merrily thro' Christmastide . . .
Speed gaily as fun always 'Auto!' "

And in 1950, the early days of television were noted in a Christmas greeting which shows Santa tuning in TV.

An historic event is frequently the inspiration for a Christmas card. When Lindberg flew the Atlantic, the artist drew his "Spirit of St. Louis" flying over New York on a 1927 Christmas card.

During World Wars One and Two Christmas cards became unblushingly patriotic. Verses like "On Christmas Night . . . With Holly Berries Gleaming Bright, Our Thoughts fly true O'er Ocean Blue and take a Christmas Wish to you" on a 1917 card brought balm to homesick doughboys.

Personalities who were household words of their times often popped up in Christmas cards. A topical card of 1934 offered five famous faces for the price of one. It showed the Duke of Windsor (then the Prince of Wales), Mussolini, Garbo, Chevalier and Mae West all wishing the lucky recipient seasonal greetings in their own particular style.

In 1959 Christmas cards entered the space age when Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov decorated his season's greetings with pictures of three Lunik satellites. And after John Glenn's space flight, American card companies came out with a spate of cards that featured space ships, orbiting Santas and rockets.

In the prosperous 1960's Christmas cards have blossomed forth with a rash of current status symbols. Victorian cards showed the magic lantern or the piano every well-to-do Victorian home possessed.

On Christmas greetings of today, it's the transistor radio and the stereo hi-fi, the set of golf clubs or the scooter, elegant ladies in furs and golden Cadillacs that mingle with the holly and mistletoe.

In Russia

Russian children hang up their stockings on New Year's Eve, in anticipation of Grandfather Frost's visit. Though Communists eliminated the religious celebration of Christmas, they allowed the children's festivities of the season to remain.

French Observance Features Manger Scene

Many French homes have not only the Christmas tree but as well the traditional Creche, or manger scene, populated with terra cotta figures called santons. Midnight Mass is a tradition with French Catholics and when they return home they take part in the Reveillon, an elaborate feast of many courses. Before retiring, French children place their shoes near the fireplace in anticipation of a visit from "Pere Noel."

Holy Tree Blooms Every Christmas

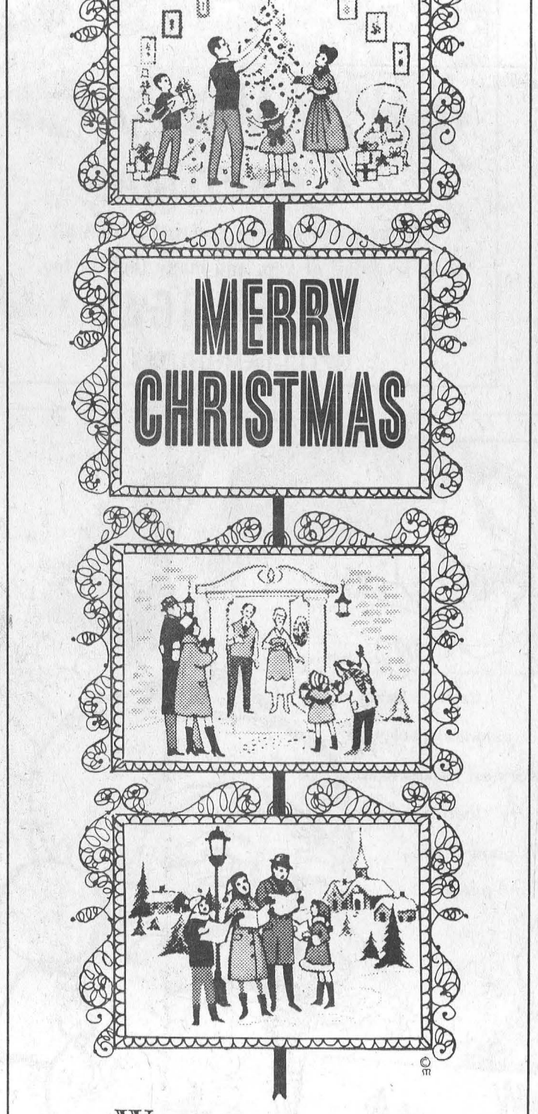
Every Christmas, the phenomenon of the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D.C.

