

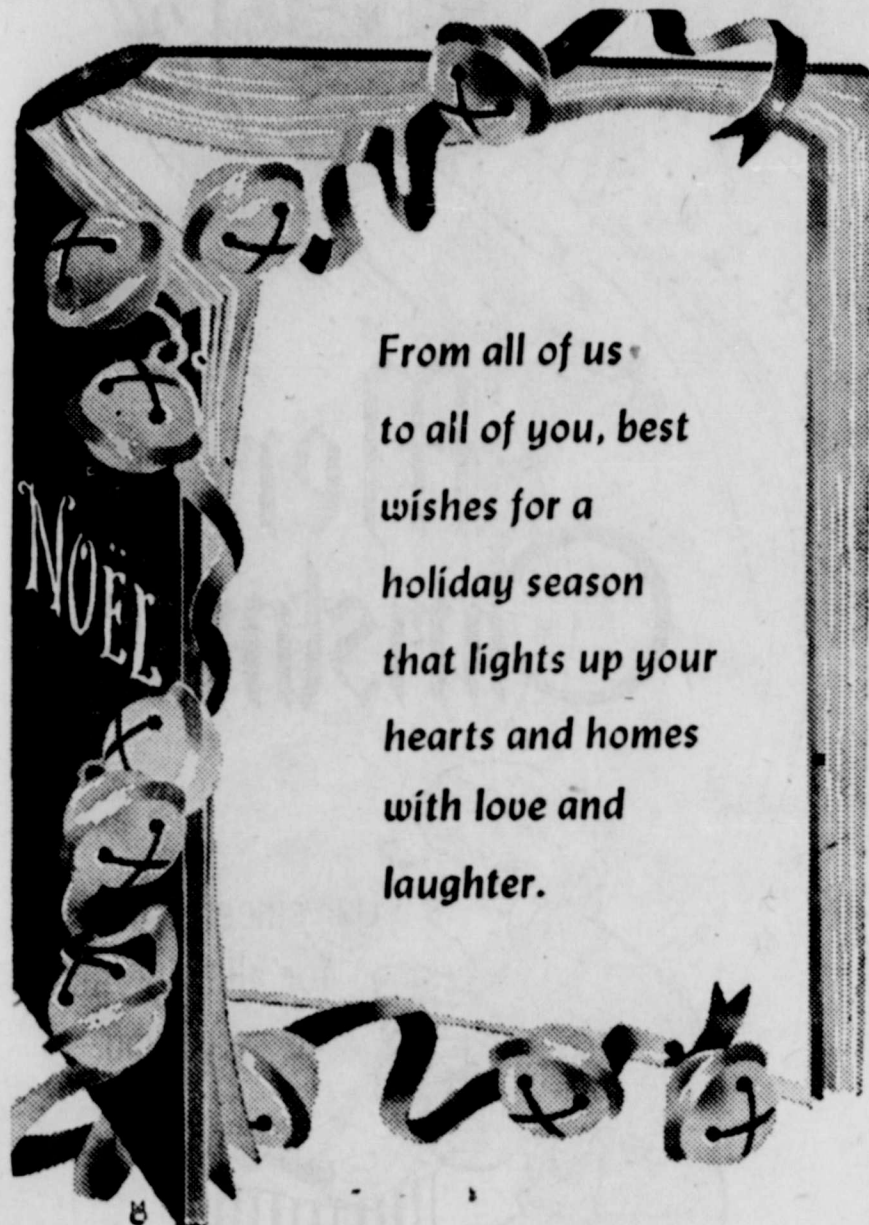
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From all of us
to all of you, best
wishes for a
holiday season
that lights up your
hearts and homes
with love and
laughter.

Behind the 8-Ball



By the editor.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Following our usual custom, we will not put out a paper next week on December 27. We will work out the expiration notices and do some cleaning up around the shop, but NO PAPER.

This custom has been ours for a number of years and more and more small papers are following the custom each year.

We have through the years missed a paper at Christmas and one in the summer. That gives the staff (that's us) a sort of a vacation. Some day I plan to give myself a two weeks vacation—in the summer. Having never had one, I'm kinda looking forward to a TWO weeks deal in the future, before I get too old to take vacations.

8-BALL

School here turned out today for the Christmas holidays and will not reopen until January 2.

On Tuesday of this week, the 4th, 5th and 6th graders were taken on the school bus to the Midland Community Theatre to see the Christmas play SCROOGE there. The kids (and teachers) all took sack lunches and ate in the Dennis the Menace Park directly in front of the theatre building in Midland.

8-BALL

Hello, buster. You owe me another dollar. Sorry.

8-BALL

The Lions Club committee on decorating the town put up the Christmas decorations last Saturday. C. A. Tucker was chairman of the club committee. The General Telephone Co. of the South West furnished a cherry picker truck and man to do the high up work.

8-BALL

The Lions Club made \$128.00 on the bingo game here last Thursday and \$123 on the gun raffle. The gun was won by Lonnie Horwood.

8-BALL

Some of the letters on the Linotype don't drop too good.

So it makes for misspelled words and mistakes that look bad and even cause embarrassment sometimes. When things happen in and on machinery that have to be corrected and things seem to happen to cause trouble some printers cuss softly (or loudly) or do something that vents their feelings. I once knew an old printer that had a philosophic way of looking at or dealing with such episodes. He would say—Aw that's just a perverse characteristic of inanimate objects. He had another name for a liar. He would say—That guy is soaring on the wings of fancy far beyond the realms of well substantiated facts. When someone can phrase stuff that way it kinda takes the sting out of the remark.

