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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!"

All evergreens are treasured Christmas decorations. Because they remain green through the year, they have for ages symbolized eternity. The pine is especially dear to Christmas, because of the legends that associate it with the Christ Child; the first lighted tree, and the protector of the Holy Family on the flight into Egypt. The holly was revered, because it was dedicated to the Saviour at His birth, and was closely associated with Him until His death. Ivy that trails gracefully on our mantels and tables during the Christmas holidays, besides symbolizing eternal life, denoted fidelity and friendship. As for the white chrysanthemum, a single one bloomed at the stable door, a sign to Magi, groping along the rock streets of Bethlehem, where the new-born King could be found.

Roy Koonce Announces For County Judge

Roy Koonce has recently entered the race for Martin County Judge, running on the Democratic ticket.



Roy Koonce

He is the son of M. L. (Red) and Reva Koonce, who have resided in Martin County for over 45 years. Roy has lived in the county all his life.

Roy graduated from Stanton High School in 1956, and received an Associate of Arts Degree from Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa, in 1959. He

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Short To Seek Election To District Post

The following statement has been received from E. L. Short, candidate for District



E. L. Short

73 State Representative on the Democratic ticket.

"I take this opportunity to thank you for permitting me to serve the unexpired term as your State Representative of this 73rd District. I solicit your continued interest and support for this high office. My wife, Dink, our daughters and I shall be forever indebted to you for this opportunity.

"There have been many items of necessity presented to me since I have been your State Representative, and I am asking you, the people of the 73rd District, to re-elect me so that I might initiate and present some of these problems before the Legislature and the 62nd legislative committees. They concern the important fields of insurance, (Continued on back page)

Melrae Angel Member Baylor Oratorio Choir

A Baylor University student from Stanton, was a member of the Baylor Oratorio Chorus that presented Beethoven's "Ninth (Choral) Symphony" December 16.

She is Melrae Angel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Earl Angel, of 504 St. Francis. A 1969 graduate of Stanton High School, she is a freshman music education major.

The performance of Beethoven's Ninth, in honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of the famous composer, was held in Waco Hall on the Waco campus.

Daniel Sternberg, dean of the Baylor School of Music, conducted orchestra and chorus in the work that is Beethoven's most powerful personal testimony to the struggle and ultimate victory of the potential of man's indestructible spirit.

On the same program, was Dvorak's "Te Deum," which never has been performed at Baylor, featuring the 151-voice chorus and the Baylor Symphony.



We weave our wreaths of pine and fir, and hang them for each heart to stir.

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.

Cougar Defense Guided By Former SHS Coach

Former Stanton High School coach, Melvin Robertson, will be the defense coach for the University of Houston Cougar team hall from West Texas, reports Coach Robertson, including Gary Mullins, leading rusher in the nation.

Sixteen members of the Cougar team hall from West Texas, reports Coach Robertson, including Gary Mullins, leading rusher in the nation.

The Cougars will be the host team in the nationally televised game against the Tigers, who have an identical season records as the Cougars, 8-2.

Coach Robertson, who coached in Stanton for four years, will be coaching his defensive unit of players that have been ranged in the top ten for the past three years.

Two All-Americans will be performing for the Cougars in the New Year's Eve game. Bill Budge, guard, and Elmo Wright, end, will be suiting up with the second team All-American fullback Jim

Buffs Defeat Lake View Chiefs 58-57 Dec. 11

The Lake View Chiefs lost a heartbreaker in the first round of the Lone Wolf Basketball Tournament in Colorado City Thursday, with a 58-57 loss to Stanton.

The Chiefs were headed for a first round victory with 4:40 left in the game, when the Bulldogs staged a rally. (Continued on back page)

San Angelo; Charles Moore, Midland; Jerry Frones, Raymond Mullins, Mike Phelps, all of San Angelo; Joey Baker, and Bill Burchett, of Big Spring.

The Cougars finished the season ranged as the 14th team in the nation. They have posted 31 wins and nine losses during the past four years. The Houston team has also finished in the top 20 in the nation, the only Texas team to do so, for the past four years.

