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Huseman Is Victim Of Grain Explosion

Steve Huseman, 55, who was injured in the explosion of the Happy Elevator No. 1 Tuesday, died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Huseman was inside the wooden frame storage bin when it exploded at 11 a.m. Tuesday. He was thrown outside and workers found him lying unconscious under debris. Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Thursday in Dennis Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be conducted in Nazareth, and Interment was in Holy Family Parish. Lawrence Webster, 31, and John Phillips, 21, who were also injured in the explosion and fire were listed in good condition in Neblett Hospital in Canyon. Pete Whitlow, owner of the elevator, gave no estimate of the damage or the amount of grain lost, but it is expected to top \$100,000.

Airman Popchoke Completes Basic Military Training

Airman Basic Richard L. Popchoke, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bleeker of Dimmitt, Texas, is being reassigned to Grand Forks AFB, N. D., for training and duty as a construction equipment operator. Airman Popchoke recently completed United States Air Force basic military training here. He is a 1962 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

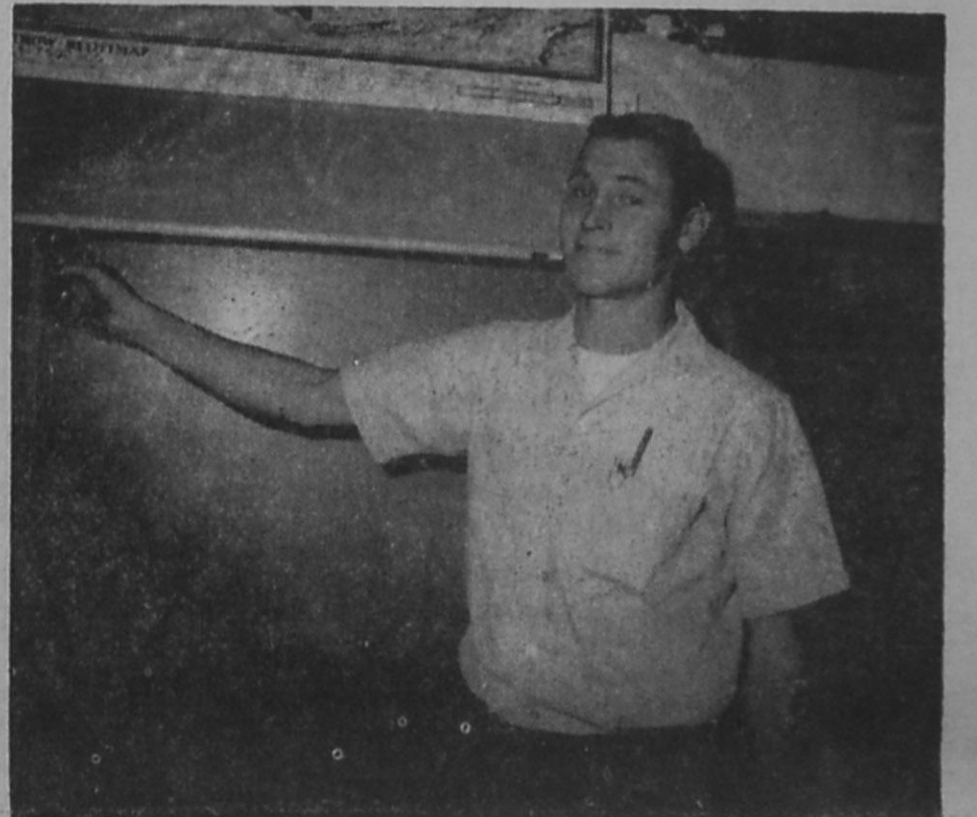
Miss Bobbie Radke will visit at home in Hillsboro. Also, she will work in Dallas over the holidays.

Miss Molly Grisham will spend the holidays with her folks in Dublin.

Small Grass Fire Here Extinguished by Firemen

Dimmitt firemen answered a call, Wednesday evening about 4:20 at 707 West Cleveland. It was a grass fire covering two vacant lots. The wind spread the fire quickly toward the houses bordering the lots. However, firemen quickly extinguished the danger in 5 minutes.

Mr. Bob McLean and son, Charles, accompanied by Max Hastings, went to Redosa recently for a week-end visit and outing.



A WIDE VARIETY of subjects is taught by Donald Ewing of the Hart School system. He teaches Junior High Science, High School Biology, and Junior High P. E. Ewing's hometown is Tulia. He is a graduate of Tulia High and West Texas State College. He received his BS degree in physical education. He minored in government. While in college, he was a member of Chi Gamma Iota, an ex-serviceman's fraternity. He was reporter for his fraternity. His plans for the summer include studying at WT on his Master's degree. Ewing served three years in the Marine Corp attaining the rank of sergeant. Ewing said, "I chose teaching because I became interested in it while still in school and made it a reality after three years in the service". He was married Thanksgiving to Carolyn from Tulia. His special interest include any and all sports scholastically, he likes government. He is a member of TSTA and NEA.

Bethel HD Club Conducts Annual Christmas Party

Members of the Bethel Home Demonstration met at the Community building on Wednesday afternoon for their annual Christmas party-Christmas carols were sung led by Mrs. Fate Shannon. Mrs. Charles Wales led in a discussion of ways of sharing at Christmas time. Gifts were distributed from a beautifully decorated tree and names of secret pals for past year were revealed. Also gifts were presented to the out-going president Mrs. James Welch and to the secretary Mrs. Elbert Smith. Refreshments of sandwiches, salads, cake and coffee were served by the hostesses for the day who were Bruegel, Bryan Sinclair, Jack Howell and Vern Lust. Other members present besides those already mentioned were Mesdames, J. C. Williams, Ira Brown, Coolshy, Hubert Edwards, Murray Snider Gaines, Nell, Bob Kay, Melvin Edwards, George Sides, Leland Smith, Roy Dale Underwood, Ivor Bagwell, Houston Lust, G. A. Shwen and Earl Lust. Mrs. J. T. Holcomb of Sunnyside and her daughter Rita from Amarillo were very welcome guests at the party. The Holcombs lived at Bethel for a number of years before moving to Sunnyside.

Lee St. Baptist Gives Christmas Fellowship

Christmas Supper and Christmas program Friday December 14th. The Lee Street Baptist Church Building with 120 people present. The Educational building was decorated with the Christmas theme. The membership were served a menu of chicken and all the trimmings. Following the supper the membership went into the church auditorium for a Christmas Program of Christmas Carols and Scripture reading of the Birth of Christ. Treats were given to all of the young children and older seniors adults present. Then the group sang together "Silent Night, Holy Night" as they were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Allen Owens, pastor of the church. The church presented Bro. Owens and family a Love offering given by the membership of the Lee Street Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Fuquay will spend Christmas holidays with their parents at Mount Vernon, West Virginia, and Ranger, Texas.

Hart Sewage Disposal Plant Given "OK" Signal By State

The city of Hart has been granted its permit, to discharge treated sewage effluent into a tributary of Running Water Draw. Ed Harris, mayor of Hart commented, "We're pleased that this facility will soon become a reality and serve a real need in the community."

Several opponents contested Hart's Sewage Disposal Plant being placed on a tributary of Running Water Draw. Officials of the city of Hart studied all possibilities including lakes and draws and found, after consulting with engineers that the location of the plant on the Running Water Draw would be advantageous to the greatest number of people.

Officials believed Hart to have picked a good location for the authorized building of the plant. Ed Harris, mayor said, "We have gone to Austin, Hart Sewer System has been approved by Brazos River Authority, U. S. Department of Health, State Department of Health, and State Water Pollution, our plans were more than adequate to serve the needs of our city, both now and for future growth and all the authorities have approved building of this plant".

The following letter is an exact reproduction of an original letter addressed by the Plainview Chamber of Commerce to the Texas Water Pollution Control Board opposing Hart's plans for development.

November 6th, 1962
Texas Water Pollution Control

Michael R. Davis Passes Away In County Hospital

Michael Ray Davis, 9-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ray Davis of Rt. 2, Hart, died at 5:15 a.m., Thursday in Castro County Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m., Friday in the First Baptist Church at Hart, with the Rev. Denzil Leonard, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Dennis Funeral Home. The child was born March 23, in Hart. Survivors, in addition to the parents, include one sister, Dianne; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Davis of Hart and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Winton Hacker of Olton.

Pioneer Resident C. C. Mauldin Passes Away

Claud Clinton Mauldin, 74, pioneer resident of Dimmitt now from 506 W. 6th, Littlefield was pronounced dead on arrival at Littlefield Hospital at 5:45 a.m., Thursday. He had been in ill health.

A former Watkins salesman and grocery store owner, Mauldin had lived in Littlefield for 30 years. He was born June 3, 1888, in Mississippi. Survivors include his wife, Iber; two sons, Co. O. C. Mauldin of Bedford, Mass., and Preston A. Mauldin of Denver, Colorado, a daughter, Mrs. Earl Robinson of Littlefield; four sisters, Mrs. W. O. Ruth Slaughter and Mrs. W. O. Sipe of Dallas, Mrs. Ethel Hawkins of Oxford, Miss., and Mrs. Eul Hall of Pontotoc, Miss., six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hammons Funeral Home.



HIGHWAY PATROLMEN Noel Carter (left) and Jerry Snider (right) will be on duty during the holidays to protect the lives of citizens of Castro County. They are participating in "Operation Deathwatch" to help keep our highways safe for holiday traveling. The patrolman say, "We wish Castro County citizens a safe and happy Christmas and New Year." See story for details.

"Operation Deathwatch" Will Begin Contest Against "Grim Reaper"

County Highway patrolmen, Noel Carter and Jerry Snider, will be participating with the Department of Public Safety in "Operation Deathwatch," which will go into effect starting at 12:01 a. m. Saturday, December 22 through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, January 1, 1963. The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety reported it is estimated 150 persons will meet violent death during the 11-day Christmas-New Year holiday season—92 of them in traffic crashes.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr. said the estimate is based on past experience over many years and compiled by DPS Statistical Services Manager N. K. Woerner. Purpose of the estimate, Garrison said, is to focus public attention on the dangers that accompany the holiday season.

He said that past statistics indicate that in addition to 92 "motoricides," 42 persons will be victims of suicide and homicide, and 46 will die violently in various accidents other than traffic.

The public safety director announced that "Operation Deathwatch," will be in effect during holidays. During this period, he explained, the Department of Public Safety will tabulate violent deaths by category and make releases to the news media three times daily. "In addition to our appeals to the driving public to observe the traffic laws and rules of safety, our department will put some 150 extra patrolmen from our license and weight and motor vehicle inspection services on highway patrol duty," Garrison said. "We believe this will help to remove some of the dangerous drivers from the road, we know that in most cases only the individual behind the wheel can make sure that he and his loved ones are not among the 92 expected traffic victims. He can do this only by driving carefully and lawfully—and by driving defensively against those who don't. We urge every driver to be as careful as possible." (Continued on back page)

MERRY CHRISTMAS



To all our valued friends... we wish that the blessings of Christmas will remain with you and yours, now and always.

The money we would ordinarily spend for Christmas Cards has instead been donated to "Operation Christmas Greeting." So this is our holiday greeting from all of us to all of you.

- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Summers
- Mrs. Fayo A. Kenmore
- Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morrison and Gary
- Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hackleman
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kemp and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Mears, Jr.
- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Summers and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Ross Summers
- Mr. and Mrs. Ester Noble
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cartwright and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Parsons
- Mabel and Juanita Ewing
- Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Shannon and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Swain Burkett and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mears
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elder and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Clingsmith and Ruby Mae
- Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Trimble
- Mr. and Mrs. Dewey L. Wright and Dorothy Mae
- John and Dorothy Gilbreath, Coby and Matt
- Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lust
- Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones, Mary Elizabeth and Craig Tidwell Spraying Service
- Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tidwell and Ronda
- Mrs. W. T. Gollehon
- Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cowart
- Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gladden Ben's Food Store
- Ben, Bernice and Bennie Hill
- Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blackwell
- Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Youts
- Mr. and Mrs. George Sides, Gregg, Cindy and Kimberly
- Mrs. E. V. Dunn
- Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Willis and Girls

- Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Copeland
- Mrs. B. A. Fuller
- Mrs. Etha Brashear
- Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Bagwell
- Andy Elder
- Mrs. Ray E. Sheffy
- Dennis Funeral Home and Floral
- Cecil and Trudy Dennis
- Mr. and Mrs. John L. Womack and children
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler and Joe Bill
- Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford and Family
- Hazel Merritt
- Mrs. J. F. Easter
- Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Summers and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Golding, Ben and Anne
- Mr. and Mrs. Louie Allen and Tommie
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregory, Bill and David
- Bruce and Maxine Wooddell and Patsy
- Mr. and Mrs. Bud Leinen, Dale, Kathy and Shirley
- Dub's Motor Co.
- The J. W. Carmichael Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Dennis
- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams
- Mr. and Mrs. Lon Boothe, Janie and Lonnie
- Mrs. Joe Hastings
- Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Herring
- Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bell
- Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Boothe and Family
- Mrs. Virginia Dowdy and Terry
- Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lee
- Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Miller
- Mr. and Mrs. John W. Nichols and boys
- Mr. and Mrs. Francis U. Jackson
- Mr. and Mrs. Deroy Castes and Kelton
- Baylet's Shoe Shop
- Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Baylets and Doris
- Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hardy
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tate

- Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Duncan and Glenn
- Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Vandiver and Cecelia
- Dimmitt Parts & Supply
- Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lust
- Elvis and Jennie Burch, Salida, Colorado
- Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Webb
- Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fuller and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Noble
- Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ramey
- Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hays, Jr. and Family
- Trellis and Dorothy Summers and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Strother
- Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cleavinger and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Duke
- Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Smith
- Mr. and Mrs. James E. Welch and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hilburn and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Edd McLeroy and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wales and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wood and boys
- Mrs. L. A. Womack
- Mr. and Mrs. John G. Davis and girls
- Mr. and Mrs. Claude Millsap and Valeria Anne
- Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrison
- Mr. and Mrs. George Blanton, LaNell and Georgene
- Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anthony
- Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Lee and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Bob D. Mooney and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell
- Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Golden
- Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Little
- Dimmitt Women's Bowling Association
- Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shropshire
- Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLean and Sons

- Mrs. Ina Hackleman
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Cooper
- Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Rice
- Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Nelson and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke and Family
- Mrs. R. E. Hendrix and Sue
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers
- Mr. and Mrs. Sal DiCuffa and Family
- Mrs. K. Roberts
- Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bell
- Mrs. John Turner
- The Mark Cowser Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowser
- Mrs. T. A. Singer
- Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ratcliff and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Taylor and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith
- Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Brown
- Decimae Dennis
- Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Howe
- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilbreath
- Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Shaw
- Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright
- Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Calvert and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wooten and Family
- Fred and Virgie Moulton
- Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Webb and Family
- Mrs. Frank Henderson
- The Doyle Underwoods
- Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hence and Kent
- Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Birdwell and Jim
- Mr. and Mrs. George Pope and Darrell
- Mrs. Patsy R. Davis and children
- Mr. and Mrs. Houston Lust and Family
- Mrs. P. L. Moore
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and family

- Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Petty and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hays and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruegel, Jr. and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bruegel and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Monty Booser
- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anthony and son
- Mr. and Mrs. Al Tittle and son
- Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dicky and Suzanne
- J. M. and Mayme Birdwell
- Mrs. Willie Weggoner
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dowdy and Martha
- Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hershey and Elmer
- Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Slough and Family
- Mrs. E. R. Sadler
- Mrs. Roy Haberer
- Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown
- Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dennis and Debbie
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cluck and Billie
- The Raphael Smithson Family
- Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregory
- Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Fuquay
- Mr. and Mrs. Melton Richardson
- Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kemp and Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Bob DuLaney and Family
- D. & D. Aerial Spray
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruegel
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis
- Dr. and Mrs. Harold Bischoff and Family
- Kenmore & Kirby Barber Shop
- Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Nelson
- Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Nelson
- Castro County News Staff
- Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moran
- Pat and Scott
- Mrs. Jack Bruton and Family
- Mrs. Lillie Mae Wright
- J. B. Moore and Family

H. day Hazards

Be Careful In Placing, Decorating Your Tree

REGARDLESS of warnings by fire departments and safety officials millions of American homes become dangerous fire traps at Christmas time. Fire at any time is tragic, but at this happiest of seasons it is more so.

There are a number of simple, easy ways to reduce the hazards of fire in your home during the next few days.

Location of the Christmas tree in your home is of vital importance. Do not let it block an exit, or set it up near a stairway which would provide an upward draft.

Be sure your tree is fresh and it should be kept outdoors until actually needed. When setting it up, stand it in a bucket of water or wet sand and brace it well so there will be no danger of it falling.

It is most important that the decorations be flameproofed or made of noncombustible materials. Lighting sets and extension cords should be in good condition. If in doubt have them tested.

Inspect Tree Daily
Even these precautions are not enough, however. Make it the duty of some member of the family to inspect the tree every day during the holiday season. This way you will know immediately if it has become too dry and should be discarded.

The switch used for turning on the tree lights should be placed some distance from the tree. Never use an outlet or plug under the tree or run electric trains around the base.

There are a few other simple rules that should be observed if decorations are used around the house. Keep them away from chairs and other places where people may smoke. And keep plenty of ash trays handy during the holiday season.

Never Use Candles
It is traditional to have lights in the windows at this season, but never use candles. Keep curtains and other flammable material pulled back at least six inches from any electric light.

And on Christmas morning, or on any other time you open presents, remove all gift wrappings and packing material from the living room and dispose of them immediately.

It can be a happier Christmas if you know there is no danger of fire.



NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS—And not a creature was stirring except young Miss Janice Sande who creeps out of bed to investigate her Christmas stocking. Alas, Santa hadn't reached her house yet!



HAPPY PICTURE—Where can anyone find a happier picture of the joy of Christmas? Here a child receives a gift from Santa, she with the joy of receiving and he with the joy of giving.

Planning holiday party menus and shopping lists early will eliminate extra trips to the store.

Stocking Hanging Became A Custom Through Accident

With delight and great expectations every American child hangs his stocking by the fireplace at Christmas time. Thereon hangs a fascinating tale of adventure.

Once upon a time—so the legend goes—kindly Saint Nicholas, who was in reality Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fireplace on Christmas eve.

Saint Nicholas was a kindly man and jolly, and very rich. He loved to make mysterious journeys into the country and poor sections of the community to bring secret gifts to the poor. For a long time his identity remained hidden, but he was caught at last with his sack of gifts on his back.

Down The Chimney
Saint Nicholas knew an old nobleman who was very poor and who did not want anyone to know of his poverty. Wishing to give him a gift of money Saint Nicholas crept to a window of the house and saw the old gentleman asleep by the fire.

The good Bishop climbed to the roof of the house and dropped his gift down the chimney, thinking it would fall on the hearth at the nobleman's feet.

However, it so happened that the gentleman's daughter had hung some stockings to dry by the fire and the money fell into one of them. From this kindly deed of the good Bishop has grown the widespread custom of hanging stockings at Christmas time.

Died In 1087
The anniversary of Saint Nicholas' death in 1087 eventually became a festival in the Russian church, and in time the name became corrupted to Santa Claus and associated with the festivities of the Christmas season, with its tree, its decorations, the holly and the mistletoe.

These today are the joyous symbols of Christmas.

LOOK FOR SANTA
American children look for presents in their stockings or under the Christmas tree. In Italy they seek them in "Urns of Fate" and the children of Norway seek them in hiding places all through the house.

Young Japanese Heed Hoteiosho

Although Santa Claus doesn't visit Japanese homes, the native god Hoteiosho, the kind old gentleman who carries a pack on his back and has eyes in the bearer's back of his head, makes a realistic substitute gifts bearers. Boys and girls are warned to be good, because the all-seeing Hoteiosho knows everything they are doing.