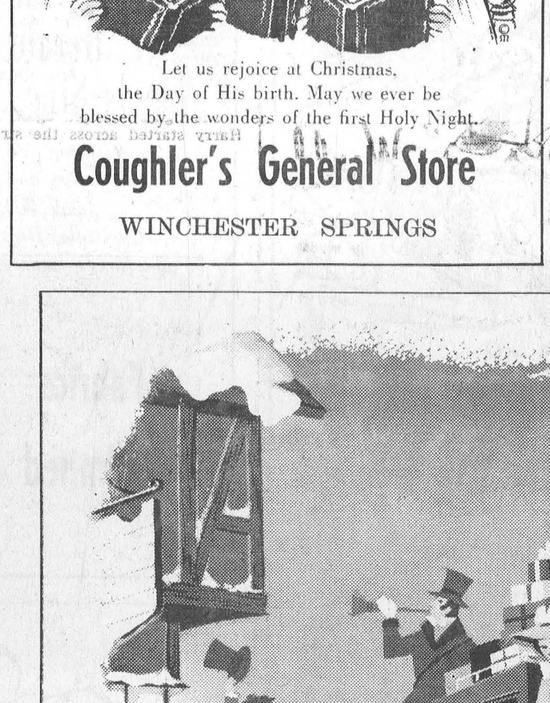
Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn blooms in the ancient English town of Glastonbury. Sometime during the same month, an off-shoot of the same tree bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close.

According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea neared Glastonbury, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

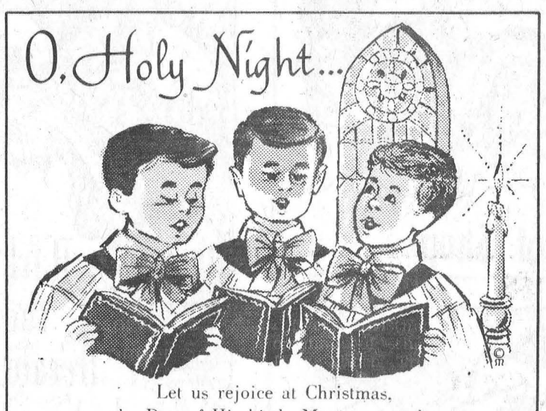
While pausing to rest at the top of a hill overlooking the town, he drove his staff in the ground, where it immediately took root. The next day, Christmas Eve, it had turned into a thorn tree covered with blossoms.


Silent Night
May the manger and its miracle live in your heart. And to you, Christmas joy.
H. S. Lannin Ltd.


Hi! MERRY CHRISTMAS
May your Day be an especially joyous one . . . filled with holiday happiness and good cheer.
Alexander's Snack Bar


Greetings
May the Christmas Spirit fill your heart with joy and cheer.
Smith Photo Service
MORRISBURG


Christmas Blessings
Blessed be the Day of Christ's birth, and may this Christmas season bring us all lasting joy and peace.
Beltone Hearing Centre


O, Holy Night...
Let us rejoice at Christmas, the Day of His birth. May we ever be blessed by the wonders of the first Holy Night.
Coughler's General Store
WINCHESTER SPRINGS

Christmas Greetings
As we greet the Christmas season, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank our friends for their kind support during the past year.
Ewart S. Carkner


Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas!
Keyes' Rod and Gun Shop

MERRY CHRISTMAS
When the Holiday Season rolls 'round, it gives us real satisfaction to be able to say "Merry Christmas" and "Many Thanks" to all our friends. Hope your Day is a happy one!
A. T. Allison and Sons
INKERMAN


Christmas GREETINGS
With the hope that your Christmas will be a joyous one, go our very best wishes.
McPherson's General Store
WINCHESTER SPRINGS


OLD-FASHIONED Christmas Wishes
We wish you the happiest of holidays, filled with all the friendly warmth of a good old-fashioned Christmas.
Erwin Duncan
VERNON

Greetings
Christmas is a feeling... a spirit of well-being and cheer that pervades the very air in this wonderful season. We offer you our sincere wishes for the happiest of Christmases for you and yours.
Johnston Motor Sales
KEMPTVILLE

THE YEAR 1965



The coming of a New Year serves to remind us that, as it has been so often said, time is like money. We are suddenly made aware that we have wasted some of this precious commodity during the year that is fast drawing to a close.

