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VARIETY

By NEAL ESTES



A few poetic lines from the aged Beggar's rhyme has always impressed your writer as a kind of special spirit exhilarated at Christmas time. So we quote: "Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, Please to put a penny in the old man's hat; If you haven't got a penny, a ha-penny will do, If you haven't got a ha-penny, God bless you!"

Two of the best hearted men I ever knew live in Stanton and I want to send to both of them a warm Christmas salute of personal appreciation. JOHN and DEE BURLESON, brothers, have been friends of mine for years and they knew my brother, CARL, living in East Texas well. Few people know of the many kind acts and deeds performed by BURLESON BROTHERS. They are always helping people and they do not confine their charity and generosity to gift giving at Christmas time only. On Wednesday morning we found them buying up candy for children who also appreciate and look forward to the holiday visit of the brothers. The bond of brotherly love existing between JOHN and DEE is out of this world. They live together, work together, and quietly they go about the business of making this a better community in which to live because of their presence here. The BURLESON BROTHERS, like their friend, your writer, call spades what they are, have an unshakable contempt for fakery and sham, and live life so vigorously that they know how human beings exist on all levels from poverty to prosperity.

This Christmas is going to be a blue one for LYNDON JOHNSON. The guy is bogged down in troubles and problems. And some of his former buddies are due turns in answering to the law in early 1967 for some of their failures and misguided activities. For instance: BOBBY BAKER is sure coming up for trial. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL's expense accounts as chairman of a vital committee in Washington reads like a TOMMY MANVILLE financial diary. Democratic — not Republican — but Democratic governors have been called down to the ranch for pep talks. The governors are bucking some of the planks in the platform of the Great Society. To say it better — some of the planks in the GS platform are bucking. BILL MOYERS has finally got a belly full of the barbecued ribs treatment and is going to another job soon. JAKE JACOBSON, Texas attorney, and long time backer of LBJ is leaving a lucrative job in Washington. He's done with politics apparently. LYNDON'S friends in the automotive industry are sick of his legislation on cars since the sales dropped off so drastically and Chrysler is laying off another group of 18,000 workers after the holidays. LBJ is going to find that his friendship and favoritism to

Christmas Calm Cloaks Community

Merchants Use Paper For Greetings

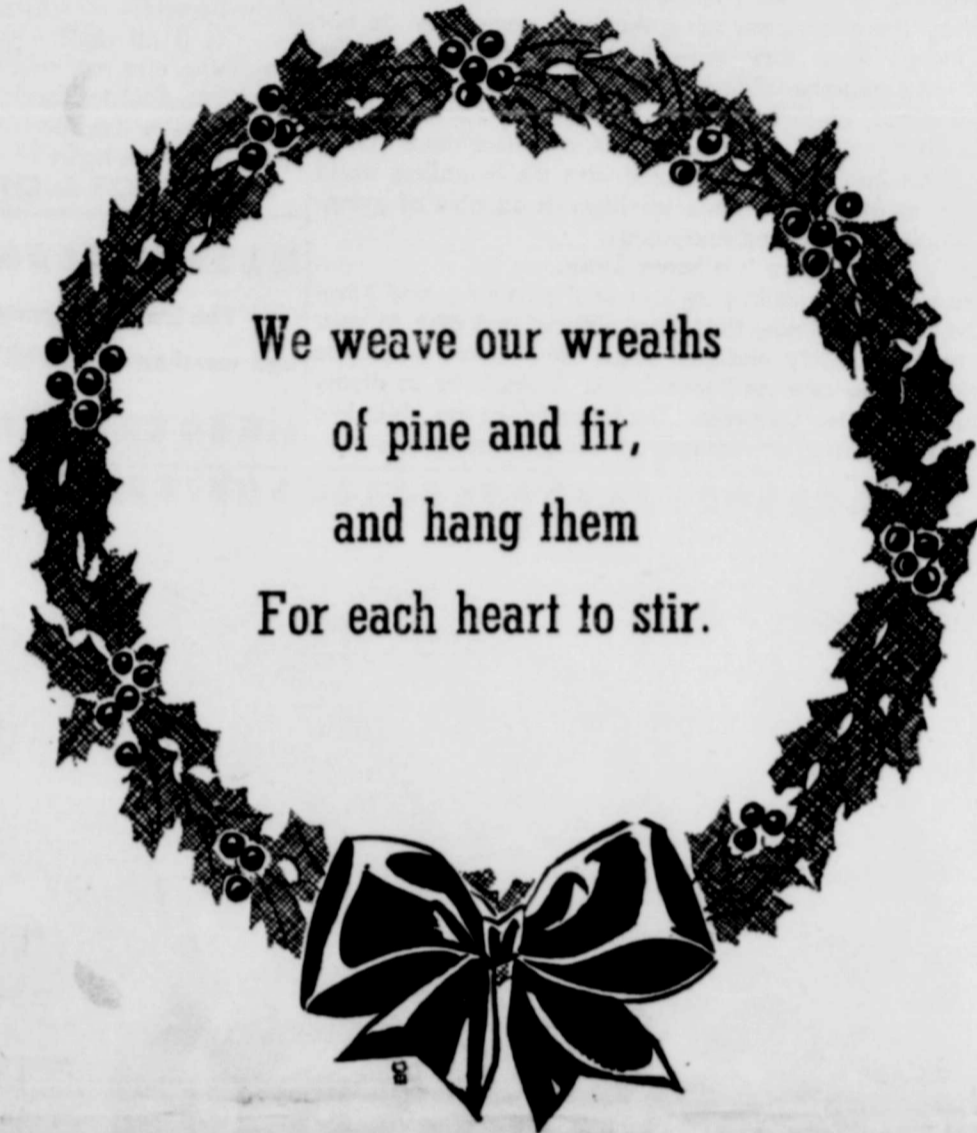
Many merchants have used the columns of The Stanton Reporter to extend special holiday greetings to their friends and customers. There is no better way to tell the people, all the people, you have appreciated their business. It has been customary for years in Martin County for merchants to let the people who have patronized them know of this sincere feeling at the Yuletide. Some merchants elected to use the Christmas issue for messages and others prefer to send greetings for the New Year in the next issue of the newspaper. An advertising man will be around to solicit your copy for the December 29 issue of the paper. If you were out of town, sick, or for some reason missed the Christmas edition, and want something in the way of a New Year's greeting to your friends and customers call SK 6-3344 and a representative will call on you for your copy.

Editor's Mail

PUBLISHERS FINANCIAL BUREAU
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Mr. Neal Estes
Stanton Reporter
Stanton, Texas
Dear Editor:
Thank you for your order for "Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1967." Copy will be mailed you in December, 1966.
We are sure that both you and your readers will find the Forecast of inestimable value. The article is for release on Thursday, December 29, 1966, or after.
We would appreciate it if you would send us a copy of the issue that carries the Forecast.
Best wishes to you and your readers for the coming Holiday Season.
Very truly yours,
Publisher Financial Bureau
A. I. Valle.

C. L. Glaspie Dies In Lubbock

Claude Lawrence Glaspie, 75, Martin County resident the last 31 years, died at 11 p.m. Saturday in a Lubbock hospital following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Stanton's First Baptist Church with interment in Evergreen Cemetery under direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Glaspie was born April 4, 1891 at Walnut Ridge, Ark., and came to Martin County in 1935 from Cooper. He farmed prior to his retirement in 1952. He was a member of Courtney Baptist Church and was a Mason.
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May your house be aglow with all the joys of Christmas. May your heart be warm with happiness and success throughout all the days to come.

Wildcats Staked In Two Counties With New Discovery In Glasscock

By JAMES C. WATSON
Wildcats have been staked in Glasscock and Howard Counties — with Glasscock also registering a new oil discovery.

Texaco Inc. has slated No. 1B-NCT- W. J. Currie as a 7,850-foot Pennsylvanian probe, two miles southwest of the Garden City, Southeast (Strawn) pool, five miles south of Garden City in Glasscock.

It spots 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east

lines of section 42, block 33, T-4-S, T&P survey. William K. Davis of Houston has planned No. 1 Binnie White to be drilled to a possible 7,500 feet to check the Pennsylvanian reef five northwest of Vincent in Howard.

It is located 2,009 feet from north and 1,951 feet from east lines of section 26, block 25, H&TC survey, two miles west of the Hobo, South (Pennsylvanian) pool and 2 1/2 miles east of the Vealmoor, East

Mahon Says 1968 Election Rests On Next Two Years

In an interview in Abilene last Wednesday morning, Congressman George Mahon, offered some of his views concerning what lies ahead for the country in the next few months in Washington legislative circles.

Congressman Mahon gave the interview to Ed N. Wishcamper of the Abilene Reporter-News. The Congressman says: "Don't be too quick to forecast the 1968 elections on the basis of 1966."
"In the history books you will find full proof that there are many factors that influence general elections every two years," Mahon said.
Congressman Mahon conceded that the opposition gained more seats in the House than was expected. He left the impression that the gains were good for the nation because, as he put it, "we need two parties nationally."

Mahon continued in his interview: "I wouldn't predict the effect of the elections in 1968; it will depend on what the administration does in the next two years, not what has been done since 1964."
Mahon cites three special factors to which he attributes Republican election gains last month.
"First, I believe violence in the streets and civil disobedience generally—the reaction against this — had a serious impact on the election," Mahon said.
"I don't mean the federal government has full responsibility for this violence, but people feel a tougher line should be taken, and so do I." Mahon feels violence had some encouragement, at least indirectly, from Washington.
The second issue influencing the election outcome, he

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Rotarians Enjoy Yule Program Tuesday Evening

Stanton Rotarians and their Rotary Anns met Tuesday evening, December 20, at the Cap Rock auditorium for their annual Christmas dinner. The speaker for the occasion was John King, popular radio personality from Midland, who gave an entertaining talk. He was introduced by Doyle Corder, program chairman. The invocation was given by Rev. Victor Ortiz.

The tables were gaily decorated with red streamers down the center of a white background. Placed along on the streamers were candles surrounded by pyroantha berries and decorative flower containers holding an unusual "Christmas tree." In charge of decorations were Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. Jack Woodrow, and Mrs. S. W. Wheeler.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. George Shelburne, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Woodrow, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Corder, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCoy, Rev. and Mrs. Victor Ortiz, Mr. and Mrs. Coats Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, members. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. George Weir of Knoxville, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Counts of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. John King of Midland, Dr. and Mrs. Allen Fisher, and Mr. and Mrs. David Workman of Stanton.

The Meaning Of Christmas

"Glory to God in the highest," is the spontaneous exultant song of the angels that escaped the windows of heaven and stirred the shepherd on the Judean hills, just a stone's cast outside Bethlehem, on that memorable night when Christ was born. When God sent his son into the world, angels discovered a dimension in God they had never known before. They knew of His power and wisdom and love. But now, in the sending of His Son, they saw the spirit of self-sacrifice. When they saw God give up His only and well-beloved Son, possibly with the foreknowledge of the anguishing cross experience before them, they saw something of God they had never seen before. One does not wonder, therefore, that when all the heavenly hosts joined together to cheer Christ in His work of redemption that they sang so loud that the shepherds heard it: "Glory to God in the highest." At this Christmas season, the editor of this newspaper sends to you tidings of great joy. During this holy month of gifts and decorations and celebrations and expressions of unselfishness, upon behalf of the staff of The Stanton Reporter I wish for each of you, our friends, and readers a very Merry Christmas — a Merry Christmas to all! Neal Estes.

Yuletide Blessings Bountiful

Martin County residents have been busy preparing for another calm Christmas and are making final arrangements for the celebrating of the birth of Christ.

In local churches and schools special programs and parties have been held or will be held before Christmas day. Many families have planned Yuletide reunions and several residents have either gone to visit friends and relatives in other cities or will be going out of town during the holiday season.

School children in Martin County will be dismissed Thursday afternoon at 2:30 and classes will resume on Monday morning, January 2.

Business places in the county will all be closed on Christmas because it comes on Sunday this year. Some merchants have announced plans to close on Monday, December 26. Other local business establishments will either be open all day Monday or close only a half day.

Courthouse offices will shut down on Friday and will open up for activity again on Tuesday morning, December 27.

Federal offices in the city will observe the usual holiday periods and the postoffices will follow the schedule suggested by the Postmaster General, Lawrence O'Brien. The mail, even the packages, will be delivered if received in time on Saturday, Christmas Eve. The Washington official said this week.

Mrs. M. Heaton Died Monday, December 19

Mrs. Minnie Lee Heaton, age 80, died Monday, Dec. 19, in a hospital in Odessa, after a brief illness. She had been a resident of that city the past 30 years.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Stanton, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery, under direction of the Paul Rix Funeral Home.

Mrs. Heaton was born August 10, 1886, in Madison County and moved to Odessa from Stanton.

Survivors include four sons, Jesse Heaton of Belton, J. J. and Thomas Heaton, both of Killeen, and Curtis Heaton of Odessa. Ector County health officer; four daughters, Mrs. Clyde Ray, Mrs. Ira Johnson and Mrs. A. W. Thompson, all of Odessa, and Mrs. Hardy Willis of Beaumont; a brother, John Strickland of Madisonville; 20 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Lighting Contest Winners Announced

Christmas residential lighting contest winners were revealed Wednesday by Cecil Bridges.

Bridges said the contest judges had reported to him that Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boyce, 801 N. St. Francis Street, took first place with their Yule decorations. The Vernon Cox entry was second place winner. Their home is at 800 East Carpenter. The C. Meek residence located at 700 N. St. Paul won third and fourth place was awarded the Jimmy Barnhills who live at 807 N.

St. Peter. Families cited for honorable mention in the lighting contest included: Nolan Simpson, Troy Ray, Glenn L. Brown, Ken Wilson, Johnnie L. Brooks, Jack Hankins, Morgan Hall, J. R. Costey, Allen Fisher, and Bob Halslip. The Wilson home won first prize in 1965 and the Halslip home took first prize in 1966. Alvis Fisher of Fort Worth will speak at both services at the Stanton Church of Christ Sunday, December 25.



The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1966

On The Square

By RED GIBSON

It sometimes seems that newspaper people are dedicated to perpetuation of clichés. This trait can be traced to the craphooter's motto, "Never quit a winner."

Thus it is that the reader is regularly treated to stories that he has read before, only with different names. William Randolph Hearst didn't patent the human interest story, but he and old Joe Pulitzer milked it and sold a lot of newspapers.

Other newspapermen learned the lesson well: Never quit a winner.

I don't propose that we change the formula, but a change in diet would be appetizing. Once, just once, I would like to see this story in the paper:

WOONSOCKET, R. I. — Bill Jones was coming out of the bank here today with a sack of money when he bumped into another man. He dropped his sack, and the money, mostly in dollar bills, flew all over the sidewalk. A sympathetic crowd gathered and helped him pick it up. When he counted his money later he found that someone had stolen \$11.

Or how about this one? **BOONSBOROUGH, KY.** — Esther McCarthy last saw her brother, Earl, in 1943. She has searched over most of the country in the years since. She had only one clue: He was a messenger for Western Union.

Last night a Western Union messenger came to Mrs. McCarthy's house here with a singing telegram of birthday greetings.

Mrs. McCarthy was surprised when she opened the door for the messenger. It wasn't her birthday. The messenger had the wrong house.

There are more: **PEKIN, ILL.** — Peter Williams threatened for three months to send his dog back to the pound because it awakened him every night by barking.

William's wife persuaded him to give the dog one more chance, and Williams said the dog could stay as long as he didn't bark.

Wednesday night the dog awakened Williams with its incessant barking. Williams, thinking the house might be on fire, got up to investigate. As usual, the dog wasn't barking anything in particular. Williams gave the dog away this morning.

DEKALB, N. M. — Marty Johnson, who lives on a hilly

road south of here, forgot his briefcase when he went to his job as an insurance salesman this morning. It contained important papers concerning a client he had been discussing with his wife.

When he reached his office he discovered that the briefcase was still at home, so he got into his car and started home. Mrs. Johnson had noticed the briefcase and, knowing how important the client was, got into her car to rush the papers to her husband.

Halfway between the Johnsons' house and town is a big hill. Johnson and his wife hurtled toward the crest of the hill at 70 m.p.h. each.

Johnson got to the top first. He saw his wife approaching, so he stopped. She stopped and gave him the papers, and he went back to see his client.

One more: **CARMEL, ORE.** — When Mr. and Mrs. Miles Kimbrough toured the Midwest 18 months ago their mongrel dog Whiskers, ran away in Indiana. Wednesday night Kimbrough heard a scratching at the back door of their home here. He rushed to the door. The sound was made by the wind blowing a branch.

Gordon C. Stone Enrolled At Oklahoma State

Gordon C. Stone of Stanton, O., graduate student at Oklahoma State University, is one of 16,003 students enrolled on the OSU campus this fall.

Total O-State enrollment is 19,072 and includes 2,422 at Oklahoma State Tech, Okmulgee, and 647 at OSU's Technical Institute in Oklahoma City.

Overall enrollment is up 1,189 over last year's 17,903, and on-campus enrollment increased 924 over the 15,079 of one year ago, said Registrar Raymond Girod.

By colleges, arts and sciences enrolled 4,444, up 291; business, 2,405, up 159; engineering 1,928, down 78; education 1,828, up 247; agriculture 1,506, up 39; home economics 1,283, up 129; veterinary medicine 183, up 2, and the graduate college 2,063, up 178.