The old guy was a sort of a tramp printer. One time he had to go to California to get his old father and his brother (in San Angelo) gave him enough money to get to California on. He wired back from El Paso that he had been picked up by police and had to have some more money to continue. The money went. Then two weeks later he wired from Denver that he had been sandbagged and robbed and he needed some more money to continue. We all followed his progress, and were all glad when he made it to California and the old man.

8-BALL

In looking back to Christmases of bygone years, I don't think that because of a lack of things—or the fact that some years a depression was on, or any reason kept Christmas from being Christmas. They were all good.

The lack of material things or money did not seem to make much difference. In fact, perhaps people enjoy less rather than more. The joy of kids, the love and affection of family—and even friends, all add up. Course, material things and prosperity are nice and good, but they did or do not seem to contribute the difference to a good Christmas.

John Steinbeck, the author, once said; that if he were God, and had it in for a person, or a family, or a country, that he would give hem an abundance of everything, riches, leisure and the like. Then they would destroy themselves. He said if money or wealth brought hap-

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week include:

Mrs. Roy Morgan
Robert Ritchie
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week were:
Mrs. Mattie Meyer
Antonio Munoz
Maria Allen
Jim Duke
Alice Sharpton
Mrs. Jessie Hurley
Mrs. Elia Gomez and infant daughter
Carol Jones
Marion Hendry
T. L. Torres

Patients in the Sterling County Nursing Home on Thursday morning of this week were;

Jim Pate
Mrs. Lura McClellan
Mrs. Edith Hudson
B. O. Bailey
Mrs. Ida Brown
Mrs. Jim Duke
Jim Duke
Mrs. Lucy Norman
W. J. Williams
Earnest Turner
Mrs. J. E. Bynum
Mrs. Larkin Longshore
Mrs. Robbie Grace
Noble Read
J. B. Ratliff
Mrs. Minnie Pinson
Roy Morgan
Mrs. Henrietta Long
Mrs. Noble Read
Mrs. O. M. Cole
Mrs. Mabel Martin
Mrs. Clifford Carpenter
Mrs. A. G. Daves

SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM MENUS

(All Type A lunches served with 1/2 pint milk, bread and butter.)

LUNCHES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Pigs in a Blanket
Sliced Cheese
Green Beans
Corn
Cake

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Steak Fingers
Potatoes
Peas
Apple Crisp

BREAKFASTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Pancakes
Peaches

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits
Oranges

VISITORS FROM GERMANY

Today Mr. Hans Doll and his wife Elizabeth, together with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Webb from Austin are visiting the Rev. and Mrs. Traugott Vogel.

Mr. and Mrs. Doll, who are on a visit from Germany, were former members in the Treysa Baptist Church, pastored by the Rev. Vogel from 1964 to 1968.

Carol Hagemann will be working as operator at Viola's Beauty Shop each Thursday & Friday.

piness, he had some friends that should be deliriously happy. But that they were the unhappiest of his friends.

Still, we would all like to try being rich beyond compare, ever now and then. Like Rockefeller, or Paul Getty, or the late H. L. Hunt.

8-BALL

Our wish for you for the new year is that the price of everything you have to buy will go down, and everything that you have to sell goes up. And that you will have a happy and a prosperous 1975.

Eagles Make All District Football

Two Sterling City Eagles (in District 3-B Football) made the all-district football team in selections announced this week.

Jeff Copeland made both the offense and defense teams. He was named all district as a defensive end and at running back. Ronny Hord was named to both teams, as a defensive guard and an offense tackle.

Tony Munoz got honorable mention on the defensive team, and Tom Kilpatrick, Ross Hord, and Russell Davis all were chosen for honorable mention on the Offensive Team.

Bronte, the district winner, of course, dominated the all district selections with 11 of the 22 places.

Fire Department Xmas Program 23rd

The Sterling Volunteer Fire Department is having its Christmas party for youngsters Monday, December 23 at 6:00 P.M. in the fire department hall just south of the courthouse. All the youngsters in the county are invited to join in the fun.

Drinks will be furnished by the fire department. Wives of the department members are asked to bring two dozen cookies for the party.

In addition to the drinks and cookies, there will be a Christmas tree. Santa Claus has been invited to make an appearance at the party and has agreed to fit it into his busy schedule for the evening. He says he'll be there to distribute something for each of the youngsters.

ESTES T.V. SERVICE, O. C. Estes. In Sterling City every Friday. Will make house calls. Ph. 465-4618, Carlsbad, Tex. 76934.

BICYCLE for sale. 20--inch Goodyear boys. 1 year old, new tires. 37.50. Loren Cantrell.

CARD OF THANKS

To all who contributed to the Mr. Gutierrez fund, thanks. We turned in \$100.00 to the family and they have gone back to Mexico. CONNIE AMADOR

Social Security Tips

Social security checks should be cashed within a reasonable time to prevent loss or theft, even though there's no time limit on cashing them, according to social security officials here.

'If your check is lost or stolen, get in touch with your nearest social security office at once,' a spokesman said. 'The check can be replaced, but it takes time. Handle your check carefully when you get it and you won't have to wait while it's being replaced.'

Social security pays over \$4 billion a month in benefit checks to almost 29 million people—eligible retired and disabled workers and their families and families of deceased workers who worked long enough under social security.

For further information contact the Social Security office at 3000 W. Harris Avenue, San Angelo, Texas 76901 or call 949-4608.

TEXAS OIL COMPANY needs mature person for short trips surrounding Sterling City. Contact customers. We train. Air Mail G. E. Dick, Pres., Southwestern Petroleum, Ft. Worth, Tx.

In case of fire, dial 8-4771.