Without this New Year to remind us, we might be unimpressed with the monotonous passage of time and the endless pattern of days and nights might have no special meaning.

We are optimistic, nearly all of us. We look upon the New Year as a time of bright hope and promise. We expect more from 1965 than was achieved during 1964. Amid the gaiety that traditionally ushers in the new season, we find the time to be serious with ourselves. We reflect somewhat upon the year that will soon be history. We think of the things we shall do differently in the days, weeks and months ahead.

This is as it should be. If we are to do better for ourselves in 1965, we must realize that our experiences of 1964 — our achievements, successes, failures and unfinished endeavors — provide the starting point for efforts toward a better tomorrow.

We shall have this better tomorrow if we remember the kind of world that we live in. Our modern world is used to change. It is a competitive world. It is a world of contrast — luxuries, gadgets, and playthings on one hand, poverty and unhappiness on the other. It is a world not completely at peace with itself. Much can be done in the cause of brotherhood and in the effort to achieve better relations between all peoples and all nations.

Let us hope that 1965 will be a better year for us all.

Cannon Welcomed Russian New Year

In pre-revolutionary Russia, booming cannon welcomed in the New Year and the evening of December 31, known as St. Sylvester's Eve, was cause for great fun and enjoyment.

It was custom for Russian boys to go from house to house encouraging everyone across the gulf from past to present. While so doing, they scattered oats and other grains in petition for a bountiful harvest.

A mythical symbol was Ovsen, pictured astride a boar, symbolically associated with pork served for New Year dinner and the symbolism of Ayran descent.

Our Calendar Should Last For A Long Time Yet

Every once in a while someone comes up with what they consider a better method of marking time, yet experts believe our present Gregorian calendar will not likely be replaced for a long time to come. Mathematicians estimate it will be accurate until at least 2500 A.D.

People have always been fussy about time. Daylight Saving Time annually causes a stir in some sections of the country and things can get confusing for the individual who lives near the edge of a time zone.

Perhaps the first fairly accurate calendar was devised by the Ancient Egyptians. It consisted of 12 periods of 30 days each, with five days added to the last period just to keep things straight.

This method is somewhat similar to the Gregorian Calendar, except that the Gregorian provides that years divisible by four, excluding the years numbering the centuries, shall have 366 days, and the century-marking years are leap years only if divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

Leap years thusly make it unnecessary for us to "tack on" those extra five days and keeps us in tune with the solar year, which actually consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds.

As the experts say, we're in good shape until 2500 A.D. Who can say what method of counting time will evolve by then? Perhaps some will come up with a perfect method of marking time.

Rose Oldest Of Gridiron Bowls

It used to be that any armchair sports fan could name without any difficulty the bowl games to be traditionally contested on New Year's Day. In fact it was possible in previous years to watch part, if not all, of more than one of these great gridiron battles. Now they are numerous.

The "daddy" of all the bowl games, however, is the fabulous Rose Bowl, which started as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses in 1902. Michigan walloped Stanford 49-0 that year.

Chariot races were substituted for football the following year and not until 1916 when Washington State beat Brown University did collegiate grid action at its finest return to the Tournament of Roses.

Since that time the Rose Bowl has remained the number 1 New Year's Day sports attraction, and besides the thousands who watch from their living-rooms, annually attracts crowds in excess of 100,000.

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Everyone knows there are 365 days in a year — 366 when Leap Year comes along.

Yet one year had 445 days. It's not a year any of us remember, because it was the year 46 B.C.

The unusual circumstance came about when Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman Calendar in the seventh century B.C. — a calendar that was two months behind the sun when Julius Caesar put his experts to work on the problem. The mathematicians came up with a calendar, but still had the problem of doing something about the two months needed to catch up with the sun.

They solved the problem by inserting the two months between November and December, thus giving the year 46 B.C. a total of 445 days, but also giving the following year a fresh start.

Who Started Holiday Toast?

Whether with egg nog, coffee or whatever, nearly everyone offers a toast to the New Year. Just who started the custom of offering a "toast" is open to question.

We do know however, that the ancients indulged in the custom of celebrating a fine harvest or a fine hunt with a "toast", although the word itself goes back only to the 17th century when it was English custom to place a bit of toasted bread in a cup of wine.