The Technical Institute on the Stillwater campus totals 363, down 43. Okmulgee's total of 2,422 is up 128, and the Oklahoma City Technical Institute enrollment rose 117, from 530 to 647.

Library Lines

Mrs. Ralph Caffey, Librarian

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1 - 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The library will be closed for the holidays after Wednesday afternoon until Monday, Jan. 2, 1967 at 1 p.m. Would like to remind those again who might find they have some books overdue that they can be placed in the library book drop. A charge of two cents per day is the fine for overdues.

Cecil Bridges has presented a most interesting and informative book to the library. Entitled "Sons of the South," by Clayton Rand, it presents profiles and portraits of one hundred men, who contributed to the greatness of the nation and the glory of the south. The profiles are short enough to not be tiring and still they probe the hearts and minds of these valiant Americans to the extent that it gives new understanding to our nation's history.

And now may peace and joy be yours this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Farmer's Tax Guide Booklet Available

Texas farmers can now get the 1967 edition of the Farmer's Tax Guide, according to Ellis Campbell, Jr., district director of Internal Revenue for northern Texas.

The booklet may be obtained free of charge by stopping in or writing the nearest Internal Revenue Service office or your county agricultural agent.

Written in non-technical language, it contains easy to understand sections such as records a farmer should keep and important federal tax dates to remember.

One of the most important and informative features is a sample of a completed tax return with detailed explanations of entries made on it.

Throughout the booklet numerous examples are used to illustrate how farming transactions are treated for federal tax purposes.

Primarily written to help farmers prepare their 1966 tax returns, the "Farmer's Tax Guide" also serves as a useful tax reference throughout the year.

Use the classified ads for anything you want to sell, trade, or buy!

'HE LIVES FOREVER'

A Little Girl Assured

A little girl's curiosity led to a bit of Christmas philosophy that has since become a Christmas classic.

One day — in December — in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the New York Sun.

The reply with its message of keen, spiritual insight was written by Francis E. Church, a writer for the old Sun.

"I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. My papa says, 'If you see it in the SUN, it's so.' Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?"

"Yes, indeed!"

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

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

"Not to believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!"

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering that unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can pull aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? — ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever — a thousands years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

—FRANCIS E. CHURCH

The Stanton Reporter wishes its many subscribers, friends and merchants "A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Baptist Church News

The Primary III Sunday School class had their Christmas party at the First Baptist Church Dec. 10. Mrs. D. E. Ory told the story of Lottie Moon, and an offering was taken.

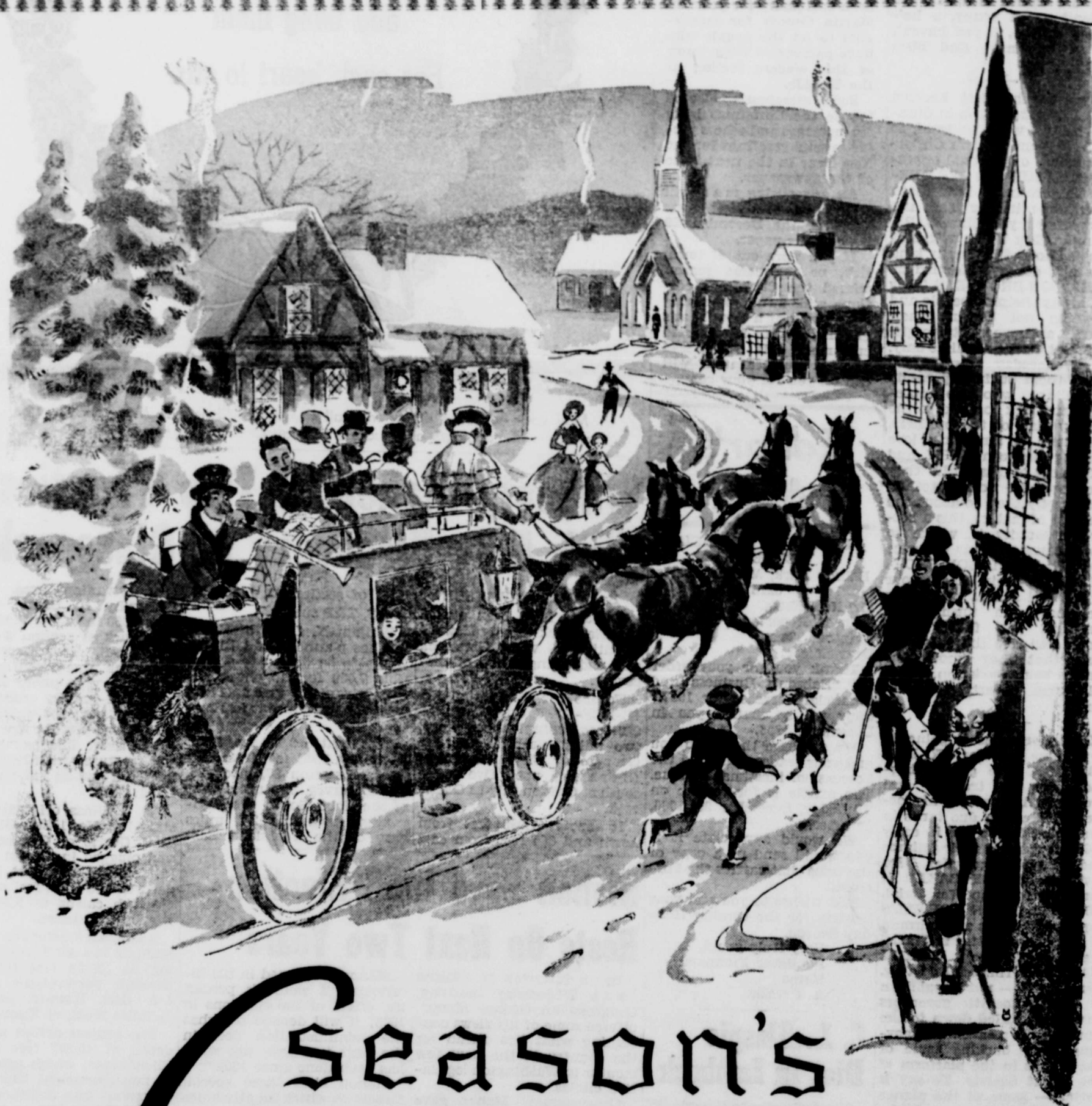
Mrs. Clyde Miller led the singing of Christmas carols. Christmas cookies and punch was served from a table featuring a white cloth with a candle centerpiece.

Mrs. Ory and Mrs. W. T. Wells made the children Christmas stockings and gifts for the workers.

The teachers: Mrs. Roy Martin, Mrs. Donald Barrett, and Mrs. E. R. Reynolds, presented the children with gifts.

Those present were: Mary Matteson, Ricky Lewis, Diana Wells, Randy Doshier, Ann Barrett, Tommy Hightower, Darrell Sisson, Gerald Stanley, Jerry Don McIntyre, and Ronnie Henson.

Subscribe or renew your subscription to the Ole Reliable!



Season's Greetings

To everybody, everywhere, we extend our sincere wishes for an old-fashioned Yuletide...warm with friendship...richly endowed with happy memories...bright with promise for the future...abounding with good health and good fellowship...a season filled with deep and lasting joy.

TRI-CITY DR PEPPER BOTTLING COMPANY

HIGHWAY 89

STANTON, TEXAS

Season's Greetings

One of the special joys we find at Christmas time (along with trimming the tree and exchanging gifts) is reflecting on all the wonderful friends we have...and wishing each and everyone of you a most delightful holiday season.

Rhodes Motor Company
RENA And FINLEY

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Health And Safety Tips

From The American Medical Association

Are you up on your winter driving tips? Today's Health, the magazine of the American Medical Association, offers some pointers that may save you considerable trouble and possibly help prevent a serious accident when snow and ice and freezing rain makes driving extra hazardous.

Good defrosters are essential. If yours aren't in top shape, get them fixed. Get a scraper with a blade on one end and a snow brush on the other, and keep it ready under the front seat. And keep several large rags handy for wiping windows, headlights and taillights.

Do your tires have good treads. Better still, use snow tires. Keep tires at full, recommended air pressure. Tire chains are useful for severe conditions. Keep a set in the trunk of your car for emergencies. Have your brake equalized; a little difference can twist you into a skid on ice. Have muffler and tail pipes checked for leaks that might be deadly. Equip your car with a small shovel, box of sand, traction mats and tow rope for emergencies.

In a snow drift or on ice, start in second gear and power up just enough to avoid spinning the wheels. If you hit an unexpected ice patch, don't try to brake, accelerate or steer. Maintain speed and let your car "roll" through the slippery area. Steer in the direction of the skid. That is, if your car's rear end skids right, steer right. Attempts to jerk the wheel back straight will only make the skid worse.

Winter calls for plenty of stopping room. Keep a king-size interval behind the car ahead of you. Have control of your car as you approach intersections and side streets. The other driver might skid through a stop or red light. Pump your brakes, rather than holding them down tight.

And, no matter what the weather, buckle your seat belt tight. It might save your life.

Farm & Ranch Review

Cotton Conference In Dallas — The 1967 Beltwide Cotton Production - Mechanization Conference will be held in Dallas, January 12-13. Production practices and their influence on fiber properties will get major attention. Attendance is open to anyone interested in cotton and no registration fee is involved. The conference is sponsored by the National Cotton Council.

Fertilizer And Limestone Conference At A&M — Discussions on secondary and micro - nutrients along with advertising and selling will be program features of the 1967 Fertilizer and Limestone Conference scheduled for College Station's Ramada Inn, January 4-6. Dr. C. D. Welch, extension soil chemist, Texas A&M University, said the conference should be of interest to all individuals engaged in activities related to the fertilizer and limestone industry and to those who advise farmers on plant food usage.

Farm Prices — Prices received by Texas farmers and ranchers on November 15 for all farm products were down 2 percent from last month and 4 percent below the mid-November prices of last year, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Both the all crops index and livestock and livestock products index declined during the month.

Texas Cotton — Texas cotton production, based on December 1 estimates, is expected to total 2,175,000 bales. According to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, this is the smallest total production since 1950 and was harvested from 3,999,000 acres, the smallest harvested acreage since 1889. Yield per acre is expected to average 382 pounds, 20 pounds less than last year's yield of 402 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Rhodes will spend the Christmas holidays in Alpine with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. June Graham.

Texas Safety Association Issues Alert For Holidays

The Texas Safety Association issued its annual accidental death alert for the Christmas holiday period Tuesday, urging motorists to consider the rights of fellow drivers and persons to be on the alert for all hazards. The TSA said 47 persons may die in traffic accidents over the 3-day holiday.

The alert begins at 6 p.m. Dec. 23 and ends 11:59 p.m. Dec. 26, which coincides with the Texas Department of Public Safety's Operation Deathwatch. The DPS program covers traffic and the TSA alert is for all accidents, such as fires, falls and hunting accidents.

TSA joins the DPS, the Texas Highway Department and other groups each year in coordinated safety programs aimed at reducing accidental

deaths during the holiday period.

Almost Home

Kushiro, Japan — The fishing boat returned to port after a long voyage and happy families gathered on the pier as the 13 crewmen climbed into a small boat for the short trip from the mooring.

A high wave capsized the skiff and three of the men drowned. The other ten swam ashore safely.

Oranges On January Plentiful List

Oranges spotlight the foods in big supply during January. That's the report from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Winter pears, grapefruit, broilers, dry beans and green split peas also are reported especially plentiful by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The 1966 - 67 orange crop, excluding California Valencia, was estimated on November 1 at 162.3 million boxes, up nearly one-third from last year and about 85 percent over the 1960-64 average.

Florida and Texas show the largest increase.

Winter pear production is also set at well above the age, with D'Anjou making up 80 percent of the supply.

Grapefruit stocks are up about 10 percent over last season and 31 percent above the recent 5-year average. Florida, California and Texas show across - the - board increases.

Broiler production is expected to continue well above average throughout the winter. Marketings based on head slaughtered under federal inspection during October and early November ran 11 percent above the same 1965 period, according to USLA's Consumer and Marketing Service.

Dry bean production is at a record high, or nearly one-third above last year. A large carryover and a larger 1966 crop has pushed prices on green split peas to the lowest level in over 6 months.

Samples Pass 300,000 Mark At Abilene

Samples classed passed the 300,000 mark this week at the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Abilene. Officer in charge, B. B. Manly, Jr. reports 44,000 bales were classed for the week ending Dec. 16th as compared to 52,000 for the previous week. This brings the season total classed to 307,000. About 12,500 bales were classed from Martin, Glasscock and Howard counties. The night shift will not work next week due to the drop in receipts. The double shift operated four weeks.

Consumer and Marketing Service statistics show grades for District 1 dropped again this week. Thirty-eight percent was called spotted as compared to 32 per cent last week. Sixteen per cent was reduced in grade because of bark. Predominant grades were 31 per cent Middling Light Spotted, 23 per cent Strict Low Middling Light Spotted, 23 per cent Middling Spotted, and 13 per cent Strict Low Middling Spotted.

Staple lengths were 1 per cent 7/8, 18 per cent 29/32, 70 per cent 15/16, 9 per cent 31/32 and 2 per cent 1 inch and longer.

Sixty - five per cent miked in the desirable 3:5 - 4:9 range. Other percentages were 1 per cent 2:6 and below, 5 per cent 2:7 - 2:9, 15 per cent 3:0 - 3:2 and 13 per cent 3:3 - 3:4.

Prices on cotton dropped slightly this week. Middling Light Spotted cotton is selling at even to 40 points over government loan. Spotted cotton and lower light spotted grades are bringing up to 75 points over loan value.

Hospital Notes

Physicians Hospital And Clinic

Patients admitted Dec. 12 Through Dec. 18:
Mrs. Lola Nutt, Mrs. Carrie Stewart, James Hogue, Raymond Kelly, Mrs. Mamie Clements, A. M. Teague, and Janice Burges.

Trade at home and save!

Christmas Date Set Officially In 4th Century

The history of the Christmas observance is one that has intrigued clerical and lay scholars for countless years. Researchers have found that as far back as the fourth century, the Christmas festival was already an established custom dating back to earlier eras.

The word Christmas began as "Christ's Mass" or as in old English "Christ's Masee" or the Mass of Christ, following the custom of the church in observing the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births. It was not until St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, set out to affirm one day for the universal observance that Christ's Mass was changed from its previous celebration in the spring (as we now observe Easter).

The good Bishop was granted permission by Pope Junius I to appoint a group of theologians to determine, as accurately as possible, the exact date of Christ's nativity.

Too many years had elapsed for absolute accuracy, and after discovering various contradictions of calendars, astronomical and astronomical calculations, the date for the celebration of Christ's Mass was set by the Church for December 25.

So it is that since the year 354 A.D., this date has been observed as the date of the Saviour's birth.

Members of the Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches celebrate this on January 6.

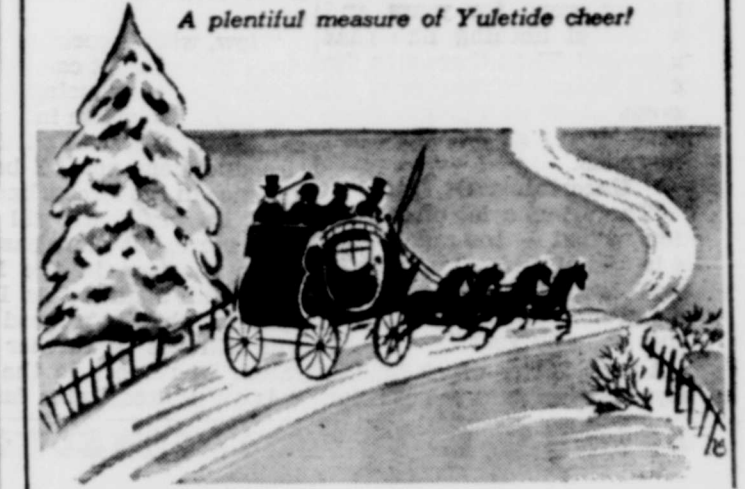
To this day, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates throughout the world.

December 6 is the day when Christmas is observed in most Western European countries and marks the beginning of a long, happy holiday season.