WHAT WISE MEN DID

Tradition says that the Three Wise Men, after returning to their kingdoms from Bethlehem, gave up their property to the poor, and went out to preach the gospel of Christianity.

Cards Express Sentiments Merry, Friendly, Reverent

Friendly, merry, reverent, grateful—Christmas sentiments find expression in greeting cards at the holiday season.

Just when the sending of greeting cards first began is a question that may never be settled, especially since it is always possible that early examples of printed Christmas greetings are waiting to be found among private books and papers.

The Cole-Horsley card is considered by many to be the first published Christmas card. It was designed in Britain in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, a well-known artist of the period, for Sir Henry Cole, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The card bears the now-universal greeting, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You." It shows a joyous family seated at Christmas dinner.

A copy of the card, discovered in England in recent years by a now part of the Hallmark Historic Representative of Hallmark, is Collection, housed at the greeting card company's headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

Louis Prang of Boston, an art-

loving lithographer, published the best known early Christmas greetings in the U. S. He conducted art and literary competitions for greeting card material, and published cards of outstandingly high quality.

Towns Named In Spirit of Yule Get Mail Deluge

Among the busiest of Santa's helpers at the Yuletide season are postoffices in towns with Christmas names.

In Noel, Mo.; Christmas, Fla.; Santa Claus, Ind.; Bethlehem, Ind.; and Bethlehem, Pa., many thousands of packages and cards are received around Christmas time, to be postmarked with the Yule town's name and mailed to other states and countries.

The towns also play host to many visitors during the Christmas season. In Bethlehem and Nazareth, Pa., there are permanent displays and festivals of light, emphasizing the religious meaning and beauty of Christmas.

Poinsettia Puzzle's Christmas Fun

A fun-maker at Christmas is to ask family or friends this question: "What color is the blossom of the poinsettia plant?" Chances are, the answer will be, "Red, of course."

Actually, the red "blossoms" of the poinsettia are not the flower of the plant—they are leaves. The real blossoms are the tiny yellow flowers in the center of the red clusters.

A comparative newcomer to the traditional Yule greenery, the tropical poinsettia was discovered in

Mexico in 1828, by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, first U. S. minister to Mexico. He aroused interest in its beauty, and the plant is named for him.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906.

... for a Happy Holiday Season, and a special "thank you" to our many good friends. Hope we continue to serve you!

DIMMITT STEAK HOUSE

"We will be closed Mon, Tues. & Wed., Dec. 23, 24, 25"

Day of Glory Given Trees

Even trees have a space problem—and for the evergreens, it is alleviated at Christmas time, say forestry experts. The big trees get room to grow, and the small trees get their day of glory.

Conservation-minded Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, objecting to the cutting down of millions of evergreens, once adamantly refused to have a Christmas tree in the White House.

His son, Archie, smuggled in a tree and set it up in his room. The deed was discovered and Archie was about to be punished when Gifford Pinchot, the President's

Pinchot explained that the cutting of trees, properly supervised, is a good conservation measure. Archie wasn't punished—and the White House had a tree.

Lights for Tree Traced to Luther

Decorating the Christmas tree with lights is a custom that some historians trace back to Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, Encyclopedia Americana researchers say.

After a walk one Christmas Eve under a brilliant starlight sky, Luther returned home and tried to reproduce the scene for his family by lighting candles on the Christmas tree.

We wish you the peace, joy and blessings of Christmas, and we join our heartfelt prayers with yours, that peace and good will may soon endure for all men.

LINDSEY CLEANERS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To you, our good friends and customers, we're wishing a Christmas merry and bright with good times and good fellowship. And we warmly extend our grateful thanks for the pleasure of serving you all year.

EASTER GIN

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE CREATION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED PROPERTY TAXPAYING VOTERS OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THEIR PROPERTY FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 12th day of January, 1963, in Castro County, Texas, to determine whether or not a hospital district shall be established and created in obedience to an ELECTION ORDER entered by the Commissioners' Court of Castro County, Texas, on the 10th day of December, 1962, and which order is as follows, to-wit:

ELECTION ORDER THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

ON THIS, the 10th day of December, 1962, the County Commissioners' Court of Castro County, Texas, convened in regular session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Dimmitt, Texas, the following members of the Court, to-wit: RAYMOND E. WILSON, COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding; and E. I. McLAIN, COMMISSIONER, Pre-

sident No. 1, NOBLE ARMSTRONG, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 2, J. M. WRIGHT, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 3, JOHN C. STORK, COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 4 being present; and among other proceedings had by said Court, were the following:

WHEREAS, this Court deems it proper and advisable to order that an election be held in said County to determine if Castro County shall be constituted a hospital district and take over the hospital functions of the County, to furnish medical and hospital care to needy persons residing in said proposed hospital district, all as provided by Article XI, Section II, of the Constitution of Texas and Chapter 103, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session, 1961; and under the aforementioned law this Court is empowered to call such election, therefore

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS:

That an election be held in said County on the 12th day of January, 1963, which date is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the resident qualified property taxpayers who have duly rendered their property for taxation for their action thereupon:

"SHALL a Hospital District, with boundaries co-extensive with the limits of Castro County, Texas, be created and established with the authority to levy a tax not to exceed SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (75 cents) on the one hundred dollars' valuation of taxable property in said District (including the payment of bonds which have been assumed by the District and those hereafter issued, in accordance with applicable law); and shall such District assume all outstanding bonds issued by Castro County and any outstanding bonds issued by any city in said County for hospital purposes?"

THE SAID ELECTION shall be held under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Section II, Article XI of the Constitution and Chapter 103, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session, 1961, and all persons who are resident qualified property taxpayers voters of said County, and who have duly rendered their property for taxation, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the ballots for said election shall be prepared in sufficient number and in conformity with Chapter 6, V.A.T.C.S., Election Code, as amended, and that printed on such ballots shall appear the following:

"FOR THE CREATION OF A HOSPITAL DISTRICT: PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A TAX NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (75 cents) ON THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS' VALUATION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ASSUMPTION BY SUCH DISTRICT OF ALL OUTSTANDING BONDS ISSUED BY CASTRO COUNTY, AND BY ANY CITY IN SAID COUNTY, FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES"

"AGAINST THE CREATION OF A HOSPITAL DISTRICT: PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A TAX NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (75 cents) ON THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS' VALUATION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ASSUMPTION BY SUCH DISTRICT OF ALL OUTSTANDING BONDS ISSUED BY CASTRO COUNTY, AND BY ANY CITY IN SAID COUNTY, FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES"

AS TO THE foregoing proposition, each voter shall mark out with pen or pencil one of such expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his or her vote on the proposition:

THE POLLING PLACES AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF SAID ELECTION shall be, respectively, as follows:

- | Precinct No. | Polling Place | Presiding Judge |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Clerk's Office, Rt. 1, Dimmitt, Texas, E. B. (Dick) Reinhardt | |
| 2 | Community Room-Basement, Dimmitt, Texas, L. G. Manning | |
| 3 | Co. Agent's Office, Dimmitt, Texas E. B. Wright | |
| 4 | Comm. Ct. Room, Rt. 5, Dimmitt, Texas, Jim Elder | |
| 5 | Ceril Brockman Home, Nazareth, Texas, Greg Hoelting | |
| 6 | City Hall, Hart, Texas, Dean Sanders | |
| 7 | Bethel Comm. Bldg., Rt. 2, Hereford, B. E. Sinclair | |
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THE MANNER OF HOLDING said election shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections except as modified by the provisions of Chapter 103, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session 1961.

A COPY of this order, signed by the County Judge of said County, and certified to by the County Clerk of said County, shall serve as proper and sufficient notice of such election.

NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION shall be given by posting and publication of a copy of this order, at the top of which shall appear the words, "NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE CREATION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT". Said notice shall be posted in each of the election precincts of the County of Castro and at the Courthouse door not less than twenty (20) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held and in addition said Notice shall also be published once a week for two consecutive weeks, the date of the first publication being at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date on which said election is to be held.

The above and foregoing order having been read in full, it was moved by Commissioner Noble Armstrong and seconded by Commissioner J. M. Wright that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Court voted "AYE": Commissioners McLain, Armstrong, Wright and Stork; and none voted "NO".

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 10th day of December, 1962. Raymond E. Wilson County Judge, Castro County, Texas. E. I. McLain Commissioner of Precinct No. 1 Noble Armstrong Commissioner, of Precinct No. 2 J. M. Wright Commissioner of Precinct No. 3 John C. Stork Commissioner of Precinct No. 4

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of the Commissioners' Court of Castro County, Texas, this 10th day of December, 1962, pursuant to authority given by law and the above order of the Commissioners' Court of said County.

Raymond E. Wilson County Judge, Castro County, Texas. ATTEST: Zonell Manles County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Castro County, Texas

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.

Spanish Children Go to Seek Magi; Germans Name "Kris Kringle"

In Madrid, Spain, it has long been the custom, say Encyclopedia Americana researchers, for men and boys bearing torches, bells and tin cans to go out to the city gates to meet the Magi. When children complain they do not see the Three Kings pass by, they are told the Kings pass behind the mountains.

In Germany when the character of Saint Nicholas started to become too prominent and the idea that Christmas was about the birth of Christ was becoming neglected, the

Germans replaced him with Christ has been modified to Kris Kringle, Kind — the Christ Child. This name say The Book of Knowledge editors.

Epiphany Cake Helps French Choose King and Queen to Rule Evening

"La Galette des Rois," the "Kings' Cake," is the French form of Epiphany cake, according to the editors of The Encyclopedia Americana. Epiphany cake is baked all over Europe, either at Christmas time to eat until Twelfth night January 6, or on Epiphany day. French peasants put a bean into the bean mix and the finder of the bean, when the cake is baked and cut, is "King" for the evening. He then chooses a "Queen" to share his honors.

In the French towns, a china doll is substituted for the bean.

IN ITALY

Santa Claus is gaining favor with Italian children, but the traditional gift-giver, especially south of Rome is Befana. Usually represented as a gray-haired witch who rides a broomstick, she brings toys for good children, but a stocking full of coal or ashes for naughty ones. Legends say, variously, that she misdirected the Magi or that she refused shelter to the Holy Family. Repenting, she now goes around the world on Christmas Eve, seeking the Christ Child and doing good to children.

Ireland Lights Way for Child

The people of Ireland originated the tradition of burning a candle in the window at Christmas time. Legend said that the Christ Child might be wandering along in the dark and cold, and they lit a candle to light him on his way.

Pinata Scramble

In Mexico and other Latin American countries, the breaking of the pinata is a traditional Christmas custom. Earthen jars are filled with toys and sweets, covered with colored papier-mache figures and hung in an open space. Blindfolded children take turns at trying to break the pinata with a stick. When it is smashed, there's a merry scramble for its contents.



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Familiar to all is the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem—and yet little is known about it. In the books of the New Testament, only St. Matthew reports the visit. St. Matthew called them "wise men from the East." In the legends that have developed, they are sometimes called "Magi," because this word meaning "august,"

was the name given the priests of the ancient Medes and Persians. Tradition says they had heard that a bright new star would announce the coming of a Saviour to the world. After years of watching, they saw the star and set out from Babylon to find Him. In Bethlehem, they gave the

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Mistletoe, Prescribed Now for Kissing, Once Was Thought to Cure Illness

An ancient custom, which "prescribed" mistletoe for the prevention and cure of a wide variety of illnesses — epilepsy, for instance — has given way to the happier idea that mistletoe is the right prescription to assure opportunities for exchanging kisses during the holiday season.

Naturally, this makes mistletoe an object of interest — as it has been for centuries.

Druid priests in early Britain cut mistletoe at the winter solstice and gave sprigs of it to the people. The sprigs were hung above doorways of homes and stables. The people, taught, and the people believed, that this vine had great power to ward off evil and protect against illnesses.

Despite the early interest in mistletoe for its supposed medicinal qualities, its use as a "prescription for kissing" had a place in the ancient world, too.

Romans and other early peoples considered mistletoe as an emblem of peace. Meeting under it, enemies kissed each other and made a truce until the next day.

Scandinavian myths tell the story of the death of Balder, the sun god, who was, so mythology says, killed by an arrow of mistletoe wood. His mother the goddess Freya, had asked all living things to pledge not to harm her son, but she neglected to ask the lowly mistletoe.

Balder's enemy, the lame god Loki, took advantage of this to

"And they went up..."

Roads Were Not Paved For First Yule Trip

THERE were no modern highways leading from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph undertook their memorable journey nearly 2,000 years ago.

The way was rough and hard and dangerous.

As far as routes were concerned there were three. The western route led along the sea-coast and through the plain of Sharon. This route was unpopular with pious folk like Mary and Joseph who shunned the heathen cities rowdy travelers and the ungodly as much as possible.

The shortest route via the fruitful plains of Esdraelon into the mountains of Samaria and through Shechem and Bethel, was not very popular either. The road was tolerable, but steep; however, the Jews had little use for the Samaritans, and vice versa.

The Jordan route, which descended into the Jordan valley and followed the river's east bank around Jericho, was favored by the majority of Galilean travelers who for the Passover and other religious events went down to Jerusalem at regular intervals and knew their way around as well as suburbanites know their way around modern metropolitan areas.

If the Jordan route was a little round-about, it was fairly level—and steeped in Jewish history, from the shadow of Mount Tabor where



Saul in desperation sought his "witch" of Endor, to the tomb a little before Bethlehem where the first Joseph buried his beloved Rachel.

It is fairly certain that Mary and Joseph made the arrow, which he persuaded Hoder, the blind god of winter, to shoot. Balder died, but through the efforts of all the other gods, he came back to life after three days, and the sun's light shone at the winter solstice.

Joseph did not choose the western route when they planned their very special journey. Whether they chose to go by way of Shechem and Bethel, or around the walled city of Jericho may never be determined definitely.



But, the distance — nearly 100 miles — was, in any case, unrelenting and conquered only by persistent plodding. And when Mary was too tired to go another step, Joseph took the packs up — his own shoulders so she might ride the little donkey which trudged faithfully at his side.

This was a hard journey and Mary appreciated the shelter of the stable that night — no one could have been more grateful or more happy than Mary. And she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger.

IT'S CHRISTMAS WHEN

Elevator operators say good morning;
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Jimmy's teacher says he's a perfect angel and oh so bright;
Your secretary limits her coffee break to one a day;
Your wife is the first to shut off the alarm clock;
Your son says that's okay Dad, you take the car tonight;
And your boss says here, try one of my pills.

When you water a Christmas tree, add a few tablespoons of sugar to bring out the fragrance of the pine.

Freya cried for joy, and her tears became mistletoe berries. She kissed everyone who passed under the mistletoe, and ordained that this same sign of affection should always be exchanged when people met beneath the mistletoe.



SANTA'S HELPERS—Recalling the days when a Christmas tree could be had for a few strokes with an ax, these hardy Canadian youngsters drag their symbol of Yule cheer. Today, most Canadians, just as shoppers throughout the world, buy theirs at the local market. Export of Christmas trees to the United States and Latin America has been booming in recent years.

Soviets Retreat And Santa Wins

After unsuccessful efforts to keep Christmas from being celebrated as a Christian holiday, the Com-

munist regimes of Russia and the countries of Eastern Europe have recently shown a more tolerant attitude toward traditional observances. Father Christmas, the Russian Santa, is back again, having refused to become Father Winter,

the name Communists tried to give him.

Another gifts bringer in Russia is a legendary old woman called Babuska (grandmother). Legend when she asked the way to Bethlehem. She repented, and to atone she went about the world on Christmas Eve, looking for the Christ Child and distributing gifts to children.

Statues Honored

In Italy the Presepio, or crib, is as characteristic of Christmas as the tree in other countries. To the Presepio, people bring gifts of nuts and apples, which they place in the hands of life-sized figures.

Norway Prepares

In Norway preparations for months before December 24. The Christmas celebration itself lasts three weeks. The period, according to Book of Knowledge researchers, is known as the Julafred, or the Peace of Christmas.

Picnics Planned

Australians go in for outdoor picnics at Christmas time since it's summertime "down under" then.

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South Grade Has Christmas Parties

All rooms of South Grade School had Christmas parties, Friday afternoon before school turned out for the holidays.

Mrs. Helen Richardson, grade school superintendent and the teachers want to express their gratitude to the following people for making these Christmas parties happy ones for the children.

They are Boy Scouts of Den 8; Wesleyan Sunday School Class of Methodist Church, Bible class of Methodist Church, Jaycee-Ettes, Mrs. Howard Hershey, Billie Graham, Ted Sheffy, C. W. George, H. H. Carlile, and Mrs. Charlotte Lowe.

A free movie for smaller children will be shown at 1:30 p.m., Christmas Day in the Carlile Theater. Sponsors of this movie are Billie Graham, Ted Sheffy, C. W. George, and H. H. Carlile.

VISITS OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reisdorff will visit her parents in Rosston, Oklahoma.

Cast Chosen for "Rest-Assured" at Hart High School

Hart Junior class play cast has been chosen by James Bates, teacher in Dimmitt High School.

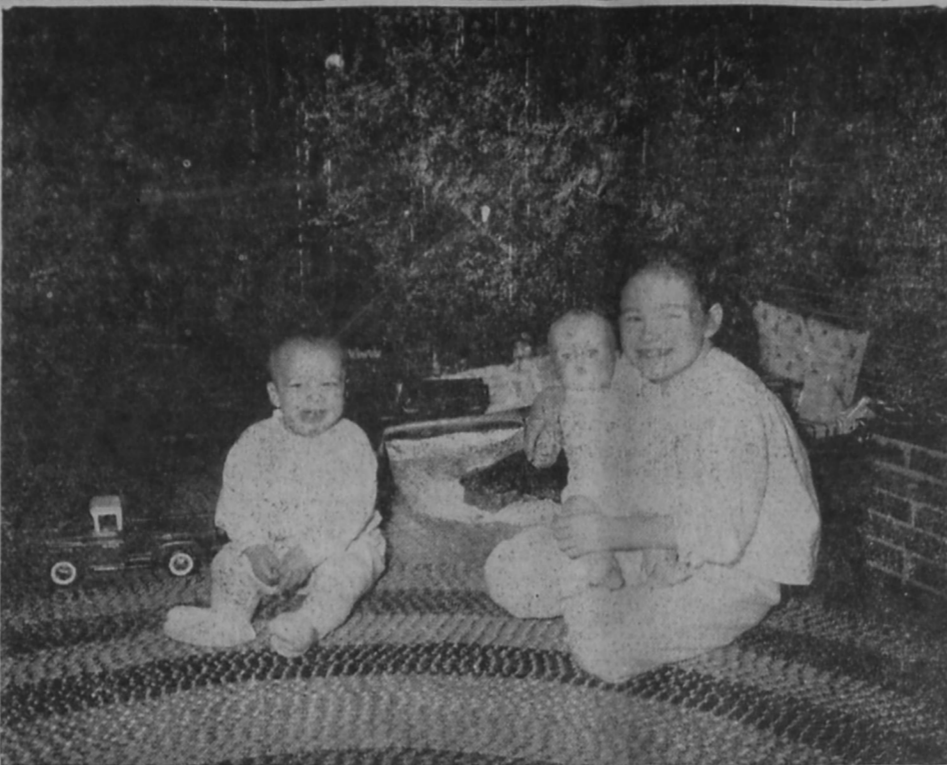
Members chosen for the three-act comedy, "Rest Assured" are 12.

Cast members include Mr. Morlock (James Mitchell), Mrs. Morlock (Betty Galyon), Mary (Linda Cole), Jessica (Konnie Bowden), Mildred (JoAnn Clark), and Joe Lanconi (Kenneth Fincher).

Other play members are Luigi Lanconi (Gilbert Guzman), Martha Lanconi (Estella Rubaicabn), Lucifer (Bill Green), Mrs. Akers (Carol Mousner), George Plew (Dennis McLain), and Dr. Brown (David Gardner).