Coach Robertson is married to the former Jimmie Pearl Ashely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ashely of Leonrah. The Robertsons have two teenage children, Vicky and Greg.

Baptist Church Sets Cantata For December 21

The First Baptist Church will present on Dec. 21, at 7:00 p.m., a special Christmas Cantata by John W. Peterson.

The choral composition will feature Doris Howard, as soprano; Dr. Allan Fisher, as tenor; Dr. Sue Fisher, alto, and Mrs. C. L. Mendenhall, medium voice. The Cantata for this year's performance will be "Love Transcending."

The First Baptist Church will also observe a special Christmas Eve service on December 24, to begin at 7:00 p.m. Rev. W. H. Uhlman announce the service will feature Christmas carols, special music, and a reading by Mrs. W. H. Uhlman called, "The Fourth Wiseman."

Many Merchants Use Paper To Send Greetings

In this issue of The Stanton Reporter many merchants have used the columns of the newspaper 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 Yuletide.

Some merchants elected to use the Christmas issue for messages, and others will prefer to send greetings for the New Year.

An advertising man will be around to solicit appropriate copy for the New Year's issue.

If you were out of town, missed this issue, and want something in the way of a New Year's message call 756-3344 as soon as you read this message.

Reporter To Print Early Next Week

The Stanton Reporter will publish next week's issue of the Ole Reliable early for the Christmas week.

All news stories and advertisements must be turned into the Reporter office by Monday, December 22, by 5:00 p.m.

The paper will be printed on Tuesday and in the mails by Wednesday, December 24.

If your Christmas greeting was not in this week's paper there is still plenty of time to have your message in next week's issue on Christmas Eve.

Merchants will be displaying advertisements that will feature pre-Christmas sales and after Christmas specials, in next week's issue of the Reporter.

Band Concert Set Tonight

George Walker, Stanton High School band director, announced the annual band concert will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m., at the Stanton High School. No admission will be charged for the concert, composed of both the Junior and Senior High School.

The concert will be composed of a wide variety of Christmas selections. Walker announced.

Yuletide Blessings Bountiful

Martin County residents have been busy preparing for another calm Christmas and are making final arrangements for the celebration 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.

Directors Of Martin Chamber To Be Chosen

Jack Ireton, president of Martin County Chamber of Commerce, has announced that three new directors will be elected by membership ballot, and the results will be public on January 1, 1970.

Names of the candidates for the three positions appearing on the official ballot include: Henry Watson, Glenn Brown, Bob Halslip, Bob Deaverport, and Kenneth Holcombe.

All ballots are due to be marked and returned to the chamber office by 5 p.m. on December 20.

The membership will also vote on the proposed holidays to be observed in the coming year. Ten holiday listings are included on the ballot, but traditionally only about six, Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving, have been observed in Stanton.

Mrs. Tom Rites Held Tuesday At St. Joseph

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at St. Joseph Catholic Church, for a long time resident, Mrs. Mamie Cecilin Tom, 62 years old. Burial was in the St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tom died December 14, at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas, after an extended illness. Mrs. Tom was born in Stanton on June 8, (Continued on back page)

School children will be dismissed Tuesday, for a 12 day holiday. Classes will resume on January 5.

Plans have been made for business places to all be closed on December 25. City and courthouse offices will be closed on December 24 through December 26, for a three day vacation.

The First National Bank will be closed Christmas Day, but will resume business on December 26.

All federal offices will be closed December 25, and the post office will be open on December 26 for the public.

Various clubs and organizations have their holiday parties behind, and club members will devote the Yuletide with private entertainment in their homes with their families.

Most of the churches will be holding Christmas services on December 21, and the following Sunday, December 28. (Continued on back page)

Light Judging Set December 22

Judging of the entries in the Martin County Chamber of Commerce lighting contest will be held on the night of December 22.

Judges will travel through the city and the county this year judging the lighting decorations of homes entered in the contest.

First prize this year will be an electric yard light. If the first place winner is served by Texas Electric Service company, the light will be installed by the Stanton company. If Cap Rock Co-op serves the first place winner, they will provide the installation.

Other prizes will be also be presented by the chamber.