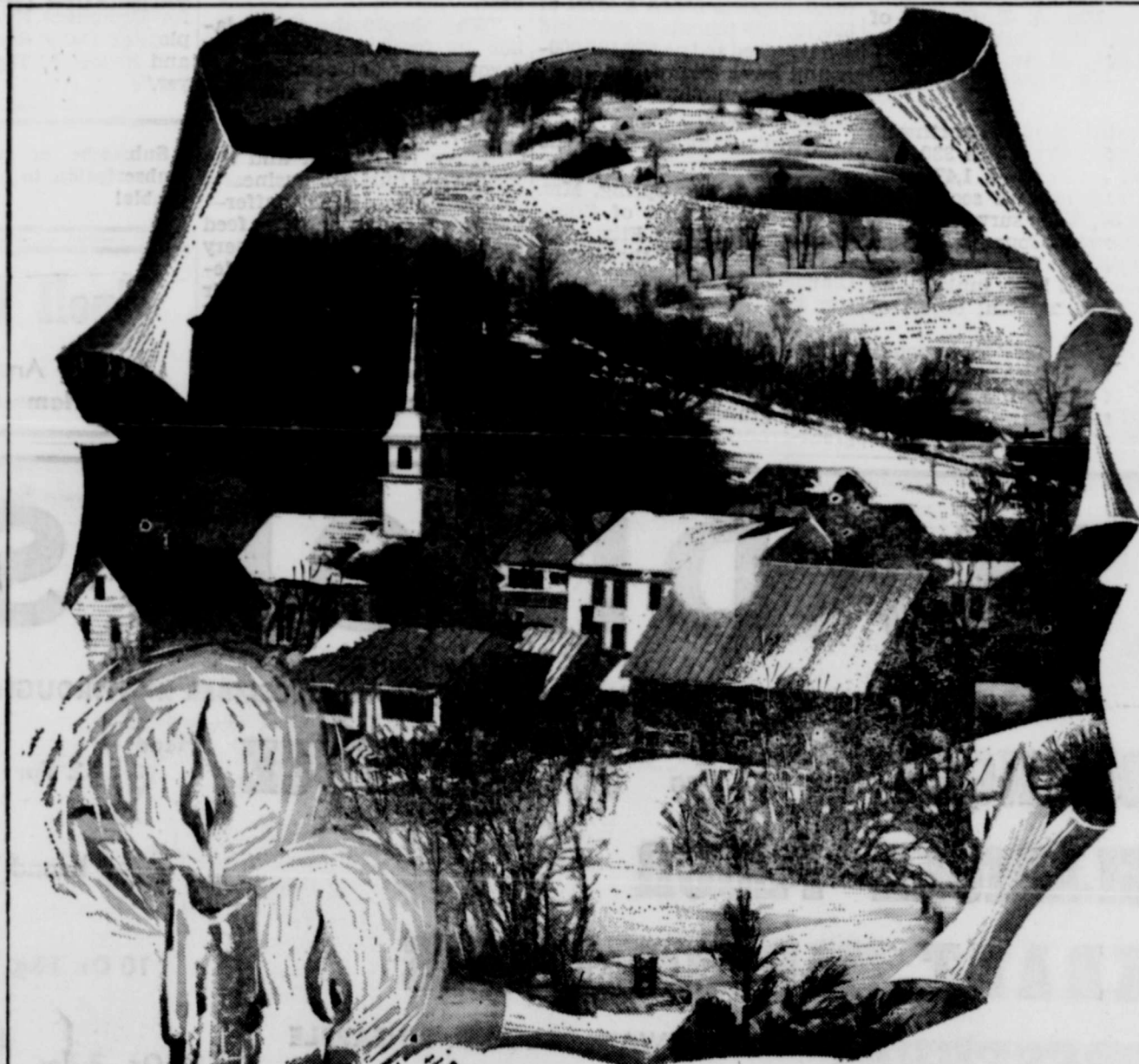


MERRY CHRISTMAS

The time for joy, the time for peace;
The time for pleasures that never cease.
We wish you all at this time of year
A plentiful measure of Yuletide cheer!



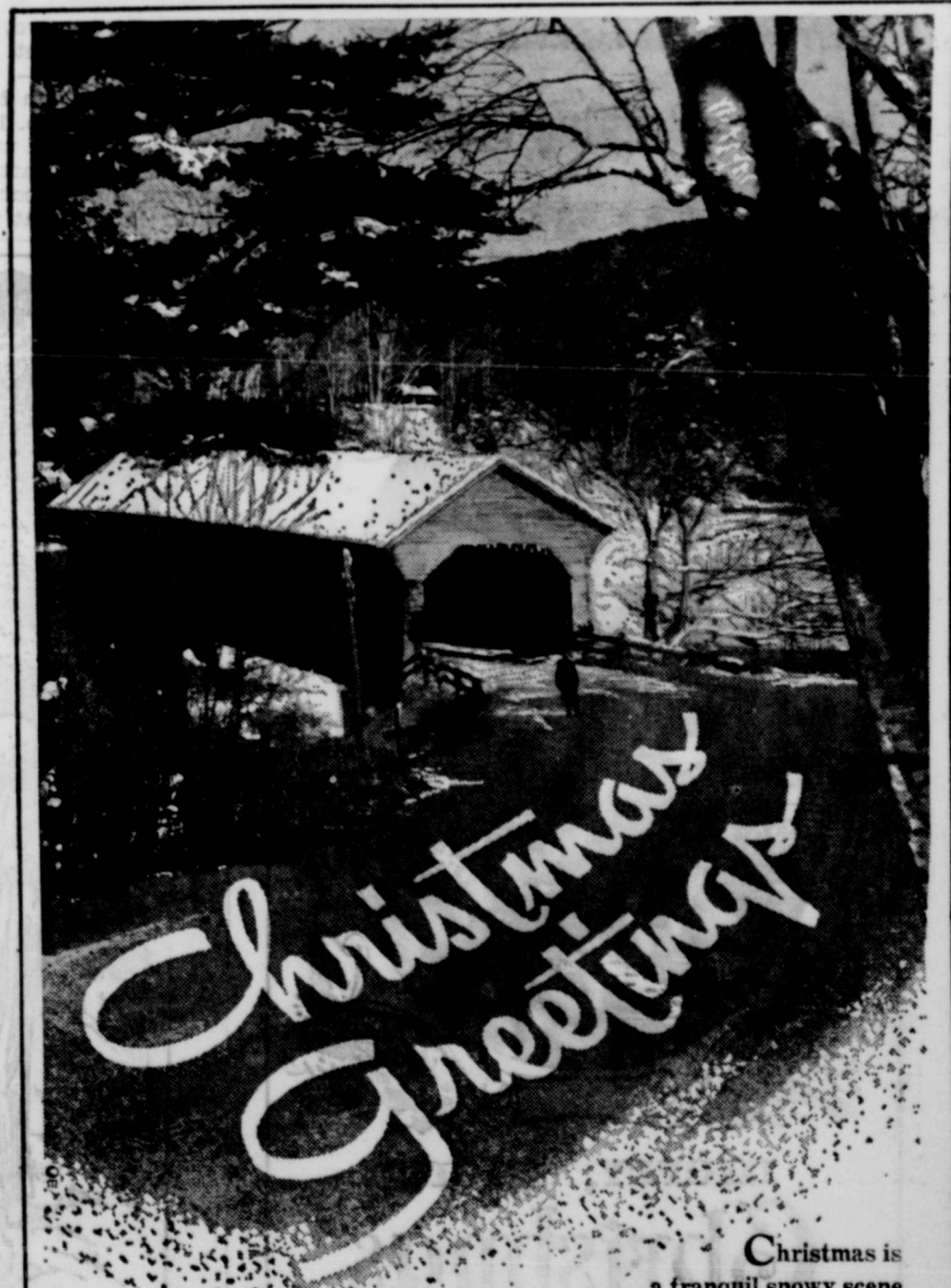
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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

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

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Houses For Sale M-4
For Sale: House, 804 St. Boniface. Small down payment to qualified buyer. Call AM 3-3112 or SK 6-3367. 12-51-tnc

Household Goods K-3
1966 model Zig Zag Sewing Machine, overcasts, appliques, buttonholes, sews on buttons, all without attachments. Left in lay-away unpaid. Bal. \$41.25 terms. Write Box 248, Stanton or phone MU 2-0523, Midland. 50-2tc

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believes, was the great flood of new welfare legislation passed by the 89th Congress.

"But," he pointed out, "I think the thing we have to bear in mind is that this great mass of legislative bills happened during Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency; it hadn't happened since until now, and in my opinion it won't happen again for several more decades.

"During FDR's time, there was the REA, labor legislation, the farm program, Social Security and many other things. But we went for years and years and nothing like that happened. Then there was the big buildup for medicare, aid to education on a more extensive scale, and other new programs.

Uncertainty Of War
"There was a lot of legislation passed — too much—but is sort of understandable in that context. Legislation is not ground out in equal amounts year by year."

A third factor which Mahon says helps explain the election

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"is unrest from concern and uncertainty over the Vietnam war."

Pursuing his election analysis to conclusion, Mahon noted:

"Now, with respect to these three things, a lot can be done in the area of reducing spending and a slowdown in legislation in keeping with public desire and demand. I believe violence in the streets has reached its peak; we will have some more, but there has been sharp reaction in the North and South against this. In my opinion, this is a good sign this will not be further tolerated. In respect to the war, it is an unpredictable factor."

Margaret and John Roueche

SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THEIR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS IN MARTIN COUNTY

Roueche Printing Company



merry, merry
Christmas

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

We will have our drawing at 3 p.m. as previously advertised.

Stanton Variety Store
MABLE and JOHN ATCHISON



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

Stanton Supply Corp.

Variety - - -

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labor and one particular ethnic minority group is now souring up. The American people are done with tolerating increased crime rates, stealing in high places, boondoggling in fat-cat contracts with local rascals who have been feathering the individual nests while the taxpayers have been ground down to a fine bone meal trying to pick up the tax tabs and paying the federal bills. Yep, all of LYNDON's pains, aches, and problems as going to cause him a real blue Christmas this year. At least, we think so.

The county's top druggist, GLENN BROWN, has brought in a good supply of the well known calendars and almanacs and they are being given friends and customers of the STANTON DRUG free of charge. We suggest that you go by early — browse around in the store — shop some for Christmas — and pick up your weather forecasters for the New Year. I have found the calendars are pretty much on the ball with predictions in weather changes. I have three ways of telling when the weather is due to change. I watch the pigeons on the courthouse and if they congregate on the south side of the dome bad weather is on the way. That is, if my left knee starts aching from an old football injury and if the BROWN calendar says we are in for a cold spell.

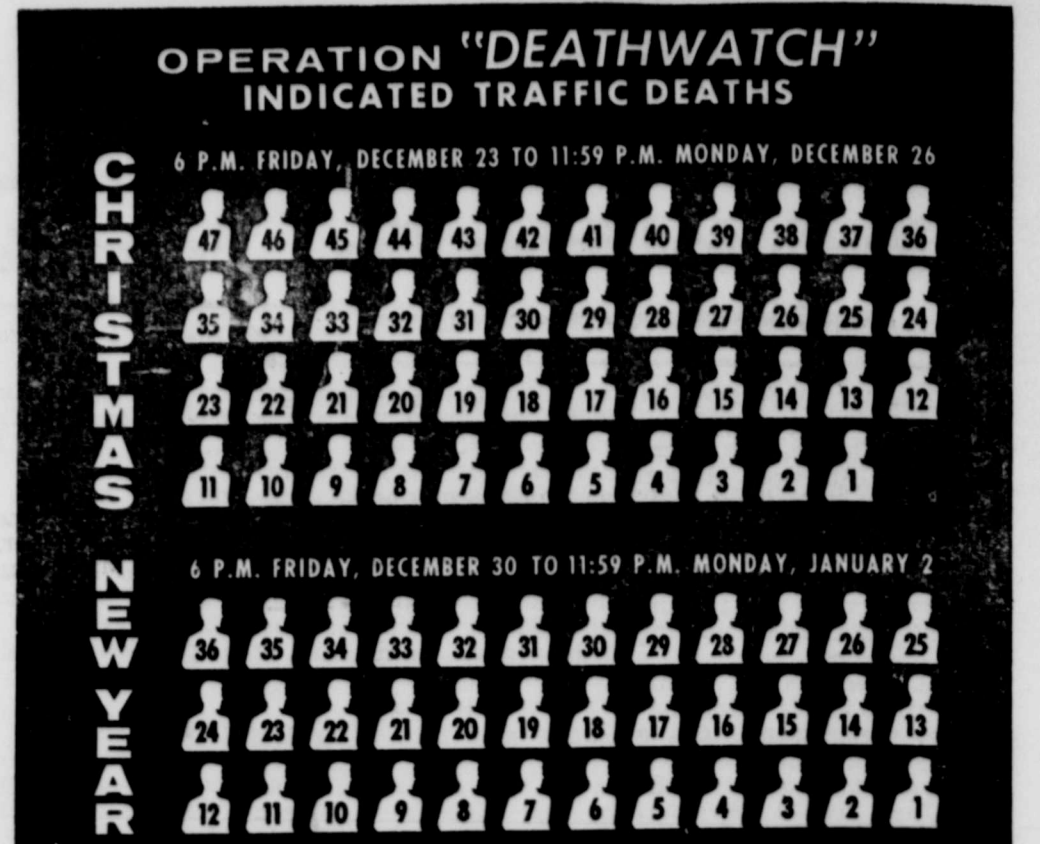
C. L. Glaspie - - -

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Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. A. T. George of Fabens, Mrs. Verlon Brewer of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. W. J. nty.

Located 13 miles northwest of Garden City, it is 330 feet from south and 1,477 feet from east lines of section 22, block 34, T&P survey.

In Howard County, Wilburn H. Seals No. 1-C Sterling, an outpost, has been junked and abandoned at total depth of 2,916 feet.

It is 2,514 feet from south and 1,775.5 feet from west lines of section 5, block 25, H&TC survey, two miles northeast of Vincent.



The "COUNTDOWN BOARD" shown above will be used by the Texas Department of Public Safety during the Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends to draw attention to the need for safe driving. The DPS and other organizations are going "all out" in order that the indicated traffic death tolls might be kept down during "Operation Deathwatch." Each motorist is urged to join the effort to save as many lives as possible during the closing days of 1966.

Texas Solon Criticizes Ag Meat Import Policy

Rep. Olin Teague, D-Texas, criticized the government's meat import policies Saturday and said he will ask Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman to explain how duty free quotas are determined.

Observing that under present rules, restrictions may be imposed by the secretary when meat imports reach a level of 890,100,000 pounds a year and are required to the 979,100,000-pound level, Teague said current shipments indicate action is needed now.

"I don't want to accuse the Ringener of Big Spring, Mrs. Kenneth Holcombe of Stanton and Mrs. Bob Fitzgerald of Oklahoma City; three sons, Claude L. Glaspie Jr. of Stanton, Hollis Glaspie of Odessa; and Jimmy Glaspie of Odessa; three sisters, Mrs. Guy Brooks, Mrs. Clyde Water and Mrs. Richard Lancaster, all of Cooper; 23 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Tax Man Sam Sez:

Cash tips are subject to income tax and must be reported on your 1966 income tax return. The good tax folks also point out that every employee who receives cash tips of \$20 or more in any calendar month must report the amount received during the month to their employer. If you have a problem, write Internal Revenue Service, P. O. Box 594, Dallas, Texas 75221, and ask for Document No. 5635, "Employee's Daily Record of Tips and Report of Tips to Employer."

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Spell Quiz

Correct Answer is: Inflammable

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THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1966

Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Mrs. P. M. Bristow, II, 506 West 5th Street, was hostess to a recent meeting in her home of the Preceptor Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. During a short business meeting conducted by Mrs. John Roueche, vice-president, plans were made to distribute gifts to shut-ins and, also make candy for patients in the Big Spring State Hospital.

Mrs. Stanley Reid, program chairman, introduced Mrs. P. M. Bristow, II, who presented a program on Italy, developed

from the program outline, Humanities. Mrs. Bristow dressed in costume of Italy, spoke on government, agriculture, education, arts and culture of Italy, and told of Christmas observances in many lands.

Following the program, the chapter's annual Christmas party was held. Gifts were exchanged from around a gaily decorated tree, and Phi Pals were revealed.

Mrs. Bristow served an Italian dinner consisting of the following: Cheeses and Grape Entree, Pastrami, Lasagne, Imbottite, Fagiolina Beans Saute, Vegetable Vinaigrette, Pickled Eggs, Zuippa Ingiese, and Coffee to: Mrs. Bob W.

Cub Scout News

Cub Scout Pack No. 28, met Monday night, Dec. 19, at the Cap Rock Electric auditorium for their December meeting. Mrs. Joyce Jones and Mrs. Betty Branhill, displayed

Latimer, Mrs. Elmer Long, Mrs. T. R. Louder, Mrs. Leo Turner, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Stanley Reid, Mrs. Louis Rofen, Mrs. Glenn Gates, Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. Helen Dawson, Mrs. Jess Talton, Mrs. John Roueche, and Miss Sammie Laws.

Christmas decorations that their den cubs had made.

Members of Jack Ireton's den opened the meeting with a Flag Ceremony, after which awards were presented to the following: Bob Cat pins to Michael Douglas, Floyd Slis-son, Lawrence Cox, James Fanks, Kenneth Barrett, and Tommy Haislip.

Wolf badges: John Madison, Joy Madison, Kenneth Barrett, Gary Hanson, and L. J. Lands.

Gold and Silver Arrow Points: Jimmy Jones, gold; Sam Jones, gold; John Madison, gold; Joy Madison, gold; Jimmy Shupe, silver; Billy Pinkston, one gold and two

silver. Mrs. Don Shupes den presented a Christmas skit on the Birth of Christ.

Mrs. Nita Cox den served refreshments. Mrs. Ann Shupe, accompanied by Mrs. Clary, led the group in singing Christmas carols.

The Webelos formed the Living Circle, and Dale Henson played taps. Gerald Hanson, committee chairman, dismissed the pack.

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James S. Parker Submits Resignation To PCG

Effective December 31, James S. Parker, Textile Industry Consultant with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., since April of 1962, has submitted his resignation. He has accepted employment with the American Textile Manufacturer's Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The announcement came from Donald A. Johnson, Executive Vice President of PCG, who said "We are certainly sorry to lose the services of Mr. Parker. His excellent knowledge of the textile industry and its needs have been a definite asset to the Plains."

Parker has been largely responsible at PCG for carrying out fiber testing and spinning research and for maintaining close contact with both domestic and foreign cotton mills.