This play will be presented, February 22 on the auditorium stage at Hart. Public is invited.

Miss Beatrice Hawkins will visit her sister and niece in Vallejo, California.



CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY for these Castro county children. These Chincoteague ponies, here were given to the children by their grandfather, Jay Taylor of Amarillo. Standing (left to right) are Flip Taylor with Misty, Amy Taylor with Brownie, Andy Taylor with Slugo, and Jo Ann Smith with Misty Mouse. These ponies are imported from Chincoteague Island off the coast of Maryland and Virginia. See story for details. —Staff Photo

whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get you papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Clause coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children or men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, old tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all the world there is nothing else real and abiding.

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

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DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE proves to be fun at school. These young children are a part of Mrs. Jo Beecher Prather's non-English speaking group of first grade students. They are 'left' Rose Linda Ramos, Edna Munoz, Choela Montes, 'right' Milton Terres, Alfredo Flores, and Lupe Barrios. —Staff Photo

Hart Cagers Retire During Holidays

Hart cagers took on Amherst, Monday night in the Hart High School gym.

The Longhorns were defeated in a 54-49 score. Billy Farris was high point man with 22 points.

Hart girls' team played Amherst and won 28-19.

According to Coach Nicholson, basketball season will resume after the holidays on January 3, 4, and 5. The Longhorns, both boys and girls, will attend the Hale Center Tournament. The boys first game will be with Cotton Center and the girls will play, Happy.

SLATON GUESTS
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kitchens of Slaton were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kitchens and Billie on Monday and Tuesday of basketball season will resume after his week.

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Christmas Party Given Assembly Of God Youth

A Christmas party for the youth of the Assembly of God Church was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hall, Saturday night at 7:30.

The group sang carols, played games, and exchanged gifts. The Youth group gave their president, Mrs. Gerald Hall a Christmas present in appreciation of her leadership.

Approximately 30 young people were served cookies, coke, punch, and coffee.

Christmas Comes Early for Four County Children

Four children of Castro County found Christmas early this year. Flip Taylor, Jr., Andy Taylor, A. Taylor, and Jo Ann Smith received four Chinco-teague ponies as a present from their grandfather, Jay Taylor of Amarillo.

These ponies were imported from Chinco-teague Island which is located off the Maryland-Virginia shore. The island gets its name from the Gingo-Teague tribe of Indians; and the literal meaning, is beautiful land across the water.

The island is about seven miles long and varies from one-and-a-half to two-miles in width. A seaward neighbor to the island is Assateague Island, a sandy strip of brush and grass land extending about 35 miles up the coast. Assateague, in the Indian dialect means running stream between.

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The ponies are a mixture of many nationalities as same as Americans. They are originally Indian ponies belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw peoples. Down the line, there pinto, and Shetland mixtures. Resulting present day Chinco-teague pony stands anywhere from 12-2 to 13-2 hands. He's a small wiry animal, a galloper and sprinter, with plenty of endurance.

Ralph M. Beebe owns a herd of Chinco-teagues on the south end of the island. From this herd comes the renown MISTY of storybook and Walt Disney film fame.

The Castro County children followed in good tastes by naming their horses, Misty, Misty Mouse, Brownie, and Slugo.



Miss Lillie Jones and Monte Vaughn Wed in Double-Ring Ceremony

In a double ring ceremony at the bride's home, Miss Lillie Faye Jones became the bride of Monte Kay Vaughn of Hereford, Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. B. H. Baldwin, pastor of Frio First Baptist Church read the marriage vows before a background of pink and white chrysanthemums and greenery arranged in baskets.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white two-piece street length dress of brocade acetate rayon accented with white accessories. Traditionally, she wore something old, something borrowed, something new, something blue, and a penny in her shoe. She carried a white Bible.

Maid of honor was Miss Catherine Rickman, friend of the bride. Best man was Jimmy Douglas Davis. Both are from Plainview.

The bride's mother wore a red rayon sheath dress with black accessories accented with a white carnation corsage.

A black crepe dress with red and black accessories was worn by the groom's mother. Her cor-

sage was of white carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was conducted in the dining room of the bride's home. Guests registered in a white wedding book presented to the bride from her mother, Donna Waggoner, Vera Jones, and Karrel Ritteman served the coffee and two tiered wedding cake from a table laid with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of pink and white chrysanthemums in greenery.

The bride attended school in Hereford and Dimmitt.

The groom attended Hereford High school before joining the Navy in 1954.

After a wedding trip to New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Vaughn are home at 210 W. 8th Hereford.

BRIGHT Christmas Wishes

We wish for you the blessings of Christmas. May the radiance of the Star of Bethlehem light your way to peace and contentment in the coming year.

Henderson's TV & Appliance
Bill, Bob and Georgie



CHRISTMAS IS A WONDERFUL TIME for these young children. Lonnie Boothe (left) smiles happily over the new truck, Santa Claus brought him. His sister, Janie Mae (right) is a thrilled young lady for Santa brought her a beautiful doll. Christmas tree in the background was grown in the Boothe's front yard, 16 miles west of Dimmitt. The tree has been growing for ten years and is serving its first term as a holiday decoration. —Staff Photo

RATCLIFF VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ratcliff will visit their son, Hal and family in Fort Worth where he is attending TCU.

VISIT SON

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Roop are spending Christmas with their son and wife in Santa Monica, California.

TRIP TO CALIF.

Mrs. Cleo Forson will visit relatives in Los Angeles, California and Phoenix, Arizona over the holidays.

GREETINGS

To all our friends we send our warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday Season ...and our thanks for letting us serve you. See you soon!

Our Cafe Will Be Closed . . . Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Decemer 24, 25 & 26

DICKEY'S CAFE
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dickey

Christmas Party Conducted for Church Group

Young Married Peoples' Class of the Assembly of God Church conducted a Christmas party, Friday night in the parsonage. Rev. and Mrs. Bill Elswick entertained the group.

Activities included gift exchange, playing of games, and singing Christmas carols. Teacher of the class, Rev. Elswick was presented a Christmas gift.

Refreshments of candy, cookies cake, and coffee was served to approximately 15 class members.

VISIT GRANDPARENTS

Mrs. Emily Pace will visit her grandparents at Anson and Abilene.

DAUGHTER HOME

Mrs. M. A. Pennington will have her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. McDonald from Amarillo for the week-end. Then she will attend Lubbock for a family reunion, December 25.

BOWL GAME

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Osborn will spend the holidays in Seagraves and also attend the Bowl Game in El Paso.

S-3C Bobby Hudson arrived home Wednesday for a Christmas furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geotge Hudson, Seaman Hudson is stationed aboard ship, USS Salesbury, with the Pacific Fleet.

VISIT PARENTS

Miss Marcia McGregor will visit her parents in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Merry Christmas
Our warmest wishes to all our good friends!

Spudnut Shop
Troy, Betty & Virgie

A Christmas Message

Peace on Earth, good will toward men...the glorious message of Christmas...once more lifts the hearts of all mankind. May its inspiration abide with you and yours, and bring you great joy now and always.

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Homemade Food Gifts Delight To Receive

The Christmas season is traditionally marked by tasty things to eat. And food gifts made in your kitchen add a personal note to the celebration. Such gifts say "Merry Christmas" with an especially warm touch. From a practical standpoint, they're easy on the pocketbook, too.

Perhaps your family has some special recipe for cookies, cakes or puddings. Whatever it is, homemade food gifts are easy to make and delightful to receive.

When wrapping food gifts, let your imagination have a free rein. Clever packages can be made from plastic refrigerator dishes, wicker bread and cracker baskets, cookie sheets, or a wooden cutting board.

Yule Was Not Always Celebrated On Dec. 25

Like Easter, Christmas was once a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

In 337 A. D. St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, with the permission of Pope Junius I, appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

S. Claus Now Changed Man

Santa Claus has undergone quite a metamorphosis in his time. Before Dr. Clement Moore, Santa's appearance was a problem left mostly to individual discretion and personal taste. He might be short or tall, plump or thin, merry or solemn.

The European St. Nicholas was pictured as a tall, thin man who rode a gray horse. In 1809, Washington Irving described Santa as a jolly fellow who wore a wide-brimmed hat.

After Dr. Moore wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas," in 1823, St. Nick acquired definite ex-

South America Is Adopting Many Of Our Yule Customs

North American customs, or the celebration of Christmas are becoming more popular in Latin American countries. Our southern friends, however, have many holiday traditions we could well adopt.

In Mexico, for instance, during the nine days before Christmas candlelight processions are formed nightly. They are called Posadas. This ritual reenacts the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem and its difficulty in finding a place to stay.

It is arranged for the marchers to be refused entrance at a home then admitted with rejoicing and great festivities.

Also, Mexico has a tradition called breaking the pinata. A fragile earthen jar—the pinata—is filled with candy, toys and trinkets and suspended from the ceiling.

Guests are blindfolded, spun around, and allowed to hit at the pinata with a stick. When it is smashed, everyone rushes for the shower of treats.

The youngsters of many Latin American countries look forward to January 6—the Epiphany—and a visit from the Three Wise Men when gifts are received.

Children address their letters to Christmas to the Baby Jesus, care of St. Peter in many Latin American countries. And in Colombia it is a custom for merrymakers to parade in the streets on Christmas eve. Whenever a friend's name is mentioned, the name of the other's identity, is

Bayberry Candles Have Long Been Part Of Tradition

To learn your luck for the year they say, Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day.

If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear, Good luck will be yours throughout the year.

This old verse repeats the tradition from the early years of our country that burning a bayberry candle on Christmas eve would insure one of a long and happy life.

The settlers of our country found that the bayberry gave off a wax that would make fine candles. Since animal fats were important food and for other uses, it was the bayberry candle that was used as much as possible. It was usually the task of the children to gather the berries.

Candles have always been associated with Christmas and many legends give them a place in the observance of this holiday.

In Ireland, for instance, on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out by one named Mary. Even today homes that never use a candle, or have one about during the rest of the year, have mantels, windows and dining tables decorated with them during the holiday.

And on Christmas eve, with the family gathered about the tree and fireplace, nothing adds to the atmosphere like the warm, soft glow of Christmas candles.

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 ring-dances. 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 "was sailing" 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"

Tradition Helped As Washington Crossed River

During the American Revolution, George Washington used his knowledge of Christmas celebrations to take an important step toward peace.

Puritan settlers in the New World disapproved of Christmas festivities, but Washington knew that the Hessian soldiers, employed by George III to fight the colonists, would observe Christmas as they had done at home.

On December 25-26, 1776, he crossed the Delaware, attacked and put to rout the surprised Hessians

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.

A LAW AGAINST IT In Massachusetts, Christmas who had been obliviously sleeping the effects of their holiday festivities.

didn't become a lawful holiday until 1856. The Pilgrims in New England had disapproved of Christmas celebrations, and a law prohibiting them was passed in 1659.

Joy to You AT Christmas

Time for Santa to fill the stockings. Time, too, for us to wish you a Christmas overflowing with joy and happiness.



Marie's Beauty Bar

Marie, Lorene, Mike, Maxine and Sandra

CHRISTMAS 1492

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

terminal characteristics. Ever after, children "knew in a moment" it must be St. Nick by his well-fed, merry appearance — twinkling eyes and a rosy face — and his sleigh and reindeers for transportation.

The image of Santa was affirmed in 1869 when Thomas Nast's cartoon was published, picturing Santa in his now-familiar red garb smoking a pipe. Like all famous men, Santa today finds it difficult to travel anywhere incognito.

YULE SERNADE

Serenading their neighbors with carols is a community enterprise in St. Louis, Mo. More than 50,000 carolers participate, under the guidance of the St. Louis Christmas Carols association, established half a century ago. Voluntary contributions to the carolers are used to help handicapped and underprivileged children.

Yule Burns Bright

The French traditionally exchange gifts on New Year's Day, but the burning of the Yule log at Christmas is an honored custom in many parts of the country. After carols are sung, wine is poured on the log by the youngest child.



To wish you all the Joys of Christmas

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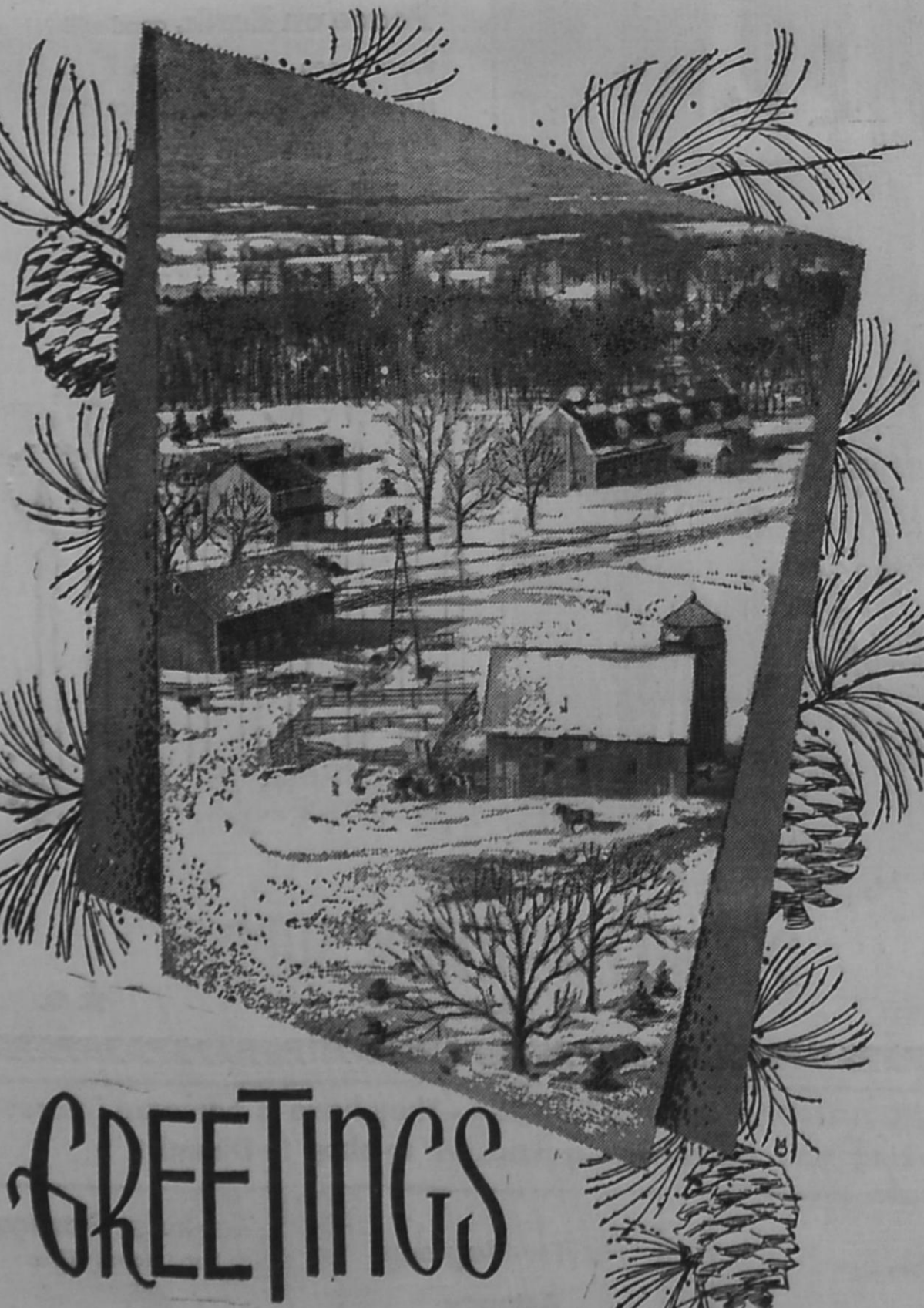
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GREETINGS

Holiday time is here once again, and we take this happy occasion to wish every joy of the season to our good friends. It's always a pleasure to serve you, and we thank you!

Cobb's

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some roller skates, a doll named Susie Smart, an electric stove, and a bicycle. And bring two toy guns for my brothers. And a little drum for my little brother. And bring three middle size dolls and a little doll for my little baby. My mother wants a picture of you. My father wants a picture of you and Mrs. Santa Claus.
Love,
Mary E. Garza
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football suit and a road

raceing set and a music instrument. And Santa, don't forget my father and isiter.
Love,
Greg Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll that walks and talks and for my brother bring a bicycle and I think that all for now.
Love,
Janie Perez

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. I want a king

Zor. I love you.
Judy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a drinkie walker doll. Some clothes for barbie. I want some clothes for ken too. I want a wardrobe trunk for barbie. I want a barbie car because my stater has the one we made. Will you bring a dress and pink pants and a white blouse and other things for drinkie walker.
Love, Judy McLeroy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want some clothes for Barbie, clothes for Ken too. A trunk wardrobe for Barbie. I want a Lie Detector game, a watch, and a Barbie Car.
From Marilyn McLeroy
P.S. I don't have to have all those things but I would like to have a transistor radio.
Thank you

Dear Santa,
My name is Ricky Hunter. I'm 3 year old. I live at Dimmitt, Texas.
I would like a football suit, snow cone machine, & a wrecker truck.
I love you,
Ricky Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want a tea set, and any doll you think I might like.
from Vickie Hunter
I live at 1108 W. bedford
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 8 yrs. old. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a B-B gun a cattle truck and some parts to my train. Remember all the little boys and girls.
Love
Max Hastings
723 W. Grant
Dimmitt Texas
October 17, 1962

Dear Santa
This Year I want a doll I will spend Christmas in Michigan with my Grand-parents.
Last June I was eight years old. This year I am in the third grade,
Love,
Brad Yates

Johnny and I have been good kids. He wants a radio. Bring the other children some toys.
Love Rita Vick

Dimmitt, Texas
December 18, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Bible and a Chemistry set. My little brother wants a French harp. And my dad wants some shaving lotion that does not make a mess or burn his face. My mother wants a Dryer. And my Grandmother wants a popcorn popper.
Love,
Craig Vandiver

Dear Santa
I want a Bride doll with clothes and a Case.
Nurse Kit.
Stadium checkers.
And some new needles for my record player.
toy Cash Register
And Gaylord the dog.
Love Carol Pruitt

Southwest 6th
Dimmitt, Texas
December 17, 1962
Dear Santa
I want a gun with a lever cock, and a box of pre-histico animals. And a truck with a horse, trailers and boat and boat tralor.
Your pal,
Mike Voazey

Thursday
December 13, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 4 years old. I would like to have a football suit, and an airplane for Christmas. I have tried to be a good little boy all year. Remember all little boys and girls.
Love,
Brad Yates

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 2 1/2 years old. I would like for you to bring me a shot gun, and a horn. I have been a good boy this year.
Love,
Ricky Yales

Dimmitt, Texas
December 18, 1962,
Dear Santa Claus
I want Barbie and Ken and their clothes. My sister wants Barbie and her clothes. I do not know what mother or daddy wants for Christmas. We are having a Christmas party this Friday. I hope one of your helpers will come to talk and see our brothers and sisters that come.
Love,
Vicki Winders

Dimmitt, School
December 18, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Thirsty Crv Baby for Christmas. We are having a party Friday. We have our tree at school and we have it decorated.
Love,
Vicki Carpenter

Dimmitt, Texas
December 18, 1962
Dear Santa,
I want a Ken doll and some clothes for Ken. I hope I set some skates for me. Mark wants a truck and a train for Christmas. Mother wants some new clothes. Daddy want some clothes to I will be glad for what other presents are under the tree.
Love
Becky Powell

Dimmitt Texas
Dec. 18, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a watch. Bring my little brother a blue and gray set. Don't forget Karen.
Your Friend
Keith Acker

Dear Saint Nick,
Please bring me a bicycle and a baton. And don't forget about father, mother and my brothers.
Love,
Beverly Smith

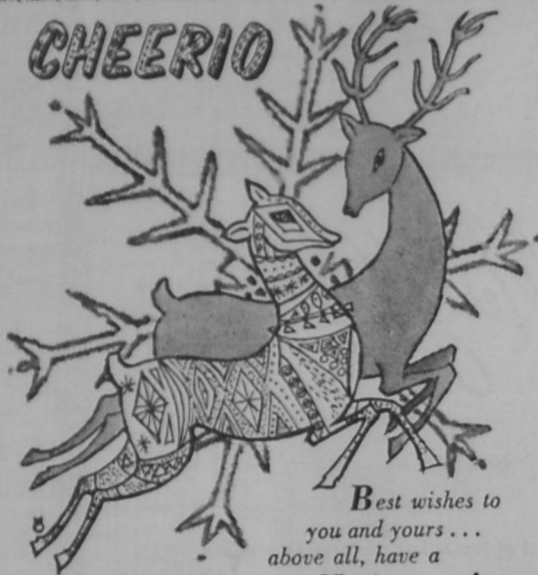
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a twenty-two rifle.
My big brother wants a microscope.
My little brother wants a tractor.
Mother wants a dress. Daddy

wants a pair of houseshoes.
P.S. and I want a racing car set.
Love,
Ricky Bell

ANIMATED CARDS
Ingenious mechanical devices were used to animate early Christmas greeting cards, much as they are today. The symbols of Christ-

mas—the robin, Santa Claus, holly, mistletoe and carolers—first became popular on cards of the Victorian era.
In Finland, just before Christ-

mas Day, the whole family must take a Finnish bath (Sauna). This is the traditional steam bath taken in a hut with a stone oven.
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Best wishes to you and yours... above all, have a Very Merry Christmas!