Lions Hear Sixth Graders Sing

Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, teacher of music at the school, brought the sixth grade students to the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday and they sang Christmas songs for the club. The children are very good at singing and put on a pleasing program. Accompanying the group was Mrs. Mary Louise Rich, sixth grade teacher.

President Bill Watts told the members that \$122.50 had been made from the gun raffle and \$128.355. was made at the bingo party last week.

The prize went to Lion Louie Alexander.

NO MEETINGS DURING HOLIDAYS

Due to the fact that the next two meeting days would fall on Christmas and New Year's Day, no meetings will be held until the 8th of January.

Harvey Carlton was a guest at the Wednesday luncheon.

Wimodausis Club

The Wimodausis Club met in the clubroom December 18. Mrs. A.M. Richardson, vice-president, presided. Sixteen members were present. Mrs. Peb Cope was a visitor.

A letter from Fred Carpenter, Texas Tech University, concerning pictures or anything that may be used in the Tech museum, was read. Some had pictures of the old courthouse and depot.

Mrs. Charlie Mae Bowers gave the federation report.

Mrs. Pete Hanson was leader of the program on the Christmas Spirit. Christmas carols were sung by the group, led by Mrs. Tom Asbill and accompanied by Mrs. Mildred Mitchell.

Mrs. W. Y. Bengé Jr. gave 'Children's Letters to Santa Claus' and concluded by reading letters to Santa Claus from each club member, causing laughs and enjoyment by all.

Mrs. Tom Asbill, Miss Maggie Reynolds and Mrs. N. H. Reed were hosettes.

S.V. Gaitan Buried Here Last Thursday

Santos V. Gaitan, 78, died in an Amarillo hospital Wednesday of last week. Burial was here in the City Cemetery Thursday following services in the Catholic Church. Ross Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born March 12 1896 in LaBahia, Coahuila Mexico and was married to Jessie Ortega in June 23, 1923 in Sterling City.

Survivors include four daughters, Leonor Trevino of Amarillo, Anita G. Moreno, Amelia Gaitan and Audelia Ramos, all of Lubbock; three brothers, Gabriel Gaitan of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, Jesus Gaitan of Monclova, Mexico and Juan Gaitan of Michigan; three sisters, Maria G. Ramirez of Marathon, Esther Portilla and Lola Montalvan, both of LaPunte, California; 32 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

DOC BADE DEAD

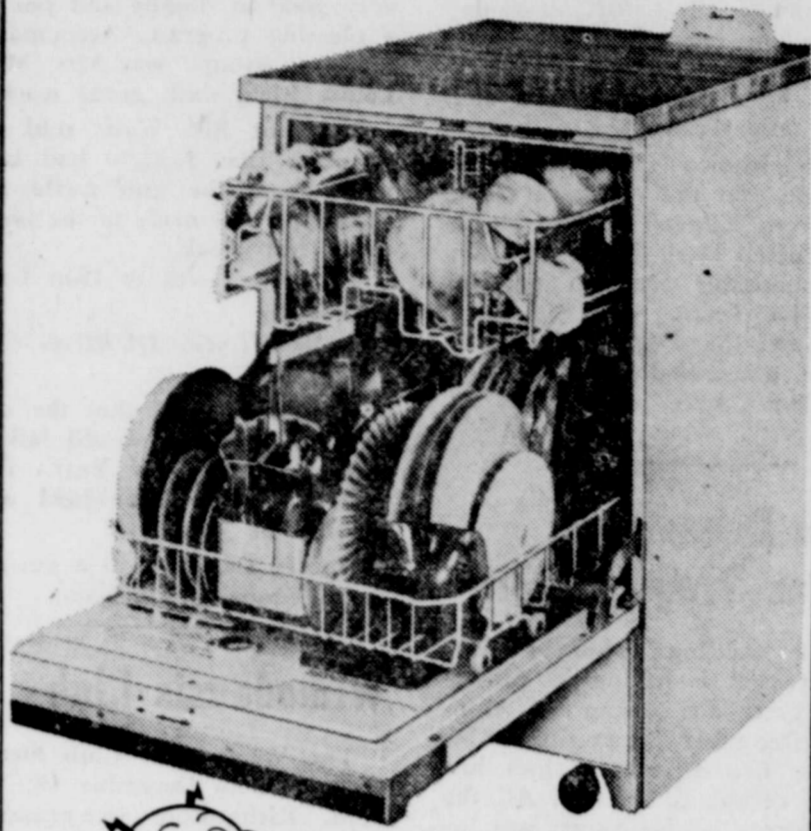
Lufkin—T.A. (Doc) Bade, 71, died Saturday in Lufkin.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Eula Baptist Church with burial in the Eula Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Adell Bade; one brother, Louis Bade of Clyde; three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Thieme of San Angelo, Mrs. Ann Ingram of Midland, and Mrs. Eda Bade Hale of Christoval and several nieces and nephews.

CONSERVE AND SAVE

DISHWASHER SAVER-TIPS



- A dishwasher will usually hold a whole day's dishes. It takes as much hot water and energy to wash 1 dish as it does a full load. Stack your dishes out of sight in your dishwasher and wait until you have a full load to turn it on.
- Use only detergents manufactured specifically for dishwashers. A wetting agent helps prevent water spots on glasses and silverware.
- Clean the filter screen often. A clogged filter can reduce the efficiency of your dishwasher.