Johnson said PCG is now making plans to see that Parker's work is carried on without serious interruption, but that pending a meeting of the PCG Executive Committee there will be no final decision on Parker's replacement on the staff.

"At least for the time being," Johnson said, "fiber

testing and spinning work may be conducted on a contract basis with the Textile Research Laboratory at Texas Tech where the people are already thoroughly familiar with what Parker has been doing."

Parker will be the new Director of Technical Service for ATMI, which essentially fills the same need for textile mills as PCG fills for High Plains cotton producers.

He will be serving as the staff secretary to ATMI's Education Committee, which works closely with textile schools across the country. And in that capacity he ex-

pects to be back in Lubbock at least once or twice a year conferring with officials at Texas Tech.

In submitting his resignation, Parker said "My almost five years association with PCG and with the cotton producers on the Plains have been very pleasant and highly rewarding, and I will be looking forward to working with these people in every way possible in my duties with ATMI. I certainly hope that my many Texas friends will not hesitate to call on me at any time in the future when they feel I might be of help to them."



The carolers, with voices raised in joyful song, express our sincere good wishes for all our friends and patrons. You have made our year a happy one, and it is our hope that we've enriched yours.

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Buy in Stanton and save



Holiday Cheer

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

HARVARD'S



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

Greetings for Christmas

Martin County Chamber of Commerce

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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Beta Sigma Phi News

Mu Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Dec. 15, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ory for their annual Christmas dinner. Phi Pal gifts were exchanged, with the husbands exchanging gifts also. Games of "42" and dominoes were enjoyed by the entire group.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Pinkston, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sorley, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nowlin, Mrs. Clyde Parnell, Mrs. Nina Burns, and Mr. and Mrs. Ory.

Xi Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their annual Christmas party Thursday night, Dec. 15, in the home of Penny Woody.

The house was beautifully

decorated throughout, and after a lovely buffet style dinner, the group exchanged gifts, visited, and made pictures.

Plans were completed to send a gift to Girlstown. Phi Pal names were drawn for the coming year.

Those present were: Helen Thrailkill, Correne Manning, Bert Schwalbe, Aylene Kelly, Audrey Louder, Vivian Ferguson, Georgia McMeans, Mary Payne, Shorty Hodges, Emma Wheeler, two guests, Ann Workman, and Peggy Walker, and the hostess, Penny Woody.

Gas Records

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The Exchange Desk

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS: "Don Malone, executive director of the Four-County Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation, stated Tuesday that he has been notified by the offices of Rep. Graham Purcell and Senator Ralph Yarborough that the corporation has received a grant of \$14,715.00 which can be used to help operate the Douglas Community and Training Center in Quanah."

THE MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS: "The two Loraine gins had processed a total of 9,107 bales of cotton this season, as reported to this office late Tuesday. The Guiton gin said they had a few bales on their yard and the Co-op gin said there was 24 bales on their yard awaiting processing. Ginners say the harvesting is almost over. If clear weather continues the 1966 crop will be gathered before January 1."

SEMINOLE SENTINEL: "Gaines County continued to rank as Texas' number four oil producing county in the latest figures compiled by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. Estimated production of oil for 1966 in Gaines is 32,397,000 barrels, the figures show. This is based on an output of 88,760 barrels a day in the county. Only counties ranking ahead of Gaines in production are Andrews, with 210,708 barrels a day, Ector with 167,854 a day, and Crane with 120,417 barrels per day. Gaines ranks as the 13th Texas county in terms of all-time oil production. Some 495,153,000 barrels have been produced here since oil was discovered in 1936."

Philosopher Comes Out With Brand New Idea For Double TV Coverage Of Football

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw discusses football this week. We didn't know he knew anything about it.)

Dear editor: Professional football is a little out of my line, but since nearly everything else is too and I don't let that stop me, I thought I'd make a suggestion to the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting Company. Surely one of them subscribes to The Stanton Reporter.

According to an article I read in a newspaper last night, the two companies couldn't decide who's going to televise the Super Bowl, the game for the world championship between the two professional football leagues about the middle of January. NBC has been televising one league, CBS the other, so they agreed they'd both televise the Super Bowl, and a viewer with two channel choices could take his pick. This is all right, it shows a fine spirit of compromise and financial shrewdness, but it misses a golden opportunity to boost the rest of the economy by a few billion dol-

lars, plus developing a brand new idea in televised sports. The idea is, instead of each network televising the game in the usual manner, why couldn't NBC concentrate its camera on the offense, CBS its camera on the defense? This obviously would require two television sets in your living room, sitting side by side. At the kickoff, one set would show the right half of the field as the kicker approached the ball, the other would show the left half, where the receiving team awaited. As the play got underway, your eyes would move from one set to the other, you've have a full view of the entire field instead of a close-up of a quarterback, a n d throughout the game you'd continue to have unlimited vision, the same as if you'd paid \$12 to get in the stands. You could watch the quarterback fade back to pass and at the same time look over to the other set and watch the receivers running their patterns downfield. Only one set of announcers would be needed but that's all right, they talk too much anyway as it is.

Now this would require



Bible Comment—

Jesus Taught The True Worth Of Giving

When Paul was leaving Miletus after having called the elders of the Christian Church of Ephesus to hear his words of farewell, he bade these Christians to remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

No words could express more accurately the spirit of all that Jesus had said and exemplified in His life and death. Nor could any words express more pointedly the challenge of Jesus and His teaching to the ideas and actions of what He called "the world."

Getting and receiving is such a normal process of life and is so natural to happiness and welfare that we might well ask whether Jesus was right in declaring that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We may ask but there is only one answer. And the answer is found not only in some

spiritual blessedness that compensates for the giving or renunciation of some material possession or treasured thing. Jesus offered men rest: "Come unto me — and I will give you rest."

Yet rest is the thing that men, rich, poor, old, young, sick or well, cannot do without. That offer of rest by the Master was supreme it its insight into human need.

So in this matter of the blessedness of giving in any large and spiritual reality, the assertion that it is more blessed to give than to receive, is an extension of much that is true in normal living. The giving of parents to their children, the giving to loved ones, the innumerable acts of graciousness and self-sacrifice in which men and women find supreme satisfaction, bear witness to the testimony of Jesus.

everybody to have two sets, but since we still have nearly three weeks to get them bought, that's plenty of time, and you can imagine what it would do to the economy to have at least 30 million new tv sets bought between now and January 15, even on credit. What's wrong with buying a second set on credit? That's the way the first one was bought.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

Stitch And Chatter Club Holds Party

The Stitch and Chatter Club held their annual Christmas party Dec. 14, at the home of Mrs. Harry Haislip.

Gifts were exchanged and spiced tea, coffee, and sandwiches were served to: Mrs. Ruth Holloway, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. A. J. Stallings, Mrs. Mary Jane Smith, Mrs. Oma Womack, Mrs. Hattie Estes, Mrs. Lillie Harvard, Mrs. Ruth Gibson, Mrs. Bess Herrin, Mrs. Eddy Butler, Mrs. Betty Maude Poe, Mrs. Dovie Allen, Mrs. Guida Morrow, and the hostess, Mrs. Haislip.

Twenty Years Ago

Considerable interest is being aroused among eight of the rural schools of Martin County over the plan of consolidation. The schools are South Plains, Lenora, Goldsmith, Moores Hill, Badgett, Wolcott, Myrick and Valley View. Within the boundary of the planned consolidated district are 400 sections of land creating a valuation of about a half million dollars. Plans are to build a \$150,000 school plant somewhere at or near the center of the district.

Electric service will be extended to many additional farms in Howard, Martin, Midland, Glasscock and Dawson Counties during the next three years. O. B. Bryan, manager of the Cap Rock Electric Co-operative, Inc., announced as the cooperative this week begin its sixth year of operation. It now serves 1,100 consumers.

Stanton will not have Christmas street lights this year, because it is impossible to obtain the tiny varied colored globes to take the place of those which have been lost or destroyed. An effort was made to get the globes, but it was impossible.

Lt. Marguerite Brothers Hauber has received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army at Fort Sam Houston. Lt. Hauber is a nurse and saw service in Iceland, England, Scotland, Germany, and France. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brothers.

Traffic lights for Stanton have been ordered. The lights will be placed at the east and west approach to Stanton on Highway 80, in the center of the highway at the railroad crossing on Main Street, at the First National Bank corner.

C. V. (Cleddie) Shelburne has arrived home on a 40 day furlough. He is a radar man on a destroyer and has been in the Pacific.

"Santa's Packing His Sleigh" is a quiet Christmas game that provides fun and hearty laughter. It starts simply enough with one member of the group saying, "Santa's packing his sleigh, and he's bringing a toy dog." Then each person repeats the sentence, adding another gift to Santa's sleigh. The object of the game is to repeat correctly, in order, the complete list of gifts in Santa's sleigh — and it's harder than it sounds. As the list gets longer and longer, more and more players just can't seem to remember the whole list and its order, so consequently they drop out, until only one is left.

Spell Quiz

Which of the following is Spelled Correctly?

Inflammable Inflammable Inflammable
(Meaning: Easily set on fire.)

Merry Christmas

The Christmas season is upon us, accompanied by the peace and joy this happy holiday always brings. May we wish you, our loyal patrons, a large measure of all the good things Christmas offers, and thank you for the many joys your continued friendship has brought to us.

**J. A. Wilson
Dry Goods**

Greetings

May the joys of the Holiday Season surround you and your family, and linger long in your home and in your heart, to brighten the days that lie ahead. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

White Motor Company

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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Mystic Meaning Behind Candles

For many, many centuries brightly burning candles

have been an important part of the Christmas observance. And, in days of yore — the bayberry candles held a mystic significance — it was be-

lieved that if the candles burned bright and clear throughout the Christmas season, then the coming year was sure to be lucky and happy.

Branches from bayberry trees dipped in wax were used instead of candles in Colonial days, when animal fat for making the candles was in

short supply. Even when tall candles were more plentiful, the bayberry candle remained as a traditional part of the Christmas observance in early years.

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a

Merry

Christmas

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

CAIN TRACTOR and SUPPLY

'The Messiah' Was Written In 24 Days

George Friedrich Handel was born in Halle, Saxony, Feb. 23, 1685. He composed "The Messiah" in 1741 in 24 days. His fertility was extraordinary, even for an epoch in which composers were expected to toss off music for any occasion at a moment's notice.

The work had its first performance in Dublin in 1742. It was written and performed for charity, the \$40 received being divided among the prisoners, the Charitable Infirmary, and Mercer's Hospital. The following year it was given in London; but it met with such a storm of protest from the clergy that Handel was forced to advertise its name as "A Sacred Oratorio."

It was not until 1750 that "The Messiah" was accepted by London. Since that date it has been sung more often than any other choral work.

"The Messiah" represents Handel's genius and among all of its oratorios, it retains its original freshness, vigor and beauty based upon the most harmonious, symmetrical and enduring forms of art.

The custom, which still prevails, of standing during the Hallelujah Chorus dates back to the first performance in London, when its effect was so overwhelming that at the phrase, "For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth," the whole audience, with the King, who was present, started to their feet as if by one simultaneous impulse, and remained standing until the end.

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Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

Santa Claus Has Different Names

Santa, the giver of many gifts, is a man of many names, too. While he is becoming almost universally known as Santa Claus, Santa or St. Nick, many European children still wait for the arrival of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas was the first of Santa's names and came from a real bishop in the fourth century, A.D. He is said to travel not by reindeer but on horseback, and wears bishop's robes.

Over the years, Santa has gained still other names. In France he's Pere Noel, in Finland Father Christmas, in Germany Kris Kringle, in Russia Father or Grandfather Frost.

Trade at home and save!

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl a year and 6 months old. I am Ronnie Joe's little sister. I want a dollie without hair, a pull toy, and some dishes. I have been very sweet. Ronnie and I will put a cup of coffee and some cake under our Christmas tree for you and I love you too.

Thank you,
Sonya Cynette
Deatherage,
Rt. 1, Ackerly, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 2 years old. I have been very good, so please bring me a gun set, some bullets, and lots of toys. I say my prayers every night. I live in Danville, Ky. But you can put my toys under my Grannie and Papa Landers tree please. I love you

Thank you,
Charles Alan Wagner,
Danville, Kentucky.

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I would like to have a Baby Magic, and some Go! G! Boots.

Lynnette Cecile Haggard,
P. S. — I am nine years old.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me some toys. I want an airplane, tractor and combine, and a rifle and a house.

Love,
Bigoley Martin.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me some toys. I will be good for you. Don't forget any of the boys and girls, so everyone will be happy.

Love,
Craig Martin.
★ ★ ★

Following are letters to Santa Claus from Grady Independent School District boys and girls:

Dear Santa:
I want a doll that can cry and say, "Ma-Ma."
Thank you Santa.
With love,
Luisa Luna.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Baby First Step Doll, a talking telephone,

and an electric sewing machine. Thank you.

With love,
Mary Franklin.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll with a lamp. I have been a good little girl. I like school and I get my lessons.

With love,
Kathy Everts.

Dear Santa:

I want a base ball, a choo-choo train, a walkie-talkie, and a Creepy Crawler Set.

With love,
Dannie Rivas.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a Baby Magic doll, and a bicycle. And Santa, do not forget all the poor boys and girls.

I love you,
Faye Welch.

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a B-B gun, and a Creepy Crawler Set.

I have been pretty good, Santa.

With love,
Randal Overby.

Dear Santa:

I want a B-B gun and a bicycle for Christmas.

Thank you, Santa.
Francisco Cuellar.

Dear Santa:

I want a gun and a bicycle. Thank you Santa. I try to be a good boy.

With love,
Donald Blake.

Dear Santa:

Bring me a little doll, a tiger, and a set of dishes.

Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Emelda Gamboa.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bicycle and a B-B gun.

I am a good little boy.
With love,
Eloy Bryand.

Dear Santa:

I want a cook stove, a Baby Magic Doll, and a Creepy

Crawler Set.
With love,
Lowenda Tunnell.

Dear Santa:

All I want for Christmas is a toy stove.
Thank you, Santa. I love you.

Good by,
Chyrel Huff.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a gun and a bow and arrow. Thank you, Santa. Do not forget all the other boys and girls.

With love,
Mark Tate.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a Kenner's Bake Set, a First Step Doll, and a bicycle.

Thank you very much, Santa.

With love,
Belinda Martin.

Dear Santa:

I want a set of dishes for Christmas. I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to school at Grady.

With love,
Donna Sue Hale.

Dear Santa:

I want a target gun, a Mighty Mike, and a Creepy Crawler Set.

With love,
Donnie Dunn.

Dear Santa:

I want a choo-choo train, and a car for Christmas.

With love,
Willard Lawson, Jr.

Dear Santa:

I want a bicycle, and a toy turtle.

Love,
Duane Cox.

Dear Santa:

I want a Bat Man Mobile, a wagon, and a big truck.

With love,
Max Sanchez.

Dear Santa:

I want a big doll that can walk and talk.

With love,
Aldo Ramon.

Diamonds are not always white or white slightly tinged with blue in color. There are red, yellow, brown, blue, green, and even black, diamonds, although only yellow and brown diamonds are common.

Peace at Christmas

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

Texas Electric Service Company

Christmas in our community is a special time, when friends and neighbors get together, and time spent with our families is precious. May we wish you a Christmas season that's filled with joy and love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES

FIFTEEN Indians in full tribal dress picketed on the sidewalk along the famed Las Vegas, Nevada strip, recently, protesting policies of the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Indians didn't demand the country back, however, and that does not signal anything healthy for the present administration. Perhaps Chief Running Bear could get a victory in Viet Nam and the war over with faster than we are now proceeding. At least, legend tells that the Indians never fought a no-win war.

WALT DISNEY, born on a Missouri farm, died the past week. The distinguished American transformed dream and fairy tales into entertainment that enchanted the world. The passing of the man who actually built a better mouse (Mickey) and parlayed it into a motion picture empire shocked three generations of moviegoers who had been gladdened by DISNEY'S creations. It was known that WALT DISNEY had been ill but his condition had never been described as serious before death claimed him. Certainly, this kind man will be deeply mourned throughout the nation.

MY friend MAC McKAY presented me with a subscription to a good magazine, Reader's Digest, for Christmas. I have already received the January issue and one story in the copy was immensely interesting. It was interesting because of what is happening all over the nation today in slack law enforcement. **TOOTS SHOR**, the famous New York restaurant operator, wrote the article styled: "Unforgettable JOHNNY BRODERICK." Many of us remember the days of BRODERICK on Broadway—the many incidents he engaged in and the fine articles about the famous New York officer. BRODERICK'S best story, told by SHOR in the article told of the time when the New York cop tossed three gangsters through a plate glass window and then arrested them on the spot—took them to the central police station—filed on them for "malicious destruction of property" and made all three pay a fine and for the glass broken when he, BRODERICK, tossed the bums through the window of the store.



The staff of The Stanton Reporter wishes for you a Very Merry Christmas!

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby magic. I am nine years old.
Love,
Teena Davenport,
Third Grade
Star Route,
Stanton, Texas.

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Cheerful Tearful doll and a electric organ.
I am seven years old.
Love,
Janet Davenport,
Star Route, Stanton,
Second grade.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a saddle, motor scooter and a rattle push. I have been a good boy. I am two years old. Kendall has been a good boy too. Please bring Kendall some toys to. I will leave a lot of cookies and milk on the table.
Come to see me,
Kevin and Kendall
Newman.