Palmers' Garage
DON, HOMER and RAYMOND



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Again, at this happiest of all seasons, may we extend our heartiest wishes to you all... hoping that every joy and delight of the Yuletide will be yours to enjoy to the fullest. Merry Christmas!

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Connie



CHRISTMAS

Al Tittle Garage

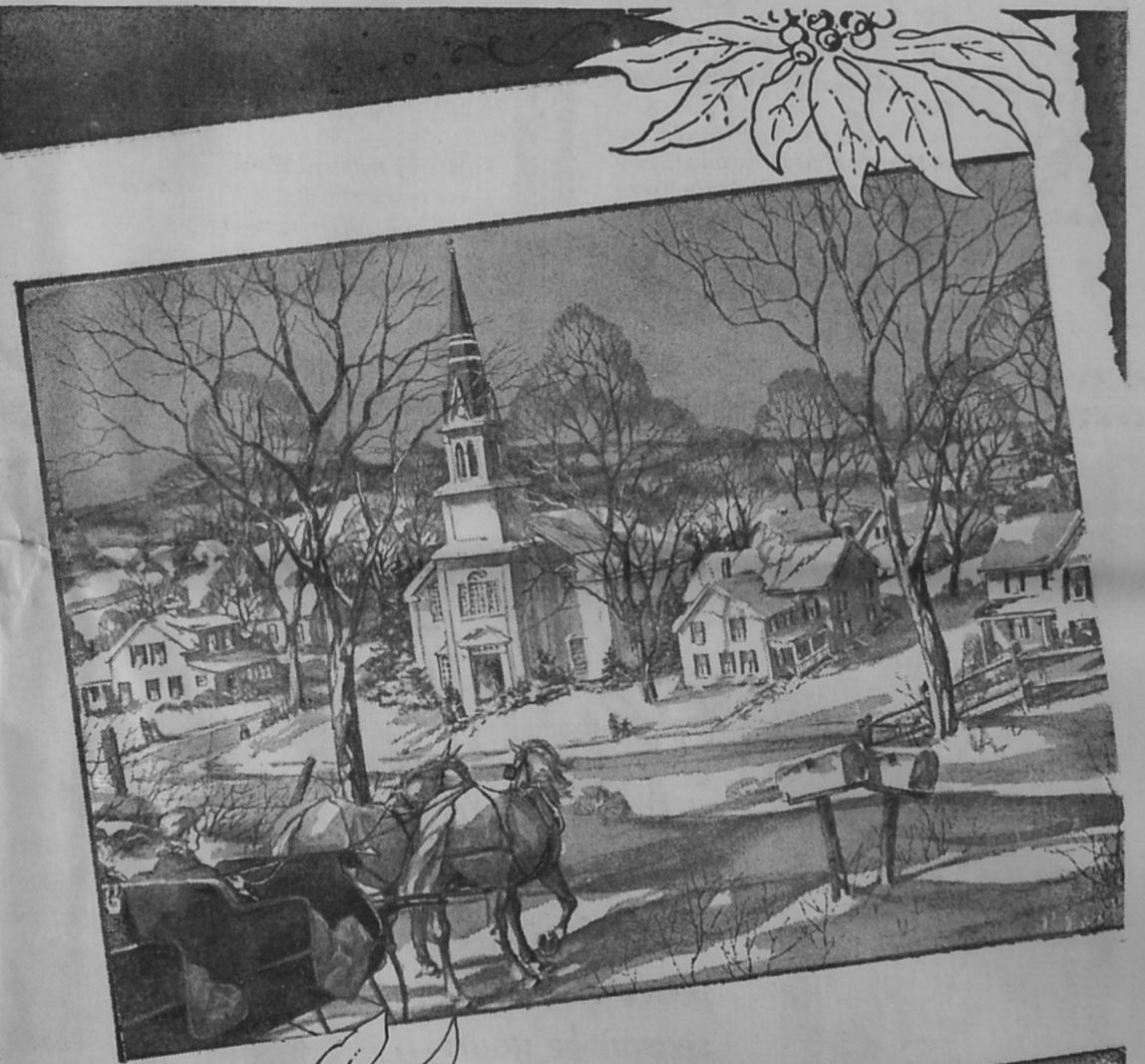
Time to wish all our loyal friends and customers a Christmas season filled with joy and happiness, and express our sincere gratitude for their patronage.



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GREETINGS

With every good wish for your happiness this Christmas season and a hearty "Thank You" for your loyal and friendly patronage throughout the past year.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy. I put the trash out. I cleaned the floor. I ate the food my mother gave me to eat. My brother wants a Robot Comano. I want a racing car set. As I do not know what my two sisters want or my mother or my father, but get them something.

Love,
Steve Birdwell
Dimmitt, Texas
December 18, 1962

Dear Santa,
I want a helmet or a doveumuld for Christmas. If you don't have it you can bring me anything you want to. My sister wants a bike

for Christmas.
My brother wants a watch.
My mother wants a hair dryer.
My father wants his Cotton pick- ed.
Love
Jimmy Hooge
Dimmitt Texas
December 18, 1962

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, and a kitten doll for Christmas.
My brother wants a tractor for Christmas and my sisters want a doll. And don't forget the others.
Love
Rhonda Heard
Dimmitt, Texas
December 18, 1962

logs and a toy rifle too. Don't forget to get mother and daddy some presents.
Love,
Bob Duke
Dimmitt, Texas
December 16, 1962

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Thumb- leno. And electric phones for my brother and sister.
I want the fluffy dog house shoes. Don't forget the other children.
Love,
Suzan Jones
Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring a bicycle because I am too big to play with little things like a truck or a toy tractor, and please bring one to my brother too. My sister wants any kind of doll.
Love
Johnny Joe Olivaerez
Dear Santa Claus

I would like a B-B gun and my brother would like a bicycle for Christmas. My Sister would like a set of blue desk and my little brother would like a little bicycle.
Love
Gregorie Ramos
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a carpen- ter's talk for Christmas some tool to go with it and my watch fixed. Ricky wants a carpenter's table too for Scouts.
Your friend,
Randy K. Morgan
Dear Santa Claus
I want you to bring me a B.B. gun, and don't forget my father mother and brother and bring all other boys and girls toy
Your truly,
Danny Ray Ebeling
Dear Santa Claus,
I want an electric stove and some pots and pans.
My brother wants a shot gun for Christmas.
Your friend,
Sharon Gowdy

going to bring.
Love
Anita Vidal
Dear Santa,
I will be pleased with what ever you bring me, even if I didn't get

to see you.
Love,
Clay Armstrong,
Dear Saint Nick,
Please bring me a Cuby Cathy

and a bat and ball and some dishes.
es.
Saint Nic., please bring my sis- ters and other little and big boys and girls some toys.
Love,
Jeane Hamilton



It's time again to wish our good friends all the enchantment, every excitement and wonder that the Christmas Season can bring... and to express our sincere appreciation!

Hunter Gin

TED STRANGE, Manager



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

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Merry Christmas

To our many good friends and customers we would like to extend the greetings of the Season and our warmest appreciation for your valued patronage.

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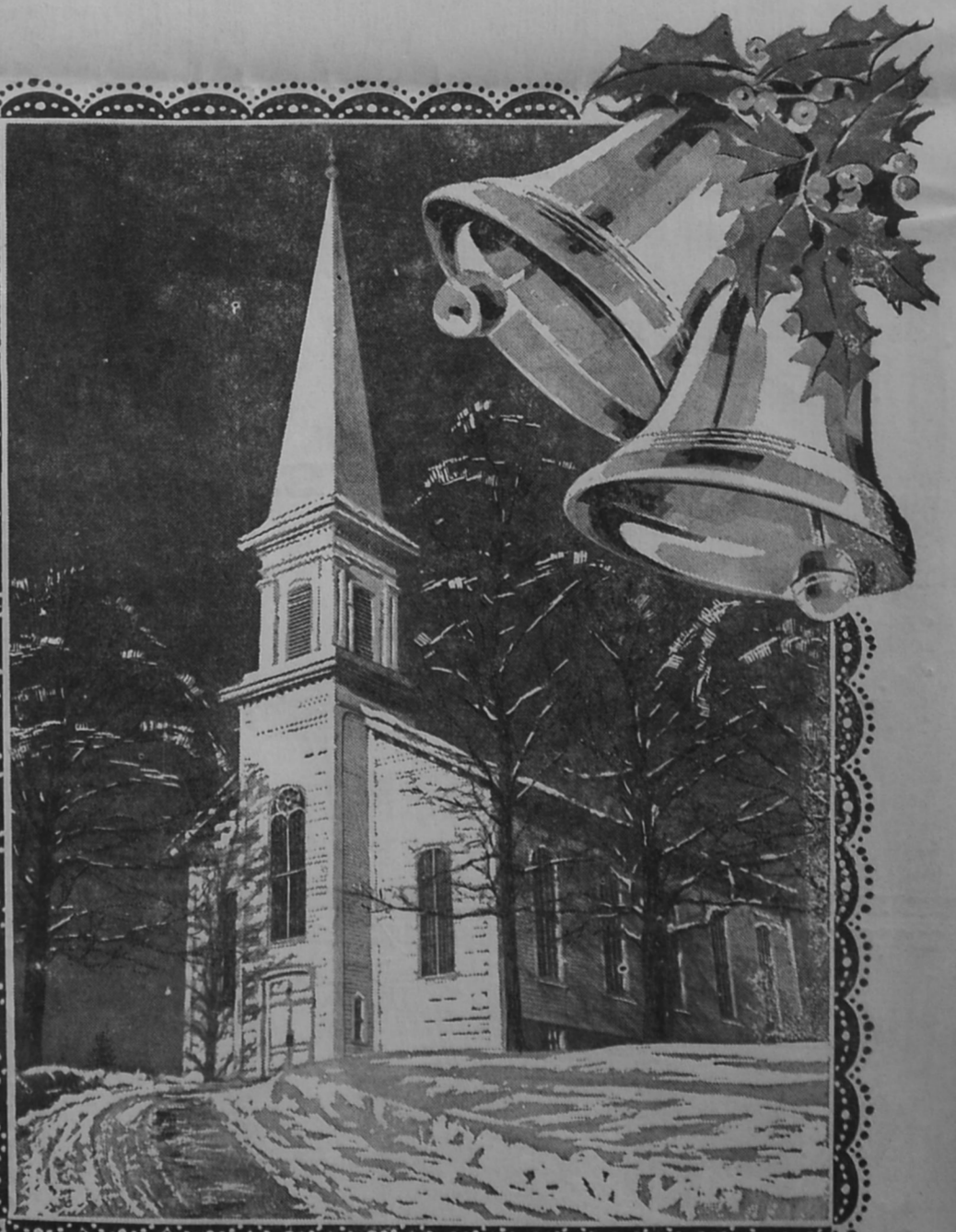
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Presley



Silent Night

May the joy and peace of this Holy season be yours...

Chem-Tex Farm Supply



In the happy spirit of the Christmas season, we send sincerest greetings to our loyal friends and customers, with hearty thanks for their patronage.

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D. C. Virginia Sam Charlie Mack



CHRISTMAS SCENE — December means winter . . . and winter means such picturesque scenes as this one made in northern Wisconsin. The handsome birch fence and the brilliant white snow combine to make a typically restful Christmas scene.

Plan Your Outdoor Decorations To Protect Evergreens

In decorating the shrubs around your home, which is becoming a more popular Christmas custom every year, plan your decorations carefully so you will not injure valuable evergreens.

Tree experts report that many home owners are giving their evergreens a hot foot with overly-powerful Christmas lights.

These experts advise against using light bulbs stronger than 15-watts. They are bright, but do not generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.

Even when using small bulbs however it is wise to inspect the lights every day or so. If the foliage is turning brown in the vicinity of the lights, then the lights should be moved.

It takes many years to grow beautiful shrubbery and even an outstanding light display at Christmas time is not worth marring valuable evergreens that can be a source of beauty all year long.

Safe Toys

Be sure this year that all the toys you give children, or your children receive, are safe. If they are electrical be sure they carry an inspection label.

Also take care in giving and receiving toys requiring alcohol, kerosene, gasoline, or carbide lamps. They may be hazardous in juvenile hands.

ON STAGE FOR YULE

Theatre in England began with Christmas plays. The first British comedy was written for a Yule celebration, and the earliest tragedy, "Gorbuduc," was performed at Christmas, 1561.



THE NATIVITY. Page from a medieval Book of Hours shows the Nativity scene as illustrated and illuminated by the Limbourg brothers, famous illuminators. Books of Hours, or "Belles Heures," are hand-lettered and individually-illustrated prayerbooks intended for private devotions. This one was prepared for Jean, Duke of Berry, sometime before 1413. From The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Cloisters Collection, purchase, 1954.



IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY—One of the most impressive Nativity scenes in the world is the one above which is located in Rome. So skillfully carved from stone the figures seem to come alive under the effective lighting.

Old Customs Live

Christmas in the United States reflects a heritage of customs from many lands and times. Trees, candles, bells, carols and other well-loved traditions came like the people of the U.S. from other countries. In many communities, people still celebrate Christmas as their ancestors did.

The U. S. has made its contributions to Christmas customs around the world, too. Santa Claus, bearded and red-suited, was first personified in "The Night Before Christmas" by Dr. Clement Moore. Street decorations, Santas in stores, and special store displays of gifts are U. S. ideas that have been adopted on a global scale.

Legends Vary About First Christmas Tree

There are many legends about decorating the Christmas tree. One dates back to Boniface, who as England's missionary to Germany in the 8th century, "replaced the sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak to a fir tree adorned in tribute to the Christ child".

Others say that the tree and its candles should be attributed to Luther. Another says the practice dates to the Teutonic practice of bringing trees into homes to appease the god-like spirits that were believed to inhabit forest timbers.

But there is a legend more beautiful than all the rest. According to it, when Christ was born a group of stars looked down upon an olive tree, a date palm and a pine tree which stood over the manger.

Seeing that the pine had nothing to offer in His honor while the others gave fruit and dates, they descended from the heavens to rest upon the pine's boughs as an offering—and that was the first Christmas tree.

INSPIRED BY MAGI

Gian Carlo Menotti's opera, "Ammahl and the Night Visitors," was inspired by the story of the Three Kings of Orient.



CHRISTMAS PACKAGES—It took a lot of time, care and patience to produce these beautiful Christmas packages. The ribbon and paper that went into the wrapping was first started in production three years ago. Most companies that produce this type of gift material must work several years in advance.

Novel Ornaments

Adorn Far Lands

It is customary among the Czech and Slovaks, say the editors of The Encyclopedia Americana, to break a branch off a cherry tree at the beginning of Advent, place it in a pot of water in the kitchen and keep it in the warm air. The

twig is then supposed to burst into blossom at Christmas time and make a festive decoration.

The Christmas festival in China, is Sheng Dan Jieh, the Holy Birth Festival. Paper decorations and evergreens adorn churches and homes. The Christmas tree is decorated with paper flowers, colored paper chains and cotton snowflakes.

Merry Christmas

Time for holiday fixin', for lights on the tree . . . for our good wishes to you . . . as warm as good wishes can be!

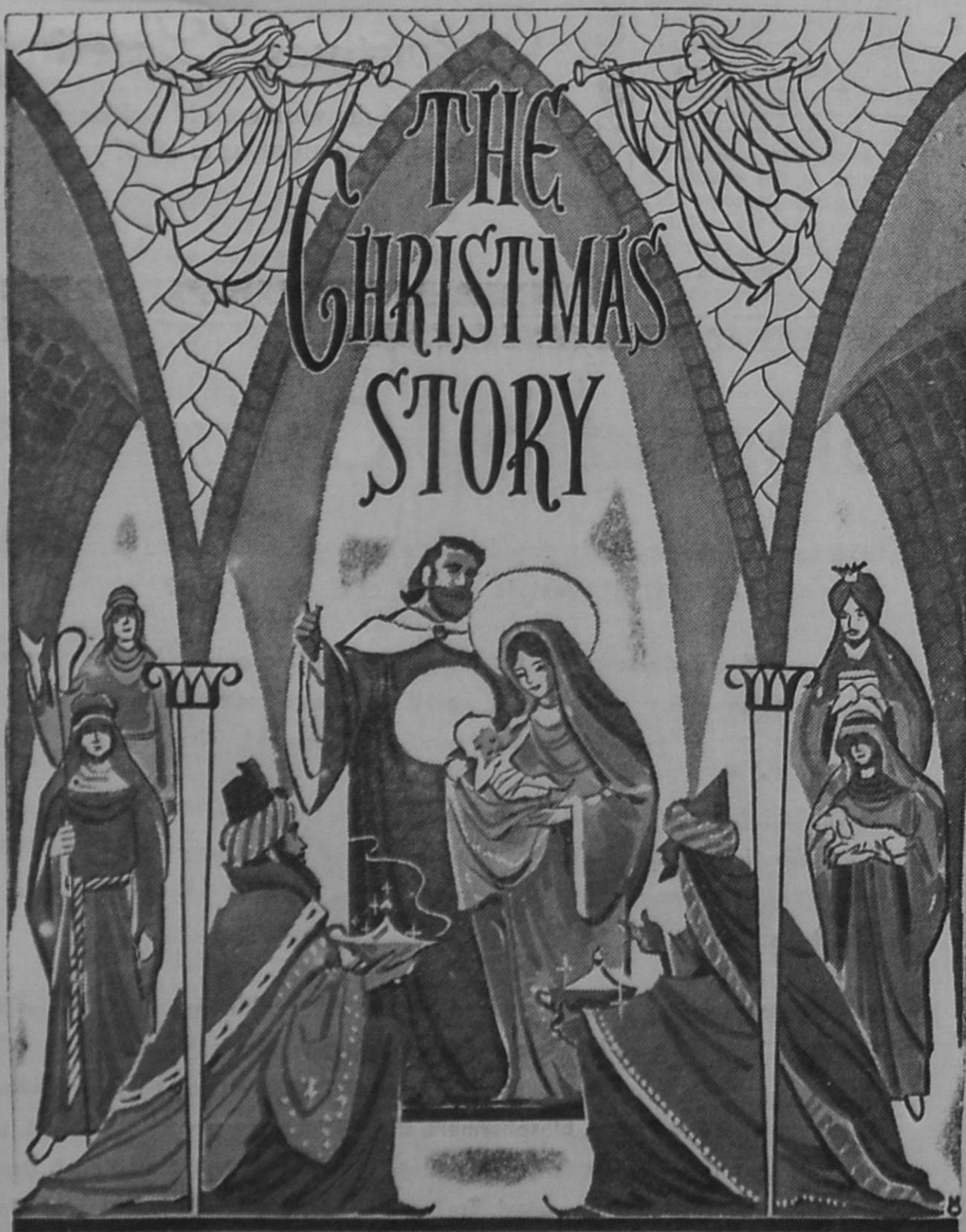
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Merry Christmas

With Best Wishes for this Season of Good Cheer.



