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A Common Paper for Common People

New Year Was A Spring Affair In Egypt, Rome

New Year's was not always a mid-winter affair. Ancient Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly. In June, the Babylonians began their year in March, and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern.

Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

In the old days, Rumanian youths went from house to house singing and wishing everyone a prosperous New Year.

Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of fruit trees and petitioning a 'good howling crop.'

Reflecting the fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; members of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayerful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the ensuing year.

George M. Cohan may have saluted the great American custom of breaking New Year's resolutions, but Ernestine Evans assures us that around the turn of the century her family played the game of resolutions very seriously and for keeps.

The game was invented by the family's Aunt Callie whose dinners were out-of-this-world, and if you were invited to New Year's dinner, you automatically were invited to dinner on April 1. There was one qualification, however.

Aunt Callie's guests were required to write out one—just one—good resolution, seal it in an envelope and deposit it with Aunt Callie.



Then, on April 1, the envelopes were opened and the family, having feasted on their 'second' New Year's dinner, judged just how well the resolutions had been kept.

Typical resolutions covered a wide range of resolves—looking in the dictionary before interrupting conversations by asking questions, folding one's clothes carefully at night, keeping the kindling box well filled, Aunt Lou's anti-gossip promise, and the elders' promises to read aloud and teach the children to sew.

It was embarrassing to have broken one's resolution before it was read on April 1; thus a lot of good habits were launched, and it was a lot of fun, too.

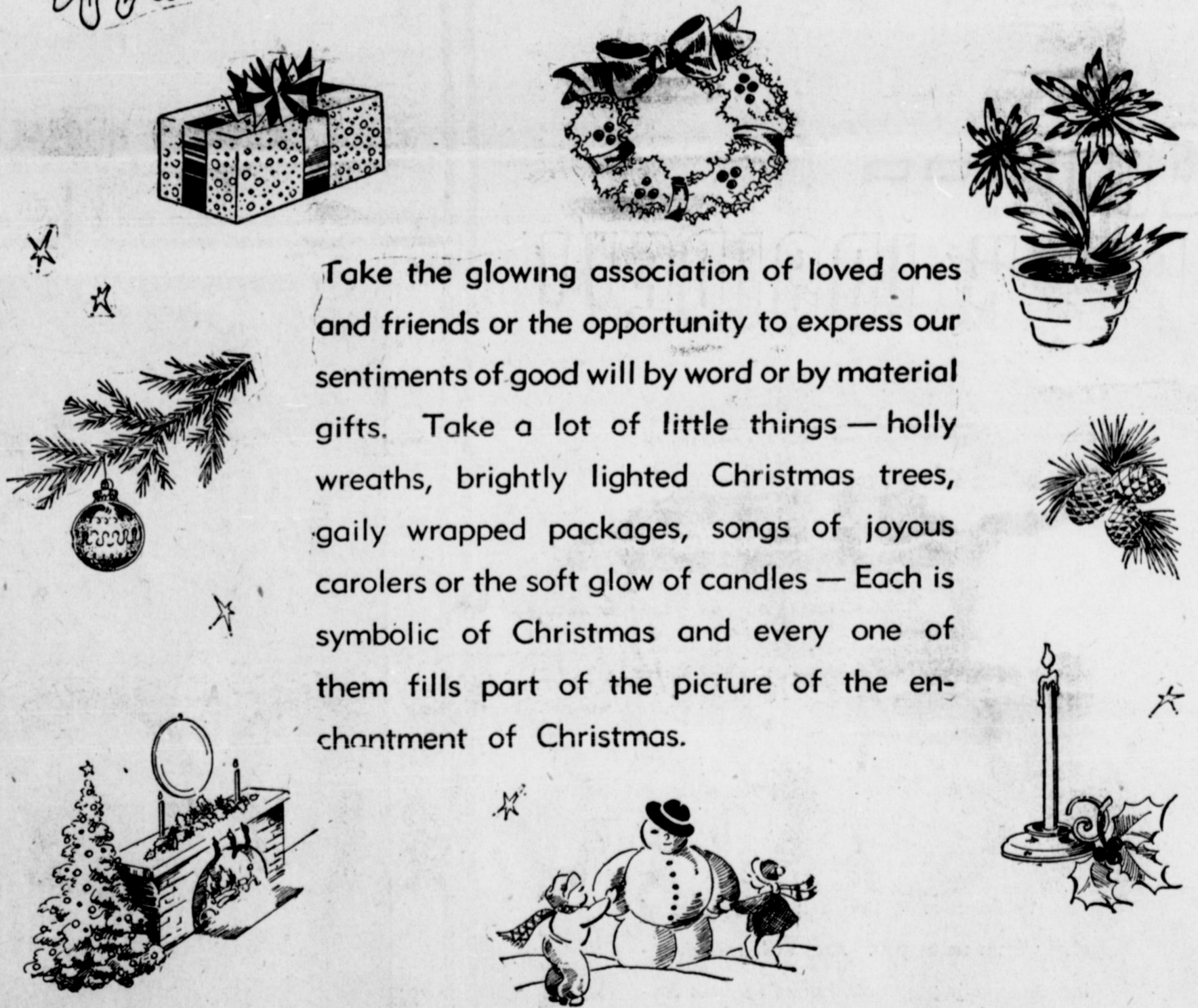
Tradition of Poppy

The poppy loaf, traditionally a part of Christmas Eve supper in Lithuania, is a small loaf made of bread dough and baked hard in a bread pan. When cool, the loaf is dipped in a solution made of water and sugar and ground poppy seed which is also used as a traditional holiday beverage.

Tradition prescribes that the poppy seed should be ground in a iron kettle using an ax handle as a mallet, and no Lithuanian would think of grinding seeds for the Christmas poppy leaves by any other method.



THE ENCHANTMENT OF CHRISTMAS



Take the glowing association of loved ones and friends or the opportunity to express our sentiments of good will by word or by material gifts. Take a lot of little things — holly wreaths, brightly lighted Christmas trees, gaily wrapped packages, songs of joyous carolers or the soft glow of candles — Each is symbolic of Christmas and every one of them fills part of the picture of the enchantment of Christmas.

A Very Merry Christmas to You, Our Friends.

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More New Industries For The Gulf South

Shreveport, La.—American industry has announced plans for the future construction of more new industries in the Gulf South than was let to contractors in the entire United States in 1949, according to a full page advertisement, published by United Gas, that will appear in a group of national magazines during December.

"The huge construction program is 25 percent of all the industrial building now being planned in the country. It will cost more than one billion dollars, and it is all 'private money,'" the advertisement points out.

Appearing in the Dec. 11 issue of Time Magazine, other publications that will carry the message to millions of readers later in the month include: Wall Street Journal, Dec. 12; Newsweek, Dec. 18; U. S. News, Dec. 22; Business Week, Dec. 30; and the January issue of Manufacturers Record.

The advertisement is one of a continuing series that United Gas has for several years published at regular intervals to call attention to the opportunities offered for the location of new industrial plants in the Gulf South States of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The current advertisement urges business leaders "to consider the wide diversification of raw materials, the abundance of industrial water and electric power, the easy availability of low-cost natural gas.

"The Gulf South," the ad continues, "is a bustling, prosperous land of expanding markets, with vast stores of available raw materials, and a growing backlog of skilled and management-trained workers. There are scores of preferred industrial sites in the cities and towns served by United Gas."

Statistics used in the advertisement come from Engineering News-Record, a McGraw-Hill publication, which is a recognized source of data on industrial construction throughout the United States.

Texas Polio Toll Reaches New High

AUSTIN — A 20 per cent increase over the record 1949 total of polio cases is indicated for Texas this year on the basis of official figures.

According to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Texas will have over 2,800 new cases of polio in 1950.

Texas reported 2,684 cases up to November 18. During November and December in 1949, the state had 217 new cases. The Foundation, using this as a basis of what to expect this year, says Texas will have more than 2,800 cases. The 1949 total was 2,355.

Meanwhile, Texas has received from the NFIP for patient care slightly more than \$322,708 more than the state sent in to the national headquarters during the last three years.

The state thus has had to depend on other states to handle the complete research financing burden and to even aid with care of Texas patients.

Texas, which has been among the hardest hit of the states, has received almost one tenth of the cash advances made from the National Foundation.

The state is counted on to make up the deficit when the only financing campaign for polio care and research is conducted—the 1951 March of Dimes, January 15-31.

Our fishing days are days of eternal expectation and perpetual disappointment.

The aggressive individual makes the wolf at the door into a rug for his floor.

By the time the meek inherit the earth, taxes will be so high they won't want it.

If you want your progress to stop, just be totally satisfied.

World's Christmas Legends Numerous

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Wilfred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith; henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the Nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree long since has supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.



By Dorothy Boys Kilian

IT WAS Christmas Eve but the group of people sitting on the floor in the Reeds' living-room certainly weren't in a festive mood.

"Doggonit," Dad exclaimed as he stared gloomily at the shiny tracks and the motionless cars of a new electric train. "What's wrong with this thing anyway?"

"We've put it together exactly according to directions, I'm sure we have," fifteen-year-old Rick insisted.

"Well, something's got to be done," said Mom, looking in from the kitchen where she was stuffing the turkey. "Little Jackie's been praying for that train for months, and how'll he feel tomorrow morning if the thing won't run?"

"Maybe Ralph can help. He's coming by for me in a few minutes, you know," said Wilma, the pretty big sister of the family.

"Oh, him!" Rick was scornful. "That guy from the big city with his socks and ties and handker-



He picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

chiefs that match! What does he know about motors?"

"Rick!" Mom reproved. "Oh, I know you all think of him as an outsider," Wilma said. "If you only really knew him better! Mom, I do wish you'd let me ask him to breakfast tomorrow."

"I'm sorry dear, but I just don't think he'd fit in."

The doorbell rang. Wilma answered it and she and Ralph exchanged happy hellos.

Rick immediately threw out the challenge to the tall, blond, well-dressed young man. "We can't make this train go. Can you tell what's wrong with it?"

"Maybe," Ralph said quietly. "I used to have a train something like this."

"Look out, that cotton batting stuff will stick to your trousers," Dad warned.

"That's snow, and the snow around here is clean."

Dad looked slightly startled.

Wilma smiled. She remembered how impressed Ralph had been by the whiteness of the drifts even on Main street last night.

"The flakes are practically sooty before they even reach the ground in Chicago," he had said.

"Tracks are O.K.," Ralph straightened up. Then he picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

"The professional touch!" Rick muttered.

"There may be oil in the commutator," Ralph said. "That sometimes happens with a new engine. I'll see if I can get it out."

"I'll get you a rag, Ralph, just a minute," Wilma got up and started for the kitchen.

"Never mind, this'll do," Ralph

answered, pulling his perfectly folded wine-colored handkerchief out of his jacket pocket.

He worked quietly for a moment, gently poking the corner of the handkerchief into the inside of the engine. Then he set the engine carefully down on the track and said, "Turn on the juice, will you Rick?"

Rick meekly moved forward the black lever at the transformer. There was a whirring sound, the wheels began to move, and the little puffer-billy whizzed and clacked around the curve.

"Praises be!" Dad heaved a loud sigh of relief.

Ralph quietly got up from the floor and turned to Wilma. "Maybe we'd better go now, if we want to catch the gang."

"Alright, Ralph," Wilma said. Her eyes turned pleadingly to Mrs. Reed. "Mom—"

"Oh, yes, Wilma," Mom interrupted. Turning to Ralph she said heartily. "In all the excitement we almost forgot to ask you to be sure to come over for late breakfast with us tomorrow. It's just a simple family affair, but we surely would like to have you with us."

"You bet," Dad's eyes twinkled. "Something might go wrong with it again and we'd feel safer with you around to fix it."

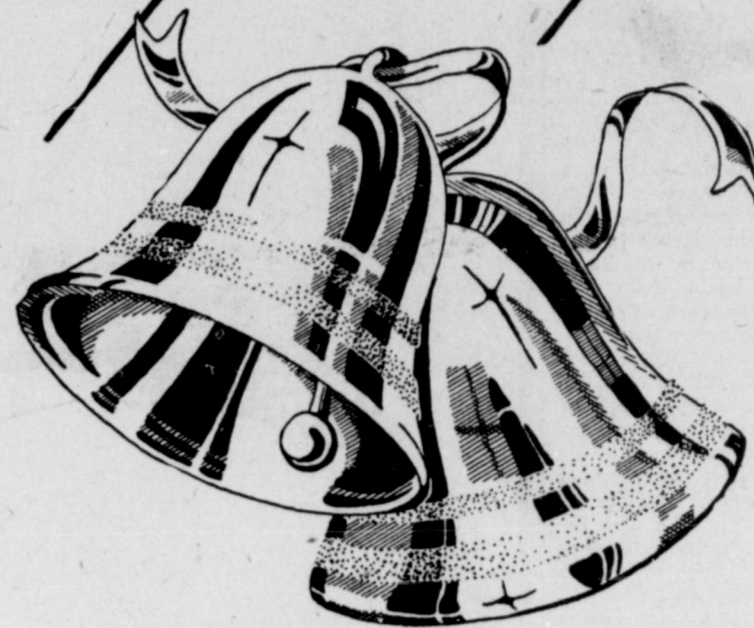
Idoltrous Rites Caused Ancient New Year Ban

Although it is not generally recalled, Christians at one time were prohibited from participating in the social customs prevailing at the season of the New Year.

The reason for this was that while the Christian emperors kept up the custom of observing the New Year, the people continued so many idolatrous rites that the church applied a ban upon participation in the rites.

Finally, after December 25 had been fixed as the date of Christ's nativity, the church made January 1 a religious festival. This has been observed in the Roman church since 487 and in the Anglican church since 1549.