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a little boy 3 1/2 years old. I've been in the hospital

for quite some time, and been pretty sick. I'm feeling better now. I've tried to be a good boy and the doctors and nurses said I'm the biggest boy they have ever seen. So will you please bring me a Texaco truck, a Disneyland Trick Trak, and some candy and surprises.
Love you,
Bryan Thomas Angel.

Dear Santa Claus:
This is my first year in school, and I just love it. I'm trying to be a good girl at school and at home. Please bring me a "Slick Chick," bike, a catch all ball, and some surprise and candy. Please don't forget any of the good little boys and girls.
Love you,
Lesia Bess Angel.

Dear Santa:
I have tried most of the time to be a good little girl. Please bring me a Baby First Step, a talking telephone, and electric sewing machine. Please remember the other boys and girls.
Love you,
Mary Franklin.

Social Calendar

- LIONS CLUB — Each Tuesday at noon.
- ROTARY CLUB — Each Wednesday at noon.
- ORDER OF EASTERN STAR — First Tuesday night of each month.
- REBEKAH LODGE — Each Monday night.
- ODDFELLOW LODGE — Each Thursday night.
- MASONIC LODGE — Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- AMERICAN LEGION — First Tuesday night of each month.
- MEN'S DEPARTMENT First Methodist Church — Second Monday night of each month.
- BROTHERHOOD, First Baptist Church — Second Thursday of each month.
- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY—Third Tuesday of every month.
- BETA SIGMA PHI CITY COUNCIL — First Monday of each month.
- BETA SIGMA PHI — Preceptor Mu Chapter — First and third Thursdays. Xi Epsilon Delta Chapter — First and Third Thursdays of each month. Rho Xi Chapter — First and third Thursdays. Mu Lambda Chapter — First and third Thursdays. Xi Theta Nu Chapter — First and third Thursdays.
- STITCH AND CHATTER CLUB — Every other Wednesday.
- STUDY CLUB — Fourth Thursday of each month.
- GRADY PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION — Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, Circle I — First Methodist Church each Monday afternoon.
- WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, Circle II — First Methodist Church each Tuesday morning.
- STANTON MUSIC CLUB — First and third Wednesday of other month.
- WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—First and third Thursdays of each month.
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Lenorah Baptist Church

already pretty well established. Thus, eavesdropping evidence is not acceptable if it was gotten by unlawfully breaking into a person's home. In one case, police broke into the home of a suspected bookie and planted an electronic bug under a chest of drawers. Sure enough, the recordings indicated that the man was guilty. But a court rejected this evidence, because the police had ignored the constitutional ban on unreasonable search. "It is preferable that some criminals go free," said the court, "than that the right of privacy of all the people be set at naught." On the other hand, the mere fact that the eavesdropping was done secretly does not spoil it as evidence. For example: A revenue agent, talking with a suspected tax dodger, had a wire recorder hidden in his pocket. During the conversation the man offered a bribe, duly recorded on the wire. But in this case there had been no breaking into private quarters. Furthermore, the suspect, by merely talking to the revenue agent, had knowingly taken the risk that the agent might tattle on him. Holding this evidence admissible, the court pointed out that the agent himself could testify to the conversation — and the recording device simply did the job better. In short, the law is seeking to strike a fair balance between the desire for personal privacy and the need for fighting crime. Research and study in this area are intense. And, as legal arguments go, the debate is passionate. But so it should be. In a free lands, this is basic business. A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas. Written by Will Bernard.

Veterans Administration

(Editor's note: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their government provides for them through Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.)

Q — I have a G. I. home loan with a savings and loan institution. Recently I was notified that the interest rate on my balance would be increased one percentage point because of the rising cost of money. Is this legal?

A — No. Loan guaranteed by the Veterans Administration do not contain interest rate escalation clauses. You continue to pay the same rate agreed upon when you made the loan.

Q — My wife is a veteran receiving disability pension of \$165 as we have three minor children. I have just been retired due to service - incurred disability and have filed claim with VA for disability compensation. If I am rated 100 percent disabled, will I receive additional compensation for my wife and three minor children?

A — Yes. If rated 50 percent or more service-connected, and retirement pay is waived, you would be entitled to the compensation payable including wife and three children as dependents.

Q — A deceased veteran had active service in World War I and World War II. Will burial allowance of \$250.00 be paid for each period of service?

A — No. A payment, not to exceed \$250.00, is paid toward the veteran's burial expenses.

Summer Session Starts At ACC

The summer session at Abilene Christian College for 1967 will feature five and one-half week sessions instead of the usual six-week periods, according to Registrar Ken Rasco.

To shorten the sessions, classes will be lengthened five minutes and time between classes probably cut down.

Rasco said the change would be very popular with the students. He also said the change would permit Abilene Christian to operate the summer session simultaneously with the other two colleges in Abilene, Hardin-Simmons University and McMurry College.

Registration is set for June 5, with classes beginning the next day. Examinations are scheduled July 11. Registration for the second summer session is scheduled July 12, with classes beginning the next day. Examinations and commencement are set for Aug. 18.

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Baptist Church Scene Of Music Club Meeting

The Stanton Music Club met Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with Mrs. W. E. Byrd and Dr. Sue Fisher as hostesses.

During a short business meeting conducted by Mrs. R. O. Anderson, president, members made plans to place a book on music in the Martin County Library in memory of Mrs. Phil Berry, who was a member of the club.

Mrs. Carl Leonard, Jr. was in charge of the program, which was dedicated to Mrs. Phil Berry. Mrs. C. R. Welch discussed the hymn-of-the-month, "The Angel's Song," which is a French carol.

The Christmas story in Scripture was read by Mrs. Glenn L. Bown, who was dressed in a costume of Judea. Christmas carols were led by Mrs. Jack Woodrow, with all members participating. Mrs. Welch played the accompaniment. The program was concluded with a solo by Mrs. Woodrow, "Gesu Mabino," Pietro Yon, accompanied by Mrs. Edmund Tom.

Refreshments of cheese roll, pralines, date nut cake, and coffee were served from a

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Hidden Ears

Inside the olive of a martini, under the handle of a briefcase, behind the knob on a dashboard, within the cavity of a tooth — in all these places, electronic "bugs" have been hidden for the purpose of eavesdropping.

The startling sophistication of such devices has lent new cunning to both the spy and the counterspy, to both the law violator and the law enforcer.

It has also raised one of the toughest legal issues of the day: should the information obtained in this manner be valid evidence in the courtroom?

Since the circumstances vary so widely, there can be no simple answer. However, certain basic principles are beautifully decorated table carrying out the Christmas theme. Present were Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. W. E. Byrd, Mrs. Paige Eiland and Paige Lou, Dr. Sue Fisher, Mrs. Carl Leonard, Jr., Mrs. Edmund Tom, Mrs. C. R. Welch, and Mrs. Jack Woodrow.

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Compelling Story Called A Classic

Considered in its purely human aspects the story of the Nativity and the early childhood of Jesus Christ is one of the greatest stories of all literature.

Even if angels had never sung above His cradle, and even if wise men from afar had never visited the manger of Bethlehem, the story of the Nativity would still surpass in compelling incidents most of the classic stories of the ages.

It was interesting that a child should be born to an

obscure couple from Nazareth while they were afar from home on a law-command visit to the natal village of David. If nothing more extraordinary had ever occurred in the early years of Jesus, it would have been something for his neighbors to discuss and marvel at.

Then of what other child in the whole of Judea and Galilee could it be told that when the king was interested even that child was born and filled the natal village with

soldier to insure His destruction. That was something the people would have been interested in even if the son of Mary was also the Son of God.

Perhaps there was no other boy in all Judea who immediately after his birth had to be hidden in Egypt for protection from the vengeance of an angered king.

Then one can imagine how the simple people of Nazareth would comment upon a child whose cradle had been visited by a star-led Magi and who had to be kept

hidden in Egypt until the angered king was dead.

These were simple mountain folk who would find in the life of Jesus the most intriguing story they had ever heard.

There was interest too, in the very fact that Jesus, born a Jew, had to live in Galilee. Herod was dead, but his successor at the head of the Judean government was a Jew, equally vengeful and would be quick to kill the child who had escaped the vengeance

of Herod.

The neighbors of Jesus naturally would explain to all inquiries that Jesus was not a Nazarene by birth, that he was not even a Galilean, but that he was a Jew who was compelled to live in Galilee outside the jurisdiction of the Judean government.

As Jesus grew older, interest in the story of His infant experiences would weaken. The people would gradually lose interest in a story that ran from the hills of Bethlehem down to the Nile and back again into Galilee.

They would be watching the development of Jesus into young manhood and considering Him as model youth and dutiful son. The Scriptures tell us little of His formative years, but they tell us enough for us to know that He was the type of boy who would be commended by the neighbors and pointed to as an example for the other boys of the village.

Of all the village of that Israelite country, Nazareth was undesirable as a dwelling place. There was the saying that nothing good could ever come from such a place.

When in subsequent years Jesus should be referred to as Nazarene, the term would have a contemptuous connotation. Altogether it was a remarkable background for one who was destined to become the most exalted character in all history.

Origin Of Carols Traced In History

From the first angelic chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest," the sound of voices raised in song and rejoicing for the birth of Christ swells across the ages. Today, carols from many lands and many epochs fill the air at holiday time.

Sources of some carols are lost in the past, but many can be traced to interesting origins.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holiday Customs Vary In Marking Christmas

Though Christmas comes but once a year, there is certainly no one and only way to celebrate it. In addition to the many customs that are generally shared—lights, bells, trees, gifts, Santa, prayer and feasting—the special ways of observing the holiday are as varied and numerous as the communities and families involved.

Often the history and culture of a community is the inspiration for the way it celebrates Christmas. In other cases the "customs" are consciously developed, in an effort to express the spirit of the season. It doesn't take long for these community projects to become well-loved, even "old-fashioned" traditions.

Volumes could be filled with an account of interesting community Christmases, each of them different. A few are summarized below.

SANTA'S LAND
Feature of the Christmas season at Putney, Vt., is "Santa's Land, U.S.A." Santa greets his friends away-from-home—since the North Pole must be considered his official residence.

The building is set against a background of pine trees, in the foothills of Vermont's Green mountains. The large letters "S.C." on the chimney identify it as Santa's residence.

NEW ORLEANS
Carol sings are a traditional part of the holiday season in New Orleans. Many of them are held across the street from St. Louis cathedral. This historic cathedral in the French Quarter is a focal point for the community's religious observances of Christmas.

Here youthful carolers from a private elementary school, La Petite Ecole, convene to sing the familiar songs, in both French and English.

TREE LANE
Important part of the holiday season in California is the famous ceremony of "Christmas Tree Lane" at

Altadena.

Huge deodar cedars border a public thoroughfare in this city, and at Christmas it is transformed into "Christmas Tree Lane." The trees are lit with thousands of bulbs, turned on at dusk on Christmas Eve, and motorists celebrate the spectacle by driving slowly along the lane.

The tall, graceful deodars were brought to California by Captain Frederick J. Woodbury who, while visiting in India, saw them growing on the slopes of the Himalayas. He returned with deodar seeds, which he planted on his ranch.

In 1885 his sons transplanted the young trees along what was then the principal roadway to the Woodbury ranch.

CITY OF CANDLELIGHT
"Richmond—City of Candlelight" has been the Christmas theme of Richmond, Va., for the past five years.

Taking the cue from Colonial Williamsburg, Richmond sought to initiate the rebirth of an old-fashioned Christmas tradition by urging residents and organizations to "place electric candles in every window."

The shopping area presents triple candles in evergreen bases set in the median strip; from the windows of the governor's mansion and the capitol glow electric candles; incoming planes are greeted with candles at the airport; virtually every building in the city cooperates.

FRENCH CANADA
In French-Canadian homes, one of the highlights of Christmas is the "Reveillon," a middle-of-the-night family feast, for adults. The meal is served after the return from midnight mass but the preparations start many weeks ahead.

Much of the food for the feast, nowadays, centers around turkey and trimmings. But the traditional dishes, including goose with nut stuffing, and such specialties as "tourtières," or spicy pork

pies, are still prepared for the Reveillon.

A-CAROLING
Community caroling in Hanover, Va., for the past 10 years has been provided by a group of actors from Barksdale theatre and friends.

Moving about the town in red costumes and carrying lighted candles, the carolers concentrate on houses with children and elderly people.

They approach the houses singing "Jingle Bells," render two more carols, and move away singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

NEW MEXICO
Indian, Spanish and American cultures all contribute to the ways of celebrating Christmas in New Mexico.

"Prayer dances" performed by the Indians unite their ancient ceremonies with their present Christianity. Following midnight mass on Christmas Eve, they hold four days of prayer dances. At Taos Pueblo, Indians conduct a "procession of torches" during Christmas week.

The candles known as luminaires are a Spanish contribution. Put up early in December, they are used to outline walls or houses and stores, as well as curbs and driveways.

Then there is the ceremony of the posada. For nine days the story of the Nativity and the holy family's search for shelter is acted out by churches, hotels, social groups and families.

And, along with all the festive and religious observances of Christmas in New Mexico, it's certain that the American contribution, jolly old Santa Claus, is well remembered.


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



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PARTY SUGGESTION

Pineapple And Cranberries In Two-Tone Salad Mold

Now that the holiday season is just around the corner, and you're entertaining more frequently, new salads are much in demand. There are many times when individual molded salads will fit into your party plans.

Golden pineapple tidbits and scarlet cranberries are featured in these two-tone molds. The bottom layer is a combination of cranberry-orange relish in raspberry flavored gelatin. The top layer is a subtle combination of pineapples, cream cheese and chutney encased in lemon gelatin.

If you're looking for extra elegance to add to your holiday table, these Pineapple-Cranberry Salads will provide both glamour and palatability.

PINEAPPLE CRANBERRY MOLDS

- 1 cup fresh cranberries
 - 1/2 unpeeled orange, de-seeded
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 package (3-ounce) raspberry-flavored gelatin
 - 2 cups boiling hot water
 - 3/4 cup cold water
 - 1 package (3-ounce) lemon-flavored gelatin
 - 1/2 cup syrup from pineapple
 - 2 (3-ounce) packages cream cheese
 - Tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 - 1/4 cup chopped chutney
 - 2 cups drained pineapple tidbits
 - 1 apple, sliced
 - Salad greens
- Grind cranberries and orange together. Add sugar and set aside. Dissolve raspberry flavored gelatin in 1 cups boiling water; add the cold water. Chill till syrupy. Dissolve lemon-flavored gelatin in second cup hot water; add pineapple syrup. Cool slightly. Soften cream cheese with lemon juice. Gradually add cooled lemon-flavored gelatin a little at a time, until mixture is smooth.
- Chill until it will mound slightly. Fold in chutney, 1 cup pineapple tidbits. Spoon into about eight individual molds or custard cups. Chill firm. Blend cranberry and

apple into thickened raspberry gelatin. Spoon over firm white layer. Chill firm. Unmold and garnish each salad with salad greens, pineapple tidbits and a few pomegranate seeds if you like. Makes 6 to 10 salads, depending on size of molds.

The Christmas Tree

The origin of the Christmas tree is uncertain. Decorated trees were part of pagan ceremonies in pre-Christian times, and the custom of decorating small evergreen trees at Christmas time seems to have begun in Germany.

One legend suggests that St. Boniface, the English missionary to Germany in the 8th Century, started the custom. He is said to have replaced the pagan worship of a sacred oak with a young evergreen tree, adorned to symbolize the new faith.

Another legend has it that Martin Luther introduced the tree lighted with candles, representing the dark and starry heavens from which Jesus came.

The Christmas tree arrived in America before it reached England. Hessian soldiers in the employ of George III decorated trees during the American Revolution. And even earlier, German settlers in Pennsylvania were decorating trees with lights, sweets, and colored paper.

The Christmas tree became part of the traditional English celebration only after the marriage of the German Prince Albert to Queen Victoria.

Today it is still a custom most widely observed in Germany, England and the United States.

'Snow' Removal

To get rid of the push-button "snow" with which youngsters decorate windows at Christmas time, apply sal soda concentrated in solution form or dry to the area with a stiff brush.

IN RUSSIA

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

Cranberried Chicken Is Perfect Party Dish

Christmas Eve! It's a perfect time for a supper party before the evening church services or perhaps joining with the roving carolers. Choose a simple feast, no fuss at all, such as Baked Cranberry Stuffed Chicken, and fresh asparagus served with Hollandaise Sauce. Accompanied by a salad of the season, this menu will not tax any hostess.

Baked Cranberry Stuffed Chicken

3 frying chickens,

- quartered
 - 6 slices enriched toast
 - 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
 - 1 (8-ounce) package stuffing mix
 - 1 (No. 1) can condensed chicken-riced soup
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 1/4 cup melted butter
 - 1 (1-pound) can whole cranberry sauce
- Wash chicken and pat dry. Cut toast slices in half, diagonally.

Combine parsley, stuffing mix, chicken-riced soup and water. Grease shallow baking pan. Spread out toast triangles in shallow baking pan. Place 1/2 cup stuffing on each piece of toast. Salt chicken pieces and place them, skin side up, over stuffing. Brush butter over chicken. Cover and bake in a hot oven (400 F.) for 30 minutes. Uncover, bake 15 minutes. Spread cranberry sauce over chicken, bake another 15 minutes. Will serve 12.

The Poinsettia

This symbol of Christmas is wholly American. The flower was discovered in Mexico in 1828 by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first United States ambassador to that country. Cuttings of the plant were sent to the botanical gardens in Edinburgh, Scotland.