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DOVE—12 noon to sunset
Sept. 1 to Oct. 30; 10 per day and 20 in possession.
ANTELOPE—Sept. 28 to Oct. 6. 1 per season with permit.
JAVELINA—Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, 1975. 2 per season.
SANDHILL CRANES—Oct. 26 to Jan. 26, 1975. 3 per day; 6 in possession.
GEESE—Oct. 28 to Nov. 24 and Dec. 7 to Jan. 19, 1975
DUCKS—100 point system. Nov. 4 to Nov. 24; Dec. 7 to Jan. 19, 1975.
QUAIL—Nov. 16 to Feb. 16, 1974, 12 per day; 36 in possession.
TURKEY—Archery only Oct. 1 to Oct. 31. Regular—Nov. 16 to Jan. 1, 1975; 2 turkey either sex.
DEER—Archery only Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Regular—Nov. 16 to Jan. 1, 1975. 2 deer either sex; antlerless tags from landowner.

News Items—if you have a worthy news item, call it in to the paper. 378-3251.

NOTICE

The Texas State Department of Health has established, in accordance with the Federal Public Health Service Act, the current annual level of uncompensated services for Sterling County Hospital, Sterling City, Texas to be that the facility does not intend to deny anyone admission to the facility or any of its services because of an inability to pay. The documents upon which the determination was based are available for public inspection at the Texas State Department of Health, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, Texas from 9:00 A. M. to 4:30 P.M. on regular business days. The level of services set out meets the presumptive compliance guidelines of the Federal regulation.

FOR SALE—3 bedroom home one 1½ lots. Also have '62 Ford pickup for sale. Contact Herb Edwards, 378-2331.

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REWARD NOTICE

A reward of \$500.00 will be paid by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association to any person (other than law enforcement officers) giving information causing the arrest and first conviction of any person or persons found butchering or stealing any sheep or lambs or goats belonging to any Association member in good standing. When 2 or more persons give information, the above sum will be divided at the discretion of the Board of the Association. When two or more defendants are involved in a single crime, the total reward is limited to \$500.00, but the conviction of one defendant, even though the other defendants are acquitted will entitle the claimant or claimants to said sum of \$500.00. All claims must be submitted within ninety (90) days following conviction. If upon conviction, a defendant confesses other thefts, no additional rewards will be paid. All decisions concerning the payment of such reward and the conditions of payment will be made by the Board of Directors of the Association.

TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS ASSOCIATION



A Merry Christmas

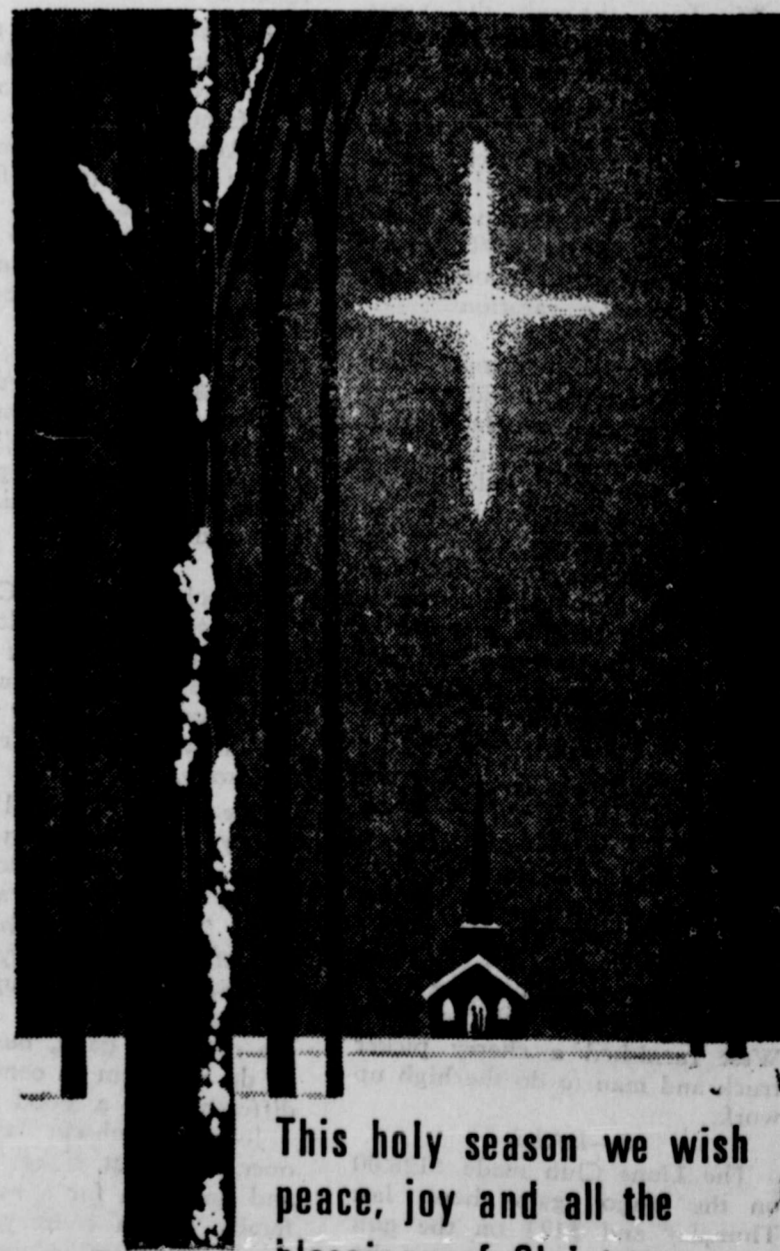
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DRUMS
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a very joyous and cheerful
Christmas season.

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The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmastime is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinus of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metalurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the Csar Kolokol. It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.

Christmas: Our Great Holiday Began As Strictly Religious Festival

Although records indicate that the Christmas festival was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing, the exact age of the holiday is not known.