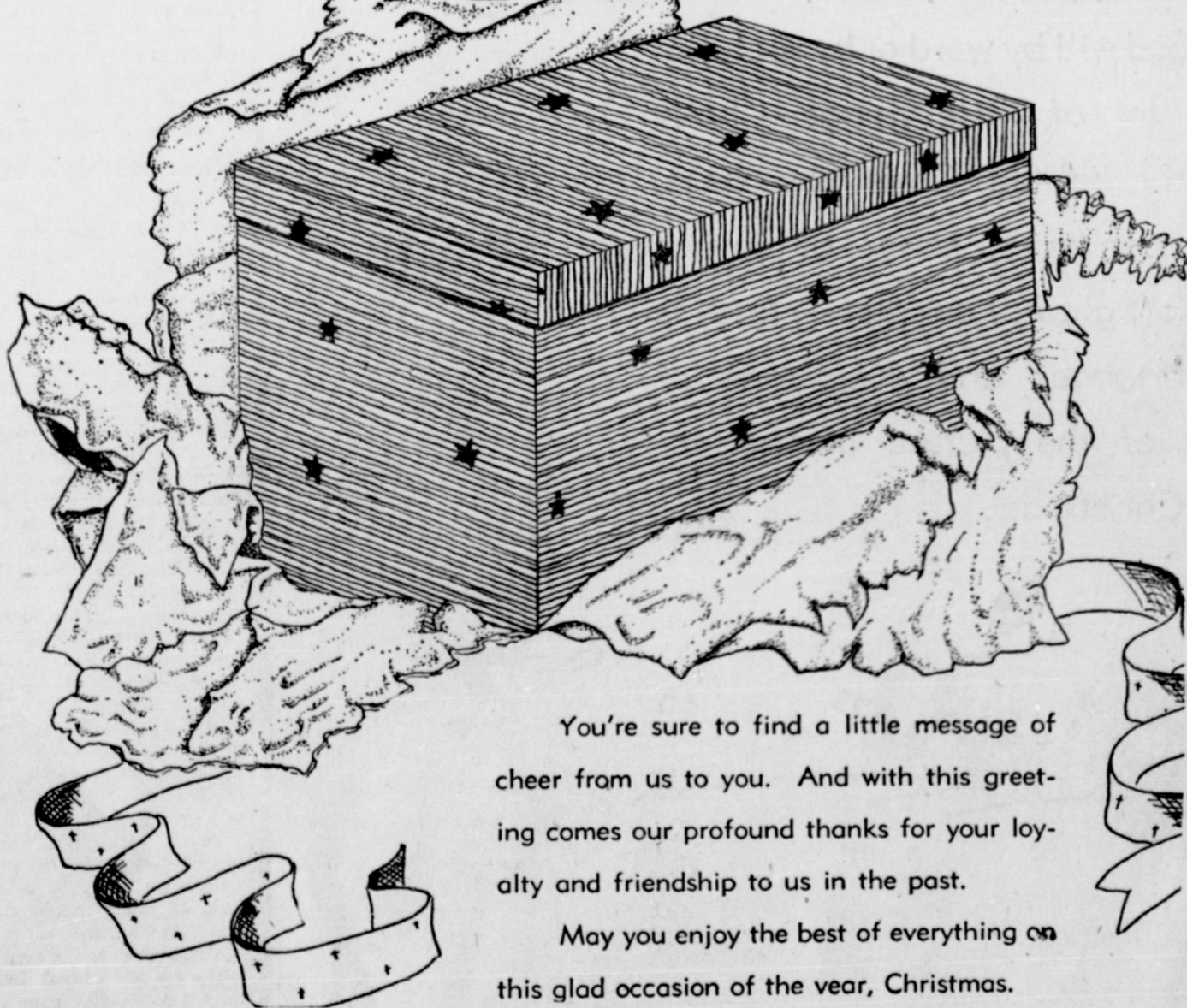
CHRISTMAS Greetings



To remember folks like you with an earnest wish for your well-being and happiness, is one of the delightful privileges we have at Christmastime.

SURFACE BURIAL VAULT CO.
L. L. WALLACE, Owner

GO AHEAD--- PEEK INSIDE!!



You're sure to find a little message of cheer from us to you. And with this greeting comes our profound thanks for your loyalty and friendship to us in the past. May you enjoy the best of everything on this glad occasion of the year, Christmas.

C. D. Shamburger Lumber Company

OSCAR THOMAS

CLAUDE SIDDLE

HASKEL HAY

Merry Christmas

and
GOOD WISHES

TO EACH OF YOU



Geo. B. Bagby
Life Insurance



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Throughout the coming year, the best way to enjoy the same happiness which we experience at Christmastime, is to keep the spirit of the Yuletide uppermost in our thoughts each of our days.

Let us resolve to acknowledge our friendships more often . . . not with fine gifts particularly, but with some kind word of encouragement which will enable our friends to meet the difficult situations with which all of us are confronted from time to time. Such thoughtfulness will enable our friends to preserve the traditions of an American Christmas on through the future.

In all sincerity, we greet you and wish you a delightful Christmas season.



Donley County State Bank

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Let EVERY HEART

By Vera Tarpley

"BUT THEY don't believe in Christmas, Jim—you know that." Laura wished she hadn't spoken quite so loudly; her remark had stopped in midstream three rapid-running conversations. Her guests studied the rug pattern. Jim merely looked at his wife in silence.

"I mean, after all," she went on, "it's not their religion. . . so I assumed it would be embarrassing—to them—to invite them to our Christmas party." She swallowed uncomfortably.

"And I assumed that this party was for all the fellows in our office, including Ben." He smiled then, but didn't soften the accusation. Everyone in the room knew of the close friendship between Jim and Ben—they only guessed at his wife's resentment of the friendship.



"He asked us to sing 'Silent Night' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies."

Mr. Adams, office manager, broke the silence next. "I wouldn't worry about it too much, Jim. After all, Christmas is . . ." He emptied his glass and returned it to the coffee-table. "And we all feel a little differently about the holidays than they do."

About nine o'clock carolers came to the door, singing lustily and slightly off-key. "Let every heart prepare him room . . ." The oldest caroler was scarcely twelve. He rattled a box full of coins. Mr. Adams snatched the donation box from him, ceremoniously deposited nine pennies, and passed from guest to guest, bowing after each donation. Everyone put in nickels and dimes. Jim put in a five-dollar bill and everyone shouted "Show-off!"

Laura and Jim's little girl, Bonny, was out caroling too, but her group covered a different neighborhood. No one noticed much when the telephone rang later in the evening and Jim went to answer it. But they noticed Jim's face when he returned to the living-room—it was white and twitched unpleasantly. Laura walked over to him. "Who was it, dear?"

"It was Ben—he called to apologize for not coming tonight." "His daughter's been in Children's Hospital for the past month, you know."

Adams broke in. "Say, that's right—Ben said she was pulling out of it—that was last week I believe. How's she doing, did he say?" "She died this afternoon."

Nobody seemed to have anything more to say after that. The party broke up within the next half-hour.

Just as the Adamses were leaving, Bonny came in from caroling. She was flushed with happiness and excitement. Laura clutched her in her arms convulsively.

"Did your group make a big haul tonight, Bonny?"

"Did we!" she gasped. "We got more than any other group I bet! And Mom, we sang for that Mr. Ben at Daddy's office, and—"

"Oh but you shouldn't have!" Laura looked at Jim with alarm.

"Why not, Mom? He asked us to sing 'Silent Night' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies, and gee, they're nice! And I told them hello from you and Daddy, and you know what? She cried! Isn't that funny, mother?"

Jim looked at his stricken wife and wanted to take her in his arms, but Mr. and Mrs. Adams were standing there with their mouths open, so he merely grasped her hand firmly. Bonny babbled on happily.

"And you know what else? Mr. Ben asked me what the donations went for, and when I told him he took all the money out of his wallet and put it in our box, can you imagine? And then I asked him if he had any boys or girls like us and would they like to go caroling with us and he said no. And then she started crying again and we left. Wasn't that funny?"

Mr. Adams cleared his throat. "By the way, Bonny, just what were those donations for anyway? I forgot to notice when they came around here."

"Why, for the Children's Hospital fund—or something like that—it was all printed on the box."

Day of Creation Is Basis of Calendar Giving Year as 5711

According to Jewish dogma and tradition, the Day of Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. Thus, the Jewish calendar, which the Jews adopted during the 15th century, reads 5711 in relation to 1950 A.D.

Use of the notation A.D. (in the year of our Lord) was inaugurated by Charles III of Germany, who affixed the symbolism to the years of his reign in 879. The system of retroactively dating the years prior to the Saviour's birth and dedicating the succeeding years to His greater Glory was invented, along

with the Christian era, by a monk about 532 A.D. The Christian era begins on January 1 in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome and in 4714 of the Julian period.

The Julian period, invented by Joseph Scaliger about 1583 A.D., was devised by multiplying the lunar cycle 19, solar cycle 28 and the Roman indiction 15.

Apparently the Egyptians were the first to figure out any 'exact' measurement of time (about 4,000 B.C.). Having devised a 'calendar,' the experts turned their attention to estimating the date of the 'beginning' and the Mundane era of Alexander fixed that estimate at 5502 B.C.

Modern research has developed a new time clock, which utilizes the principle of radioactivity. Wood samples now can be radioactively 'dated' as far back as 4,000 years, and atomic scientists hope soon to extend their measurements as far back as 20,000 years—long before the dawn of history.

And there is plenty of room to go back, back, back, since astronomers and geologists estimate the earth to be at least three or four billion years old.

First Day, First Moon Began Chinese New Year

New Year's was a 15-day affair in old China when festivities began on the First Day of the First Moon and climaxed on "Teng Chieh", the Feast of Lanterns.

After the family gatherings traditional to New Year's Day, exchanges of gifts and all sorts of entertainments were in order until "Teng Chieh."

Northern China commemorated "Teng Chieh" very simply. Paper lanterns, hung in doors and windows, symbolized the advent of the longer days. Southern China, however, climaxed the festivities with spectacular lantern-lit parades featuring huge fire-breathing dragons, supported from within by many men, wiggling through the streets

MERRY CHRISTMAS



TOWNSEND DRUG

Phone 193



IS IT POSSIBLE . . . ? That another year has passed since the familiar sights of the Christmas season have greeted us at every turn? It seems that Old Santa just slips up on us a little faster each year, so we hasten to wish you a very Merry Christmas

FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH COMPANY CLARENDON, TEXAS

Santa's Route to Happiness



As Santa plans his Christmas trip, we are certain he will schedule a stop at your house and we sincerely hope he will remember you well.

MUTT'S CAFE

HOME OF GOOD EATS

Phone 28-M

Lucia Day Starts Christmas Season In Swedish Custom

Celebration of Lucia Day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304, A. D., and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnivals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "handmaidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

In addition to beauty, other qualifications for "Lucias" or "light queens" are fair hair, a nice disposition and high character.

Dressed in long white robes, wearing crowns of lighted candles (the traditional costume for "Lucias") the girls present gifts and the traditional Lucy day coffee and rolls to hospital patients, etc. The queen and her maidens, enthroned in a star spangled horse-drawn chariot, lead festive processions around the village squares and through city streets.

Parade participants depict alternate scenes from Sweden's picturesque Lapland and the Wild West of the United States, while musicians in multi-colored costume alternate playing northern folk tunes and American jazz.

Currier and Ives Cards

Commercial production of Christmas cards in the United States began about 1835 with the founding and developing of the partnership of Currier and Ives in New York.

For more than a century American painters have aided the industry by painting Christmas themes on order or by selling reproduction rights to the art which is now conservatively estimated as worth \$10,000,000 annually.

The favorite Nativity theme is represented by hundreds of interpretations. Winter scenes are next in popularity, some of them dating back to the Puritans of New England, the German forests whence St. Nicholas emerged, and even to the Druids of pre-Christian England.



Greetings and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season.

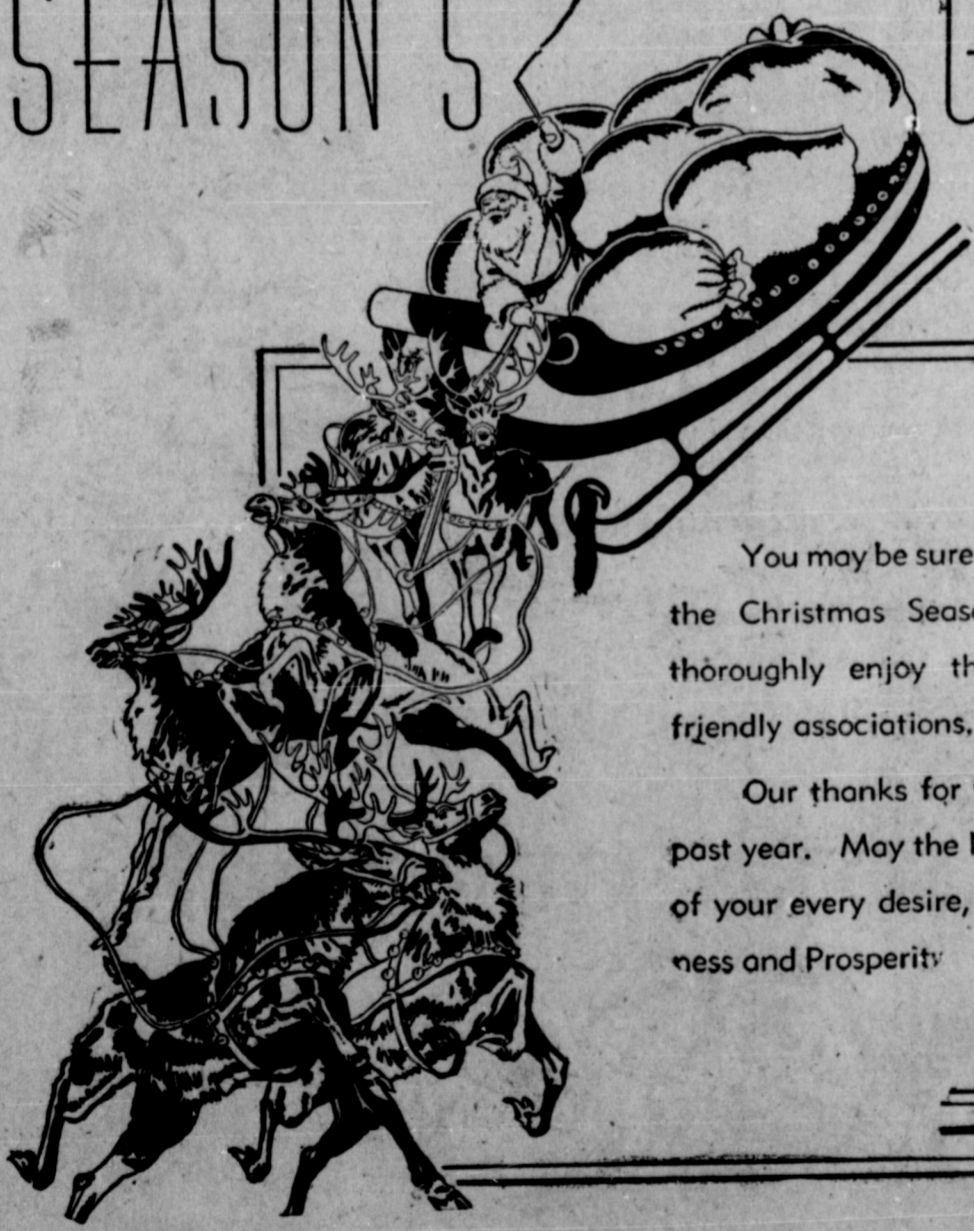
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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It's a Pleasant Custom to Send SEASON'S GREETINGS