It is also known that Poinsett visited John C. Fremont in California, and that he may have introduced the plant there.

The people of Mexico and Central America called the plant "Flor de la Noche Buena," which means Flower of the Holy Night, because it reached full bloom at Christmas. It is an extraordinary plant, in that the blossoms are not the red leaves but the small yellow flowers clustered in the center.

Stranger Than Code

During World War I, two Comanche Indians were used to transmit messages by telephone. Their language was stranger to the Germans than a code.

told whether the husband or wife would rule the home for the next year.

Few of these legends persist today. Holly has become a part of the traditional Christmas decoration, and its beauty needs no further explanation.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

What, indeed, is Christmas?

Ask a child and he may tell that it is a time of snow and bright lights, and Santa Claus and presents under the tree.

Ask a hundred grown-ups and you may get a hundred slightly related answers, for Christmas is many things to many people.

But, for all of us, the happiest memories of childhood are those associated with the celebration of this great holiday. How easy it is to vividly call up scenes of long ago when a happy family gathered by the warm glow of an open fireside; to close their eyes to see again the snow-covered fields and to hear again the crunching sound of heavy boots plodding through the snow and visualize the little white church of the hill. In the silence of darkened room one can easily revisit that little church, breathe again the aroma of evergreens and burning candles and sense anew the presence that is so obvious in the quiet and solemn stillness.

These are the things about Christmas that have not changed and will not change with the modes and mannerisms of new generations. These are the things which reflect the spirit of Christmas. It is in the spirit of love and goodness, of close communion with God and with mankind and with it all is that little church, breath again the aroma of evergreens and being on that first Christmas night at Bethlehem so long ago.

This is the spirit of Christmas, and so it shall remain until the end of time.

The Stanton Reporter wishes its many subscribers, friends and merchants "A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

HE SO LOVED . . .

He Taught The World To Love

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . .

How meaningful are these words today, nearly two thousand years after the humble beginning of that One Great Life at Bethlehem. How holy and purposeful was this life upon earth that it comes to us again and again in the spirit of Christmas to remind that the real joys and the rich goodness of life lie not in riches and good, or self attainment, but in thoughtful and unselfish service and love.

For He so loved the world that He taught the world to love. Through one, great and wonderful life upon earth, He set down for all mankind and for all time the supreme example of the good life. In His every deed and action He portrayed the qualities of love and faith and kindness.

These qualities — and more — are all a part of the Christmas. But, by His example, they are qualities that should abound in our lives throughout the year.

In thankfulness to God, for all His goodness and love, we should keep the Christmas in its true and joyful meaning, the spiritual occasion of the birth of Christ. And if we can truly keep the Christmas, then perhaps we can keep the spirit of Christ within our hearts throughout the year.

In Greece

Young people of Greece foretell their romantic future at Christmas by tossing olive leaves on the burning Yule log. Tradition decrees that if the leaves, symbolizing the candles are still perferred girl and man, curl toward each other, the lovers can expect their happiness to be long-lived.

If the leave burn apart, their romance may be fraught with difficulties. The best result, however, is if the leaves burn to a crisp. This means their love is deep and all-enduring.

IT'S A HOLIDAY

First of the United States to give recognition to Christmas Day as a legal holiday was Alabama, in 1836.

Trade at home and save!

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Wild Rice Companion To Turkey

A casserole of wild rice is a glorious accompaniment for the traditional Christmas turkey. Wild rice has long been a gourmet companion for fowl, whether it be pheasant or turkey.

To prepare this epicurean version of wild rice, wash and soaks 2 cups of wild rice. If possible, let it soak overnight. Boil the rice in 1 quart of salted water until almost tender. Drain the rice. Place it in a casserole.

1 3/4 quart porcelain enameled casserole with a gay Fiesta design is ideal for this festive dish because it can go from the oven to the table and is fancy enough for the party.

WILD RICE 'N' MUSHROOM SAUCE

Add one cup of turkey stock to the rice in the bake and serve dish. The stock can be made by boiling the turkey giblets and neck in water. Bake covered in 350 F. oven for one hour. About 1/2 hour before serving mix one can of condensed mushroom soup with one cup of sour cream. Spoon the mixture over the wild rice and bake uncovered for 1/2 hour longer. Serve hot in casserole. This gourmet edition of Wild Rice 'N' Mushroom sauce serves eight.

In Germany

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles and although artificial lighting for tree ornament has been introduced, the candles are still perferred by many.

Gift Giving At Christmas

Santa Claus is inseparably associated with the spirit of gift-giving in America, but in other lands, various gift-bearers are just as eagerly awaited.

Commemorating the arrival of the Magi on Epiphany, the Wise Men leave presents for good boys and girls as they pass through Spain during their annual journey to Bethlehem.

Off-Tree Lighting Recommended For Metal Trees

If you are using a metal Christmas tree this year, the National Board of Fire Underwriters recommends that you use off-the-tree lighting with colored lights to give a softer and more beautiful illumination.

Placing strings of Christmas lights upon any metal tree sets up the possibility of electric shock if the cord becomes frayed or the interior of a light socket comes in contact with the tree.

Play it safe and use off-the-tree lighting with any metal tree.

Yule Customs In Sweden

The Yule celebration in Sweden begins on St. Lucia's Day, December 13, when the eldest daughter, in long white robes, becomes a "Lucia bride."

Wearing a crown of whortleberries with seven lighted candles, she goes forth bearing sweetmeats for family and friends.

The Holly

Because holly grows in most parts of the world, for centuries it has been used as a decoration at festivals. In ancient times people believed that anyone who wore a wreath made of the berries would be gifted with second sight.

Holly bears fruit and stays green in winter. Thus it became a symbol of immortality. During the rise of the early church many Christmas legends were linked to holly. One says that holly was the burning bush from which God spoke to Moses in the wilderness.

Another has it that because the holly hid Jesus from Herod's soldier during the flight into Egypt, it was blessed with green leaves all winter.

In certain early yule celebrations holly represented the male and ivy the female. Whichever was brought into the house first at Christmas

the candles are still perferred by many.



Holiday Greetings

We're grateful to be spending Christmas among all our friends and neighbors . . . as a measure of our gratitude, may we extend our very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and festive season.

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Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks . . .

a star shone brightly in the hush of a

Holy Night . . . a Babe was born

in a manger . . . and a new spirit of

peace and Good Will came into the world.

May that spirit abide

with you and your

family now and always.

The Little Store

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Our wish for you . . . the pick of Santa's pack, and the best of everything else for your Christmas celebration. It's our sincere hope that this holiday season will be an especially happy and memorable time for you, your family and friends.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Christmas Cookie Baking Time Just Around Corner

Jingle bells—the Christmas season has begun. Now is the time to plan those very special cookies you plan to wrap beautifully and present to selected friends and relatives.

Santa's Strawberry Blondes And Chocolate-Scotch Patties

Patties
 2 1/2 cups (1 pound) firmly packed brown sugar
 2 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup chopped nuts
 6-ounce package (1 cup) butterscotch flavored morsels
 1 6-ounce package (1 cup) semisweet chocolate morsels

Basic Dough
 Cream shortening and brown sugar; beat in eggs, one at a time. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Blend into cream mixture. Stir in nuts. Divide dough into two equal parts (about 2 1/4 cups each.)

Santa's Strawberry Blonde
 Stir butterscotch morsels

into one part of basic dough; turn into greased 9x9 2-inch pan; smooth the surface. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) 20 minutes. When almost cool, cut into 1 1/2-inch squares. When thoroughly cool, spoon strawberry frosting into cake decorator with star tip; make rosette on each square. Makes 3 dozen squares.

Choco-Scotch Patties
 Stir chocolate morsels into second part of basic dough; drop from teaspoon 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 13 minutes. Cool on rack. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

Strawberry Frosting
 2 tablespoons quick strawberry milk-flavoring mix
 1 tablespoon milk
 1 cup sifted confectioner's sugar, divided
 2 tablespoons softened butter or margarine

Dissolve strawberry milk-flavoring mix in milk. Beat 1/4 cup of the sugar with the butter. Beat in the milk mixture alternately with the remaining sugar.

Shepherd Maiden

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

More novel, but equally established in tradition, is the story of the shepherdess who visited the stable on the first Christmas night. "Dou viens-tu, bergree?" (or, "Whence Come, You Shephard Maiden?") was brought to Canada in early 17th century, by early French settlers. In the carol, a question asks the shepherdess where she has been and what she has seen, and she in turn describes the manger scene.

A Merry Christmas To All!

Germany Had First Cards

There's quite a story behind those Christmas greetings you received this holiday season.

The earliest known holiday greeting was actually a crude woodcut printed in 1450 in the Rhine Valley, Germany.

The card shows the Christmas Child standing in the bow of an ancient galley manned by angels, with the Holy Mother seated at the mast. The inscription reads: "Here I come from Alexandria and bring many good years to give generously. I will give them for almost no money and have only God's love for my reward."

First English Card

Sir Henry Cole, an Englishman, is credited with publishing the first "mass produced" Christmas greeting. In 1843, he had an artist, John Horsley, design a Christmas greeting for him because he was "too busy to write to his friends at Christmas." The card carried the message: "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To You."

Cole had 1,000 copies of the card printed which showed a friendly family party in progress, the oldsters with raised wine glasses in a toast to the person receiving the card. Although Cole was hailed for his idea of inventing the Christmas card, his greeting met with severe criticism because it showed children at the same table with the wine drinkers.

Unfolded Pasteboards

The first cards were unfolded pasteboards printed in color. Late in the 1850's and 60's, cards were die-stamped with designs combining ornaments and lettering. Larger cards became more popular in the 1180's.

By then, the idea had been introduced into the United States. Louis Prang, a prominent Boston lithographer, looking for ways to increase his business, began making Christmas cards in 1875.

Prang was an expert in the art of what he called "chromolithography" and his work and reputation was well established throughout Europe. By using slabs of a particular limestone found only in Bavaria, he printed pictures in multi-colors, as many as 32 different shades at times. He reproduced them so perfectly that you could scarcely tell them from the original paintings.

Sponsored Art Contests
 Prang sponsored an art competition to obtain his card designs. Within five years he was turning out five million cards a year, and it wasn't long before Prang cards trimmed with silk fringe and lace, also became known worldwide.

CHRISTMAS TREE LEGENDS

The trimmed Christmas tree, as we know it today, is little more than a century and half old, yet legends trace the origin of the tree back to earliest times.

One legend concerns an early Christmas missionary, St. Wilfred, who once came upon a band of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

According to the story, St. Wilfred had the tree cut down and almost immediately, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of new faith and there after the Druids set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmas time, surrounding them with feasting and laughter and love.

There is also the story of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt. With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, it was still necessary that Mary rest awhile so they sought shelter in the low 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. Today, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was really an apple tree. And, although the fir tree has long since replaced its predecessor for Christmas use, the tinsel baubles we use on the tree are said 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.

Make Old Toys Look Like New

By salvaging and making useful again discarded toys of your children, you will gladden the heart of some eager youngster whose stocking will not be too full on Christmas morning.

That old teddy-bear will be just as lovable as ever when he has a new pair of shoe-button eyes, and it takes only a minute to sew them in place.

Repair pingpong and tennis racquets. Trucks, wagons, sleds, and blocks will look new again with a coat of bright paint. Old cigar boxes are just the thing for making doll furniture. And colored wash cloths, cut to fit, make fancy-looking rugs for a doll house.

Revamp an old doll. If her wig is stringy, give it good curl with the curling iron. Then make her a brand new wardrobe. Some little girl will think she is the most beautiful doll in the world.

Mistletoe Kissing Is The Berries

One of the happiest customs of the Christmas season is stealing a kiss under the mistletoe. To adhere strictly to the old Norse tale from which this pleasant pastime springs, bussers should pluck one of the white berries for each kiss.

According to Davey tree experts when the berries are gone, the sprig loses its magic power to bring happiness.

Although Prang gave up printing Christmas cards in the 1890's, he is credited with establishing in America the joy of sending and receiving Christmas cards, and is known as the "father" of the American Christmas card.

First American Card
 The first American Christmas card, however, had been printed in 1853, when R. J. Pease, an Albany, N. Y. dry goods merchant, designed, printed and mailed a Christmas card which also served as an advertisement for his products.

Animals Play Holiday Parts

In lore and legends of Christmas, the beasts of the fields and the birds of the air play their part — and appropriately so, for the oldest and holiest Christmas story of all tells of shepherds who went to seek and find a Holy Babe lying in a manger.

Animals of the manger in the time of Christ were likely to be the sheep and goats, cattle, horses, donkeys and pigs. All of these figure in Yuletide songs and stories — even the pig, who has held the place of honor at many a Christmas feast.

Telling of the First Christmas Eve, the famous carol, "Away in a Manger," says, "The cattle were lowing," and religious paintings through the ages have depicted both the cattle and the other animals in the manger, as well as the flocks of the shepherds.

Feeding Birds

In Scandinavian countries people place sheaves of grain and bits of suet on trees and rooftops, so birds can feast.

They Feast

Because an ancient tradition holds that animals helped to spread the glad tidings of the birth of Christ, barnyard animals in many countries are still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

Cattle Speak

An old German legend has it that cattle kneel in their stalls at midnight on Christmas Eve. Then, for a moment, they have the power of speech.

Other legends broaden this to include all animals.

From Spanish Lore

On the first Christmas, says a Spanish legend, a cow in the manger breathed on the Baby Jesus to warm him.

Kneeling Deer

Early French-Canadian settlers in Quebec bewildered the Huron Indians by their strange — to the Indians — preparations for the celebration of Christmas. As a result, many legends about the day developed among the Indians.

On Christmas Eve, the Indians believed, the deer knelt to the "Great Spirit." In the hope of seeing the wondrous sight, the Hurons would hide in the cold winter nights of the forest for hours.

Nola Birthplace Of Church Bells

The use of church bells is said to have been inaugurated during the fifth century by Bishop Pallinus of Nola, in Campania.

Although the derivation is doubted by some authorities, it appears that the Latin word for bell — campanula — was during the fifth century by Bishop Pallinus of Nola, in Campania.

Created Him Cartoonist

Santa first appeared in his now - traditional guise as a plump, jovial white-bearded and pipe-smoking old gentleman — "A right jolly old elf" — in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santaclaus" had been dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's Friend," and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. Moore's poem did not, apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was first sketched by Cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb.

Holiday Sparkle

Home Christmas decorations take on a sparkling air when done in silver or gold. Spray a large sheet of construction paper and let it dry. Then trace and cut stars, trees, deer or Santas to use as ornaments, mirror and window decorations or place cards during the season.

IN SOUTH PACIFIC

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

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Fingers Of All Ages Reach For These Tasty Cookies

There's nothing more heart-warming than a gift of homemade goodies at Christmas time. Two of the most delicious and easiest to make in large quantities, are crisps "Double Peanut Drops" and No-bake "Jiffy Fruitcake Squares." Because of the rich flavor of peanut butter, these two very different cookies appeal to all ages. Here's how to make them.

Jiffy Fruitcake

325 degrees F. oven for 15 minutes. Makes 45 cookies.
 15 ounces raisins
 1 lb. pitted dates
 1/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
 2 lbs. mixed diced candied fruit

Grind raisins and dates together. Add peanut butter and mix thoroughly. Add candied fruit and mix well. Line two 8x8 2-inch pans with wax paper and press half of mixture into each. Chill in refrigerator 36 hours before cutting into squares. Makes 50 pieces.

Double Peanut Drops
 1/4 cup peanut butter
 1/2 cup butter or other shortening
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2/3 cup crushed peanut brittle

1 cup sifted flour
 Cream peanut butter with shortening. Beat sugar in gradually. Add vanilla and brittle. Gradually stir in flour. (Mixture will be crumbly.)
 Measure heaping teaspoons and, with fingers, shape into round flat cookies. Bake in

IN NEW ZEALAND

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

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URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STANTON VS. JOHN M. HOWELL

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS BEFORE SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY JUDGE OF MARTIN COUNTY, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO JOHN M. HOWELL, if Living, and if Deceased, his Heirs and unknown Heirs

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear at the hearing before the Special Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the County Court of Martin County, Texas, to assess the damages occasioned by the condemnation of the hereinafter described property, and to appear and answer in said Proceedings at the office of the County Judge in the Martin County Courthouse in the City of Stanton, Texas, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say, 10:00 o'clock A. M. on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1967, and answer the petition of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton, Plaintiff in the suit styled "Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton vs. JOHN M. Howell," wherein the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton is Plaintiff, and John M. Howell, whose place of residence is unknown, is Defendant, which Petition was filed with the Judge of the County Court of Martin County, Texas, on the 29th day of November, 1966; and the nature of which suit is as follows:

The suit is a Proceeding in Eminent Domain in which the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton is condemning, at the request of its Board of Commissioners, for rehabilitation purposes, which are public purposes, the following described tracts of land situated in Martin County, Texas, to-wit:

Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 92, in the Town of Stanton, Texas; according to a map or plat originally recorded in Vol. 1, pages 258-259, Deed Records of Martin County, Texas.


You are notified that said hearing has been set for the 20th day of January, 1967, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the County Courtroom in the Martin County Courthouse in Stanton, Texas, and to appear at same and present such evidence as you may wish. You are further notified to appear and answer said petition on or before January 16, 1967, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. If you desire to appear and answer before said date of January 16, 1967, do so at the office of the County Judge of Martin County, Texas, located at the Courthouse in Stanton, Texas. The interest of said John M. Howell, whose place of residence is unknown, and his heirs and legal representatives, if any, is that he either owns or claims an interest in said property, subject to unpaid accrued taxes and other liens.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after its issuance it shall be returned forthwith.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT STANTON, MARTIN COUNTY, TEXAS, this 29th day of November, 1966.