Once again we pause to observe, and gather new inspiration from the age-old story . . . the birth of our Saviour . . . and His divine, eternal presence. May every joy and blessing of this Holy Season come to you and your loved ones, bringing peace and happiness . . . making spirits bright!

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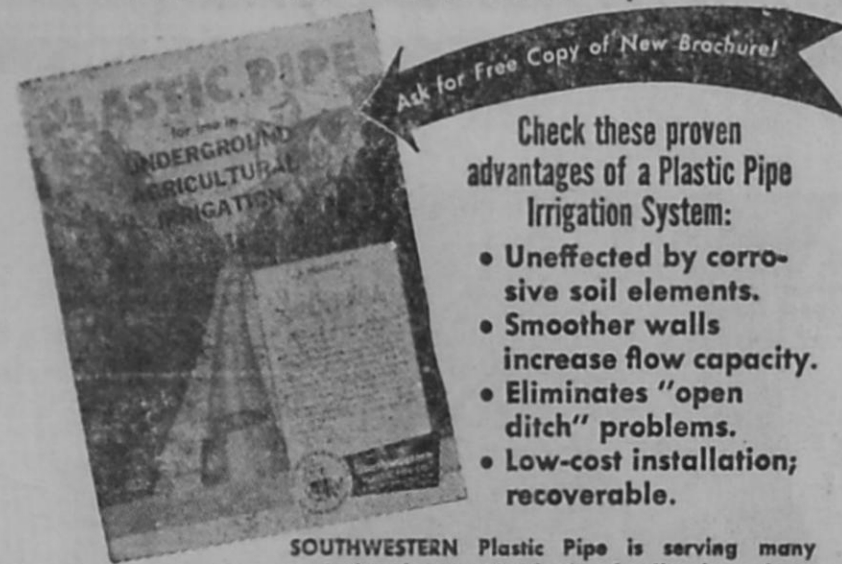
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Santa Claus Letter

Dear Santa Claus,
My brothers Lonnie wants a Push Cart, and I want a Baby Cary We love you
From Lonnie and Annie Mae

are you the "Toast"



of Your Party Line?

You won't have to ask yourself that question if you follow these four steps:

- 1 Use the line sparingly
- 2 Keep calls reasonably brief
- 3 Space calls fairly
- 4 Hang up the receiver carefully

Yes, follow these steps and you will always be the toast of your telephone party line.

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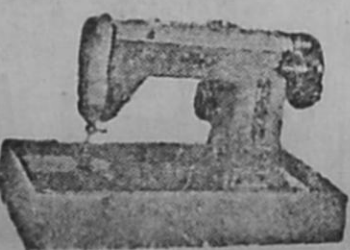
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SUGAR BEETS grow big in Castro County. These sugar beets held by (left to right) Bob McLean, Calvin Lippard, and Doyle Herring were grown 15 miles south of town. These were experimental beets grown to see if they would survive the winter, here, Lippard who grew the beets on his farm said, "they were planted on September 20, 1961 and survived a very severe winter." The beets weigh about 7 pounds apiece without their tops and 9 pounds each with the tops. Since the sugar beet acreage allotment has been granted, county farmers will be harvesting such beets. —Staff Photo

'Operation Deathwatch'

(Continued from page 1)
pecially alert during this period and enjoy safe holiday travel over our fine highway system.

Garrison noted that the DPS motorcade estimates for the past 17 Christmas-New Year periods totaled 1,592, and that the actual number of '1961, 1961' was 1,661. The combined estimate was 25 or 1.57 per cent above the actual total.

"But we always hope we are wrong—that we have estimated too high," he said, "and we are calling upon the driving public to help us bring the toll of death and suffering far below the estimate during the coming holiday season."

A review of the factors involved in fatal traffic crashes during the last Christmas-New Year period indicates excessive speed figured in 29.8 per cent of them, at least one driver had been drinking in 26.9 per cent, and a pedestrian violation was involved in 11.5 per cent.

December 24, Christmas Eve, was the most deadly day, with 23.7 per cent of the holiday motorcides occurring on that day.

In the past 11 months, Castro County Highway patrol reports four fatal accidents with seven people killed in the county. "Let's make this Christmas, a happy holiday by driving carefully," says Patrolmen Carter and Snider.

Hart Sewage

(Continued from page 1)
that the City of Hart, Texas, has applied for a permit to install waste disposal facilities and facilities which also will be used for a city dump for public purposes, to be located on the West One-half (W-2) of the Southwest one-quarter (SW-4) of the Southwest quarter (SW-4) of Section No. 27, Block S-2, EL&RR RR Company Survey in Castro County, Texas.

This proposed location of waste disposal facilities is on Running Water Draw and its tributaries. Running Water Draw comes through Plainview, Texas. We, at the Plainview Chamber of Commerce oppose the installation of any waste disposal system on Running Water Draw or any of its tributaries. We do this for three reasons:

- (1) That there are many water holes along this draw which will be polluted from such an installation;
- (2) That an installation such as this will pollute the fresh underground supply of water; and
- (3) We understand that the City of Hart is proposing to use this property for a City Dump grounds, which we feel would pollute the water coming down the Running Water Draw.

We strongly urge you to deny this permit for we feel there are other locations available for the City of Hart to dispose of the sewage which would not be nearly so detrimental as this location would be to the City of Plainview. The City of Dimmitt, Texas, ten

According to the report, there were 25 personal injury accidents with 45 injuries in the county. A total of 60 property damage accidents were recorded. The total amount of accidents during this period has been 89. There has been \$61,308 recorded for damages.

miles northwest of Hart and also in Castro County, uses a lake approximately two miles northeast of their city limits for sewage disposal and dump ground purposes. A very similar situation to Dimmitt's can be found in and around Hart, Texas and would thereby not damage the future of Running Water Draw by pollution.

Yours very truly,
J. B. Wheeler, President

The above letter shows some of the type of opposition, Hart city officials had to contest. The city of Plainview is presently discharging a large amount of untreated wastes each day into Running Water Draw by pollution.

tendent Paul Kennedy showed the desperate need of a sewage disposal by Hart. He said, "the school with 554 students, has only cess pools, dug all over the school grounds, and that a while back one of the 30-foot pits broke through when a child was standing near it.



Castro Lodge AF & AM 879, Regular meeting 3rd Monday, Practice every Thursday, Cliff Cook, Worshipful Master, Boyce Carter, secretary.



MERRY CHRISTMAS To You!

Christmas comes but once a year...and always such a happy time for all of us to wish all of you and your families every Christmas joy!

Dimmitt Upholstry & Garage

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Christmas Greetings

... of the warmest, old-fashioned kind, from all of us to all of you!

POOL'S DAIRY MART

Ray Pool, Rob Thurman and Employees

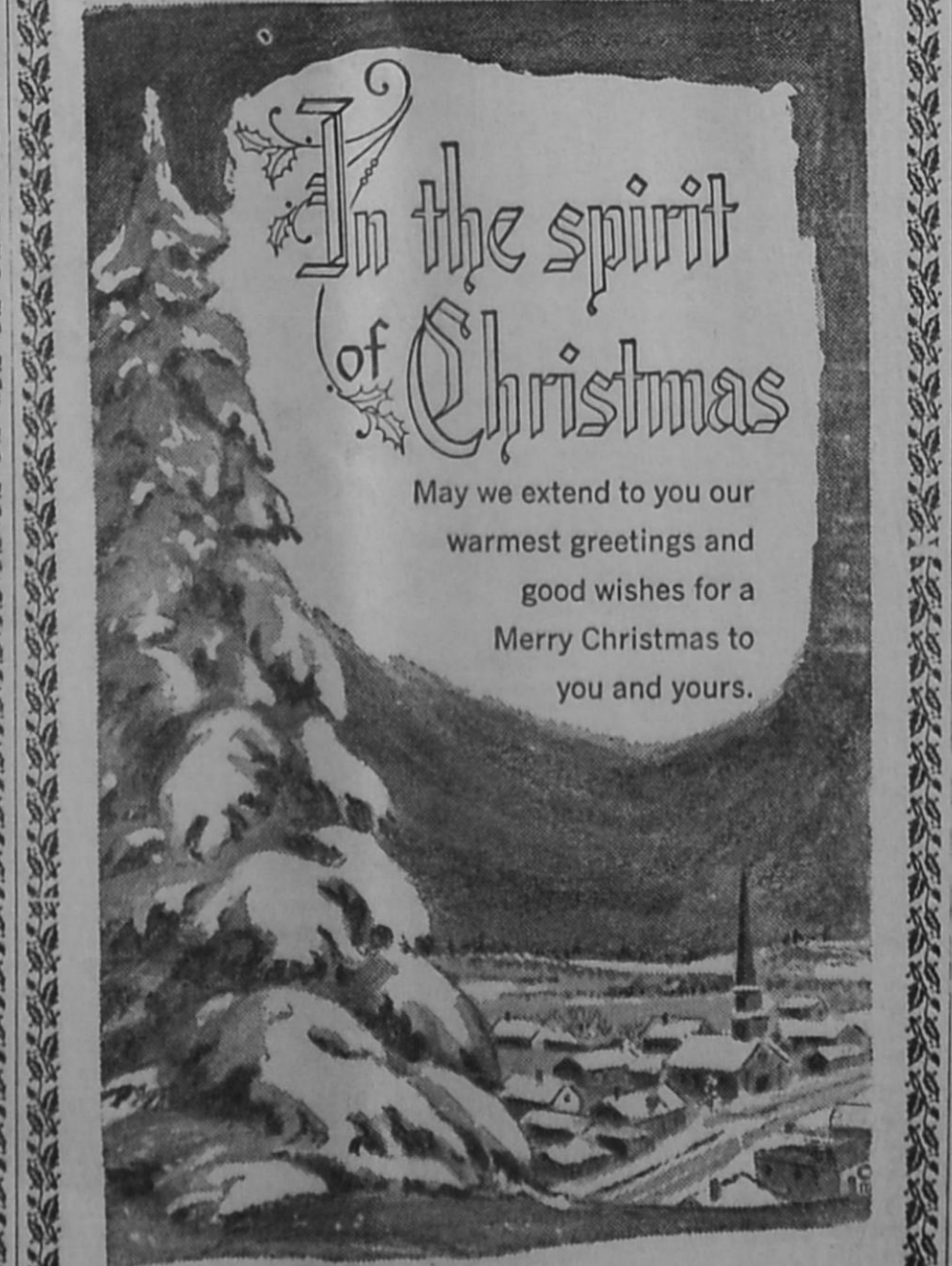


Noel, Noel

Let the joyful sound of bells ring out our sincere best wishes to all our friends, for a very Merry Christmas!

FROEHNER'S VARIETY

George, Robert, Evie and Nolan



In the spirit of Christmas

May we extend to you our warmest greetings and good wishes for a Merry Christmas to you and yours.

F & W WELDING

O. B. C. G. Bubble

Blessed by Christmas

GOD so loved the world He gave His only son - yet, what do we give to God? What do we do for God? What do we think of His Son, Christ?

LIFE upon this Earth seems so very long while lasting only a few short years. Life seems so trying yet, so much we all are blessed with. Unto whom is our debt of life? And do we all account our injuries towards Him?

IS Christ into your heart as a mockery or does He live within for your salvation? Who is your God? What is your God? And is God your God? For Christ is His Son and through His Son do we have the Mass of Christ which to us is Christmas..

THE life to follow Christ is determined by your will. And the way of Christ is life. For if we be dead with Him, we shall live with Him. Know this also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away.

LET me turn unto all of you. Let me wish all of my friends and wish all my neighbors and wish all those who dislike me, envy me, hate me, all those who surround me, friend or foe; I do wish a most enjoyable Christmas and wish all a bright and wonderful New Year with the Blessing of Christ on Each of all. For truly, we are all of One.

Red Hill
Painting Contractor
Dimmitt, Texas

Warm Wishes for Christmas



May your home be filled with boundless happiness.

The North Gin

BILL BIRDWELL, Manager

YULE ENDS IN SAFE BLAZE
 Christmas can come to an end in a glory—and a safe one, too. Custom sets a date for the disposal of the tree by burning it on January 6, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, or Epiphany—traditionally the night when the Three Wise Men, or Magi, made their visit to the Christ Child in Bethlehem. The modern world, reviving the Twelfth Night custom of bonfires for disposing of the tree and other greenery, combines the safety factor with community spirit and fun. Twelfth Night custom of bonfires for disposing of the tree and

other greenery, combines the safety factor with community spirit and fun. Twelfth Night celebrations are planned in many communities in public parks for neighborhood groups. It's a great night for the kids and their parents. Children bring the trees to the park, or the town collects them. On Twelfth Night everyone gathers around the bonfire of trees and greenery to sing carols.

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Bells ringing,
 carol-singing tell
 the joys of Christmas.

We wish you all
 the best of a merry season,
 with warm thanks for
 your good will.

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"THE MADONNA AND CHILD ENTHRONED" is a 15th century representation of a favorite subject for artists. Painted in tempera on wood, it is the work of Fra Filippo Lippi, a Florentine who is known for his use of color and graceful line. From The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Jules S. Bach Collection, 1949.

PICK YULE TREE

That Fits Your Holiday Plan

Pick the Christmas tree to suit your holiday plan. If you intend to keep the tree for only a few days, the Norway spruce has the traditional shape and good color and is perhaps your best buy. Its one failing is that it sheds its needles fairly soon. Longer-lasting, but more expensive are the balsam fir, Douglas fir and any of the long-needled pines. Whichever tree you buy, make sure it is fresh and not tinder-box dry. Tree experts say to merely feel the twigs and needles as a test. If they're dry and brittle, look at another tree. If you're not quite sure about the touch test, bang the tree butt on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you the tree is dangerously dry. For general attractiveness and quality, select the tree that has pyramidal shape branches that come well down to the base and abundant and attractive foliage. This applies to all Yuletide trees for ornamentation—spruce, fir or pine.

Joseph Proved His Great Love For All Time

In the long history of humanity there have been many love stories. The literature of the world is full of them. But none approach that of Joseph and Mary!

When Joseph and Mary were espoused—as we would say engaged—Joseph was considered an old man and Mary a young girl.

He was even thought of as being older than he actually was, because Joseph was a sedate, careful man who enjoyed the conversation and companionship of a group of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasure. And he was a religious man, too.

He was very much in love with Mary and he longed for his wedding day. And then Mary told him what had come to pass.

Here is where the great love Joseph had for Mary was proven to all mankind for all time.

What was he to think? Such things just didn't happen. He wanted desperately to believe, but at first he could not. He only knew that he would never make a public example of her. And even this would mean much criticism of him.

Yet he was determined that he would protect Mary and the unborn child. He must have suffered great mental anguish as he thought about what he must do and how he would accomplish it. And he prayed!

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him and took Mary as his wife.

There has never been such a great display of trust, faith and love.

Lighting Candles

Candles at Christmas symbolize the coming of Christ as the Light of the World. Since earliest times, man has used lights — torches, watchfires, beacons — on occasions of joyous celebration.

Custom of placing a candle in the window on Christmas Eve is usually attributed to the Irish. It was thought that Christ wandered the Earth on that night, and a candle would show Him a home where He was welcome, or help to light Him on his way.



Christmas Prayer

Almighty God, Who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy Children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

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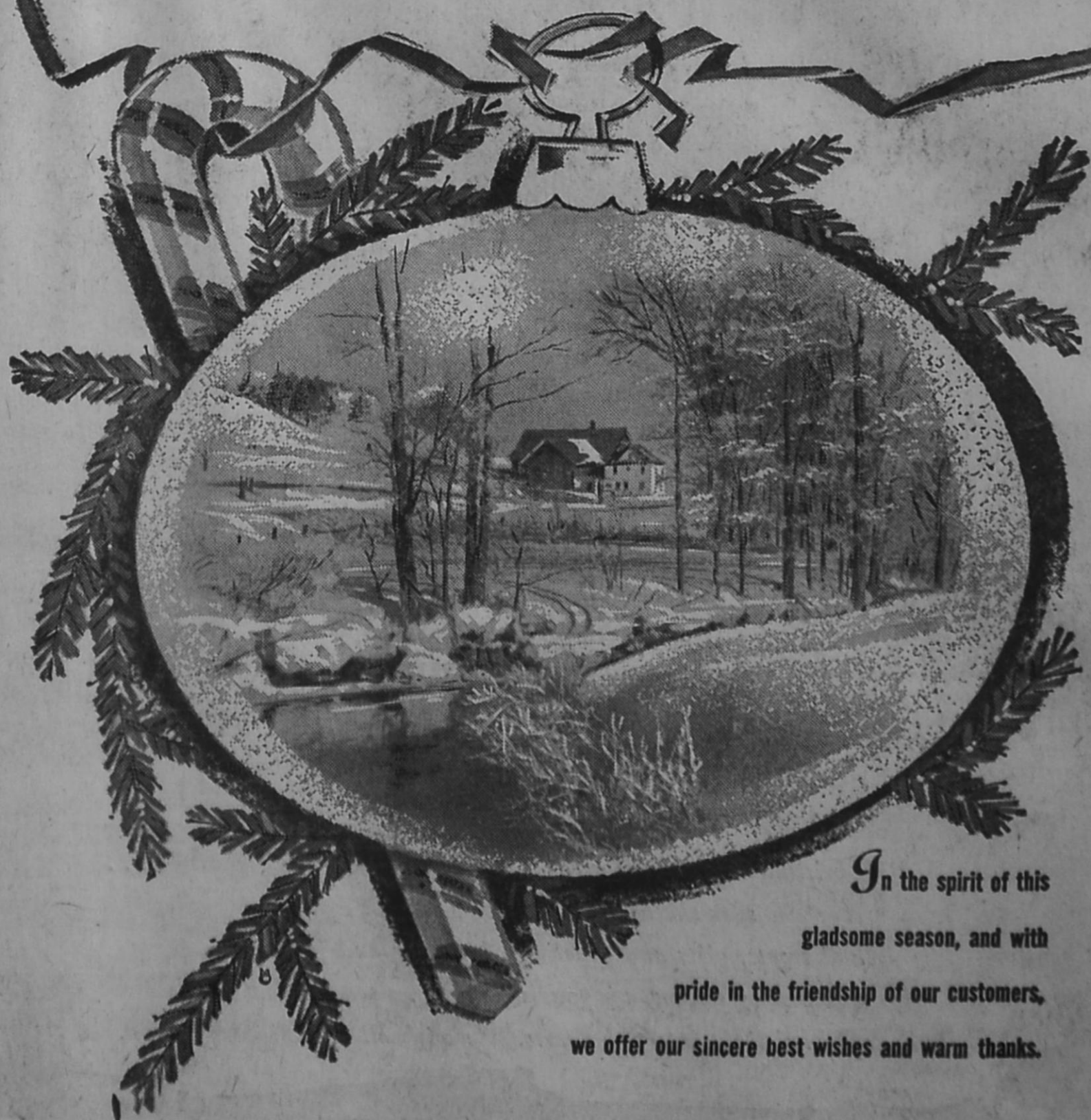
Silent Night

As on that holy night when Christ was born, the joyous message of His birth re-echoes throughout the busy world, filling every heart with peace and good will. May this true Christmas spirit enrich your life and the lives of your loved ones.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



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 we offer our sincere best wishes and warm thanks.