Christmas actually began as a strictly religious observance and was officially recognized in the fourth century as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ. And it is quite significant to note that until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births, so Christ's birthday was appropriately the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

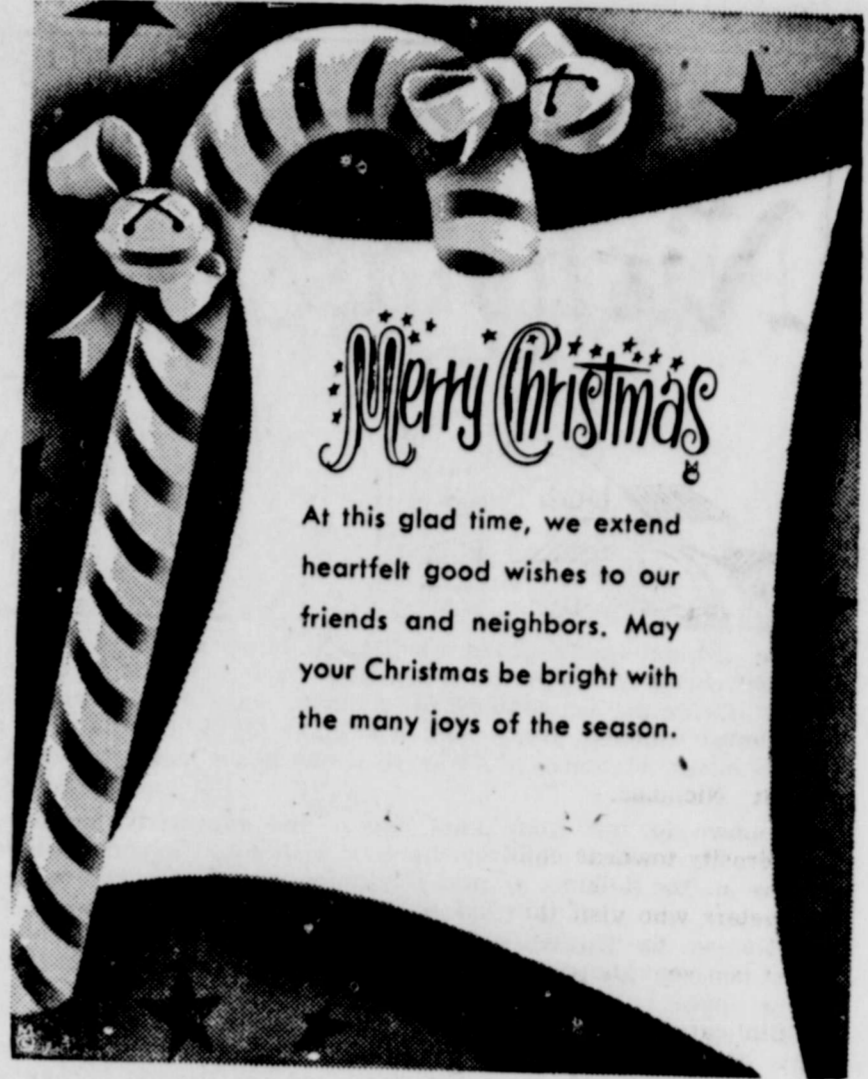
It was many years after the first observance of Christ's Mass before gift-giving became a part of the festival season. The church finally condoned the practice, in remembrance of the Three Kings who had traveled far to present their gifts to the new-born Christ.

In other centuries, too, the feast of Christmas was to be the subject of controversy. In England, during the Reformation, many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day to be sacrilegious. The English Parliament, on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

Naturally, the edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people, but it had its effect and it was many years before Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

And England was not alone. The Puritans of Mass. bay colony had a law that imposed fines for observance of Christmas and Gov. Bradford once issued a statement publicly ridiculing certain young men who declined to work on Dec. 25, "ye day called Christmas."

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At this glad time, we extend heartfelt good wishes to our friends and neighbors. May your Christmas be bright with the many joys of the season.

ERMA LEE AND EDDIE EDWARDS



As Christmas is the most universally celebrated of all world holi days, so is the expression "Merry Christmas" the most universa of all greetings. Here is an interesting game based upon this Yuletide salutation. See if you can match the greeting at left with the propo language on the right:

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|---------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. Buon Natale! | | Hawaiian |
| 2. Glad Julen! | | Japanese |
| 3. Tin Hao Nian! | | Italian |
| 4. Chrystovjna! | | Chinese |
| 5. Feliz Natal! | | Greek |
| 6. Joyeux Noel! | | Portuguese |
| 7. Kinge Shinnen! | | Swedish |
| 8. Mele Kalikimaka! | | French |

ANSWERS: 1. Italian; 2. Swedish; 3. Chinese; 4. Greek; 5. Portv guese; 6. French; 7. Japanese; 8. Hawaiian.

DEAR SANTA:

Would you please bring RAMGAS just a little for Xmas. In the 7 long years we have been in business you have brought us only red ink for our ledger. Could you bring us just a little black ink? If you will, we promise to be good.

RAMGAS wishes all its customers their very best Xmas and Santa will fill their stockings to the brim. RAMGAS further recommends pursuing your pleasures during the holi days to their fullest, remembering the Good Book says one shall be forgiven 7x70 in any one day.