Hurry--Send Letters To Santa

Only 8 days remain on the calendar until that special day when Santa Claus makes his annual trip to Martin County.

Has Santa received your letter yet? If not, get it in the mail today so The Stanton Reporter can publish it and forward it on to the North Pole in time for Santa to fill the order.



Merry Christmas



The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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To Late To Classify

WOMAN'S COLUMN

Child Care G-2

Baby Sitting, all day or by the hour. Sue Land, 708 N. College, 756-2430 12-49-3tc

FARM & RANCH

Farm Machinery J-1

For Sale, John Deere, 16-8

drill, almost new. Call 397-2278, St. Lawrence, J. H. Hobbs, 12-51-1tp

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale M-4

Choice location in town, three bedroom, two full baths, carpet, den, utility room, fenced yard, carport. Call Big Spring, 267-7219 or 267-6565, appointment only. 12-51-tnc

Buy Christmas gifts while the things you need are in good supply!

Philosopher Says It Has To Be A World Of Change With All These Coin-Operated Machines

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw, must be out of pocket change, his letter this week would indicate.)

Dear editor:

They says the world is full of change, and I'll tell you it has to be. Nearly everything is coin-operated.

Why just last night I read in a newspaper that they now have a coin-operated tennis court. That's right. You drop some money in a box on the post that holds the net and thus free the crank handle so the net can be raised for play. After an hour, the timer in the post drops the net.

Anything that eliminates an attendant or otherwise cuts down on labor, is the order of the day, whether it's coin-operated or drive-in.

Why they've got drive-in bank robbery. That's right. Bank robbers, faced like everybody else with the problem of hiring suitable labor, have discovered they don't need somebody to stay outside and keep the motor running. All they do is pull up to the drive-

in window, flash a gun, hand over a threatening note, and drive off with all the money the teller's got. They not only don't have to pay for extra help, they've cut down the robbing time to less than 2 minutes. This is called know-how.

In fact, it may come to the point where even an honest customer doesn't have to go inside a bank. I read that one big bank has installed an automatic cash - dispenser outside the building. You insert your special credit card in a box and .25 in cash slides out.

In a big city this gives a man enough money to keep the parking meter fed all day, enough to operate the cold drink and sandwich machine, to buy a newspaper from a coin-operated stand, then, after reading it, to call the dial - a - prayer - service then to get him through a coin-operated toll road going home and, if he's lucky, get him back to the bank box the next day for another run.

I have no objections to all this, if people want to put up with it, but if somebody comes up with a coin-operated checker board or a set of coin-operated dominoes, he's in for trouble.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.



Rebekah Lodge Neighborhood Center Party Set Dec. 22

Clara Vaughn was nominated vice grand of the Stanton Rebekah Lodge 287, to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Jewell Hancock of Midland. Lela Shankle, noble grand, presided, when the lodge voted to make a Christmas contribution to the I. O. O. F. Old Folks Home at Ennis, and the Children's Orphanage Home at Corsicana.

Mrs. Jerry Overby, a new member was introduced, and received a hearty welcome. Mrs. Walter Graves presenting her at the altar. Twenty-eight visits reported made during the week. Nine members attended.

The Rebekah degree was conferred when Mrs. Jerry Overby became a member of the Stanton Rebekah Lodge 287 Tuesday night. The Stanton lodge members who accompanied Mrs. Overby to the Big Spring Rebekah Lodge 284, where she received the degree were Mrs. Walter Graves, Mrs. Lillian Bevers, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher, and Lynn White.

Santa Claus will be the guest of honor at the Christmas party of the Day-Care Center of the Martin-Glasscock Neighborhood Center on December 22.

The party for the day care students, and their pre-school age brothers and sisters, will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the center headquarters. Toys and special Christmas candy will be given by Santa to the children.

Mrs. Glenn Gates, center director, also announced the center will be closed for Christmas holiday, December 25 and 26.

Lunch Menu

Elementary and High School

Dec. 22nd and 23rd.

Menus subject to change.

Monday: Meat loaf or hot tamales, mashed potatoes, vegetable salad, stewed fruit, hot rolls, butter, and milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, French fries, fruit gelatin with orange - pineapple whip topping, and milk.