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 ESTER, IRENE, ANGIE

Little But Legend Known About Visit of Wise Men

Many legends have developed around the visit of the three wise men to adore the Infant Jesus. Even their number is legendary.

St. Matthew, the only book in the New Testament that refers to the visit, reports that wise men came from the east, without stating how many there were.

It was not until later, in a legend which can be traced back to the second century, that they were called "kings," according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

In even later times, they were distinguished as Melchior, Gaspar or Caspar, and Balthasar.

The magic originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices and derived a strong interest in astrology, demonology and magic.

By the time it reached the Graeco-Roman world, it was practically identical, in the popular view, with

Berries Brighten

The bright red berries of the Christmasberry, an evergreen shrub native to California, are widely used as Christmas decorations.

This shrub, with its thick, dark green leaves, can grow to a height of 15 feet, The Encyclopedia Americana says.

Its flowers are white, its berries yellow or bright red. The Christmasberry is often known as the toyon.

astrology and magic. This explains the use of the term "wise men" by St. Matthew, since they were astrologers.

Santa Sets Up Shop Far From Home

Thousands of children actually get to see Santa at work every year. And they don't even have to travel to the North Pole!

The lucky youngsters are visitors to two "outposts" of Santa's workshop, located in Wilmington, N.Y., and Torrington, Conn. In either location, visitors may view Santa and his helpers as they make toys and other gifts.

"Santa's Workshop" or "North Pole," on the side of Whiteface Mountain at Wilmington, opens in June and continues operations until November. Eight reindeer are among the live animals present in the village.

Connecticut's "Christmas Village" is open for two weeks before Christmas. Here, elves help Santa, and reindeer-replicas include the red-nosed Rudolph.

In both villages the religious meaning of Christmas is well remembered and represented, with beautiful Nativity scenes illuminated by a lighted star.

Manger Once Pagan Site

Gathered in the Church of the Nativity, thousands of Christians from around the world will worship in Bethlehem this Christmas. A highlight of their pilgrimage is, for most, a visit to Grotto of the Nativity — traditionally, at least, the manger where Christ was born.

Opposition to Christianity in the first years of the new religion actually led to the preservation of the manger—an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

The Roman emperor Hadrian, who ruled from 117 to 138 A.D., sought to halt the fast spread of Christianity, and he had the cave converted to a grotto for the worship of the pagan god Appolo. The very fact that the cave was marked, though for pagan purposes, helped to preserve knowledge of the site of the Nativity.

Later a silver star was set in the stone floor of the cave, and since 1873 each regime to rule Bethlehem — now a part of Jordan — has posted night and day guard over the star.

From Quebec?

"Angels We Have Heard on High" is a French Carol, although some sources say that it originated not in France but in Quebec, Canada.

Marzipan Has Sweet Story

Sweet is the history of marzipan, a confection that is usually thought of as a Christmas candy. Today, it is still being made with the same kind of ingredients as those used hundreds of years ago.

It consists of freshly ground almonds made into a paste, whole eggs or whites of eggs, sugar, syrup and flavoring. Sometimes honey is added.

There are many legends concerning the word, "marzipan," says the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery institute.

One old tale attributes it to the bread eaten by St. Mark in the desert — "Marci panis," the bread of Marcus.

Records show that Bartolomeo Scappi, secret cook to Pope Pius V, made marzipan with the ingredients now found in modern recipes for the candy.

Evergreen Still Tops as Tree

Nowadays Christmas trees are made out of almost everything, from aluminum to plastic — but the world's favorite Christmas tree is still the evergreen.

Many legends explain how the evergreen became associated with Christianity and Christmas. One is the story of St. Wilfred, according to The Book of Knowledge.

Speaking to a group of converts, the saint sought to illustrate how they had broken away from the heathen worship of the Druids.

He chopped down a giant tree—an oak, since this kind of tree was one of the chief objects of Druid worship. As it fell with a crash, it split into four pieces. From the center a young fir tree sprouted.

St. Wilfred told the converts that the fir should from then on serve as their "holy tree."

"It is the sign of an endless life," he said, "for all its leaves are evergreen, and it points toward heaven. It is the wood of peace, for all

your houses are built of the fir. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child; gather about it, not in the wildwood, but in your homes."

Where "Xmas" Began

"Xmas," now generally considered poor usage as an abbreviation for Christmas, was often used as a holy symbol in the early Christian church. "X," in Greek, is the first letter of Christ's name.

Kisses Are Numbered By Mistletoe Berries

Mistletoe figures in many legends from pre-Christian times. Druid tree-worshippers believed it had magical power of healing. Romans thought that enemies who met beneath the mistletoe must kiss and declare a day's truce.

Today, kissing beneath the mistletoe remains a pappy holiday custom. Correct procedure is that a

berry must be removed for every kiss taken, and when all the berries are gone, there are no more kisses available.

"Herald Angles Sing"

Charles Wesley, who during his lifetime (1707-1788) wrote hundreds of hymns, was inspired to write "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" as he walked to church on Christmas day and heard the London church bells chime.



From all of us to all of you...with hearty

good wishes for the holiday season, and

with warm appreciation for the privilege of

servng you, now and in the years to come.

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GREETINGS

of the Christmas Season

Christmas! The word awakens a host of happy expectations...

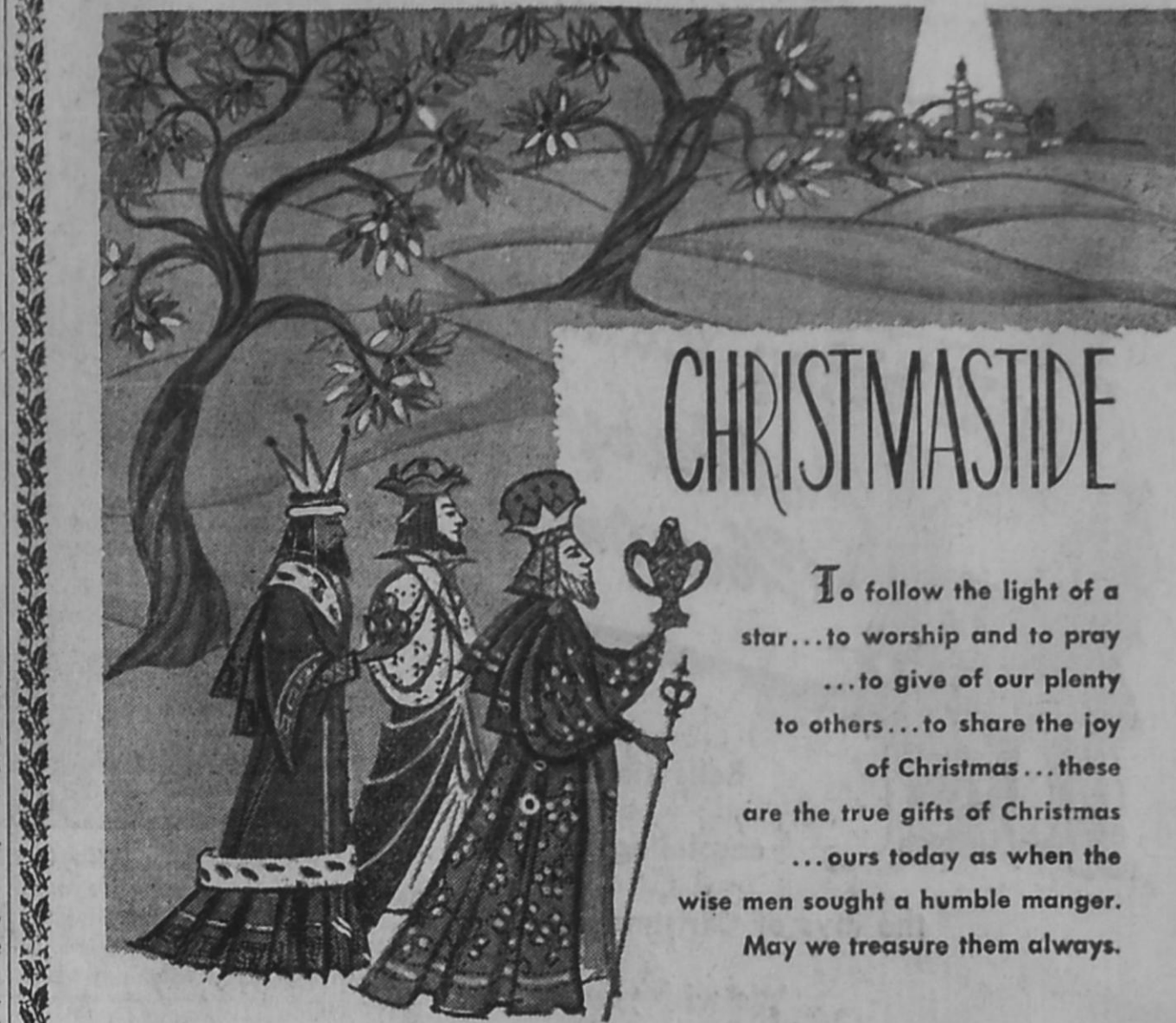
stirs the imagination with visions of turkey

and treats, gifts and greetings, laughter and friendship. It's a

sparkling season, a joyous season... a season that beams a

spiritual light into our hearts. We wish all its delights for you.

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To follow the light of a star...to worship and to pray

...to give of our plenty

to others...to share the joy

of Christmas...these

are the true gifts of Christmas

...ours today as when the

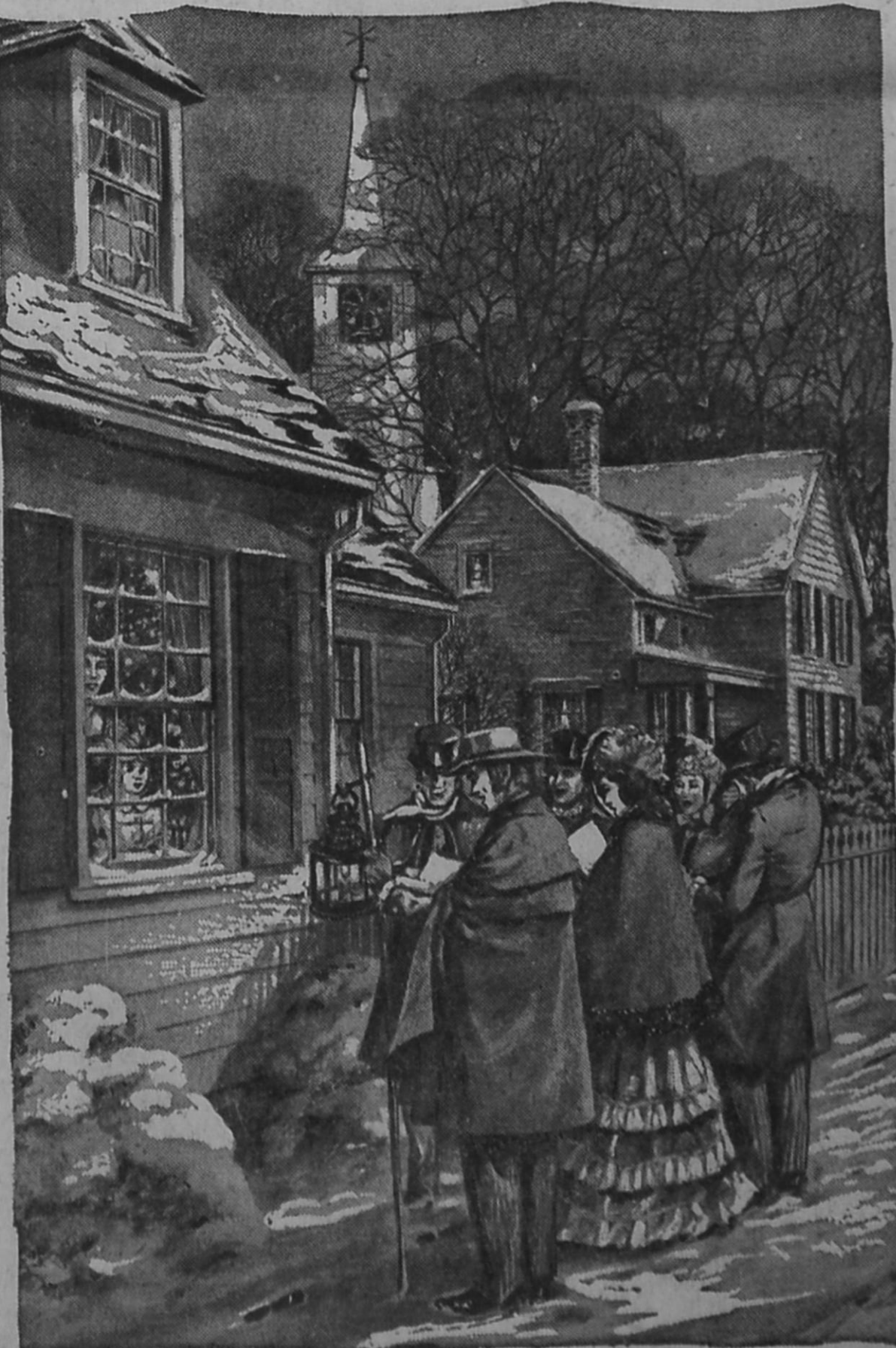
wise men sought a humble manger.

May we treasure them always.

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Wishing you all the festive pleasures and merry companionship of the holiday season. It's wonderful

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Joy and Reverence Mark Holy Season

HOLY SEASON

Candlelight and music, pageants and prayers fill churches everywhere as Christians celebrate at special services, the birth of Christ. The joy and wonder of Christmas, with its message of new life, hope and promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men," finds expression many ways.

In choirs singing the praises of the Babe of Bethlehem, in scenes symbolizing the birth of a Child in a manger, in the gleam of candles reflecting the light of a Star, in the sound of voices raised in carols gathered from around the world and showing the true brotherhood of man, Christmas in all its beauty and glory goes out to hearts young and old.

"Christes Masse"
To Western Christian believers, December 25 carries all the deep religious meaning appropriate to the anniversary of the birth of Christ. As the date for the celebration of "Christes Masse" the Mass of Christ, it was selected some centuries after the Nativity—selected from a number of possible dates, among them January 6, March 21, March 29, April 19, May 20, September 29 and November 17.

In some Eastern Orthodox churches, Holy Night comes on January 6 Christmas Day on January 7. The Armenian church celebrates Christmas on January 19.

Generally, researchers are agreed that the correct date and year of Christ's birth are lost in the past, although some tentative conclusions can be drawn. Since it is the meaning of the day that counts, the date that has for centuries symbolized the coming of

the Saviour will undoubtedly continue its holy significance in Christendom.

To those who like to ponder on the world as it was when the Infant Jesus was born, and on the growth of Christianity, some delving into the researches about Christmas can be a rewarding experience. Any tendency to take Christmas for granted disappears in the fascinating study of the early Christian church and its growth in the face of resistance.

A comparison of Biblical references with archaeological and historical researches discloses that Christ was probably born before 4 B. C. — in other words, the present year is not 1962 of the Christian era but at least 1966.

Evidence to support this relates to the reign and death of Herod. An eclipse of the moon in 4 B. C., which coincided with a Jewish religious festival, has helped historians to fix the death of Herod at about this time — and when he died, according to the New Testament, the young Jesus, Joseph and Mary were living in Egypt.

Date for Taxes
That the birth of Christ may have occurred as early as 7 B.C. is deduced from archaeological discoveries indicating that one of three major tax collections in the reign of Augustus Caesar may have taken place then.

Selection of December 25 as the birth date of Christ may have been an effort on the part of early Christian leaders to counteract the pagan appeal of the Roman Saturnalia, a festival held at the turning of the year.

Re-Creating The Nativity

Re-creating the Nativity Scene at Christmas, with Mary, Joseph, the Infant Jesus and the animals of the manger, originated, many scholars believe, with St. Francis of Assisi on Christmas Eve 1223 in the little mountain town of Greccio, Italy.

Wishing to dramatize the birth of Christ for his parishioners, St. Francis and his helpers set up a realistic representation of the manger scene.

Bells

Ringling bells in churches, for solemn and glad ceremonial occasions, goes back to about 7 A.D.

In early Britain church bells tolled for an hour on Christmas Eve, announcing to Satan the coming of Christ. At midnight, joyous peals heralded Christ's birth.

Yule Is Time For Customs

As the world grows smaller, Christmas observances in different countries grow more similar. Santa Claus in red suit and white beard drives his reindeer-drawn sleigh to North, Central and South America and to many other countries as well.

In fact, when the first explorer lands on Mars, he shouldn't be too surprised to discover that Santa, and even Rudolph, got there first. Sharing of Christmas customs,

however, only serves to point up the fact that this is a holiday for everyone, and a holiday which draws ideas from all lands and times, uniting them in both religious and secular observances of the season.

In Mexico

Celebrating the posada is a Mexican custom focused on the Nativity.

"Posada" means "lodging" or "inn," and for the nine "posada" days from December 16 to 25, churches, hotels, social groups and families throughout Mexico act out the story of the Nativity.

A procession of pilgrims comes to the place where the celebration is scheduled. They carry clay fi-

gures of Mary and Joseph, and they seek shelter from the "innkeepers" within.

At first the innkeepers refuse, then they admit the pilgrims to feast and rejoice. Figures representing Mary and Joseph are placed in a replica of the manger. On Christmas Eve, the figure representing Jesus is added.

In Holland

Gift-giving season in Holland traditionally begins on December 5 and is called "Strooivand" or "strewing night." Children place their shoes by the fireplace, filled with carrots and hay for St. Nicholas' horse — in the expectation that on the morrow the shoes will contain candy, fruits and toys.

In Scotland

Christmas feast favorites in Scotland include shortbread a rich cake or cookie, and haggis, a kind of pudding. New Year's Eve, or Hogmanay, is the principal day for gifts and greetings when children go singing from house to house, in hopes of a treat. New Year's visits are paid — and it's customary for the visitor to bring along a pocketful of coal.

In Portugal

Christmas is the occasion for a family celebration among the Portuguese. Families gather on Christmas Eve for dinner at the home of the oldest living relative. After the children have gone to bed, a crib or creche is placed

before the fireplace, and around it are grouped the children's shoes, which serve the same function as Christmas stockings.

In Brazil

Papa Noel makes the Christmas Eve rounds in Brazil, in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. He trims the trees with popcorn and bits of cotton — to make up for the snow that never falls. Since Christmas weather in Brazil is summery, picnics and boating excursions are part of the celebration.

In Germany

Many modern Christmas customs come from Germany, including, appropriately, gift-giving season in West Germany today starts at

Christmas bonuses are distributed on December 1.

Writing Carols

Men from many walks of life have contributed to the Christmas chorus of carols. Francis Scott Key was not only a lawyer and the author of the Star Spangled Banner; he also wrote carols. And the comedian, Harpo Marx, authored a carol now sung in many churches, "Guardian Angels."

Star Is Beacon

Near Palmer Lake, Colo., an electrically lighted star on a mountain top is a Christmas season beacon for motorists on highways many miles away.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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carol, happy
as the season
are our good
wishes for
you and yours.



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Sincere goodwishes

for the Holiday Season to all our good friends! We've enjoyed serving you, and want to thank you heartily.

Wishing you all good health, good cheer and every happiness the Holiday can bring!