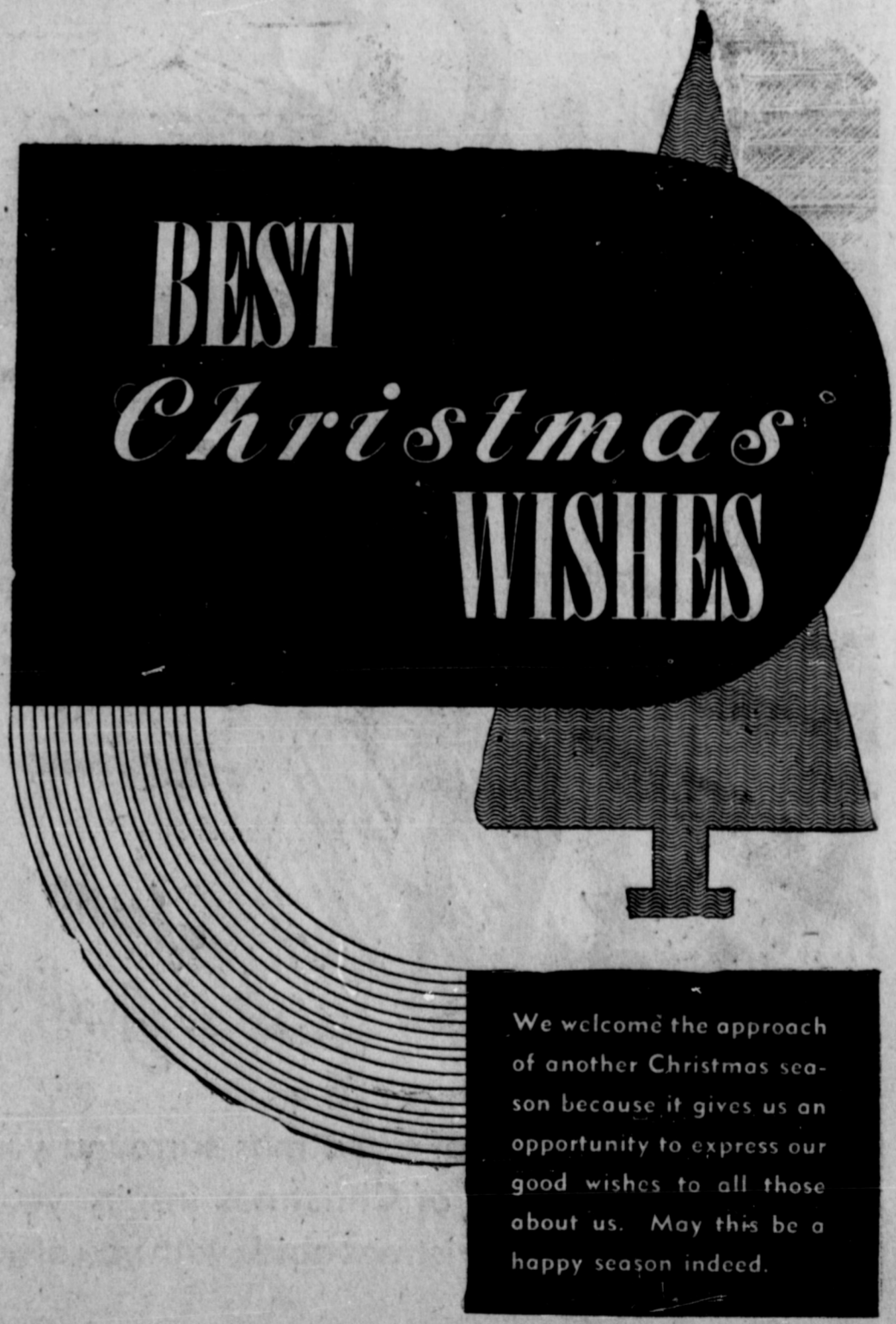
You may be sure we extend our Greetings of the Christmas Season in all sincerity. We thoroughly enjoy this occasion of renewing friendly associations.

Our thanks for your patronage during the past year. May the New Year bring fulfillment of your every desire, as well as Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

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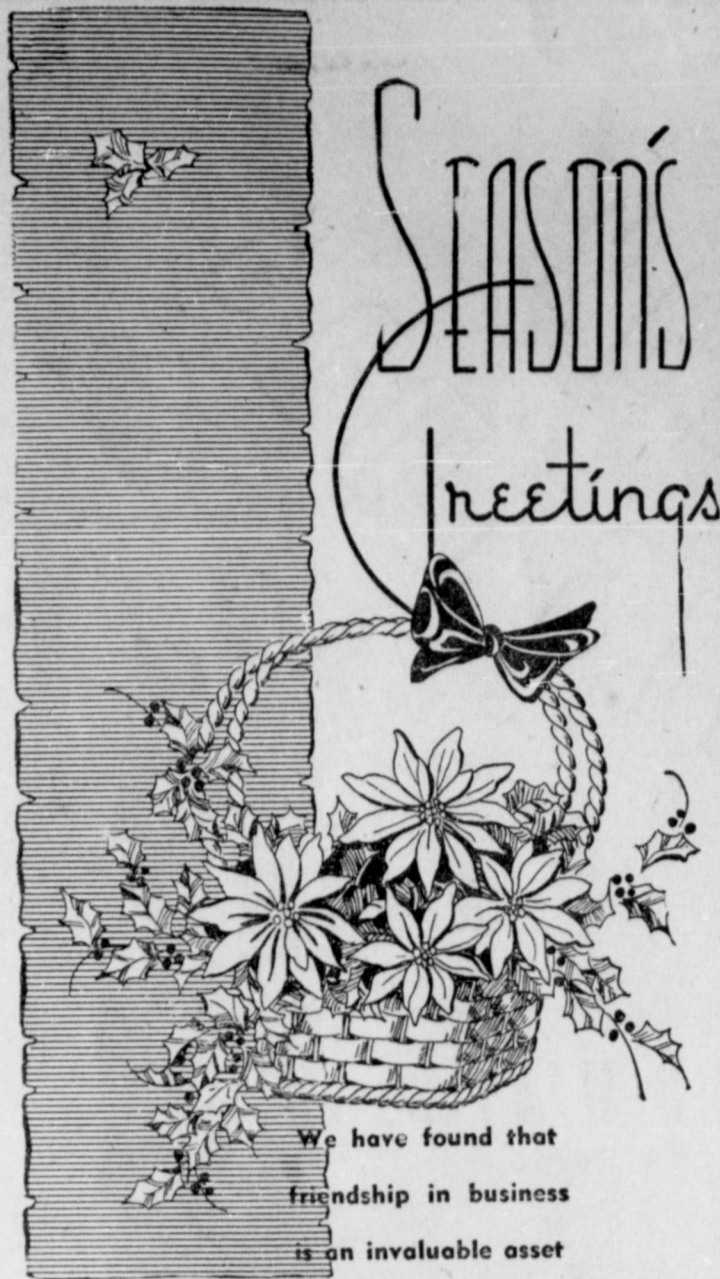
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CLARENDON FOOD STORE
PHONE 43
CLARENDON TEXAS



We welcome the approach of another Christmas season because it gives us an opportunity to express our good wishes to all those about us. May this be a happy season indeed.

GEORGE'S CLEANERS
Phone 12



We have found that
friendship in business
is an invaluable asset
and we are truly grateful
for yours.
In appreciation
may we wish a most
pleasant Christmas
to you and those about you.

SKELTON'S
THE APPAREL STORE

**U.S. Place Names
Express Christmas
Idea Many Ways**

SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA; Bethlehem, Conn.; and Christmas, Fla., are a few of the more familiar post offices which each year handle a flood of mail from senders wishing to obtain yuletide postmarks.

Although the federal post office department has now barred extra flourishes by local postmasters using Christmas symbols and mottoes, a town's own holiday name can still give that festive touch to a greeting or package of toys.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town so designated in the United States. The privilege is reserved to its post office by congressional act. There is, however, Santa, Idaho. There is also only one Christmas—the one in Florida—plus a Christmas Cove, Maine.

On the other hand, seven Bethlehems answer the seasonal roll call; they can be found in Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. The Bethlehem, Conn. post office was one of several stations that figured in headlines recently on the use of especially-designed cancellation stamps bearing the now-forbidden Christmas tree decoration. The town's population is about 350.

There are two Noels—in Virginia and Missouri. Last year, Missouri's Noel post office reported hand-cancellation of a record 650,000 pieces of Christmas mail—800 for each of the town's residents.

Besides specific Christmas names that dot the land there are dozens that call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is Advent, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary, and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

One Wiseman is found in Alaska and another in Arkansas. The third, it may be assumed, is in Wisemantown, Ky. There are five Stars and four Shepherds. West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri, Peace Valley; and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.

For the Christmas party, Turkey is available in four states; Cranberry in three. Kentucky has a Mistletoe. Six states count an Evergreen; seven a Pine, and three a Holly.

Louisiana comes up with Trees, Alabama with Candle; and to top the decorations, Pennsylvania has its Angels.

**Kris Kringle Isn't
Really Santa Claus**

Popular notion seems to imply that Kris Kringle is a German term of endearment for Santa Claus. Just what motivates this idea is not at all clear, since Kris Kringle is really a modification of Christkind who, although endowed by German legend as a gift-giver, resembles Santa Claus not in the least.

Santa Claus, as we know him in America, never really caught on in Germany. St. Nicholas comes around on his liturgical feast day—December 6—with his pockets bulging with candy and nuts and trinkets. Well and good, but German parents maintain, as did their predecessors of the Reformation era, that the central idea of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, should dominate the observances.

Nor is Christkind depicted as the Infant Jesus himself, but rather as his messenger and gift-bearer who comes to earth at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children. The Christkind is usually represented as a child dressed in white robes, wearing a golden crown and having big, golden wings.



DOLLIES ALL . . . Barbara Johnson (left) and Patricia Abel, both orphans, are in a virtual paradise, seated amid so many playmates. The dolls, more than 800 of them, were dressed by volunteer workers for distribution to charitable organizations as Christmas gifts.

**Mistletoe Has Come Long Way
Since Days of Druid Worship**

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshiped by the British druids to its present status as a criminal killer of forests. However, its use as a symbol of love, peacemaking and goodwill survives to this Christmas intact from the pre-Christian days of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose palace stood in the Milky Way.

The beloved Balder, so the myth goes, was slain by a mistletoe arrow but was restored to life at the intercession of the other gods. Custody of the mistletoe plant was then entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. As long as the mistletoe was held high it could never be used as a power for evil.

Christmas Mass

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is the event of the year in Rome.

Every Roman Catholic church in the Holy City is crowded with men, women and children anxious to see the processions of church officials in their splendid robes. The larger the church, the more beautiful the sight. And, of course, the service at St. Peter's is the most magnificent in the world.

At St. Peter's all the men present are required to wear evening clothes and the ladies must be dressed in black, thus offsetting the brilliant beauty of the robes. Even the guards on duty are attired in elegant red and white uniforms.



BACKED UP . . . What would Christmas be without bright new dollies for little girls to cherish? Giving promise of a goodly crop of dolls for this Christmas are these finished heads on racks in a toy factory, ready to be given bodies and limbs.

**Strictly
Sentimental**

Maybe we are old fashioned but we do get just a little sentimental at Christmas time.

We like to look back over the past twelve months, remembering all the fine things that have been our good fortune. It's pleasant to review the associations we have had with our friends—to find comfort in the knowledge that in lasting friendships come the joys of good living.