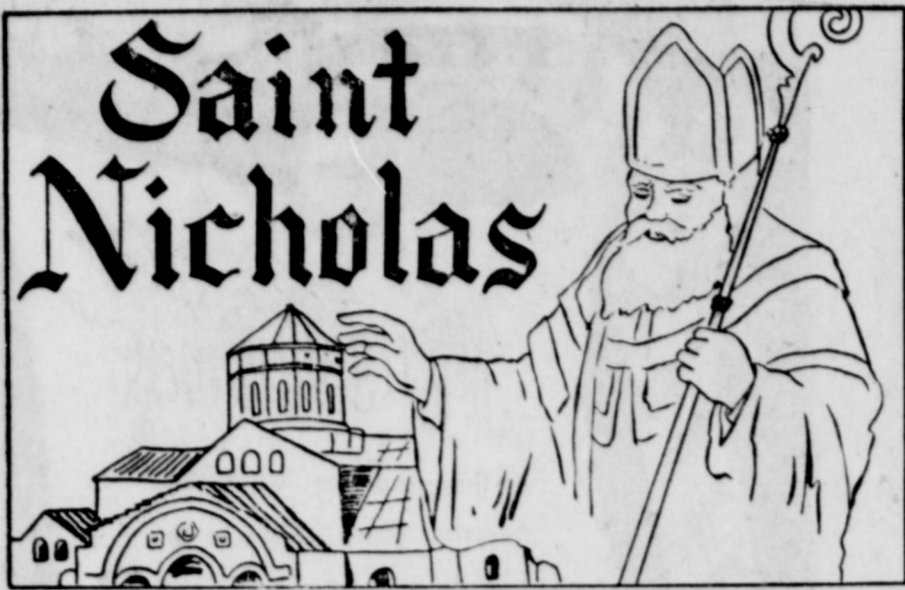
May the year 1975 be a prosperous one for all of you.

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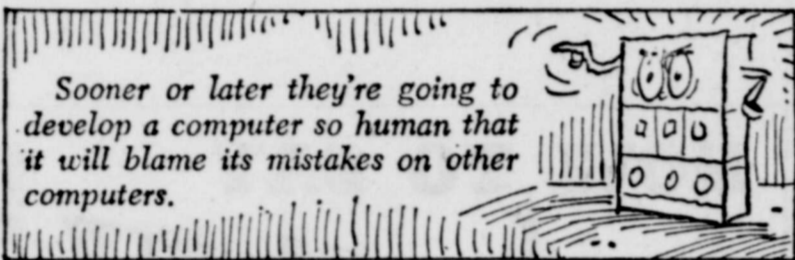


Saint Nicholas

The original Santa Claus was St. Nicholas who was born in the ancient port city of Patara, in Southern Turkey, on the Mediterranean coast, during the 3rd century. St. Nicholas was for many years Bishop of Demre (ancient Myra) and it was at Myra that he died in 342. He is buried in Demre in a church which bears his name, the Church of St. Nicholas.

Renown for his many kind deeds, and especially for his loving generosity towards children, the good bishop has become a legendary figure in the folklore of many nations. To accommodate the many travelers who visit the Church of St. Nicholas in the blue mountains of Demre, the Turkish government recently completed a new road. Just last year the government honored him by issuing a special stamp in his name.

Biblical tradition is very rich in the ancient land of Turkey. In the city of Antioch, where the followers of Christ first called themselves Christians, the site where St. Peter led the first Mass can still be seen. Many other saints, including the Apostles Paul, John, James, Luke, and Barnaby were born in this region. Mary, Mother of Christ, retired after the Crucifixion to the city of Ephesus, where her abode has been excavated and opened to the public by the Turkish government.



Sooner or later they're going to develop a computer so human that it will blame its mistakes on other computers.



SUNNY CHRISTMAS . . . It's always Christmas at the little post office at Christmas, Florida, and about this time every year thousands of packages pour into Christmas, to be mailed again, under the famous postmark of "Christmas, Florida." Here, Santa gets an assist from a young helper.