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Readers Still Loyal to Dickens Favorite

"A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas" was first published at Christmas 1843, and since that time its popularity has never waned.

Generation after generation has laughed and cried over the story of the miserly Scrooge, through the revelations of three spirits—Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come—became a man who "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge."

Charles Dickens, creator of the "Carol," loved it as well as, or perhaps even better than, its many readers did. He told of crying and laughing again and again as, captivated by his story, he wrote the 30,000-word book in six weeks.

When Dickens gave readings from his works in England and America, the story of Scrooge was always the prime favorite with his audiences.

Perhaps the best known part of the story is Christmas dinner at the Cratchits, where Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present observed the family of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, making merry over a simple Christmas dinner, highlighted by a goose—"There never was such a goose"—and a pudding—

In France

In southern France "santons" are better known than Santa. "Santons" are clay replicas of members of the Holy Family, manger animals and saints.

Since the creche, rather than the evergreen tree, is the center of Christmas home decoration in France, the santons play an important part.

"oh, what a wonderful pudding!" And a favorite character is Tiny Tim, the Cratchits' crippled son, to whom the reformed Scrooge became "a second father."

One of the most famous speeches in the English language is, doubtless, Tiny Tim's, at the conclusion of the Christmas feast, "God bless us, every one!"

Decorating Trees

In ancient feast of the winter equinox, trees were adorned with trinkets. Like many pagan customs the evergreen tree became associated with Christian observances, and legends link it to the birth of Christ. One story says that on Christmas Eve, all the trees of the forest bloomed and bore fruit.

"Silent Night"

A broken organ inspired "Silent Night." So that the people of the parish might have a song at Christmas, Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote the carol, and his organist composed the music. It was sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar accompaniment.

Cards Show Changes

Greeting cards for Christmas show, each season, an increase in the number of religious subjects—but this has not always been true. In fact, the earliest Christmas cards often had designs that seemed to have no connection with the holiday.

Instead of Nativity Scenes or symbols of holly and mistletoe, early American Christmas cards of the 19th century were decorated with roses and portraits of young ladies, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Often, plump robins were pictured sitting on tree branches dripping with icicles.

In this early stage pin-up girls were not unusual. Kate Greenway drawings were frequently used, some cards picturing single figures from her drawings, others portraying dancing girls with garlands of flowers.

About 1870, cards were frosted and fringed with heavy silk.

CANDLES GLEAM, BELLS RING, ST. NICK ARRIVES IT'S MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas comes but once a year—and into that magic "once" are packed years and years of well-loved traditions. Candles gleam brightly, bells ring merrily, glad carols fill the air.

Up goes the tree and on go the ornaments and lights, in many a home and in many other places, too, both in and out of doors. Evergreen branches, holly and mistletoe decorate the season.

Children eagerly await Santa Claus, his sleigh and his reindeer. Stockings are hung, and greetings and gifts, gaily wrapped, spread the spirit of Christmas.

How did it all begin? The Manger scene, in churches and homes, testifies to the religious meaning and real beginning of Christmas. To be glad and grateful, to give and to help others are expressions of that meaning.

The legends and customs of the holiday season, however, come from scores of sources, and many ancient festivals have contributed their part to Christmas.

Giving Gifts

First of all Christmas gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh, the wise men's gifts to the Infant Jesus. Gift giving at the season of the year now celebrated as Christmas can also be traced back to pre-Christian times.

The ancient Romans exchanged gifts during their Saturnalia, a festival honoring Saturn, the pagan god of agriculture. Hanging gifts on trees figured in Druid tree worship in early Britain.

Helping Poor

Principles of Christianity are reflected in Christmas giving to the poor and unfortunate. An old legend says that on Christmas Eve the Christ Child roams the earth, dressed as a beggar, in search of food and shelter. People believed that any kindness shown a beggar expressed a love for Jesus.

Singing Carols

Caroling at Christmas may be a carryover from the Roman songs of the Saturnalia, or so some researchers believe. Early Christian songs were solemn and somewhat forbidding. The simple, touching carols best liked today didn't gain widespread popularity until the 14 and 15th centuries.

Package Sorting Leads to Seals

Inspiration for the first Christmas seals came to Einar Holboell, a Danish postal clerk, as he was sorting packages one Christmas season. He envisioned all the packages bearing a special stamp, with the proceeds spent to aid people who suffered from tuberculosis.

The King and many of Denmark's leading citizens endorsed the idea, in 1904. Later, the plan spread to Norway and Sweden, and in 1907 was adopted in the U.S. More than 50 countries now use the seal.

Source of Santa

Origin of Santa Claus as a gift giver is usually traced to a real St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the fourth century A.D. St. Nicholas was renowned for his generosity, and he still retains his role as a gift giver in many countries, arriving on January 6—traditionally the date of the visit of the wise men.

"Adeste Fidelis"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fidelis" may have been written by the 13th century writer but its exact origin is a mystery. There's no secret about its popularity today. It has been translated into 120 languages, and there are more than 40 English versions.

"First Nowell"

First published in English, "The First Nowell" is believed to be primarily a French carol. The French word "Noel" comes from the Latin word meaning birth; "Nowell" is the anglicized version. Both mean Christmas or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ. Tune is a medieval shepherd song.

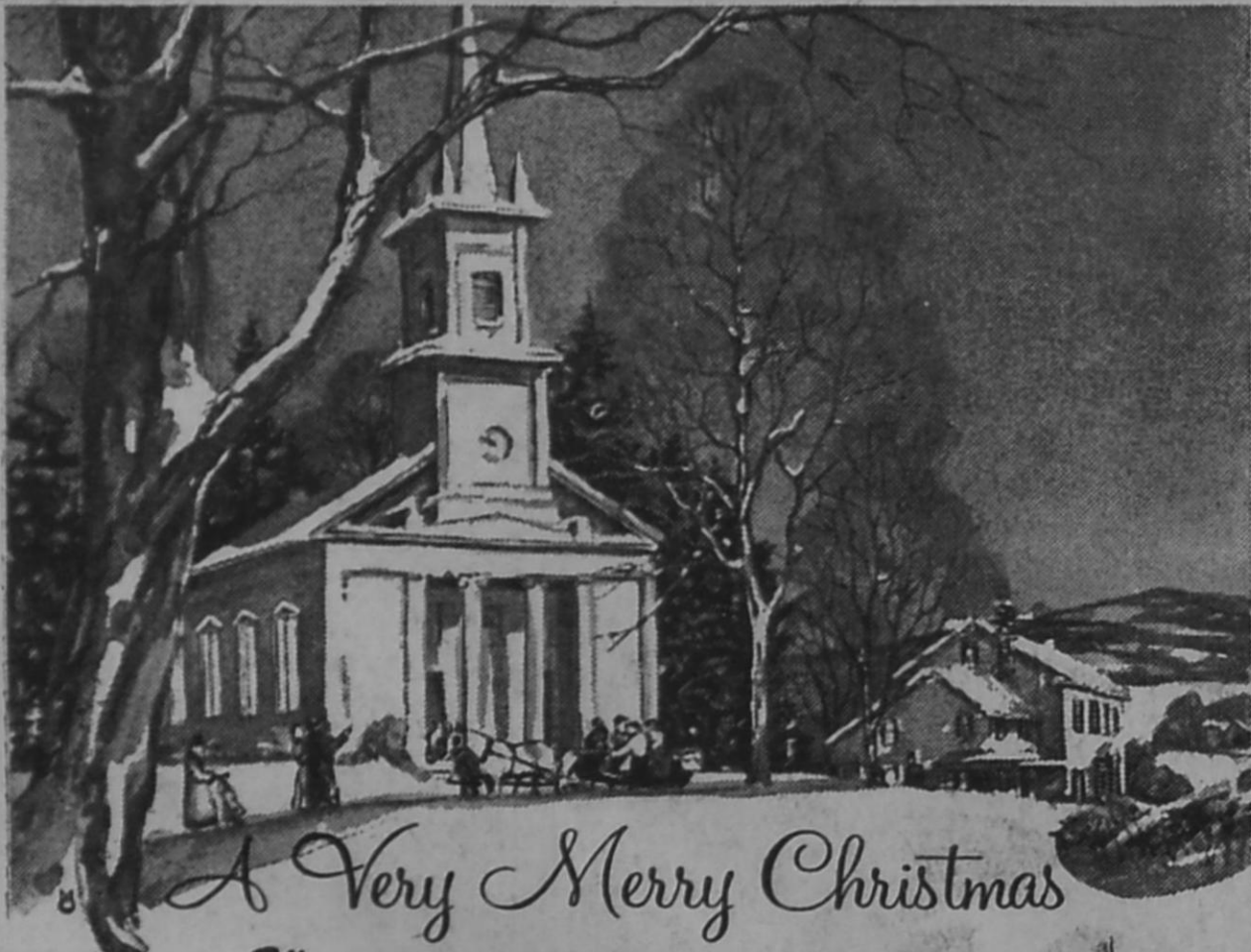
Santa's Elves

The little elves who help Santa in his workshop probably came from the Scandinavian countries. In Norway, Denmark and Sweden, children are told of the "Tomtar," little gray-bearded, elf-like men who hide presents for boys and girls on Christmas Eve.

Tinsel

Tinsel on the Christmas tree began, so legend says, when spiders covered with webs a tree that had been decorated by a mother for her many children.

To reward the woman for her goodness to her children, the Christ Child changed the spider webs to gleaming silver.



A Very Merry Christmas

We take this happy time of year to wish you all the joys of the Holiday Season, and to join all men of good will in a prayer for worldwide peace and understanding. May your Holidays be merry and bright!

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MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION



Best Wishes to You

Once again holiday bells ring out, the air fills with the fragrance of holly and poinsettia and everybody dreams about an old-fashioned white Christmas. As you trim the tree and stuff stockings, we extend best wishes for the merriest Christmas ever!

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At early Christmas celebrations, the most popular "greens" were holly, ivy, mistletoe and rosemary. An old story says that rosemary, emblem of constancy, was endowed with fragrance when Mary placed the Christ Child's garments on his shrub.

It was used at Christmas for many years, especially in England but for some reason lost popularity

as a decoration, about the time of the Victorian era.

"Deck the Halls"

Expressing the merriment of Christmas, "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly" is an English carol set to an old Welsh air. It refers to such ancient traditions as the "blazing Yule" log.



"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

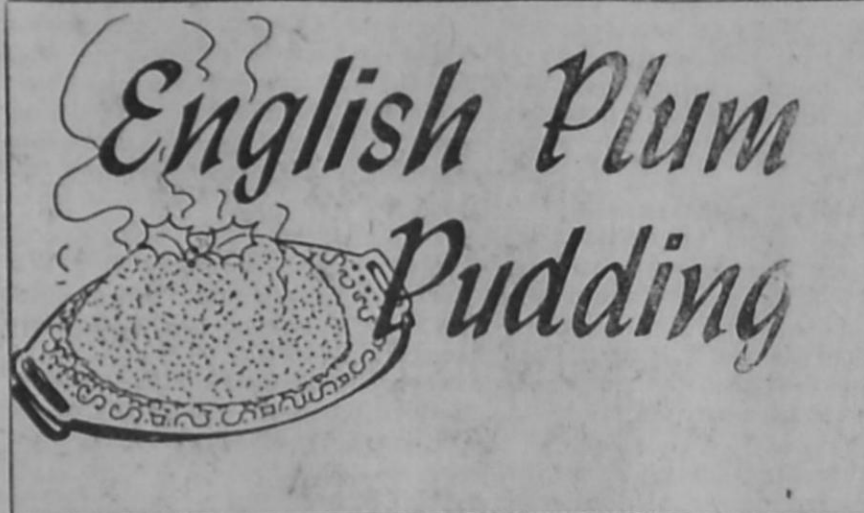


Glad voices sing out...and glad thoughts ring out, with every good wish for a happy, hearty holiday season. We extend our sincerest appreciation to all the wonderful people who have made the past year a most successful one for us.

Wayne's Drive Inn
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DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS—For every little girl in all the world there will be a doll this Christmas. Here Santa puts the finishing touches to a group that will make many children happy during the season.



THERE'S nothing so tempting, so colorful, so tantalizing as a real English plum pudding. For a Christmas celebration they are as much a part of the scene as holly and the Christmas tree. They're not made as often as they were in our grandfather's time, but here is one you'll like to make.

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| 1 pound seeded raisins | 1 pound currants |
| 1/2 pound minced orange peel | 1/2 pound flour |
| 5 eggs | 1 pound stale bread crumbs |
| 1/2 pound brown sugar | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 pound suet chopped fine | 1 teaspoon allspice |
| 1 teaspoon nutmeg | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1/2 teaspoon cloves | Grated rind 1 lemon |
| 1/2 teaspoon mace | Salt to taste |
| 1 cup Cognac brandy | |

Clean, wash, and dry currants. Add raisins. Mix all dry ingredients well. Beat eggs, add Cognac brandy, pour over dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pack into greased pudding mold and steam for 6 hours. When wanted for use, steam another 6 hours. Serve with Cognac or Hard Sauce and bring to the table flaming. (Makes 6 pounds, serves 24 people.) Keeps for weeks in cool, dry place.

Tradition Of Yule Log Is Thing Of Past

An old and honored Christmas tradition—the Yule log—has almost vanished from our holiday celebration. Logs and fireplaces are not as common as they were once, but the tradition of the Yule log was carried on in England for centuries.

It was introduced into Great Britain by the Vikings who burned it to honor the God Thor. The custom was adopted by the English as part of the Christmas festivities.

With great pomp and ceremony, the very best log that could be found was brought into the house and placed in the great fireplace. The fire was lit and the servants of the house gathered with the master and there was much singing and celebrating the coming of the Christmas holiday.

According to the custom of those days the holiday season lasted twelve full days and the log burned during the entire time.

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

Celebrating today does not last for twelve days, but the superstition that all decorations should be removed by the twelfth night to prevent bad luck in the New Year still survives.

Festive Rites Originated In Dim Ages Past

From the dim ages of long ago have come many of the festive rites and customs of our Christmas season.

The symbolic use of a tree dates back at least 4,000 years, when Egyptians celebrated in honor of their Sun God, in the month corresponding to our December. They believed that the sun died every night and was born again in the morning, and that late December and January brought the turning point, when the sun remained with them a little bit longer each day. This was a season of rejoicing, and the palm trees became their symbol, as it put out a leaf every month and the twelve leaves symbolized the complete year.

A few thousand years later came the feast of Saturnalia, also held in December, but the tree the Romans used was a tall conifer, loaded with decorations. Roman legions carried this symbolism over the Alps into Gaul; and about 15 B. C. the tree was used in Yuletide celebrations of the Germans.

Hundreds of years passed, and a tree became the symbol of celebrations connected with the patron saint of Russia and of children—Saint Nicholas, who in his lifetime was Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor.

Yule Greens

Evergreens at Christmas are an emblem of life eternal. Ancient peoples believed that the greenness of evergreens in winter was a promise of the Creator that spring would come again.

Choosing the Log

Because they believed that the Christ Child had been washed and dressed at Bethlehem beside an ash wood fire, early English people always had Yule logs of ash wood. The log was kept burning during the 12 days of Christmas. Oak, pine, olive were Yule log sources in other European countries. In Scotland, the choice was birch.

Clearing the Way

To St. Nicholas, a bishop of the early Christian church, goes credit for the custom of holiday giving to children.

Housewives in Northern Europe, who had their chimneys cleaned for better heating during the Yule season, told children the work was done to clear the way for St. Nicholas to come down the chimney with gifts for them.

A Prayer for Christmas

May the spirit of Christmas inspire mankind to persevere in its quest for the blessing of Peace on Earth.

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Joy, peace and good will... that's our wish to you... have a Merry Christmas!



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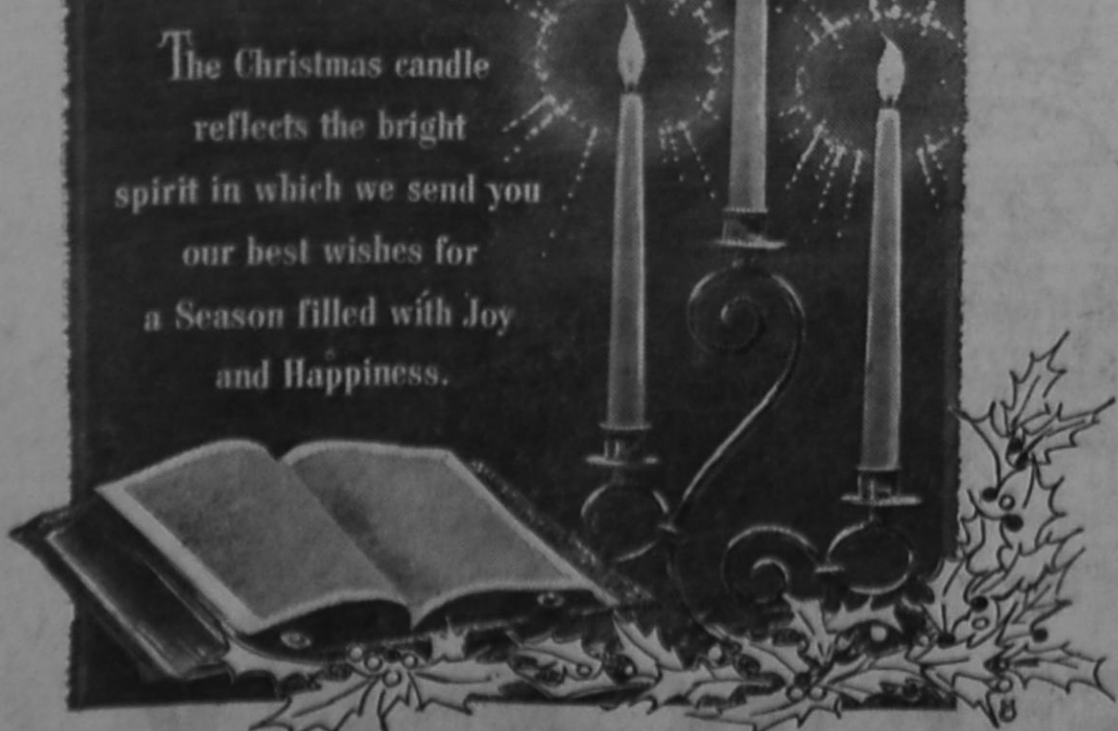
Christmas Blessings

Hearts are gladdened and faith is reaffirmed, as we celebrate His Holy birth in a humble manger. Now may all blessings of Christmas be with you.