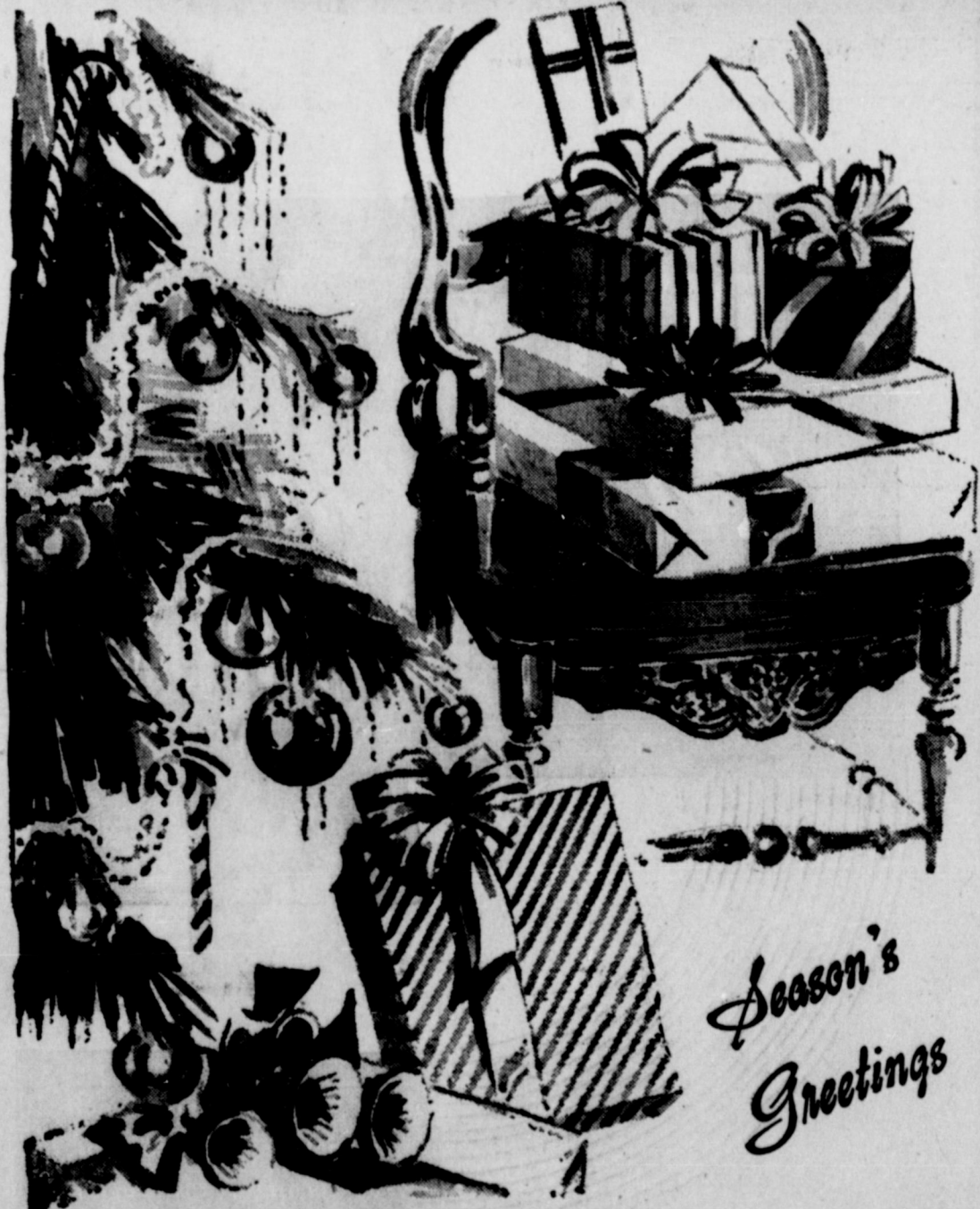
It's good to say "Merry Christmas"—it's satisfying to hear our friends say "Merry Christmas."

So, old fashioned or not, we just wanted to extend

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

HARLAN'S FLOWERS

Phone 37



*Season's
Greetings*

May the Peace of Christmas surround you,
The Joyousness of Christmas inspire you;
The Spirit of Christmas abide with you always

PARSONS BROS.
MASTER CLEANERS
Phone 27

Christmas

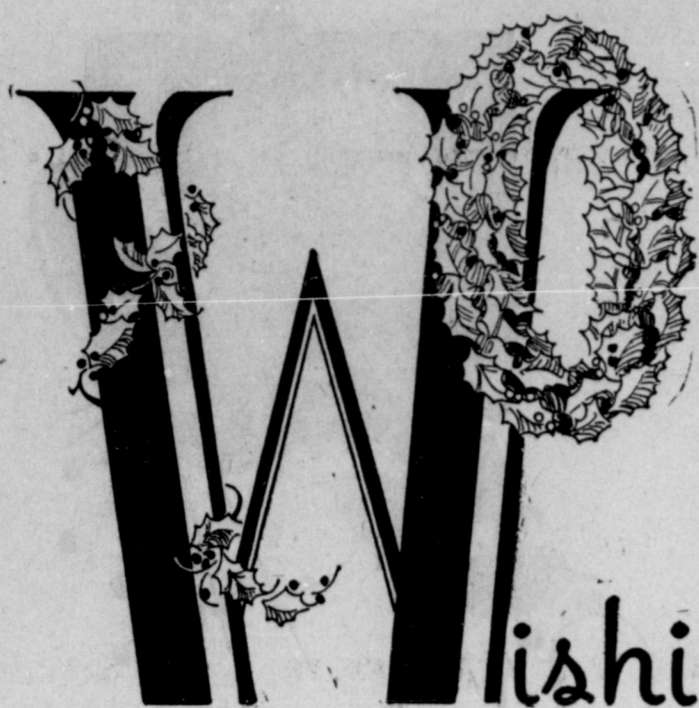
and another year has passed. To us here it has been a year of accomplishment and satisfaction. But without your friendship and goodwill, and the friendliness of other splendid folks like you, such achievement could not have been possible.

So we say thank you. Thank you very sincerely for the contribution you have made toward our success this year. We hope that your Christmas will be a Merry one.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



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PHARMACY
PHONE 36



Wishing you

a very merry

Christmas...

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*It Takes Know-How
To Burn a Yule Log*

THE YULE LOG is a tradition of Christmas, but due to central heating and gas stoves it is becoming a lost tradition in this country. Few city dwellers have open grates or desire a log fire. And those living in the country find coal more efficient and less trouble.

However, for those who have a place to burn the yule log and want one, tradition says it should be oak, ash, olive, apple or pine. Further, the fire on which it is placed should be kindled from a brand saved from last year's log, and that it should not be allowed to go out during the night.

For those determined to have the yule log, the voice of experience says get hold of all the wood you can. Some kinds burn better than others, but reject none these days.

Ash is highly praised by some and can be used without being seasoned. It burns quickly, but throws off great heat. Poplar, on the other hand, should be seasoned or it will spark badly.

Elm is condemned as undesirable, but can be used. It is slow to get burning, but lasts a long time and brightens up when it gets going. A few logs of birch, pine or fir will help it along.

Beech and oak are among the best logs. Beech is especially good, having a pleasant aroma and a steady glow. Oak has the outstanding merit of burning slowly.

If none of these are available, wood from all kinds of fruit trees are prime favorites for the yule log because of their pleasant smell when burning.

**America Has Provided
World With Poinsettia**

WHILE IT SEEMS rather odd, it certainly is interesting that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. This plant, like so many others of our best flowers, is na-

tive to tropical America. The florist has been able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, so that, with its flaming red bracts or leaves, it makes a most desirable Christmas plant.

There is a sentiment that goes with most Christmas plants — we hate to throw them away. What can be done with the poinsettia? Most of us figure that it is easier and cheaper to throw it away. However, if properly handled, it will bloom for you a second or even a third or fourth year. You can even propagate it, if you wish, and have more plants.

Give the plant a resting period around the middle of February. The florist simply lays it under the benches, but you will probably put it in your basement. Water it occasionally — enough to keep the wood from wilting, but no more. Then, around the latter part of May or early in June, bring it out, cut it back rather severely, and re-plant it. You can then put it outside if you wish in the shade of a tree or shrub, and water it enough to keep it growing. Of course, if you have a nice, warm, sandy spot, you might plant it right in the ground, but most of us prefer to leave it in the pot.

**When Father
Carved the...**

**BOAR'S
HEAD**



WHAT ROAST TURKEY is to Christmas dinner today, the boar's head was to the Yuletide feasting of Medieval England.

Preparation for the feasting began during September or October when the boar's flesh was at its best. Hunters tracked the animal down with well-trained packs of boar-hounds and it was dangerous sport, attacking the ferocious beast with spears or surrounding him and driving him into a net.

His ear was his most vulnerable spot, but before the dogs could get a grip on it and pin him down, his sharp teeth often wounded—sometimes even killed—the hunter and his dogs.

Nevertheless, the pluckier the boar, the louder his praises were sung, the merrier the feasting, when his head was borne to the Christmas table.



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ONE TRACK MIND

By Shirley Sargent

THE VERY NICEST about Henry Ellis, Henry had decided, was the fact that he was nine years old. He possessed another attribute variously described by his mother as stubbornness, stupidity, and the result of a one track mind.

To get something he really wanted, Henry had learned from experience, he always had to work hard and long. Pestering his mother for what he wanted came easiest.

"Why not, mom?" he begged. "Why can't I do it? I want to more than anything in the world. I'd be so good you wouldn't know me."

Finally his mother gave in to his endless teasing and what she considered impossible promises.

"All right, all right," she said.



Soundly sleeping, he lay back in the chair, in one hand a noisemaker; clutched limply in the other, a large horn. The box in his lap contained piles of confetti.

"We'll see if you can be good for a whole month and then—well, we'll see."

His long-awaited goal was in sight, but Henry had to admire his mother's shrewdness. Knowing that Rita, who was five, would keep close tabs on him, Mrs. Ellis put her in Henry's charge for the month. Playing nursemaid to a five-year-old was a stern task, even when he could be as nasty as he wanted—but taking care of her on his good behavior was purely awful.

At this time she would taunt her demands with "Or I'll tell mama." Only once he told her calmly but desperately, "If I ever have any children, they'll all be boys or all be girls. I'm not going to make any little boy of mine have a little sister. No sir, I'll give him a turtle or a goat or something he wants, not a little sister."

Rita just barely listened to him before demanding, "Now be a turtle for me, Henry. Crawl like a turtle and pull your head in a shell." So Henry crawled all over the apartment like a turtle and wished he'd kept quiet—like a turtle.

The days crept past Christmas and Henry knew that being good was surely a most terrible experience. Then at last the month was over and he heard his mother asking, "Had enough of being good, Henry?"

Feeling it to be a trick question, he answered casually that " . . . would be fun to see the fellows again, and just sort of all over relax!" She laughed, encouraging him to go on. "Hey, mom, well, can I do it—you know?"

She kissed him, saying, "Yes." Henry yelled "Hooray" as he ran into his room. Gosh, it had been worth waiting for after all—my but he hated girls, though. Ugh! There were some very important matters to attend to before he was quite ready. They wouldn't take so long, but the waiting would. He started unwrapping his packages. Thanks to mom, life was really fine.

A little before 12 that night Mrs. Ellis, noting the silence, went into Henry's room. His lights were blazing but the boy was asleep in a chair drawn close to an open window. She walked quietly over beside him. A whole month—thirty arduous days devoted to being good—he had worked for this night, and now he was asleep with the sum total of his dreams in his lap and fists. Soundly sleeping, he lay back in the chair, in one hand a noisemaker; clutched limply in the other, a large horn. The box in his lap contained piles of confetti, while reams of paper streamers were laid neatly over the chair arms. There was a ridiculous paper hat crushed into the chair back by his head, and on the table near him, there was another horn. It had a white card tied on it labelled simply "For mother."

So, she thought, with tears in her eyes, a little man's plan for one night had included his mother. She shook him gently, settled his hat more perkily on his head, and picked up her own horn. Noise seemed suspended in the air.

"Wake up, little one track mind," she said, sitting him up straight. "Hurry and wake up so you can wish me a Happy New Year!"

England's Puritans Banned Christmas As Frivolous Times

As Christmas was outlawed in England by the Puritan government of England in 1643 and, although the restoration of the Stuarts brought a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in contrast to the lavish feasting and boisterous merry-making of olden times.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing Day.



Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 28 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters' customers, 'Christmas Boxes' were collected on St. Stephen's day.

Thus, the children receive their presents, in boxes, as do old servants, the postman, and everyone else. And reminiscent of the Roman Saturnalia, householders dance with the servants and, toward evening, there is revelling in the streets as groups of merry-makers gather on street corners or ride about London-town dancing on the 'flats' of trucks.

Soap Flake Snow

Trimming the Christmas tree with fluffy snow is easy if you use soap flakes. It won't melt either.

Here's how it's done: Use three or four cups of soap flakes to one cup of warm water. Beat with electric warmer or hand beater until smooth and fluffy. Then spread immediately over branches of tree, scattering it on with hands.

For sparkle, spread on some artificial glistening snow.



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That's why, at Christmastime, we welcome the opportunity it affords to express our sincere thanks and to wish you a pleasant holiday.

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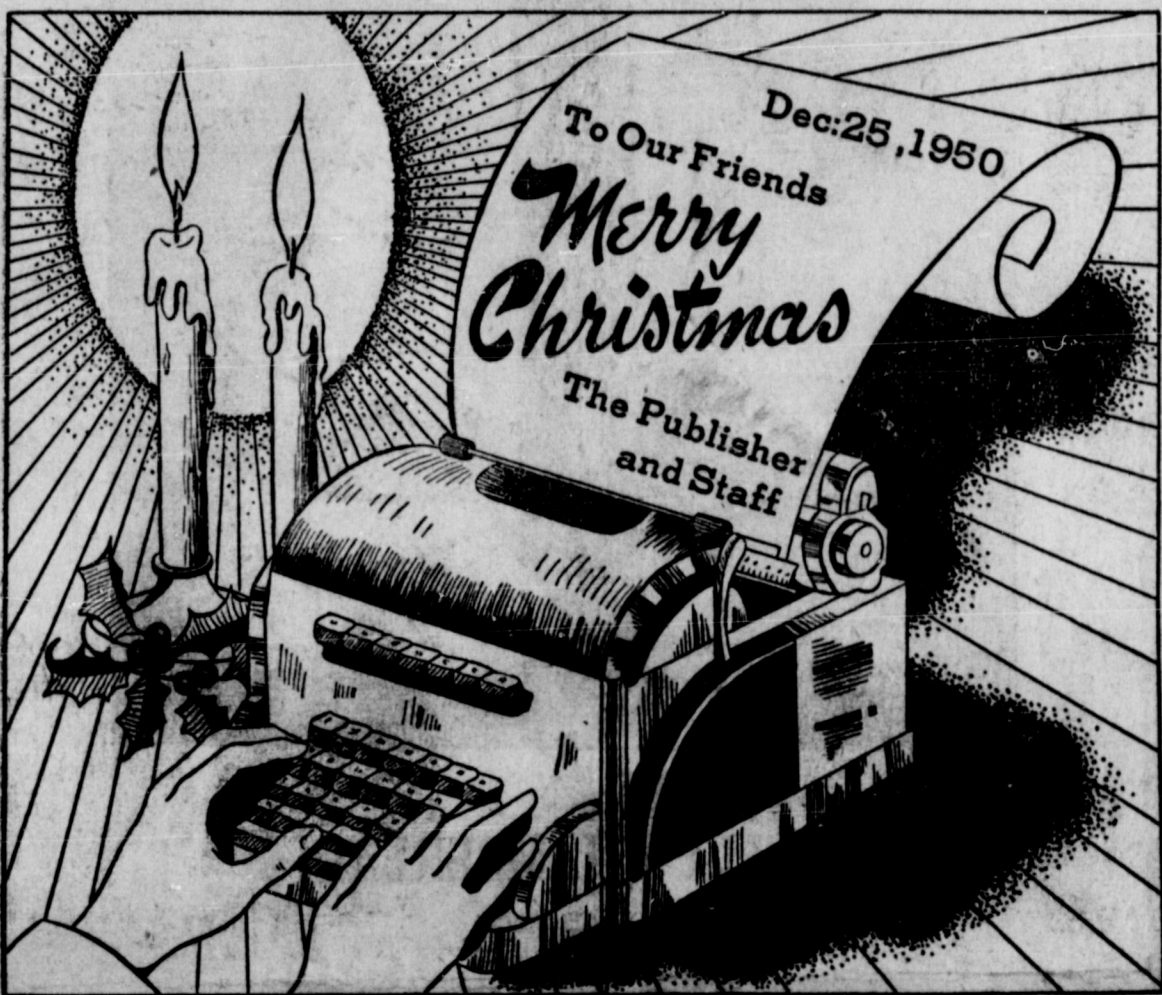
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A Common Paper for Common People



San Diego's Heart Revealed In 64 'Extra Kitchens'

By Vincent Dunne
The heart of San Diego has filled the eyes of a Texas mother with tears of joy.