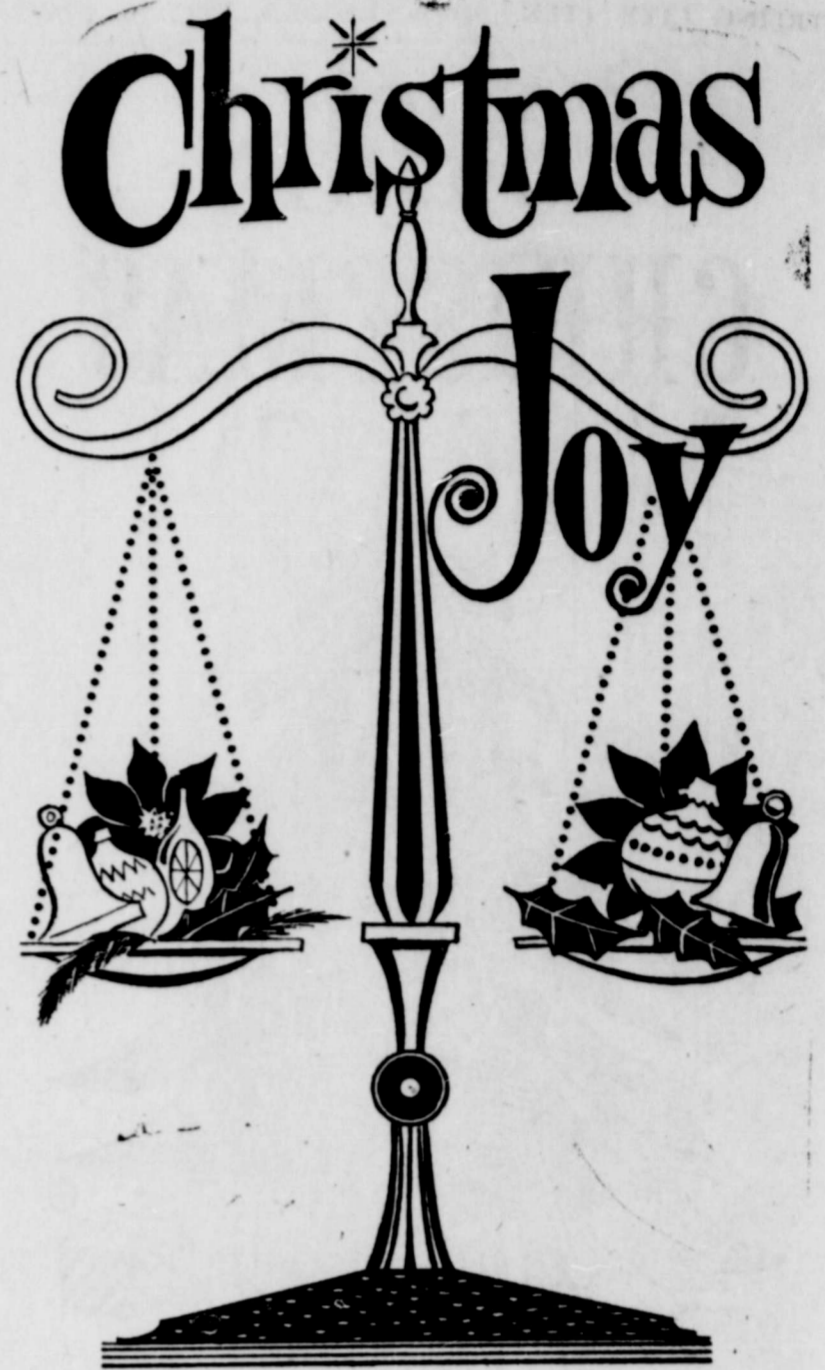
Water Is Key to Safe Fresh Indoor Tree

Water is the key to keeping a Christmas tree fresh after it has been brought indoors.

Every indoor tree should be anchored in a container that holds five or six inches of water. The butt of the tree first should be cut on a slant an inch above the end of the trunk.

Water should be added to the container every day to replace that taken up by the trees or lost by evaporation. Ample water makes a tree less inflammable and gives it better color.

Any Christmas greenery will stay fresher if sprinkled with water.



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Dub, Alys and Vernon

FOR THE MERRIEST MERRIEST HOLIDAY



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NOTICE—

COST OF ENGRAVINGS

—Due to the high cost of cuts or engravings of pictures, we are now forced to charge for all society type pictures run in the paper. The costs have always been an item to be considered, but now the cost makes a charge necessary. Cuts or engravings run from \$2.75 for a one column cut to around \$6 for a two column cut. This is actual cost and will be charged for from now on.

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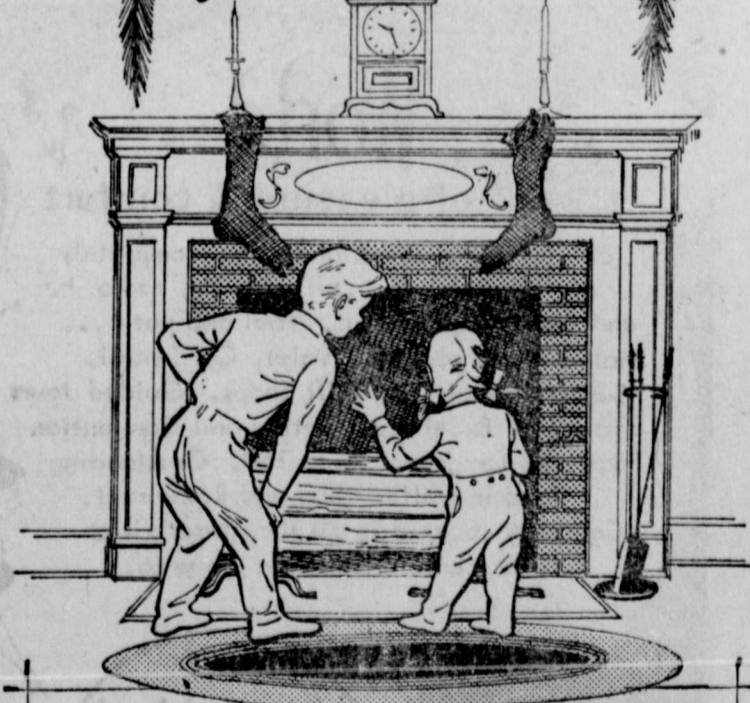
Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe; and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