MARTIN L. GIBSON
 KATHLEEN LEWIS
 R. W. HAILSIP
 Special Commissioners

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A CHRISTMAS GREETING

Let us harken to the clear-voiced choristers, as they hail the a proach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs.
 H. O. Fowler



From All of Us to You and Yours... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Our gift to you... the comfort and convenience assured by the bright blue flame of natural gas.

At this time of the year, particularly, it is extremely gratifying to be providing a service which contributes so much to warmth and contentment in the home during the Holiday Season.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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KING JAMES VERSION IS FAVORITE

Two Apostles Told Story

King James Version

... And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

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

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying, 'Glory of God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

New English Version

... She was pregnant, and while they were there the time came for her child to be born, and she gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him round, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the house.

"Now in this same district there were shepherds out in the fields, keeping watch through the night over their flock, when suddenly there stood before them an angel of the Lord, and the splendour of the Lord shone round them. They were terror-struck, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid; I have good news for you: there is great joy coming to the whole people. Today in the city a deliverer has been born to you — the Messiah, the Lord. And this is your sign: you will find a baby lying in a manger.' All at once there was with the angels a great company of the heavenly host, singing the praises of God.

"Glory to God in Highest heaven, And on earth his peace for men on whom his favour rests."

Revised Standard Version

... And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was not place for them in the inn.

"And in that region were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for, behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people: for to you is born this day in the city of David a Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

The story of the first Christmas, that dark, still night that the Christ Child was born, is told by two of the apostles: Matthew, the tax collector, and Luke, the physician. They told it only once, simply and beautifully, but in the ancient language of their time and place. We in America read it as it has been

translated into a language that did not even exist when Christ was born.

There are several translations of the story that we may choose. But three in particular are the most read: the King James version, the Revised Standard translation, and the New English version.

The oldest, and probably the favorite of the English-speaking world, is the Nativity story told in the King James Bible.

The crown of England passed to James I when Elizabeth died on March 24, 1603. One of his first acts was to call the Hampton Court Conference, which passed a resolution recommending a new

Roman Feast Gave Model

Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were originally pagan or non-Christian, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Saturnalia, a Roman feast celebrated in mid-December, provided the model for many of the merry-making customs of Christmas. From this celebration, for example, were derived the elaborate feasting, the giving of gifts and the burning of candles.

Lights also played an important part in most winter solstice festivals. An obscure figure in the early mythologies of the East emerged as a sun god. From the 1st century B.C. this figure, Mithras, was adopted by an increasing number of Roman soldiers and others. Mithras' greatest festival was that of the winter solstice, the time when the god began to return to his worshippers.

In the 5th century the Western church ordered a feast celebrating the birth of the Savior to be observed on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia.

Candle Legend

The first use of candles for Christmas is not recorded anywhere. But according to an old legend, the "Christ Child Candle" was burned in windows to light His way if He made an earthy visitation. It was also lighted in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

The staff of The Stanton Reporter wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas!

Bake Christmas Breads In Pretty Candy Canes

Perky, pretty Candy Cane Christmas Breads are delicious, with lots of holiday goodness baked in.

Here is the wonderful flavor or an aroma of sweet yeast bread accented with the sharp sweetness of fruit preserves. It's shaped like canes and decorated with candy stripes.

Candy Cane Yeast Bread

1 package yeast
1/4 cup lukewarm water
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup water
1 egg
4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 cup instant nonfat dry milk (in dry form)
1 cup preserves or jelly
3 cups sifted powdered sugar
1/4 cup water

In a 3-quart bowl, dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup lukewarm water. Add melted butter or margarine, sugar, salt, egg and 3/4 cup water. Sift flour and non-fat dry milk together. Add gradually to above mixture

and beat until smooth. Knead dough until smooth and place in a greased bowl. Lightly grease top of dough.

Allow to rise in a warm place about 1 1/2 hours or until about double in volume. Punch dough down and divide into three equal parts. Roll each part into a 15x6-inch rectangle. Place on greased cookie sheet. With scissors, make cuts from outer edge of 15-inch side 2 inches deep at 1/2-inch intervals. Spread 1/3 cup preserves or jelly down center of each rectangle. Crisscross strips across filling.

With a spatula under one end, curve dough to form a candy cane. Bake at 375 F. (high moderate) oven for 12 to 15 minutes. While warm, glaze with a mixture of powdered sugar and water. If desired, sprinkle with cut-up nuts or maraschino cherries. Makes three Candy Canes.

Certain paintings are called miniatures because, originally, they were painted with minium, which is native cinabar or red lead. The paint, not the size, was responsible

Thousands Of Christians Make Trek To Bethlehem

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem is for thousands of Christians each year the focal point of the religious observance of Christmas. Visitors of many faiths make the trip to Bethlehem, now a part of Jordan, to the Church of the Nativity above the Grotto of the Nativity where Christ was born.

The manger so familiar to all who know the Christmas story was an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

Christmas is observed three times at Bethlehem, and for each observance the Mandelbaum Gate between the Israel and Arab sectors of Jerusalem is opened to admit the Christian pilgrims.

Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian denominations share the Church of the Nativity. Roman Catholic churches begin the Christmas celebrations with masses on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

Eastern churches observe Christ's birth in January. For the Greek Orthodox churches, for the name.

which still follow the old Julian calendar, Holy Night is January 6, Christmas Day January 7. Armenian churches celebrate both Christmas and Epiphany on January 19.

Those of the Protestant faiths gather in Shepherds Fields, the nearby site where, according to tradition, the shepherds heard the angel of the Lord come to tell of the Nativity.

Poet Wrote It

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," a lyric version of Luke's Christmas story, was written in 1700 by Nahun Tate, poet laureate of England. The melody is a well-known hymn tune by Johann Cruger.

Favorite Symbol

Lucia, a legendary figure wearing a crown of lighted candles, is a favorite Christmas symbol in Sweden. During the Christmas season, she visits factories, offices and schools, she sings the Lucia song and distributes coffee and Lucia-buns.



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Colors Important To Yule Story

The colors red and green are an integral part of the Christmas story.

The red is explained by the "Legend of the Christmas Rose." According to this ancient story, a little shepherdess, watching from afar as the Three Wise Men presented their gifts to the Christ Child, wept because she had no gift to offer.

Tears Produced Flowers
Flowers sprang up where her tears fell, says the legend. She gathered them and hastened to present them to the Infant Jesus. While she was kneeling at the crib, His hand touched the petals and they turned a beautiful red.

A similar legend from Mexico tells how the flaming red poinsettia came to be connected with Christmas.

Legend Of Animals At Christmastime
A poor Mexican boy went to church on Christmas Eve in great sadness because he did not have a gift to lay before the crib of the Holy Child. He knelt humbly on the cold ground outside the church and prayed. When he rose, a green plant with dazzling red blooms sprang up at his feet.

The poinsettia was named for America's first ambassador to Mexico — Joel R. Poinsett who brought the flame-hued plant from Mexico in 1829.

Evergreens Important
Over the centuries, evergreens have played an important part in the Christmas celebration and the color green is symbolic of them and everlasting life.

The early French and English settlers hung pieces of evergreens over their doors to indicate that Christ was present.

Holly is believed to have sprung up where the Infant Jesus took his first baby steps.

Numerous tales are told of how the Christmas tree came to be associated with Christmas. Historians believe, however, that it was Martin Luther in Germany who trimmed the first tree with candles to show his family the splendor of the night on which Christ was born. Later, apples, candy and colored papers were added to the decorations.

Christmas Decorations
Today the colors red and green dominate Christmas decorations.

Red and green are the popular choices for ribbon at Christmas time, yet rank last — 16th and 17th — during sales during the rest of the year.

Legend Of Animals At Christmastime

There are numerous legends concerning the strange behavior of animals at Christmastime.

Many of these stories, in which animals drop to their knees at midnight on Christmas Eve, sheep march around the folds, fish come out of the sea and bees hum throughout the night, have come to us down through centuries and help form the traditions of Christmas.

In many of the old world countries it is believed that cattle, sheep and horses know the exact hour of Christ's birth, and will at the moment kneel humbly in their stables, turn their heads toward Bethlehem, thus paying tribute to the Christ child.

The Stanton Reporter wishes you a Merry Christmas.



When the Holiday Season rolls 'round, it gives us real satisfaction to be able to say "Merry Christmas" and "Many Thanks" to all our friends. Hope your Day is a happy one!

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'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS . . .

Moore's Poem Has Become A Classic

'Twas the night before Christmas
 . . . when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse —
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.
 And mama in her 'kerchief and I in my cap,
 Had just settled our brains for a long winter nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
 Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below.
 When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came
 And he whistled and shouted and called them by name—
 "Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer, Now, Vixen!
 On Comet! On Cupid! On, Donner and Blitzen!"
 To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
 "Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky;
 So, up to the house-top the coursers flew,
 With a sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.
 As I drew in my head and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
 And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow!

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
 He had a broad face, and round little belly
 That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
 A wink of the eye, a twist of the head,
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings, then, turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 An giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle,
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
 "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."
 —Clement C. Moore

'Jingle Bells' Sings Of Snow And Sleigh

"Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh;
 O'er the field we go, laughing all the way;
 Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright;
 What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!"

"A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride;
 And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side.
 The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot;
 He got into a drift bank, and we, we got upset.

"Now the ground is white; go it while you're young;
 Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song.
 Just get a bated bay, two-forty for his speed;

REFRAIN:
 Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take
 "Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way!
 Mixed a sense of awe at the wonderful miracle brought
 into the lead."

Last-Minute Cookie And Candy For Christmas

There are many excellent ideas for last-minute cookies and candy, if you've waited until now to bake.

Here are several fine ideas for Christmas baking.

CHRISTMAS CRISPIES
 1 cup shortening
 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
 1 cup sugar
 2 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2 cups sifted flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 2 cups quick-cooking oats
 1 package (6-ounce) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
 1/4 cup shredded or flaked coconut
 20 to 24 (4-ounce jar) maraschino cherries, finely chopped
 Cream together the short-

ening and sugar. Add eggs and beat well. Sift together and add the sifted flour, soda, baking powder and salt. Add remaining ingredients. Drop by teaspoon on greased cooking sheet. Bake in hot gas oven, 400 F., 12 to 12 minutes. Makes about eight dozen.

YANKEE DOODLE FUDGE
 3 cups sugar
 1 teaspoon soda
 Dash salt
 1/4 cup light corn syrup
 1 cup buttermilk
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 to 2 cups chopped pecans

Combine in large saucepan sugar, soda, salt and corn syrup and stir in buttermilk. Cook over medium gas flame, 225 to 250 F. dall setting on controlled burner, stirring until sugar dissolves. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until small amount forms a soft ball in cold water, 234 F. Drop from teaspoon onto waxed paper or spread in greased 9-inch pan. When cool cut in squares. Makes about 40.

SOUR CREAM DROPS
 2 cups sifted flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/2 cup shortening
 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
 1 egg, beaten
 1/2 cup seedless raisins
 1/2 cup sour cream
 1 cup chopped walnuts

Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt, and nutmeg. Cream shortening and brown sugar. Add eggs and raisins and mix well. Add dry ingredients to sugar mixture alternately with sour cream. Stir in walnuts. Drop from teaspoon on greased baking sheet. Bake in hot gas oven, 400 F., 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 4 1/2 dozen.

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Article Gives Tips On Yule Tension Control

Christmas is a joyous and festive holiday. Yet, to do all the things that have come to be a part of Christmas the average person spends more time, energy and money than in any other period of the year.

Result: Strain and tensions arise that are not normally experienced. To find out how this problem of tension-filled holiday can be avoided, a few suggestions are given.

Christmas is more than gift-giving and card sending. Don't get caught up in the commercial aspect of Christmas and overlook its spiritual aspects.

Don't engage in excesses — financial or physical. Be sensible about the money and energy you spend preparing for Christmas. If you know your limits, you will not be confronted with debts you can't afford or depressing fatigue at the end of the holidays.

Get pleasure from your giving. If your gift-giving was not satisfactory last year, try a new kind of giving this year, perhaps with greater emphasis on sharing and giving to help less fortunate people enjoy the holidays.

And above all, except only what Christmas can really give. Don't encourage your children to think that Christmas is only a time for receiving everything they want.

Young Folks Can Help Make Jaunty, Puffed Rice Snowman

Puffed rice, coconut and marshmallows are the "snow" for a delightful snowman decoration. Youngsters can help make him.

To make the Jaunty Snowman you'll need 9 cups puffed rice (1, 4 1/2 oz. package), 1/4 cup butter or margarine, 32 large marshmallows, flaked or shredded coconut, white confectioners' sugar frosting.

Heat puffed rice in shallow pan in moderate oven (350 F.) 10 minutes. Pour into large greased bowl.

Melt butter and marshmallows over very low heat (may use double boiler.) Stir to blend. Pour over puffed rice, stirring until kernels are evenly coated. With greased hands, shape into three balls for the "body" and two small ovals for the "arms." Immediately roll each part in coconut.

Assemble, using confectioners' sugar frosting to attach balls and toothpicks to attach "arms." Use raisins for eyes, gumdrop for nose, red candied cherry for mouth and red cinnamon candies for buttons. Make a top hat from red construction paper, trim with holly. Makes one large snowman.

The Mistletoe

Long before Christian missionaries arrived in Britain, the Druids (Celtic priests) gathered mistletoe and used it in religious ceremonies. Dressed in white robes, they climbed trees to which the plant had attached itself and cut down the mistletoe branches with golden sickles.

They believed mistletoe had medicinal powers and was sacred. It was said to bring good fortune. The house in which is hung was magically protected against witchcraft.

Mistletoes was also considered the plant of peace, and under it enemies in ancient Scandinavia met and reconciled their differences.

From this came the English custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe — the one tradition which has survived to the present. The sprig of mistletoe no longer signals young warriors to throw down their weapons. Instead it invites decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

Geese are more terrestrial than ducks, and feed mainly on land.

A broche is an implement used in weaving tapestries.

Commercial Cork
 Most of the world's commercial cork comes from the bark of the cork oak tree which is native of the Mediterranean region, especially Spain, which has more than 2 million acres of cork forest.

Smell A Rat
 Naerpios, Finland — Police are looking for a thief with thick gloves and a sense of humor. The culprit broke into a milk farm, stole 20 minks of the valuable black cross breed and left in their place 20 bony, badly kept ad worthless hides.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LEGEND

Candles have long had their place in legends and in the observance of the holiday of Christmas.

In Ireland 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?"

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

Children's Task
 During the early days of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries and the 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 of Christmas day would have a long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:
 "To learn your luck for the year they say,
 Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas Day.
 If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
 Good luck will be yours throughout the year."

Christmas Manger Is Italy's Cherished Gift To The World

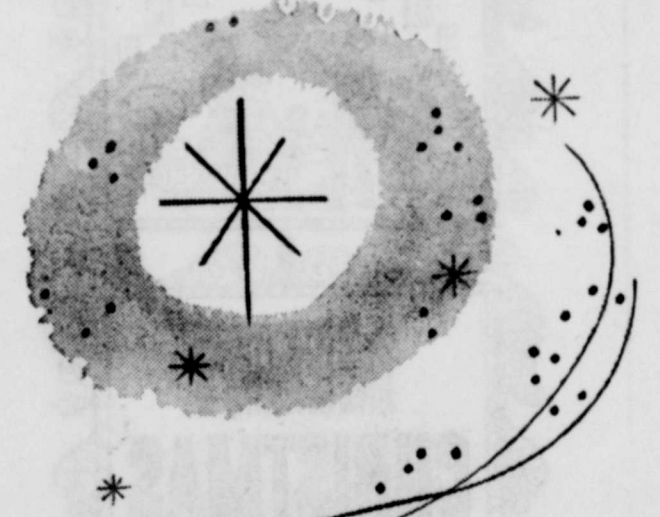
In France it's the "Creche," in Spain the "Nacimiento," in Germany the "Drippe" and in English-speaking lands "The Crib." But, by whatever name it is known, the representation of the stable in Bethlehem on that first Christmas night originated in Italy.

St. Francis of Assisi is said to have constructed the first praesepe, or Manger, about the year 1223 in the little village of Greccio, near Assisi. Over the centuries, the Crib was adopted by people of other countries in southern Europe, and then its use spread to Germany and England.

Pagants came into being their purpose to vividly present the story of the Nativity at a time when written accounts were scarce, and the majority of people illiterate. To this day some villages in Italy present the age-old story on January 6th, Feast of Epiphany, when tradition says that the Magi, bearing gifts, came to adore the Infant.

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AMERICA IS YOUNGEST NATION CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Many Customs Borrowed

In terms of age, the United States is the youngest of the Christian nations that celebrates Christmas.

As a result, it is easy to understand that this country has borrowed its Christmas customs from many parts of the world — the celebration of the holy season being as old as it is.

However, the greatest contributors to our customs at the Yuletide have been England, Germany, Italy, Holland, Switzerland and Bavaria. But the "borrowing" Americans have done from their neighbors of the world underwent changes indigenous to our country, with some of the trimmings not picked up at all.