Mrs. Kitty Heatherly, of Clarendon, who wrote the Evening Tribune wondering if there was an extra kitchen in San Diego so she could cook a Christmas dinner for her Marine recruit son, phoned the newspaper in amazement today.

"I'm smiling and crying at the same time," she declared. "We're so swamped with offers, I'm speechless," she explained. "The response is the biggest thing that ever happened in this little country town!"

"I never knew there was so much kindness in the world," she said. And she had to stop talking for a minute from emotion.

Mrs. Heatherly said she, her husband, T. M. Heatherly, a telephone lineman, and her boy's wife, Joveta, 18, would arrive here by auto Christmas Eve for a 5-day stay.

The couple's son is Tommy Gene Heatherly, an only child. The day after Christmas will be his 19th birthday and first wedding anniversary. He is going through "boot camp" at the Marine Recruit Depot.

Sixty-four invitations, each offering the "two beds and a kitchen" the Texas woman sought, have arrived so far, she related, adding that now she really needed help.

"How in the world can we decide which to accept?" she asked.

"I don't want to refuse anyone, but will someone please tell us what to do!"

The story of Mrs. Heatherly's letter was told in the Evening Tribune Monday. She had written "... if anyone wants us, please write airmail."

She said the deluge started Monday evening when the telephone began to ring. Eight San Diegans called long distance. Then the telegrams came, bringing six more invitations.

"There were 50 airmail letters in the first batch and the mailman says there's another flight coming in," Mrs. Heatherly said incredulously.

"The offers are from the humblest homes and from what must be mansions. They're from every race and creed. They're from Marines, Navy families, Texans, Oklahomans, everybody."

"I'm overwhelmed by the goodness of people. We'll try to write everyone personally, but, I tell you, this is the biggest thing that ever hit Clarendon," she declared. She said the Chamber of Commerce claims the town has 2700 population.

Mrs. Heatherly was not a whit dismayed at one change in her original plans. She wrote her letter on word from her son that he would have 5 days Christmas leave. She had planned to serve her home-cooked dinner in whatever home she obtained use of a kitchen.

She said Tommy phoned her Sunday to explain he had "the wrong scoop" and, like all the recruits in his battalion, would not rate leave until after graduation from training Jan. 6.

Marine officers confirmed that the boy would not be eligible for leave. All "boots" must remain on the base until completion of 8 weeks' training.

However, it was explained at the base, parents and wives are welcomed to spend the day on the base Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Many do and often take picnic fare to spread out on the landscaped grounds.

"So," Mrs. Heatherly said happily, "I'm going to cook that Christmas dinner and serve it picnic-style for Tommy." — San Diego, Calif. Evening Tribune.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

This Xmas season will bring many visitors to your home or perhaps you will be able to visit with friends or relatives, in other towns. Whichever may be the case, you are invited to call 418 and turn in these items, for it is always interesting to see how friends have enjoyed the holidays. It is impossible to call each individual and often news is missed for this reason. Your cooperation will be appreciated. The phone number is 418.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shelley of Lubbock announce the arrival Tuesday, Dec. 19 of a little son, Randy Joe, weight 4 lbs. 15 oz. Both mother and baby are doing nicely though the baby has been placed in an incubator for a time.

CORRECTION

In our issue of Dec. 21, it was stated in an article that Clarendon Public Schools would resume studies Monday, January 1, 1951. Instead, the schools will re-open Tuesday, January 2nd.

This Is Your Local Merchant's Xmas Greeting Edition

This issue of your Donley County Leader is the annual Christmas Edition and a Special Edition this year which is devoted entirely to Christmas Greeting advertisements of local merchants, Christmas stories, articles, etc. Turn through each section of this edition and read the many greetings and ads of appreciation from your local merchants. They want each and everyone to know that without your patronage and good will, their business would not be in existence today. Over 75 business firms and individuals are represented and have used the Leader as a medium of advertising to convey their greetings at this time.

We hope everyone enjoys reading this issue of the Leader as much as the Leader force has enjoyed bringing it to you.

Local Sheriff Makes Plea For Sane, Safe And Sober Holiday

Sheriff Guy Wright made his annual plea yesterday in regard to the holiday season. "Please do your holiday drinking in a safe place and do not mix it with gasoline or expose yourself to the public as a nuisance," he stated.

"It is better to honor your family or friends with your presence instead of presents, so drive carefully, observe the law in every detail and it will be a much happier Christmas for everyone," he added.

Sheriff Wright stated that he was expecting a quiet holiday season but that in event that it should be otherwise, his force would be on the job. He also remarked that the highway Department was going to patrol the highways closer this year.

A Few Words of Appreciation

The Leader force at this time wishes to extend a few words of appreciation in regard to the publication of this Christmas Greeting Edition of the Leader and a number of things that have made the Leader more worthwhile throughout the past year. We want to express our gratitude to our advertisers who have certainly been very considerate in letting us have their copy early in order to make this edition possible.

At this time we would also like to say that we have a very efficient staff of community reporters and they have been very considerate in writing up their news and getting it in to us during the rush period and throughout the year. They have represented their respective communities to the fullest extent and we know that their neighbors appreciate their efforts as much or more than we.

So, in extending these words of appreciation we would like to include them right along with the Leader force in telling you, the public in general, how much your cooperation in turning in news items has meant to us and to the progress of our community.

Rural correspondents for the Leader are: Mrs. Dcyce Graham, Ashtola; Mrs. H. R. King, Lella Leke; Mrs. J. H. Helton, Martis; Mrs. Carl Barker, Hudgins; Mrs. John Goldston, Midway; Mrs. Flora Johnson, Brice and Miss Carolyn McDonald, Goldston.

CHS BASKETBALL NEWS

By Wilson & Davis
Clarendon Bronchettes Defeat Wellington Girls

On December 12, at Wellington, the Bronchettes defeated the Wellington girls. The Bronchette line-up was Heathington, Moore, and Phillips as forwards, and Hill, Tims, and Hall as guards. Marjorie Hill was captain of the day. Wellington's starting line-up was Hutchen, V. Cook, and Z. Cook as forwards, and Needham, McGee, and Tarter as guards. Phillips started the scoring with a crib shot to be followed with the same type by Heathington. Z. Cook then made Wellington's first 2 points. The score at the end of the first quarter was 5-4 with Clarendon in the lead. In the second quarter, Heathington and Moore each sunk a free throw, with Phillips having a field goal and a free throw to her credit. Hutchen made 5 points and V. Cook made a field goal. The halftime score was a tie, 10-10. During the third quarter, Heathington took the lead by making 5 points. The guards held the Wellington girls down by keeping them from scoring in the third quarter. The final score was 24-15 in Clarendon's favor. Heathington was high scorer with 14 points. Phillips was next with 8 points, and Moore had 2. Hutchens was Wellington's high scorer with 9 points. Both Polk and Phily were absent from the game.

Clarendon Bronches Down Wellington Skyrockets

The starting line-up for the Bronches was Lane, Farr, Youree, Christie, and Mooring. The line-up for Wellington was Timmie, S. Wood, Gibson, Stout, and T. Wood. Lane started the game by making 2 points in the first seconds of the game. Gibson scored later in the ball game for Wellington. The score at the first quarter was 2-2. Farr sunk a long shot from the corner to be followed by a hook shot. After working the ball in, Tommy Wood went in to make a crib

shot. Mooring made a crib shot and then followed up his beautiful shot with a field goal. The score at the half was 8-4 in Clarendon's favor. Timmie started Wellington to scoring again with a long field goal. Christie then sunk a free throw. In the fourth quarter, Youree made a crib shot, then followed with a field goal. The final score was 41-12 in Clarendon's favor. Farr was high point man for the night with 15 points to his credit. Lane was next with 10 points.

Bronchettes Lose To Tigerettes

The Bronchettes received a hard blow from the McLean Tigerettes Thursday night. Polk started Clarendon to scoring with a hook shot. Gudgel from McLean then made one of her hook shots. Phillips then shot a successful field goal. The halftime score was 25-17 with McLean in the lead. Bailey was the first to start the Tigerettes to scoring in the third quarter. This was with a free throw. Tims, changing from guard to forward, made a beautiful free throw. After working the ball under the basket, Polk sunk a crib shot. Heathington then sunk a field goal. Sue Lively of McLean sunk a long field goal to be followed by a turn shot by Moore. In the last seconds of the game Moore fouled off, after playing a very good game. The final score was 31-19 in McLean's favor. The high point girl from Clarendon was Polk with 8 points. Heathington and Phillips both followed with 4 points each. Gudgel was high point girl for McLean with 24 points. Moore and Gudgel were the captains.

This was Moore's last game for the Bronchettes. We hate to see her leave, but we wish her all the luck and happiness in the world. **Bronches Win Over The Tigers**

Clarendon's starting line-up was as usual with Farr, Lane, Mooring, Youree and Christie. Watson from McLean started the game off by scoring a field goal. Farr then scored with a crib shot for Clarendon. Mooring made a free throw to tie the score 3-3. Mooring was next to make a free throw to put Clarendon in the lead. Youree then made 4 points in a like number of minutes. The

score at the end of the first quarter was 10-11 in McLean's favor. The Bronchos took a wide lead in the second quarter by putting the score 23-13 at the half. Roberts of McLean, and Lane then took turn in making a crib shot each. With the Tigers tightening on them, the Bronchos were in the lead at the third quarter with the score 36-30. Christie started Clarendon scoring again the fourth quarter with a free throw. Reeves, Smith, and Duncan of McLean then each made a crib shot. Farr and Youree then made a free shot each. The final score was 42-41 in the Bronchos favor. Lane was high point man for Clarendon with 15 points. Farr and Mooring were next with 9 points to their credit and Youree and Christie each had 5 points. Watson was high point man for McLean with 11 points. Roberts was close behind with 10. Smith, Reeves, and Duncan each made 6 points. Farr was Clarendon's captain for the night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones went to Lubbock Tuesday to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Lee Shelley and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. Rhodes returned home Wednesday night. Mrs. Rhodes remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hott have gone to Houston to spend Christmas with their children, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Gregory and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hott and James Earl Hott.

Mrs. Pat Roberson and son Pat went as far as Waco with Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hott. They will spend Christmas with their aunt, Mrs. Lula Kirkland. This is Mrs. Roberson's first trip back to the old home in 23 years.

French Celebrate New Year's
The famous "Jour de l'An"—New Year's Day—is probably the gayest day in the calendar of the French-Canadian. That is the time of family reunions and of exchanging gifts.

This is your Christmas Special Issue of your Donley County Leader paid for by the Regular Subscribers. Single copies of this Special Issue are 7c each.





ACCORDING to the familiar old carol, St. Joseph was an old man. He probably was considerably older than Mary, but people may have thought of him as being older than he actually was because he enjoyed earnest conversation and the companionship of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasures.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, en-

gaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream: saying,

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."

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

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel said unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Christmas Candles Have Been Used By Many Peoples

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas' Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle", burned in the window of Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

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During the early history of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:

"To learn you 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."

Hawaiian Christmas Is Elaborate Affair

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair, enjoyed in the privacy of the home behind locked doors and drawn blinds. Any open-house hospitality is an economic impossibility; if the shades were not drawn and the doors not locked, homes would be invaded by hordes of strangers—all expecting food and drink.

Gift-giving is the order of the day as everyone exchanges expensive presents. Even the servants in hotels expect and receive gifts from over-night guests.



GNOMES AT WORK . . . Three little gnomes diligently prepare for Christmas under the watchful eye of Santa Claus in his workshop at Santa Claus, Indiana. They are building, waxing and polishing toys to go into Santa's pack on Christmas eve.

Merry Christmas Greetings

Sincere Good Wishes

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AT CHRISTMAS

While we're going about the business of wishing everybody a Merry Christmas, we don't want to forget that we owe our friends our sincerest appreciation for making possible one of the best years we have ever enjoyed in this community. Thank you, each and every one.

ERNEST KENT
Your TEXACO Consignee

During these last few busy days before Christmas we want to take enough time out to wish you a Christmas Season of happiness—with good health to enjoy it and wealth enough so you can extend your joy to all those you love. It has been a pleasure to serve you during the year just coming to a close and we look forward to another twelve months of these pleasant associations.