Rubber Stamps Sold at the News-Record

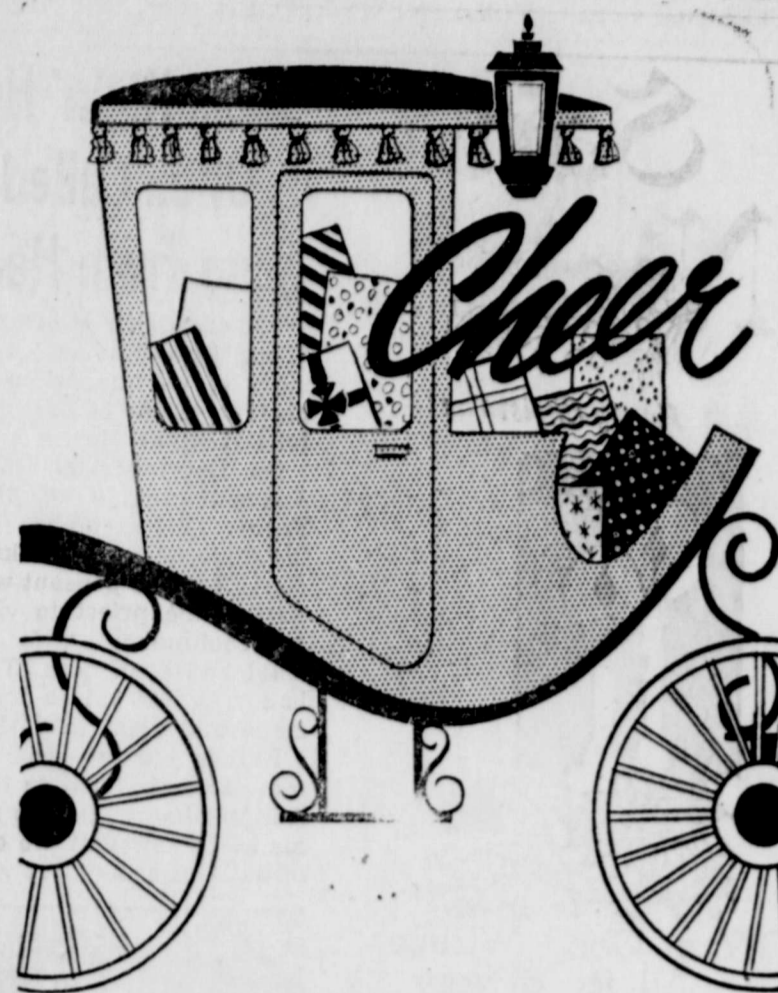
Merry Christmas



To wish you every happy thing the Christmas season can bring.



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**CHRISTMAS
AROUND THE WORLD**

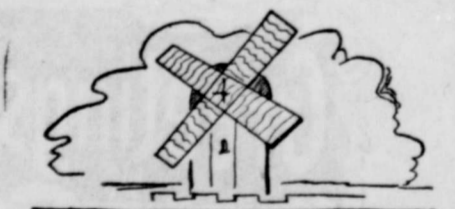
UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



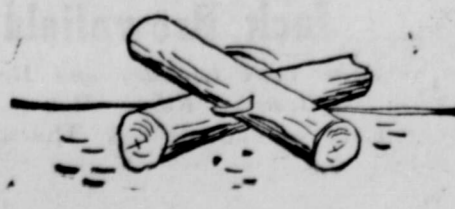
HOLLAND (Hartelijke Kertgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale) — Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townfolks sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Xristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday; with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



**'Silent Night' Hymn
Is Often Called
Song From Heaven**

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence.

On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were



alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

*"Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round you Virgin, Mother and
Child;*

*Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace."*

FOSTER CEMETERY NOTICE

All those interested in Foster Cemetery and having plots there—are asked to send in the contributions now. Money is needed to carry out some improvements and keep the cemetery in good shape. (Your contribution to the cemetery is tax-deductible).

Send your money to the secretary treasurer. Mrs. Foster Conger.

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1974 Sterling Eagles Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAMS	Place	TIME
Nov. 19	Mertzon	A&B Boys, A Girls	H	5:00
Nov. 22	Robert Lee	A&B Boys, A Girls	T	5:00
Nov. 26	Mertzon	A&B Boys, A Girls	T	5:00
Dec. 3	Robert Lee	A&B Boys, A Girls	H	5:00
Dec. 5, 6, 7	Forsan Tourn.	A Boys, A Girls	T	
Dec. 10	Miles	A&B Boys, A Girls	H	5:00
Dec. 12, 13, 14	Sands Tourn.	A Boys, A Girls	T	
Dec. 19, 20, 21	R. Lee Tourn.	A Boys, A Girls	T	
Jan. 3	Rowena	A&B Boys, A Girls	H	5:00
Jan. 7	Miles	A&B Boys, A Girls	T	5:00
Jan. 9, 10, 11	R. Lee B Tour.	B Boys	T	
Jan. 10	Forsan	A&B Boys, A Girls	H	5:00
Jan. 14	Water Valley	A&B Boys, A Girls	H	5:00
Jan. 17	Grady	A&B Boys, A Girls	T	5:00
Jan. 21	Greenwood	A Boys, A Girls	T	6:30
Jan. 24	Garden City	A&B Boys, A Girls	H	5:00
Jan. 28	Forsan	A&B Boys, A Girls	T	5:00
Jan. 31	Water Valley	A&B Boys, A Girls	T	5:00
Feb. 4	Grady	A&B Boys, A Girls	H	5:00
Feb. 7	Greenwood	A Boys, A Girls	H	6:30
Feb. 11	Garden City	A&B Boys, A Girls	T	5:00

THAT'S A FACT!

SPEED BALL!
THE HIGHEST ESTIMATED SPEED ATTAINED BY A PING PONG BALL WAS 60 MILES PER HOUR (BY CHUANG TSE-TUNG OF CHINA)

LOVE...
IS A GREAT THING TO HAVE AND TO SHARE-BUT YOU CAN'T LIVE ON IT. BUT U.S. SAVINGS BONDS CAN HELP LOVE ALONG BY MAKING IT EASIER TO AFFORD IT! SO...WHILE YOU'RE LOVING, SET ASIDE MONEY FOR THOSE RAINY DAYS...OR FOR THE FUTURE! AND REMEMBER—NEW BONDS PAY A BONUS AT MATURITY!
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MAGNIFIED FACT!
WHAT BILL CONTAINS THE NAMES OF 26 STATES? THE FIVE DOLLAR BILL! (THEY ARE ON THE FACADE OF THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL).

DUMP GROUND USERS—New regulations require burning of trash before dumping. Please dump from both sides of the pit. No car bodies or wire or old large appliances allowed.

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