England

In England, they have a Boxing Day, and why it is called "Boxing" is not known. Some theorists ascribe the name to the fact that the day

after Christmas, gifts are left for the postman. This has spread to include the milkman and others who have performed services for the household.

Swiss

The business of the sleigh and six reindeer has been borrowed from the Swiss. But instead of our version of Santa Claus directing his team across the sky, they have an angel in the driver's seat, who comes bearing gifts.

Bavaria

Candles in the window at Christmas Eve comes from Bavaria, where the custom dictates the tradition of lighting the way for Kristkind, messenger for the Infant Jesus.

The Yule Log

From England and Italy — though many miles apart — comes the custom of the burning of the Yule log. The more romantic Italians dress up their ceremony by having

their children stand blindfolded before the burning log and recite a poem. When the children are finished reciting, the blindfolds are removed and at their feet are gifts. The log takes the place of the Christmas tree.

The Urn Of Fate

Another quaint custom prevails in Italy and Spain—in regards to the giving of gifts. In these two countries all gifts are placed in a large bowl called the "Urn for Fate." It is a dumped presents for all, none of them marked. Then each person draws a gift, examines it and trades among the members of the family until each receives a suitable present.

Holland

In Holland they play a guessing and hunting game when it comes to passing out Christmas gifts. They put small gifts into enormous packages, hide large gifts in re-

mote parts of the house, and use other more ingenious devices for hiding the gifts including the imbedding of them in sausages. The fun of course is not only in the finding of the presents but also in guessing what they might be.

Germany

The Germans have a similar game, but a different twist. They wrap a gift and put a person's name on it. Then they wrap it again with still another person's name on it. This goes on until the package is quite large. Then when it comes to the wrapping ceremony, each person expectantly unwraps, until finally there no more "addresses" and the gift reaches its intended destination.

Mexico

Mexican children no not hank stockings at fireplaces, as there are few in this tropical country. Thus the giving of gifts and goodies for chil-

dren is surrounded by the custom of breaking the pinata (pronounced pinyata). The pinata is a large earthenware pot, around which paper figures of birds, animals and even boats are filled with gifts, cakes, candy and other good things. The filled pinata is hung by a rope from a rafter, and the children gather beneath it blindfolded. At a signal the children, armed with sticks, strike out at where they think the pinata is, break it and the goodies come tumbling down; at which point the scramble begins.

The Philippines

The Philippines, predominantly Catholic, start their Christmas on Dec. 16 and climax eight days of Mass worship at 3 a.m. Christmas Eve. That is the signal for the fireworks, the exchanging of gifts, caroling and general merry-making to begin. The final Christmas festivities come to a conclusion Jan. 6, which is the date of the visit of the three kings of the East.

Sweden

Christmas in Sweden is actually the celebration of St. Lucia — and held on Dec. 13. On this day the oldest girl in each family rises early, dons a long white dress and crowns herself with lighted family and serves coffee and candles. Then she wakes the cake.

The Scandinavian countries also have a delightful custom at Christmas time. In Sweden, Denmark and Norway, a tree is loaded with a sheaf of wheat for the birds on Christmas Eve. Beneath the tree, the children sprinkle pieces of suit.

Russia

Believe it or not, Russia celebrates Christmas much as we do in the United States, with one exception. They do not make any reference to anything holy or religious about the day. But they do have a "Father Frost" and "Winter Trees."

China

The Chinese do not believe in the meaning of Christmas, yet they follow our customs closely without any religious themes. That doesn't stop them from having a merry time.

Japan

When the GI's were in Japan they brought with them many State-side ideas, not the last of which was Christmas. The Japanese were quick to adopt the custom and now their Kurisumasu (Christ-

mas), but it's more like wild New Year celebrations we express in the United States. Their New Year is celebrated much as we do Christmas.

The traditional festival colors in Japan are red and green and white, so it was easy for them to adopt the accepted Christmas colors we enjoy. But the Japanese have "modernized" their version of Santa Claus — and instead of the fat, jolly, rosy-cheeked fellow with the white beard, they dress their prettiest girls in the traditional regalia and the shorter the dresses they wear, the better.

Hawaii

Not do be outdone by anyone else, Hawaii has its Christmas too. But no reindeer, no sleigh. Their Santa arrive on the beach riding an outrigger canoe, and to top it all off, "Santa" is a hula-skirted girl!

All of which goes to prove that it's a point of view that dictates the custom of the country. But no matter what the geographical position, Christmas is Christmas—and it's the spirit that counts.

Christmas Carol Symbol Of Joy

What is a Christmas carol? How did the custom of caroling start? What is the symbol of light at the Christmas season?

Children all over the world once again are asking these questions as this season approaches.

The word "carol" once meant to dance in a ring. The carol began the area of "modern music," which has always been based on the dance, as a spontaneous musical expression of folklore.

As puritanism, which had suppressed the drama and the dance, began disappearing in the 14th and 15th Centuries, the newly acquired right to self-expression by the people took the form of the fresh and buoyant poem-song which later became the carol.

A brilliant light at Christmas is symbolic of the "Star in the East," of course. The Wise Men following its steady guidance, made their pilgrimage to Bethlehem.

In many towns and cities carolers still life their voices on Christmas Eve. They still carry their word cards, and though the torches of old may have been replaced with propane lanterns to light the cards, the joy in their hearts is as new as it ever was through the years.

Wire And Leather

The whip known as a knout was a scourge once used as an instrument of punishment in Russia. It was composed of thongs of leather interwoven with wire.

Greeting Cards Chronicle Manners, Customs, Events

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

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

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

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

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

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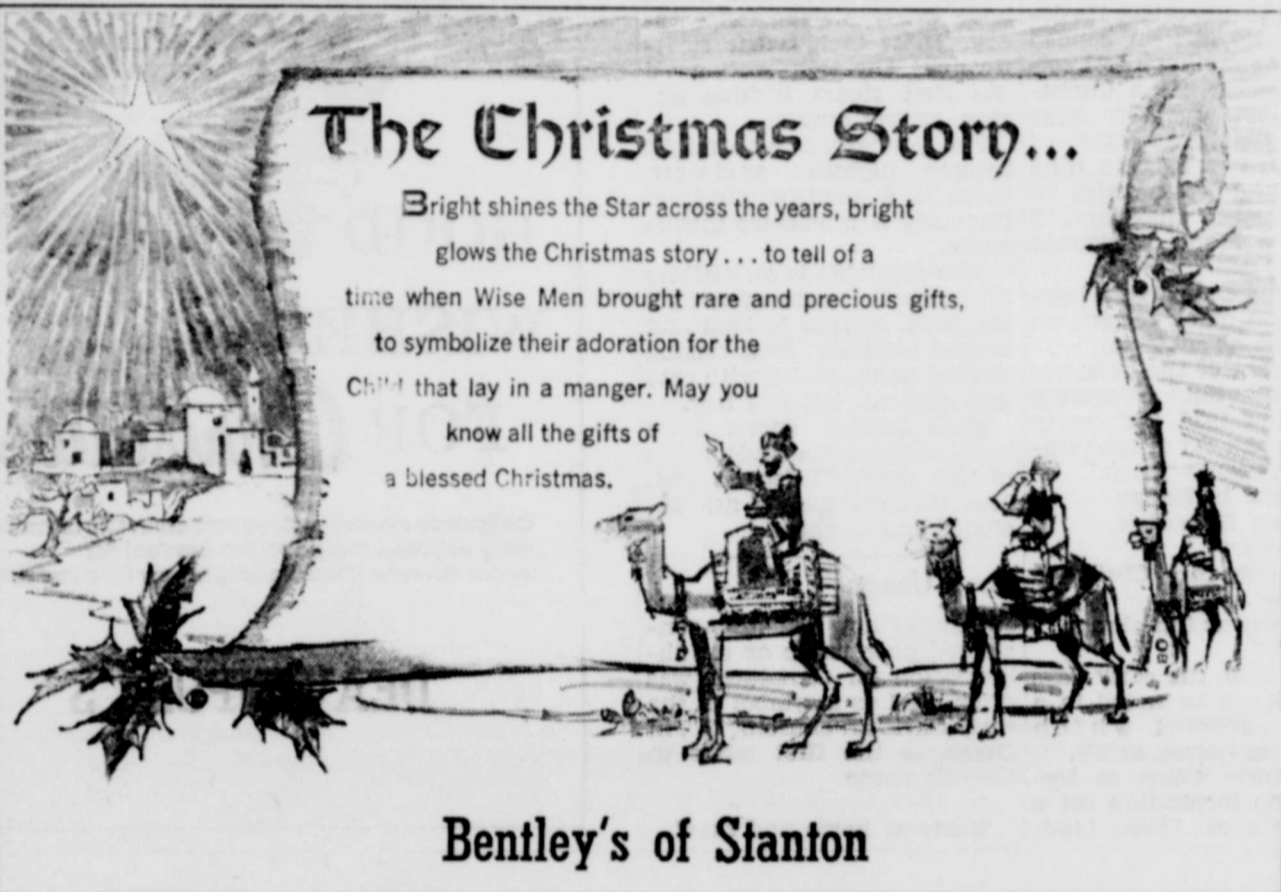
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The Christmas Story...

Bright shines the Star across the years, bright
glows the Christmas story . . . to tell of a
time when Wise Men brought rare and precious gifts,
to symbolize their adoration for the
Child that lay in a manger. May you
know all the gifts of
a blessed Christmas.

Bentley's of Stanton



Greetings

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

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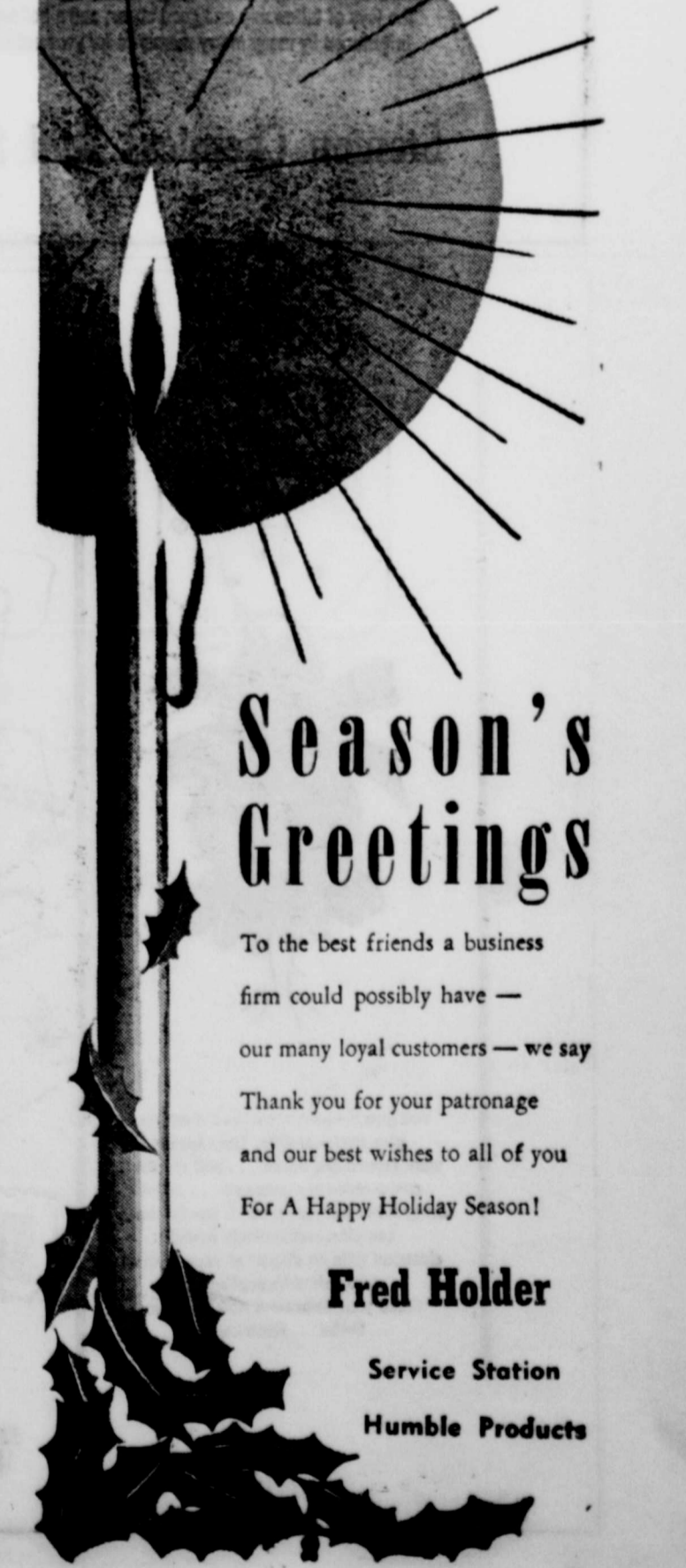
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Voting Box No. 1—Stanton Elementary School Gym
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To the best friends a business firm could possibly have — our many loyal customers — we say Thank you for your patronage and our best wishes to all of you For A Happy Holiday Season!

Fred Holder
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Humble Products

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1966

Dickens' Carol Expresses Christmas' True Spirit

Few stories so completely express the true spirit of Christmas as does the classic tale of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

The story tells of the spiritual rebirth of a miserly, mean old man and the eventual happiness he helped bring to others.

The familiar telling of the story of Scrooge, the three ghosts, Tiny Tim and the others — has become a vertiginous classic.

Its reception was spontaneous and great; soon its fame spread around the world and it was printed in many languages.

None of the other Christmas essays that Dickens wrote caught the public's fancy as did this of Old Scrooge and Tiny Tim.

Not only is this story read at Christmas time within family groups, in school rooms and at religious gatherings, but Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" has been recorded by famous actors; the "Carol" has also become an annual presentation on radio and television.

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

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

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

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

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

Origin Lost In History

We probably never will know the story behind the carol which — according to statistically — mined authorities — is sung more than any other single carol throughout the world: "O Come, All Ye Faithful." It is lost in the mists of time.

Certainly it is one of the earliest forms of carols, taken from a Latin canticle, either by medieval British or French monks. The tune to which it is sung today was first published in 1751 in a collection known as "Cantus Diversi."

Form its original Latin, the carol has been translated into 120 languages, among them all the European, Scandinavian, and Slav tongues, Chinese, Japanese, Swahili, Malay, Urdu, Korean, Melanesian and Polynesian.

The word "crusade" comes from the Latin word "crux," meaning "cross." The Cross of Christ was the official badge of those who joined the Crusades of the Holy Land during the Middle Ages, and the expression "taking the cross" meant becoming a crusader.

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

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

Why A Tree?

One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born. Folk tales in ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an Infant with a hola.

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

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

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

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

Greeting Cards Chronicle Manners, Customs, Events

It all began in 1843 when John Calcut Horsley, a prominent London artist drew the first Christmas card. Horsley's pioneering greeting was a triptych, a prime example of contemporary recording.

The central panel showed a jolly family with young and old tipping toasts from brimming glasses, while the two side panels gave a sobering effect with scenes of the poor begin clothed and the hungry fed.

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

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

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GREETINGS

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GOOD WISHES FOR Christmas

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

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Poor Usage

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

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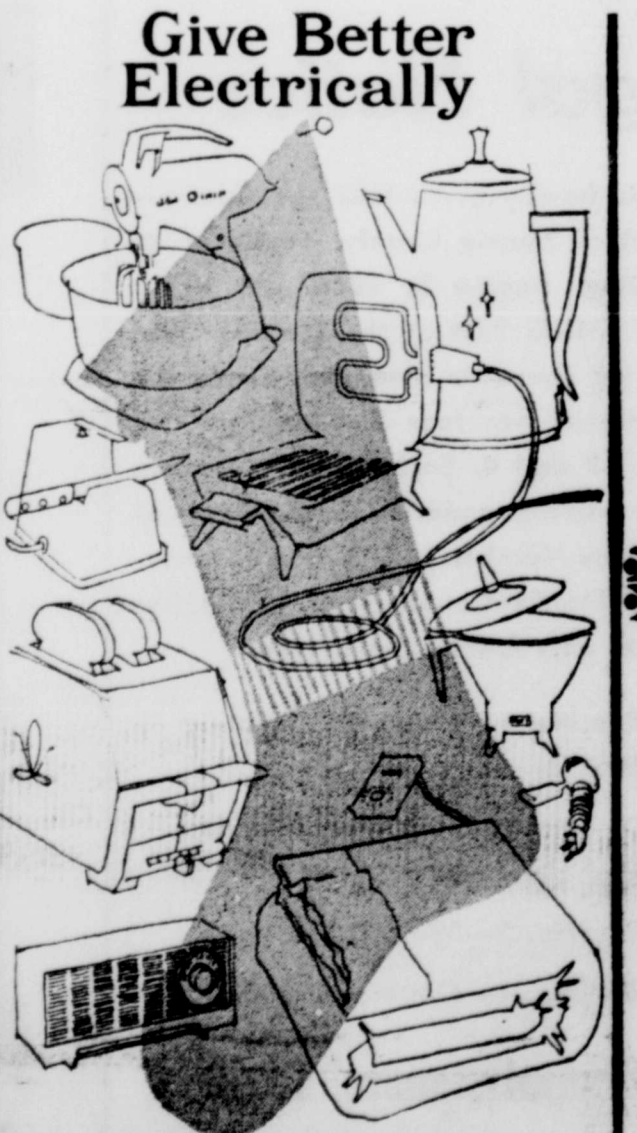
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