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Such Lovely FLAMES

By John Scott Douglas

FRED DOBSON plugged in the string of lights and then stood back to admire the blue and red and green candle globes on the Christmas tree. Ellen left the table she was setting to study the effect.

"Nice little tree, Fred. Seems a shame, though, not to be sharing it with someone. This was our year—"

And then she stopped, and her face, still pretty in middle age, grew pink. Fred knew she'd been about to say that it was their year to have the Robbins to Christmas dinner. Every year since their children had married and left they had either entertained their neighbors or had been their guests.

But now, by mutual consent, the quarrel with the Robbins was not mentioned. It was characteristic of Ellen not to blame Fred. And that took forbearance because Martha Robbins had been her dearest friend.

Ellen sighed. "Goodness! the turkey must be almost ready."



He was back in a moment with a rake. Lifting the smoldering tree with the tines, he hurled it out onto the snowy lawn.

Fred thought of their quarrel.

which had started because of a cocker puppy which wouldn't stay home. Tom, with his usual consideration for his neighbors, had started to build a fence to keep the dog out of the Dobson's garden. Fred thought the fence was a foot within his own property line, and jokingly said so.

Tom had laughed. "Who's paying for it?"

"I'll pay half," Fred had said, "if you'll buy the strip you're using."

The joke, within a matter of days, had taken on an edge, and then they gave up speaking. No longer did they fish and hunt together, or play in their usual Saturday four-somes.

By then, beginning to fume at Tom's high-handedness, Fred had his property surveyed, only to discover that his garden had in reality extended onto his neighbor's property. The fence was where it belonged.

Fred wanted to apologize, but every time he stepped outside, Tom walked into the house.

Within a matter of seconds, Fred was too busy to think of the quarrel. The little Christmas tree was on fire and crackling fiercely. He flung open the door and screamed, "Fire! help! help!" And then, snatching up the hall runner he'd been planning to replace, he knocked over the tree and began beating out the flames.

Behind him Tom called, "Stay with it, pal—I'll get something."

He was back in a moment with a rake. Lifting the smoldering tree with the tines, he hurled it out onto the snowy lawn.

Martha Robbins had appeared by then. Seeing Ellen staring dazedly at the cloud of smoke and the blackened wall where the tree had stood, she opened the windows and then slipped her arm around Ellen's shoulders.

"Poor dear! And just when you were sitting down to your Christmas dinner. After the smoke has thinned out, this room will be freezing. You and Fred are having dinner with us."

Ellen looked happy but flustered. "But this was our year—"

"Nonsense!" Tom said heartily. "We'll eat with you next year."

"That will be swell," Fred said, beaming.

When they started Martha Robbins' bountiful dinner, there was at first a little stiffness. But Tom was soon joking about Fred's "high forehead," and Fred was asking Tom if he'd considered selling his hair to a wire-brush factory.

As they said hearty farewells later, Tom remarked, "Can't say I'm sorry about that fire. We've sure missed you folks."

"And it was all my fault," Fred said. "I was wrong about—"

"Aw, forget it," Tom interrupted. "How about some golf Saturday?"

When they reached home, Fred looked at the blackened wall speculatively. "No real damage done, Ellen. A coat of paint will fix it up."

"How do you suppose the tree ever caught fire?" Ellen asked. Fred grinned sheepishly. "A match and a bunch of tissue paper may have helped."

creasing number of ornaments. "Careful," Marcia Raymond admonished her son sharply. "Don't hang those big balls down so low. The kitten will break them."

Gently Archie lifted them to a higher bough, drawing in the pungent scent of the pine. Only he saw that the kitten walked slowly under the tree unaware of the boughs tickling her furry back. His youngest brother had named the roly-poly butterscotch kitten Tupid.

Young Billy was easily aroused to fits of anger. His favorite expression, under stress, was a lisped, "You 'tupid, you big 'tupid."

Archie, his ten-year-old brother, Joe, and his parents laughed at the little boy's wrath and, because the kitten was slower than the others in

annoying and his mother. At first there had been four balls of fur and a proud old alley cat mother. As they grew, they had become playful, pattering swiftly through the house. But now they were all gone, including the mother. Just Tupid was left to keep. Even the black imp with shoe-button eyes had been given away. Tar Baby, who had been the boss of the litter, had been gone barely two days, and Tupid missed him.

"Well," his father's voice boomed again, as he climbed down the ladder. "All done in time for Christmas Eve. Come here, Joe, Archie, you too Billy. I want you to see this fine tree."

Mrs. Raymond switched the lights off and Archie shivered in delighted excitement as the tree blazed, illumined by the strings of lights and balls. The magic moment was shattered by the sharp ring of the doorbell.

A rush of cold air came in as Mr. Raymond flung open the door wide to admit a bundled figure. "My father says I can't keep the kitten," Gerald Parks recited automatically, close to tears. "I have to give it back because it gives my father hay fever." Gerald went out in another rush of frosty air, but not before Mrs. Raymond had pressed a fat candy cane into his mittened hand.

Tar Baby huddled in the middle of the floor. "Watch it, boys," Mr. Raymond warned. "Let's just watch him. He feels strange here now; he'll be all right in a while."

Archie saw Tupid jump from the sofa with a purr of delight. Tupid circled and smelled at the black kitten until he was satisfied. Then his tongue flicked out to lick the kitten. Tupid's paws caressed him as his tongue washed him. The black kitten stood passive, as Tupid showered his pent-up love on him.

"Thay, mommy," Billy lisped, "Tupid's kissing him, isn't he?"

"Um," Mrs. Raymond agreed, "Tar Baby's Tupid's Christmas present."

Mr. Raymond's eyes swept his sons' awe-struck faces. "No," he said firmly, "He's our Christmas present too."

Wax From Candles Calls for Caution

With so many candles placed about the home to give a festive air during the holiday season, candle wax drippings on rugs, tablecloths, and mantels are almost in-



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the litter, they named him, most affectionately, Tupid.

"Archie," Mrs. Raymond was flurried from all the excitement. "That blue globe is much too low. Tupid will get it. I don't doubt," she added pessimistically, "that we will lose half of our globes."

Archie could see that Tupid had no interest either in the swaying boughs or the brilliant-colored fragile balls. For two days Tupid had wandered carelessly about the house and yard. He wasn't playful or friendly and he had stopped purring. Only Archie sensed that the kitten was lonesome for his sisters

Merry Christmas

Try as we may we can think of no better Christmas sentiment than those two simple, but significant words, "Merry Christmas."

We sincerely hope that you will have a full measure of happiness at this time of the year and throughout the years to come.



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A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

Just a few words to each of you, that we may express our Christmas sentiment and a wish for the New Year. May it see the realization of your every hope and ambition.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT



By Shirley Sargent

THE SMALL KITTEN called Tupid watched preparations for Christmas dully. Only the middle boy, one Archie Raymond, noticed his apathy. The tree, in all its green splendor, stood tall in the living room bedecked with an in-

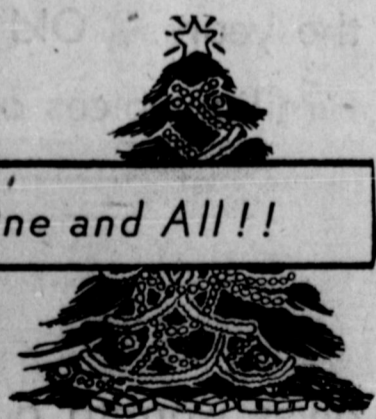
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Snacks at Work

Wax spots on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape up the wax, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging it lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test this mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto your best linen tablecloth can be removed by the same method of first scraping—being very careful not to injure the fiber or thread—and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride. If the stain is colored, use the solution suggested for a colored spot on a rug, after you've used carbon tetrachloride. Again you are urged to test an inconspicuous spot for possible fading from use of the solution.

Tests made with women workers in a cotton-bag factory indicate that their efficiency was not affected by snacks during mid-morning and midafternoon rest periods. According to Cosmopolitan magazine, the industrial physicians gave different amounts of nutritious food to the workers for three consecutive weeks, but discerned no change in their work output. On days when the snacks were withheld, the work output showed no decline, but morale was bad.

You can't say that the man with the moustache is a bare-faced liar.

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Santa Claus Makes a Stop Out West



'Grandpa Frost' Helps Russians Celebrate Midwinter Festival

Although Christmas is no longer a holiday in Soviet Russia, a non-religious midwinter festival is celebrated and children receive gifts from "Grandpa Frost."

In Czarist Russia, it was customary for well-to-do families with large homes to entertain lavishly on Christmas day. The invitations were extremely formal and begged the invited to consider that...

...for thousands of years it has been so; with us it has not commenced, with us it will not cease. Do not, therefore, disturb the festival; do not bring the good people to despair. Without you there will be no maiden festival at Anna Karpowna's."

In planning these houseparties, hostesses gave particular attention to the selection of partners for the young ladies. The selection was sometimes very satisfactory and sometimes left something to be desired.

Arrival of the "fair maidens," each with her mother and retinue, bringing cake and sweetmeats and

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gifts for everyone, proceeded according to prescribed ritual: the guests sooner freezing in their sleds before the gate than to alight before receiving the greeting of the host and hostess.

Having been ceremoniously welcomed, the guests offered prayers before the icon (sacred picture) and then proceeded to the feasting and festivities arranged for them.

Santa Claus Hit As 'Sugar Daddy' Instead of Saint

Assailing the Santa Claus myth as "foolish fiction" and rival of the Holy Child, the Rev. John S. Martin, editor of the Catholic Review, declared in a 1949 editorial that Santa the saint has been lost in Santa the sugar daddy—and that the whole idea is bad psychology and bad pedagogy.

"Our children learn about the reindeer, but have never heard of



the ox and the ass," Father Martin continued and recommended that we:

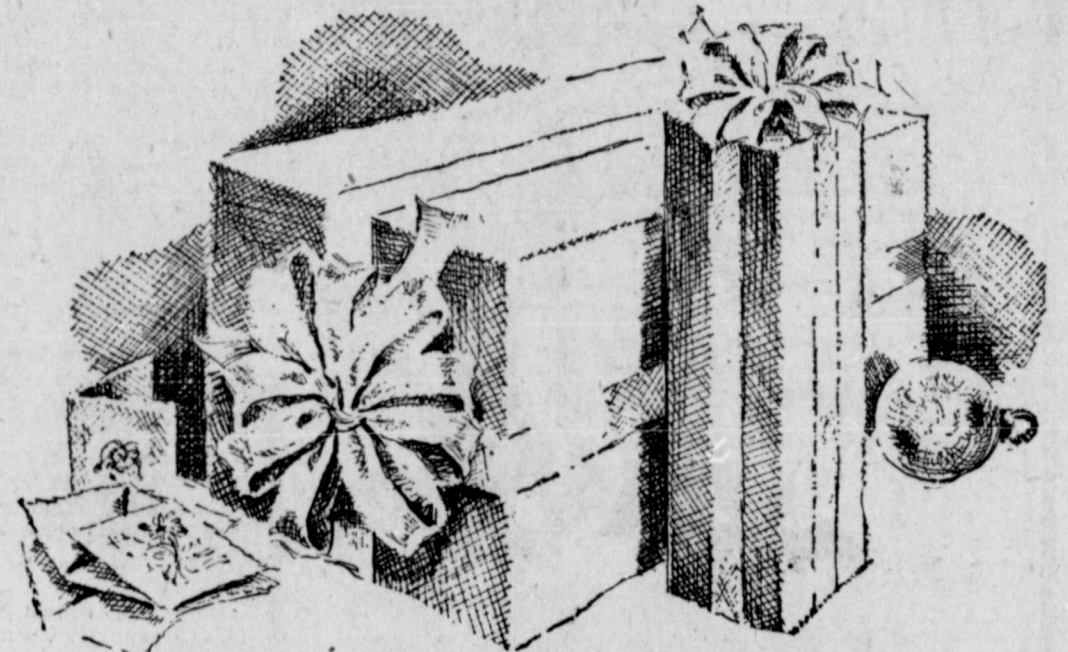
"Leave the man in the red suit to those who have nothing better for whom life must end in disillusion and despair."

Father Martin's sentiments are reminiscent of Martin Luther's vigorous campaign against neglect of the central idea of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus. So, German children have been taught that the Christkind brings the presents—Christkind being depicted as the messenger of the Infant Jesus sent earthward at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children.

The modern conception of Santa Claus is, of course, 99 per cent fictional and strictly American. But the spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness as typified by Santa Claus is neither sugar daddy-ish nor essentially American. Unfortunately not all children who await Santa have learned from their mothers' lips the story of the Holy Child.

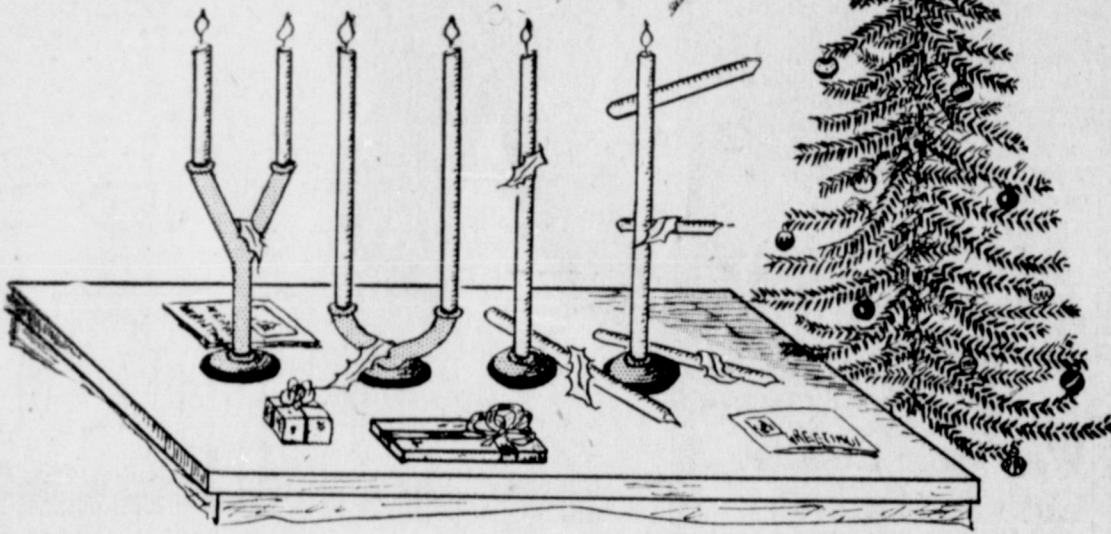
It really wouldn't be Christmas unless we experienced the thrill and excitement of last minute shopping, wrapping gifts and searching for cards and the thousand other things that enter into the full enjoyment of a real Christmas. There's always just one thing after another

Yet, through it all, the true significance of the occasion is always present to remind us of the friends each of us have. That's why we send our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.