The "broken glass" toast, or the habit of breaking the glass after the toast was made, originated with the military practice of offering a toast to the queen and throwing the glass into the fireplace. We can speculate that breaking the glass prevented someone unlucky from spoiling the wish for good health by drinking from the same glass.



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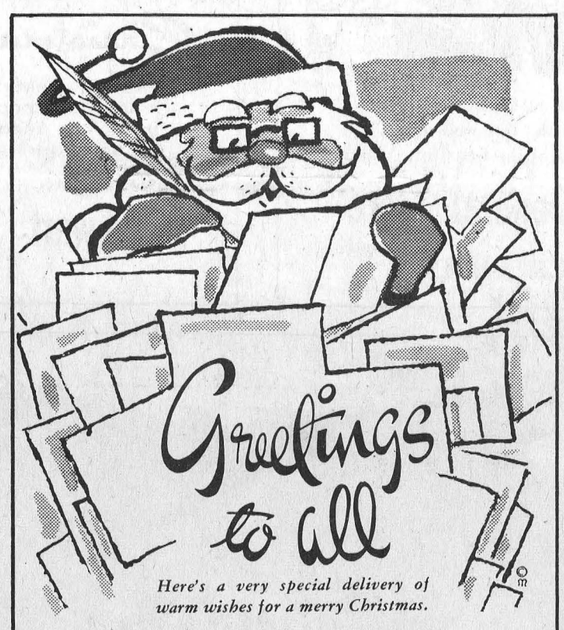

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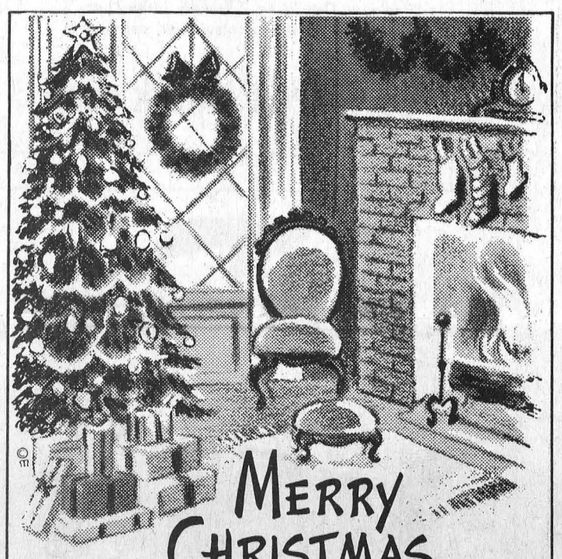

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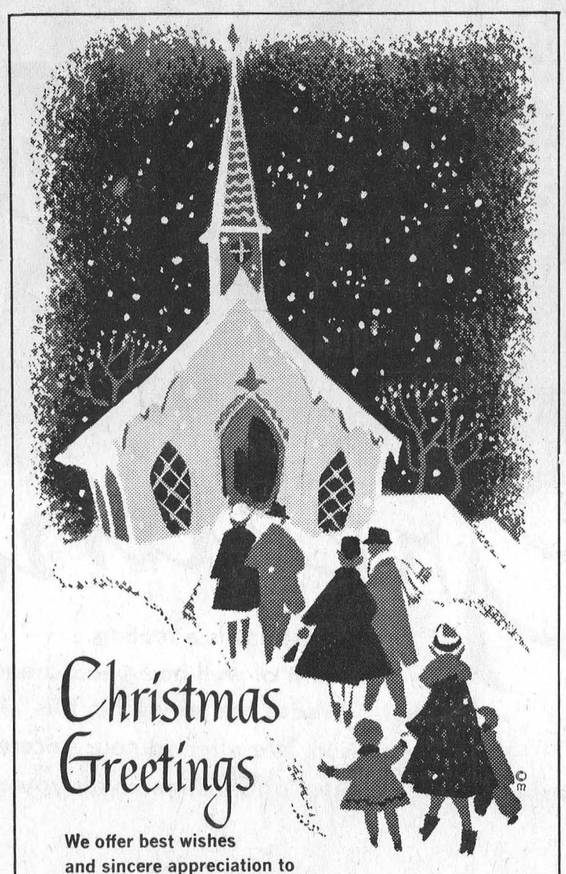

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