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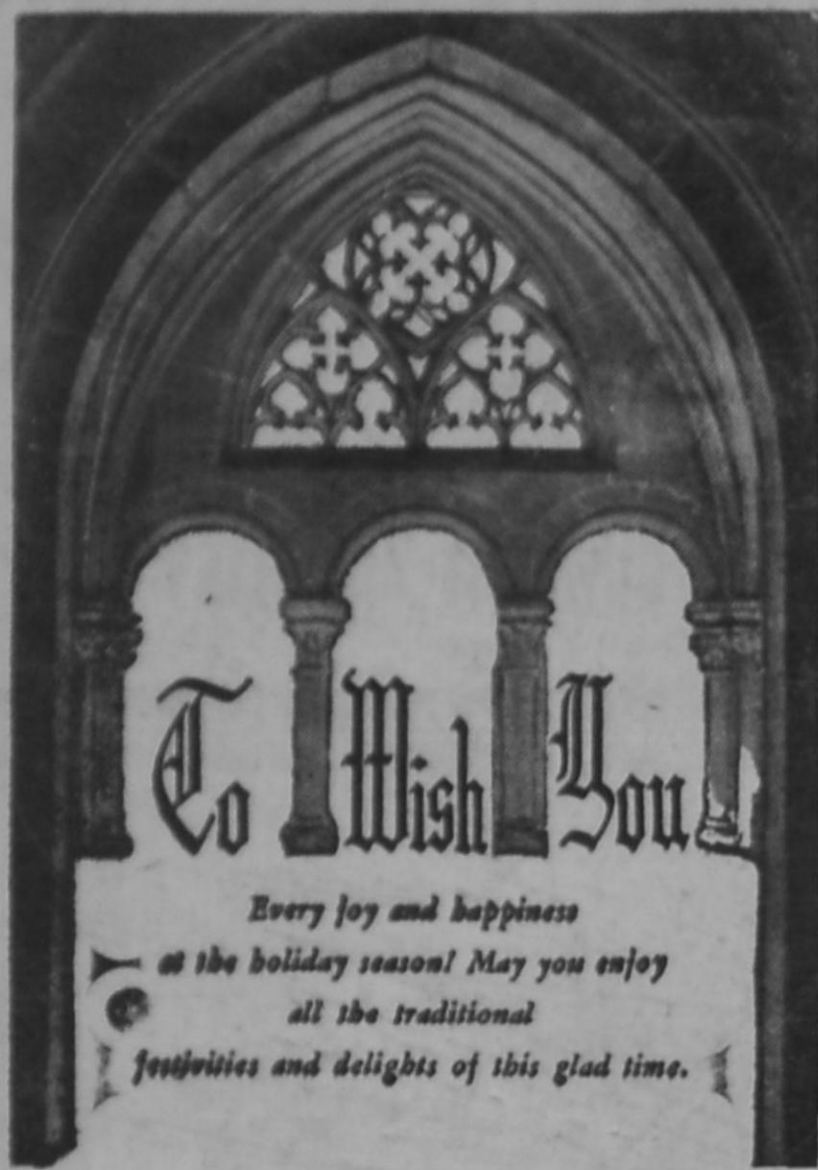
So from each and every one of us at Pioneer, Best Wishes for good health—and the happiest Christmas you've ever had!

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There Was Talk About Yule Toast

"Who sent the first Christmas card?" is a question for which, it seems likely, a completely accurate and satisfactory answer may never be found. Probably, the earliest cards were "do-it-yourself" projects — handwritten holiday greetings on hand-decorated notes.

Popular claimant for "first Christmas card" honors is the Cole-Horsley card, designed in Britain in 1843 by John Colecott Horsley, an artist, for Sir Henry Cole, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum.



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Dowries Filled Early Stockings

St. Nicholas, the early bishop who was the first Santa Claus, is also credited with originating the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings.

According to legend, he wished to provide dowries for the three daughters of a bankrupt merchant. Since he wanted the gifts to be anonymous, he tossed bags of gold down the merchant's chimney. Accidentally, the gold fell into stockings the girls had hung by the fireplace to dry.

Factual handicap is that, though St. Nicholas lived in the fourth century, stockings weren't made with feet until the 11th century — but the Christmas stocking story is still a happy legend.

"O Tannenbaum"

Most familiar of many Christmas carols originating in Germany "O Tannenbaum," or "O Christmas Tree," celebrates the evergreen as an emblem of immortality. It has added familiarity in the U.S., since the tune is used for several college songs and for the state song, "Maryland, My Maryland."

"Merry Gentlemen"

An old English carol that sometimes suffers from a comma out of place is "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen." The meaning is not "God rest you, merry gentlemen," but "God keep you merry, gentlemen."

Since the card showed a family group toasting the holiday with glasses of wine, the card supposedly stirred criticism by temperance adherents — even though the card also depicted "clothing the needy" and "feeding the hungry." However, another story has it that Sir Henry gained his knighthood as the result of the acclaim he received for sending the first Christmas card.

Yuletide Spirit Stays All Year

Nearly every community has its special way of observing Christmas — and in some towns and cities, the spirit of Christmas prevails, literally, the year around.

In Waterbury, Conn., an all-year reminder of the first Noel is the re-creation of the Town of Bethlehem on nearby Pine Hill.

This non-sectarian "Bethlehem" was constructed to scale after research and study of photos showing the Biblical country. The cave or manger where Christ was born, like the one where there was no room, and the Roman legation where the tax collection decreed by Augustus Caesar was to be paid are among the buildings represented.

"Poetic license" has been used to include some buildings which were not, or may not have been, located in Bethlehem, such as "David's Home" and Herod's Grand Palace.

Crowned by a Cross, Pine Hill has proved an ideal location for the project, since its shape is similar to the limestone cliff where Bethlehem in Judea was built.

Other "Bethlehems"

Well-known "Bethlehems" in the United States include Bethlehem, Pa., and Bethlehem, In. The Pennsylvania Bethlehem emphasizes the religious meaning of Christmas during its annual celebration.



Feasts

Many foods for Christmas feasting have been traditional since early days of Yule merry-making, although roast peacock, the feature of the feast in medieval England, is rarely, if ever, seen today!

Mince pie, with its spices and fruits, is said to symbolize the riches of the East, from which the wise men came.

Legend says plum pudding began when an English king and his men were lost in a forest on Christmas Eve. The cook used foods he had on hand, including part of a stag, plums, eggs, flour, to make a single dish all could share.

Lighting Displays

Beautiful lighting displays for Christmas are famous in many U.S. cities.

In Altadena, a suburb of Pasadena, Calif., a mile-long avenue bordered by deodar cedars becomes "Christmas Tree Lane" at the holiday season. The deodars are illuminated by thousands of multi-colored bulbs for the annual spectacle.

Colored lights outline the buildings of the Country Club Plaza district in Kansas City, Mo., at Christmas time.

Denver, Colo., illuminates its Civic Center during the holidays with many thousands of lights.

Yule Towns

Yule-named towns have a special interest in Christmas. Arizona, Florida and Kentucky actually have towns named "Christmas." Then there are Christmas Cove, Me.; Nazareth, Pa.; Bright Star, Holly Grove and Holly Springs, Ark.; as well as Noel, Mo.; Noel, Va.; Mistletoe, Ky.; Wiseman, Alaska; and Santa Claus, Ind.

Times Have Changed but Shepherds Still Watch Over Sheep at Night

Sheep and shepherding are closely linked with the Christmas story, and they also serve as a symbol of the kindness and loving care that was part of Christ's message to mankind.

When darkness falls on Christmas Eve, today's shepherd is watching his flocks by night and, probably, looking at the stars in the heavens, just as the shepherds of old did.

There are some differences — for instance, the shepherd on the Western ranges of the U. S. has changed the shepherd's robes for levis, and the flocks he watches are much larger, numbering sheep by the thousands. But the meaning of shepherd — "to herd, guard, lead," says a dictionary definition — hasn't changed.

Sheep still must be watched by night, because, for some reason known only to the sheep, night is

the time they are most likely to decide to roam to faraway places. In sudden storms, the shepherd, his horse and dog must guide the flock to shelter.

The ailing sheep or the new born lamb are sure of the herder's gentle care, and when part of the flock has strayed, he searches with a diligence that recalls the parable of Jesus:

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4).

Pastor Wrote To Please Children

"Up on the Housatops" is a happy Christmas song written by an Ohio pastor, Benjamin Hanby, in 1864.

Believing that music was a part of religion, he held weekly song-fests for children in New Paris, Ohio. Since he was short of money, when the children needed a new song, he wrote it himself.

The song, which tells the joys of going "up on the housatops" and "down through the chimney with good Saint Nick" to the "click, click, click" of reindeer hooves, gained early popularity.

Its origin, however, was lost when the Chicago publishing house of George F. Root, publishers of the song, burned. Credit for the authorship was not restored until after Hanby's death.

Decking the Halls

Decorating with red and green, traditional at Christmas, traces back to the early use of red-berried green holly to "deck the halls."

Helping Santa

In Northern Europe, where Santa Claus arrives on a white horse, boys and girls put out food for the horse.

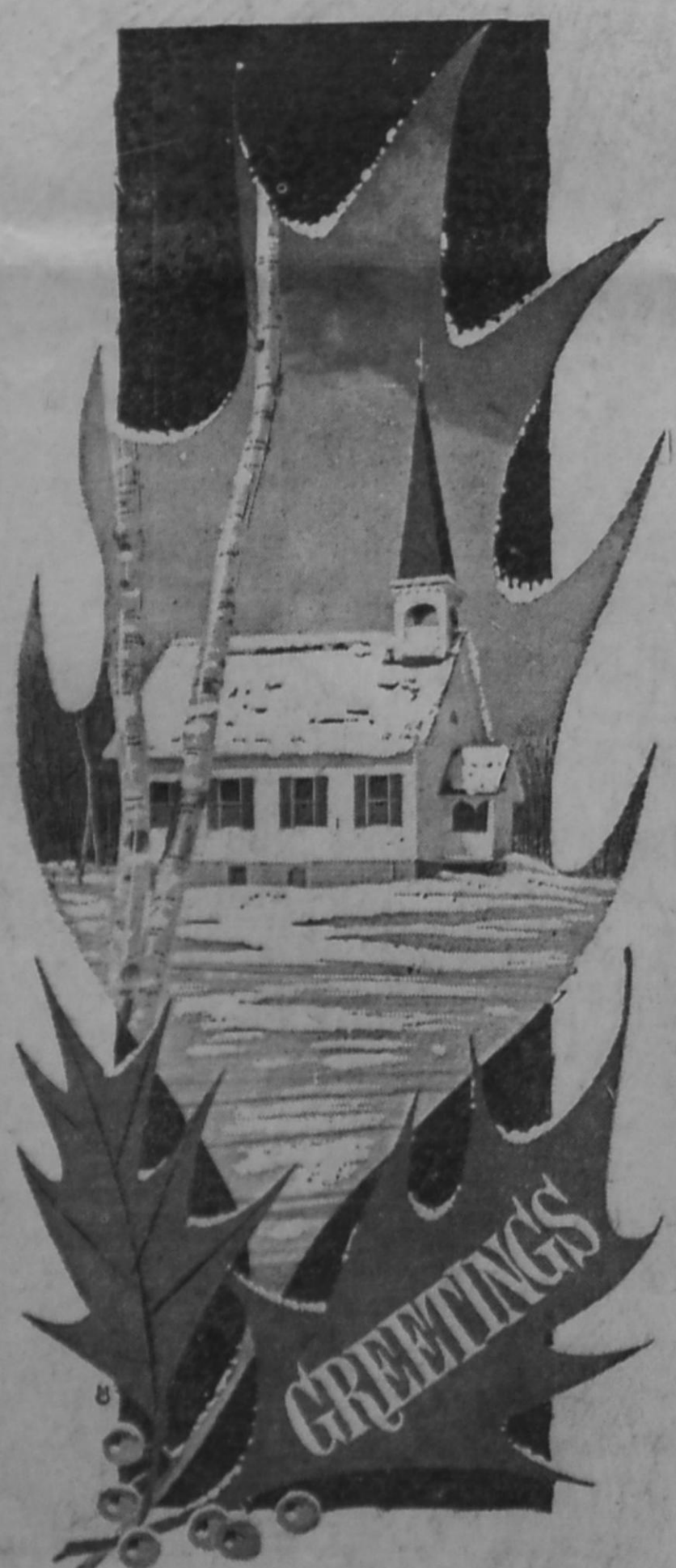


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Merry laughter,
merry times,
we wish for you
at Christmas... with our
thanks for
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May your remembrances of this holiday season bring you everlasting recollections of joy and friendship.



We heartily wish, for you and yours, a most merry and festive Christmas... as filled with the joy of giving as jolly St. Nick himself... as full of happy wonder as the shining faces of children gathered around the tree. May your heart and home be brimming with all the most precious blessings of the Christmas season.

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ROAST GOOSE

With Potato and Nut Stuffing

Turkey is the traditional bird for Christmas in America. But if you have the desire to try something else, here is a good way to roast a goose.

Combine 3 cups lightly whipped potatoes with 2 cups of crumbs, 1 teaspoon rosemary, 1 cup finely diced onion, 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper and 3 tablespoons melted butter. Blend well and stuff the goose with the mixture.

Close up vent, place the goose on a rack and bake at 450 degrees for 30 minutes. Reduce the heat to 325 degrees and roast for another 1 or 1½ hours or until the breast is tender and the skin crisp.

Basting is not altogether necessary. Pour off the goose fat as it accumulates in the pan and save for cooking. Salt and pepper the goose just before removing from oven. An 8 to 10 pound goose should take 2 or 2½ hours.

Prepare Your Yule Shopping List To Save

In all probability you will have completed your Christmas shopping by the time you read this article, but you might put some of its suggestions to work next year.

Did you prepare a holiday shopping budget? Did you stick to it? Many people claim that Christmas is too commercial. This, of course, is not necessarily true. But every year millions of people, filled with the holiday spirit of giving, spend far more money for gifts for friends and relatives than they can actually afford.

It's wise, therefore, to prepare a gift list well in advance of Christmas and really balance it against your budget. This way you can determine how much you can spend for individual gifts without taxing your savings or putting a burden on your future income.

Gifts that you make yourself are always appreciated because they are gifts of your time and effort.

It is proper that the spirit of giving should be a part of Christmas, but giving should be within the means to give. It is the gift that is important and not what it cost.

Many people are embarrassed when the holiday is over because they find they have given someone what they consider a "small" gift while they may have received something very costly.

Be wise and have a really happy Christmas in the future. Buy within your means and there will be no thought of those New Year bills nagging at you during the holiday.

Christmas Cards

Henry Cole, an Englishman, mailed the first Christmas cards in 1848. The cards bore the now famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You." The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the Christmas feast.

Christmas Outlawed

Christmas was outlawed by the Puritan government of England in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in Great Britain.

Shoe Treats

Spanish children, at Epiphany expect the Three Kings to bring them gifts, and they set out shoes filled with straw or grain for the horses the Kings ride.

Church, Home Devotions Show Holy Meaning of the Holiday

More than a holiday, Christmas is a holy day. In church services and private devotions, Christians commemorate a night of awe and wonder nearly 2,000 years ago, when a Star shone above a Child born in a manger, when angels sang and shepherds watched.

December 25—as even the youngest children know—is the date. And yet, in the first centuries of the Christian church, there was no celebration of the birth of Christ, no Christmas.

There were festivals in the December months of those times, but they were pagan festivals.

Celebrate the Sun

December 25 was the date of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun—Mithras, the Persian god of light. Teutonic tribes in Northern Europe celebrated the rebirth of the sun at the winter solstice with a Yuletide season of feasting and rejoicing, while the Roman's winter festival, the Saturnalia, was held at about the

time that is now the Christmas season.

How then did December 25 come to be, not a day of pagan festivals, but a day dedicated to Christian devotions?

Some scholars believe that the Christian church may have set December 25 as Christ's birth date in order that the traditions of winter festivals might be hallowed by association with the Nativity. When the date was established in the fourth century A.D., other dates that were considered included January 1, March 21, March 29, April 9 and September 29.

Gain New Meaning

Christmas began to be generally celebrated on December 25 in the fifth century A. D. People continued the familiar merry-making customs of the winter festivals, but they linked them to Christmas instead of to pagan revelry.

Where formerly pagan people had looked to mythological gods of the sun as source of the rebirth

of light, now they gradually changed to religious observances of the Saviour's birth, with its symbol of faith, hope, and life eternal.

From the winter festivals came many of the traditions that are now part of Christmas. The Roman Saturnalia provided a model for Christmas feasting, the giving gifts and the burning of candles. Christmas lighting also derives from winter solstice rites, when lights played an important part. The Teutonic Yule feast contributed the customs of the Yule log and wassail bowl.

When winter festivals merged with Christmas, customs such as gift-giving gained a new and deeper meaning.

Gifts for Him

Christians felt that they should celebrate Christ's birthday with a gift-giving with a renewed resolve to perfect the virtues of generosity, compassion, peace, gratitude and reverence. Giving to the less fortunate became important.

As Christmas became a holy day many peoples began exchanging presents on other days—St. Nicholas' feast day, December 6, or Epiphany, January 6, for instance. In some countries these customs still continue, with Christmas reserved solely for worship.

Joyous Christmas

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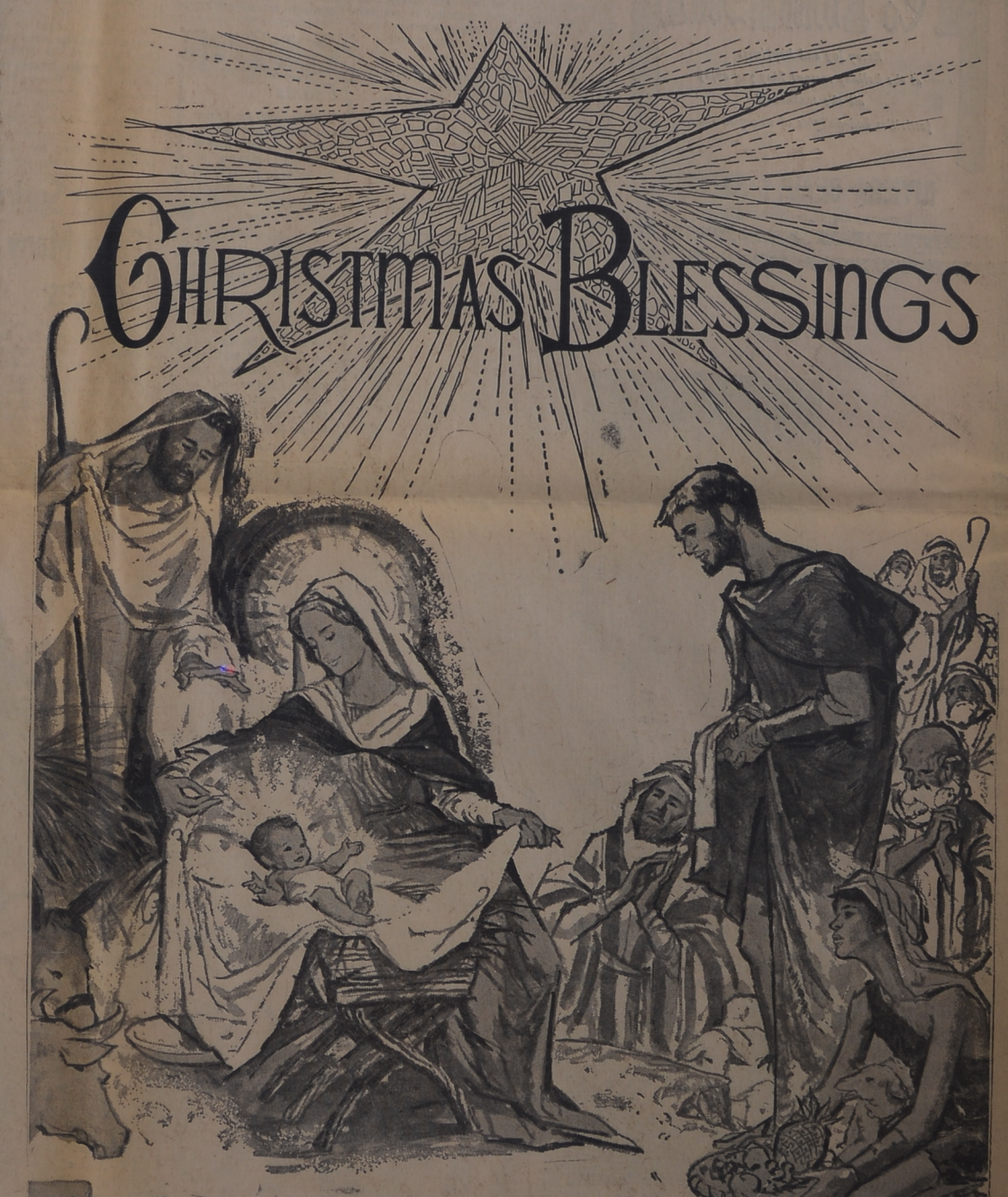
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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

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