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Christmas GREETINGS

There are many thoughts that go through the minds of each of us at Christmas . . . impressions that remain with us for days to reflect the happiness that prevails everywhere at the Yuletide Season.

From Christmases past there are remembrances of associations with loved ones and friends . . . of tokens of esteem from those about us . . . there have been Christmas festivities . . . family reunions . . . religious worship . . . the joy of giving . . . and the happiness that comes from being remembered. These and many others are the impressions that make Christmas meaningful and joyful.

It is our sincere wish that you may enjoy every one of these blessings this Holiday Season . . . that the Christmastide this year may be the most impressive of them all.

Merry Christmas, all!

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The spirit of Christmas helps us to appreciate the true value of the friendly folks whose loyalty makes it possible for us to successfully go on Christmas after Christmas.

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PLEASANT as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily.

However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

Brazil's Christmas Features Performance Of the Miracle Plays

Brazilian Christmas festivities embrace an aggregation of modern observances entwined with ancient traditions brought over from the mother country of Portugal.

The Christmas season in Brazil begins on Christmas Eve and ends with Epiphany on January 6. And because it is really summertime (south of the equator) festivities and entertainments appropriate to summertime hold sway throughout the season.

Miracle plays have always been performed in adoration of the Holy Child. From olden times, the plays have had all the dramatic fervor of a religious performance together with the gracious hospitality of a social function.

The scene is at once solemn and fantastic, with costumes bedecked with feathers, sparkles, jewels and what-not sparkling in a setting of luxurious tropical foliage and blossoms.

Out of the great variety of miracle plays, all on different themes, of which many are in the form of elaborate dances meticulously per-

formed and accompanied by the music of an orchestra, the dances of the Four Parts of the World may be cited as a typical example.

The roles are enacted by girls dressed for the part and, in succession, Europe, Asia, Africa and America declaim. The discussion finally involves their respective rights to make oblation to the Christ Child. Eventually, Father Time appears and settles the dispute to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Dr. Moore, Author Of 'Night Before', Was Ashamed of It

Everyone knows and loves the poem which begins—
'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the

house a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;—

but the man who wrote it, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, was ashamed of it and would not allow it to be published under his name for more than 29 years.

Dr. Moore, an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York, wrote the poem on Christmas eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her dairy. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

Ironically, the professor's serious works are forgotten today. He is mentioned in encyclopedias because he wrote the celebrated Christmas verses.



HARD TO GET . . . Mary Jane Ng (yep, that's Ng) is only 14 months old, and as a result is playing hard to get with Santa. She was at a Christmas party held for 450 underprivileged Bowery children in New York.

'Grown-Up Child' Writes to Santa

GREENVILLE, Texas—A letter to Santa Claus from a "grown-up child" came to the desk of W. C. Poole, Jr., of the Greenville Morning Herald.

Publisher Poole published it in his daily front-page column, explaining he had no idea who the author is, "but it is so well written, and expresses such an unusual theme, that we think everyone who reads it will be as deeply impressed as we were."

The letter:
"Dear Santa:
"It has been a long, long time since I have written to you.

"I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

"All the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or tarnished and tear-stained.

"Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had—the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lode star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

"In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have—but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

"I will hang my empty heart by the chimney Santa and, please this is what I want:

"Give me a large basket of forgetfulness, with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a larger box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears; leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer, and, please, Santa, leave quit a lot of plain old-fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness and tolerance that I can share freely with my neighbors.

"Sincerely and thankfully,
"A grown-up child."

Make the Covering Gay When Wrapping Up Gifts

HALF OF THE GIFT is the wrapping—let's make the covering as gay as the gift inside.

For the girl who likes to sew, material for a dress in a fabric-wrapped box, rick-rack for the ribbon and spoos of thread with big buttons for the decoration create an unusual package. If you give yarn for a sweater, use one skein for the big bow.

Disguise a flat box of letter paper as a desk pad. Use a real blotter on top with corners of metallic paper.

Why not use a necktie knot in decorating the box containing a tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 1/4 way down; bring to center; tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use a dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.

Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.

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So, friends, get ready! Old Santa's sure to come by.

Let's give him the warmest, kindest reception he ever had,

one that will remain with him through the

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A Famous Train

The Diesel electric-power locomotives which pull the famous between New York and Chicago can generate the energy of four thousand horses, and can haul the sixteen steel cars at better than 125 miles an hour. However, according to Cosmopolitan magazine, eighty is the limit for safety's sake. The train averages sixty miles per hour on its 960-mile run.

New Antibiotic

Doctors in Washington, D. C. have treated thirty patients with the new antibiotic drug called "terramycin," and found it effective in combating pneumonia, kidney and bladder infections, whooping cough, food poisoning, and lung abscess. According to Cosmopolitan magazine, the drug's name is derived from the fact that it comes from the earth. It's also expected to be successful in treating venereal diseases.



Remember Last Christmas? These were the major goings-on in the world during Christmas week in 1948:

December 27—Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty, outspoken foe of Hungary's Communist regime, was arrested on charges of plotting against the government, spying, treason and blackmarket dealings in currency.

In an extemporaneous speech at Kansas City, President Truman made this remark that caught the interest of the world: "There are certain leaders in the government of that country (Russia) who are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with us."

December 29—President Truman returned to Washington after a Christmas vacation in Independence, Mo.

December 28—Twelve stranded air force men were rescued by plane from an icecap in southern Greenland by Lt. Col. Emil Beaudry.

December 31—The 80th congress, denounced by President Truman as the second worst on record, passed into history with the adjournment of both houses.

December 31—At year's end, America's favorite popular song for the moment was "On a Slow Boat to China."



"DEAR SANTA" . . . This calls for a lot of deep thinking. You mustn't ask for too much, but you hate to ask for too little.

Christmas Tree Is 150 Years Old In This Country

A CHRISTMAS TREE will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed Christmas tree, as it is known today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1639 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

The custom of the lighted Christmas tree, some historians tell, originated with Martin Luther. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen tree into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

Another old German legend credits St. Boniface with the origin of the Christmas tree. Having converted some oak tree-worshipping Druids to Christianity, he took them into a forest, cut down an oak and pointed to a stately fir along side. "Take this tree," he said, "into your homes as a sign of your new worship. Celebrate God's power no more with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your homes with laughter and love."



CHRISTMAS SYMBOL . . . The light of the deathless spirit of the Yule burns steadily in every mind at this season of the year, but nowhere is it more beautifully typified than in the delighted, wide-eyed look of a child experiencing the shimmering delights of his first Christmas.

Santa's Requests

Santa Claus still gets letters from youngsters with the same cherished requests—bicycles and dolls. But last year a child wanted a live cow. He told a department store Santa so.

Another kid wanted a new daddy because hers was "wearing out on top."



"ALL HE WANTS" . . . Young Edward Hospita of New York makes known to Santa his Christmas wish. He said, to coin a phrase, "All I want for Christmas is my two front incisors." Whether he'll get them is another story.

LAST REQUEST . . . Christmas came early last year for Gerald Waaburna, 8, of Seattle. He was brought from his sickbed to sit with Santa Claus for a special visit before he entered a hospital to undergo surgery for a brain operation.

Charles Dickens' 'Life of Our Lord' Is a Moving Story

LAST YEAR, the heretofore unpublished Dickens' manuscript "The Life of Our Lord" was presented to the world.

Written 100 years earlier for the exclusive audience of the author's own children, it is a child's life of Christ—a simple, moving narrative, understandable even to a child and yet touched by that incomparable Dickens genius which insures its place by the side of the famous "Christmas Carol" among the great masterpieces of Christmas literature.

Because he felt such deep veneration for the life and lessons of our Saviour, he left instructions



that this particular manuscript should not be commercialized. Thus, the manuscript was a precious family secret for 85 years. But when Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child, died in 1923, it was finally brought forth and sold for the staggering amount of \$210,000 — or, \$15 per word.

Purchased by the London Daily Mail, the manuscript became a literary event of the first magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens himself, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ. For, according to Dickens:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong, or were in any way ill or miserable, as He was."

"And as He is now in heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."



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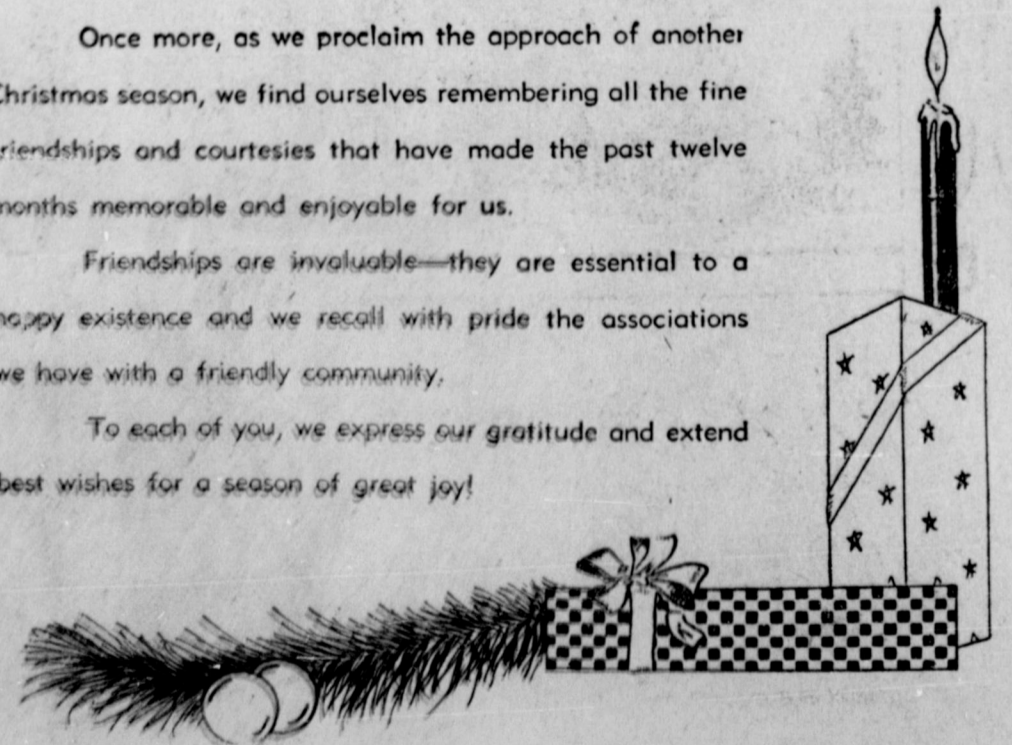
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The Joys of
Another Christmas

Once more, as we proclaim the approach of another Christmas season, we find ourselves remembering all the fine friendships and courtesies that have made the past twelve months memorable and enjoyable for us.

Friendships are invaluable—they are essential to a happy existence and we recall with pride the associations we have with a friendly community.

To each of you, we express our gratitude and extend best wishes for a season of great joy!



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This painting of the first Christmas was done by Feuerstein, an Alsatian who taught at the Munich Academy of Art.



EYE-OPENER . . . When the clock strikes midnight on December 31, it's time to unmask and greet the New Year with eyes wide open, advises actress Jean Gillespie, suiting her actions to the words. In a few days millions of persons will be pointing to 12 o'clock.

Curiosity, Hope Greet New Year Hand in Hand

Curiosity and superstition always have greeted the New Year hand in hand with mankind's bright hope for the future.

In olden times, families sought a glimpse into the year just beginning by observing the 'dipping' custom. With his eyes closed, the head of the house opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger; the text, solemnly read and interpreted by the family, was indicative of the luck—good or bad—that was in store.

Probably one of the most widespread superstitions concerned the "first-footer," the first person to cross the threshold on New Year's morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky "first-footers," as were people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages, the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was given the first-footer job and, going from house to house, he would be the first person to cross the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year burst in, often climbed upon the roof on New Year's Eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

And we moderns make as much noise as possible, presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.

New Year in Bulgaria

New Year's Day is a great day for Bulgarian children who receive their presents and small sums of money in return for the gifts they ceremoniously present.

Teen-agers go visiting and, wishing neighbors a happy New Year, expect treats and refreshments. But unlike our "trick or treat" of Halloween, should the supply of goodies run short, the situation is accepted graciously.

The Longest Year

The year we now refer to as 46 B. C., was the longest year in calendar history. It contained 445 days, and for a very good reason.

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. This calendar was revised several times but by Julius Caesar's time, it was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar's experts devised the Julian calendar, which went along without revision until the 16th century, there was the problem of catching up with the sun before the new calendar could take over. So, two months were inserted between the months of November and December. Thus, 46 B. C. contained 445 days.

O Come Let Us Adore Him



CHRISTMAS EVE IN OLDTIME FINLAND



The Christmas Eve bath was quite a tradition in Finland before the advent of modern plumbing.

The oldtime Finnish bath-room was usually a three-room hut; one room was used for steaming and scrubbing, one for rubbing, and one for dressing.

The hut was warmed by a stone oven, heated for hours before the scheduled bath, and the "bath-room" was really steaming. After bathing came the rub-down and the switching of the body with birch twigs to increase the circulation, topped off by a roll in the snow, supposedly to whet the appetite for Christmas Eve supper.

For supper there was usually stockfish and prune tarts to be enjoyed, plus the traditional barley porridge in which cream and sugar and almonds were mixed.

After supper the boys and men matched their strength; while the girls—garbed in the men's work clothes—blackened their faces and stole away to visit other homes in cognito and "see Christmas." The girls never spoke nor accepted food, but went from house to house merely to watch the festivities.

And when the evening's festivities were over, the smaller children made their beds in the clean straw spread on the floor in commemoration of the Christ Child.

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Indestructible Mistletoe

The flame-thrower and atomic energy—lethal instruments borrowed from modern warfare—are out to kill that ancient symbol of peacemaking and love, the Christmas mistletoe.

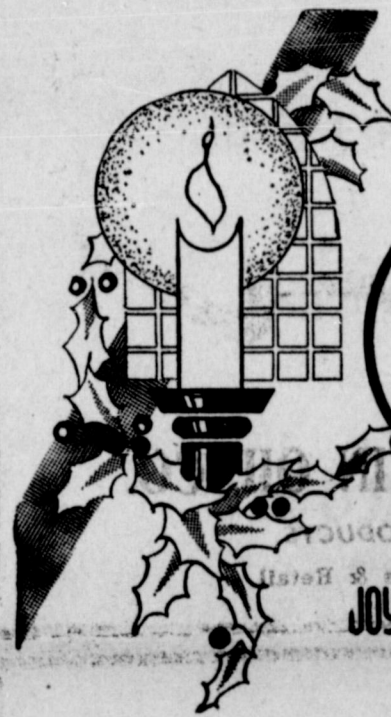
The unusual battle front is Australia where too many valuable trees each year have been receiving the kiss of death from the harmless looking shrub. Despite mistletoe's popular reputation as the Yuletide promoter of romance, it is a public-enemy parasite in the woodlands, killing off the trees that play it host.

Australian foresters have finally resorted to the flame-thrower as a quick executioner for the plant and are using radio-active tracers, furnished by the U. S. atomic energy commission, to study how the mistletoe saps the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

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seventy-seven; Sophocles, eighty-eight; and Pythagoras, an even hundred years.

Women have many faults, but men have only two—everything they say and everything they do.

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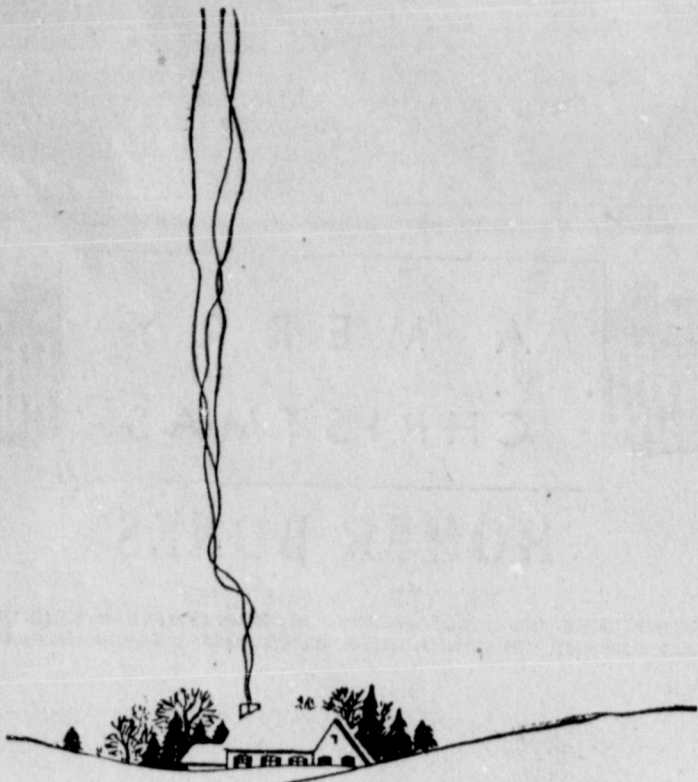
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THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

As we herald the approach of another Christmas season, we count our blessings in good friends and pleasant associations.

It is appropriate, then, that we extend our warmest greetings and add the hope that the coming year will be the best you have ever enjoyed and that from the experiences of the past we may gain strength for the problems of the future.

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United States Is Christmas Carol 'Meeting Place'

IN TOWNS AND CITIES throughout America, in churches, public squares and along home-lined streets, over millions of radios and public address systems come the strains of the world's Yuletide melodies—old as bygone centuries, young as "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas..."

The United States, meeting place of carols from all Christendom, contributes yearly to the traditions of Christmas music by writing new songs and popularizing old ones.

The carols of Europe arrived with the peoples who came to America to settle. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), eventually translated into 119 languages and dialects, belonged to no one nation but was the common gift of the continent. From Germany came Luther's hymn for children, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed..." England sent "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay..." And France provided the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three American composers did much to revive the ancient custom by writing new songs which are, today, among the world's best beloved carols.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was the inspiration of Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, in 1849. Less than 10 years later Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Episcopal rector from Williamsport, Pa., composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Perhaps the best-known American carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks in Philadelphia. The young Episcopal minister, later bishop of Massachusetts, was inspired to write the poem by the memory of a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. The rollicking "Jingle Bells," though non-religious in theme, also came from the pen of a churchman, John Pierpont, and has enjoyed almost a century of popularity.

More to Mistletoe Than You'd Think

In America the high-hanging mistletoe is treasured chiefly for its power to invite a kiss from a pretty girl. The bulk of the holiday

decoration comes from the Carolinas, Tennessee and the southwest where off-season agricultural workers gather the branches for shipment throughout the nation.

The white-berried plant also serves as a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins, and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves and translucent berries of the guest plant.

Though the mistletoe plays the dual characters of destructive killer and promoter of love, superstition has it that the plant can switch roles in a twink. For instance, if the yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemass Eve (February 1), each leaf left will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

Christmas Season Evokes Spirit of Trust, Faith

Indicative of the integrity and trustfulness prevailing throughout the world at Christmas time, people of Holland often entrust gifts to total strangers requesting the passerby to leave the package on such-and-such a doorstep.

Half-way across the globe, Negro families in Virginia long have observed the table-covered-with-a-sheet custom. The dining room table is covered with a sheet. Names of everyone in the household are written on slips of paper and pinned to the sheet. Gifts are sneaked under the sheet when everybody is supposed to be asleep, and even the youngest child refrains from "peeking" until the gifts are unveiled Christmas morning.



RIGHT FOR THE ROLE... Playing Santa Claus for young victims of polio and cerebral palsy is opera star Lauritz Melchior, shown reading a Christmas story to Thomas Precious and Patricia Pulio.



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Naturalized Citizen—That's Our Santa

Santa Claus as Americans know him is a naturalized American citizen, and as such is America's contribution to the Christmas legend. That's the opinion of Dr. Gustav O. Arlt of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arlt.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas,' he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christian legend and folklore," the professor stated.

Calends to Calendar

In ancient Rome, the priests called the people together on the first day of every month, known as the Calends, and announced the sacred days and festivals to be observed during the month. The people checked the days on their "fasti," marking the important feasts in red.



YOU'LL BE SORRY... With the heavy burden of 1950 weighing upon his old shoulders, the passing year embraces with compassion the infant 1951, whose time draws near to take up the cudgel in his year-long bout with the world.



We hope you and your loved ones and friends enjoy this occasion to the fullest extent and that you may have an abundance of joy and happiness.

A very merry Christmas to you, our friends.

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Danger of Fire Is Greatly Enhanced By Christmas Tree

THE AVERAGE CHRISTMAS tree can go up in smoke in only two minutes. That doesn't leave much time for the fire department to get there.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what it lacks in size.

Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to set it up inside. When you bring it in, keep it in the coolest part of the house with the radiator nearest it turned off.

Use nonflammable aluminum foil—not cotton or paper—to conceal container in which tree is "planted." Use nonflammable trimmings on the tree.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights

should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.



IN 1937, a Waukegan, Ill., minister and the residents of one city block decided to do something about the disposal of the family Christmas tree. Nothing is more forlorn than worn out Christmas trees. They deserve better fates than being dumped in alleys and vacant lots; and they constitute fire hazards on back porches and in basement areas.

So, Waukegan held its first annual Twelfth Night observances.



committing the trees to a community bonfire amid the chorusing of carols.

And the custom has waxed. Residents of several communities, choruses, soloists, etc., participating as the spirits of the Christmas trees are dispatched to some fir Valhalla to return to bless a future Yuletide.

Legends Associate Mule, Gentle Camel of Jesus With Gift-Giving Custom

Syrian legends have associated the Magic Mule and the Gentle Camel of Jesus with gift-giving, for reasons that are at once different, and yet similar in their association with the Christ Child.

It seems a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree when he went into an inn for refreshment on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy In-

... was caught up on the ... and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning ...

The young camel of the three ridden by the Wise Men was exhausted by the pressing journey and was blessed with immortality by the baby Jesus as it lay moaning near the Nativity scene.



IF A THING of beauty is a joy forever, a good idea is a good idea for a reasonable length of time, at least. And hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent annually by hundreds of thousands of people who think collegiate football on New Year's Day is a good idea.

The fabulous Rose Bowl game started out as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses when the first east-west game was played on January 1, 1902. Of course, it might have been a better idea—from the California point of view—if the barnstorming University of Michigan had not barnstormed to a 49 to 0 victory over Stanford.

This might have had something to do with substituting chariot races for the football game in 1903.

Originally run with amateur drivers, the chariot races became professional affairs after the first few years, and the public lost interest. The year 1916 brought a return to collegiate football via a contest in which Washington state defeated Brown university.

Prior to dedication of the Rose Bowl in Arroyo Seco, the games were played in Tournament Park. In 1923, the bowl in Arroyo Seco was dedicated with an original seating capacity of 85,000. Recent enlargement made it possible for a paid attendance of 100,234 in 1949.

The tremendous success of the Rose Bowl classic has "mushroomed" various "Bowl" games from coast to coast. Among the many, there are the Orange Bowl, the Sun Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Gator Bowl, Hawaii's Pineapple Bowl, and even Alaska's Ice Bowl.

All these "Bowl" games are rapidly becoming a great American New Year's tradition, but the daddy of them all, the Rose Bowl game, continues to be the outstanding collegiate sporting event of the season.

NEW YEAR MOODS

NEW YEAR'S DAY always has been a red letter day in Japan. Japanese bells ring out 108 times at midnight on New Year's Eve, ushering in the New Year and reminding the people of the 108 commandments of Buddha.

Among the ancient customs still observed, there is the practice of scattering parched beans about the



house, supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good luck to enter.

Firemen always have been popular heroes because the flimsy construction of Japanese homes involve tremendous fire hazards. So another feature of New Year's Day is the annual dezomeshiki—parade of the fire brigades.

The people of Japan still observe many age-old customs, with regard to the New Year.

New Year Observed March 25 in England Before Calendar Change

Prior to England's adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1752, New Year's Day was observed on March 25, and of course, New Year's eve was March 24.

The English always had a big time on New Year's Eve, and after the Puritan government abolished Christmas and absolutely forbade any solemnization or celebration thereof, the people vented all their holiday spirit on the New Year.

Even after the restoration of the Stuarts brought about a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, Christmas never regained its former eminence; but New Year went right along, surviving Puritanism and later, in 1752, the switch in calendars and the date of its observance.



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Tradition Covered By Crust of Yuletide Mince-Meat Pie

A wealth of tradition is covered by the crust of the Yuletide mince-meat pie.

Although few people today know it, the pie represents the cradle of the Christ Child surrounded by the gifts of the Magi. It was made originally in oval form, to symbolize the cradle, and the varied ingredients were the gifts.

At one time mince-meat pie was banned, and at still another time in its history, it was the cause of Christmas itself being abolished for a brief period.

For many years in England during the time of Oliver Cromwell, the custom of feasting and drinking at Christmas was regarded as worldly and sensual, and the more strict Puritans refused to eat mince-meat pie during the holiday season. This prejudice was finally overcome after the Restoration.

In the New World, during the first half century after the Pilgrims' arrival at Plymouth, similar troubles caused the banning of mince-meat pies and Christmas. In 1659, and for several years thereafter, there was no Christmas in New England as a result of an argument over the shape and meaning of mince-meat pies. Eventually the indignation spent itself, and the ban

was lifted.

A pie which no other can approach in the intricacies of its creation, mince-meat pies originally were made almost entirely of meat seasoned with spices. Fruit, chiefly currants, was added, and probably because the dish was regarded as a sweet, the fruit content was gradually increased until mince-meat became a mixture of fruit and spices, with or without the addition of meat.

The whole world has a part in the making of a mince-meat pie, according to the American Bakers Association. There are lemons, citrons, and oranges from Florida and California; apples from a half a dozen states; currants from Greece; raisins from the Pacific Coast; sugar and syrups from Louisiana and Cuba; suet from the Middle West; spices from far-away Ceylon; and other ingredients from far and near.

By and large, mince-meat pies have not changed noticeably since those early days when New England cooks began preparations for making the mince-meat weeks in advance of the actual pie baking.

The greatest difference occurs not in the ingredients, but in the preparation. The American housewife now depends on the baker to perform all the labor of preparation. The American Bakers Association says that American bakers use tons of the same high

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"We had, besides a good chine of beef and other good cheer, eighteen mince-meat pies."

Wide Varieties Of Cotton Chosen By Texas Farmers

AUSTIN— Most North-Central and Northeast Texas cotton farmers preferred three varieties—Rowden, Deltapine and Mebane—in their plantings for 1950-51, but those in the High and Low Plains chose from many varieties, the University of Texas Cotton Merchandising Division reports.

Sixty-two per cent of the fields in U. S. Department of Agricul-

ture Crop Reporting District 4 contained Rowden, and 21 per cent Mebane, data from county agents, ginners and seed breeders in the North-Central Texas area reveal.

In a District 5 (Northeast Texas) survey, Deltapine was favored by 39 per cent, Rowden by 20 per cent, and Mebane by 11 per cent of the farmers.

High and Low Plains planters, in Districts 1-N, 1-S and 2, spread their choices over a wide range, with Northern Star, Paymaster, Hybrid, Macha, Mebane, Lockett,

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