May your tree be trimmed with all the fun and festivity of the Christmas season.

This greeting comes your way with deep appreciation for your patronage and good will.

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Political Calendar

DEMOCRATIC:
For State Representative District 73:

E. L. SHORT

DEMOCRATIC:
For Martin County Judge:

ROY KOONCE

third place went to the freshmen.

The Future Teachers of America, met to discuss the bake sale to take place at various location Saturday, Dec. 20. They also discussed plans for the state convention in February.

—SHS—

The Student Council is sponsoring a Christmas dance, to be held Friday, Dec. 19; immediately after the Stanton - Dunbar game, at the high school gym.

Stanton High School News

Exciting and far-fetched are the only words to describe this past week-end for Stanton High. The various athletic departments traveled all over the state to participate in tournaments, and the state track meet in Austin.

Traveling to Austin, were four fine Stanton athletes, who returned with a second place trophy in state competition. Running against 150 boys for top honors, were Steve Stallings, placing fifth, finishing with a time of 10:16; Alex Reis, placing tenth, with a time of 10:39; Kenneth Sim-



By DORIS HOWARD

onek, placing 34th, with a 11:22 time, and Juan Rubio, placing 44th, with a time of 12:30. These boys ended with a total of 82 points, a fine honor, and something to be proud of.

A little farther upstate, the varsity boys jumped head first into the Lake View tournament. Playing Lake View first, the boys came out ahead with an exciting 58-57 victory. That didn't satisfy them, so they jumped one step ahead of Floydada, with a 52-47 victory. With all heart and the hopes of achieving a first place trophy, the Buffs next met up with Big Lake, but their dream was crushed, as they were defeated 71-65. Placing McCamey for their place, the boys were disappointed after a heartbreaking defeat at 68-66.

In an attempt to regain some foothold, the varsity boys will travel to Klondike Tuesday, along with the varsity girls, to try to bring home another victory.

Down in the southern part of the state, the girls were entered in the McCamey tournament. Playing Grandfalls the girls came home with a victory after defeating them 58-32. Continuing play, the Buffs came up against Ozona, who they also defeated with a 51-31 victory. Very happy and ready to go, the girls play Iran for the championship. After a hard fought game, the Buffaloes had to be satisfied with a second place trophy, after being defeated by a 46-37 score.

—SHS—

The Christmas doors, decorated by classes and organizations, have been judged by Mrs. Corene Manning, and Mrs. Glenn Brown. The winning first place door was decorated by the band, second place went to the seniors, and

The Assembly Of God Church

400 ST. ANNA STREET

Stanton

Wishes to extend to you a warm invitation to attend our services.

Sunday School, 10 A. M.

Mid-Week Service

Sunday Worship, 11 A. M.

Thursday, 7 P. M.

Sunday Night, 7 P. M.

W.M.C., Thursday 9:30 A. M.

Pastor, L. H. RIVEST

756-3756



What's an Aquatic Biologist doing working for your electric service company?

He's doing many things. He counts fish, observes their growth and movement and generally monitors water quality.

These are but a few of the many jobs of John Tilton, Texas Electric Service Company's Aquatic Biologist. His laboratory is the various lakes on which the company's modern steam-electric power plants are located.

He works closely with biologists of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and with biologists from colleges and universities. Their findings are

good news for fishermen. They reveal that the lake water which goes through the plants' condensers and back into the lake actually help stir up more food for fish; and the constant flow of water provides slightly warm currents which Texas fish seem to like.

Why should Texas Electric Service Company be concerned?

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tection and improvement of the environment in which we all live, including air as well as water.

As we build additional facilities to assure plenty of dependable electric power for the future, we will continue to monitor the lakes that provide water and recreation. Lines, plants and other facilities will continue to be built with full consideration to appearance and environment.



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GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

May the peace and joy which radiates from the heart of the Holy Child, fill you and yours with the wonder and splendor of this Blessed Season. And may the miracle of His coming be an inspiration and comfort to you always. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas.

Stanton Chemical and Seed Co.

501 EAST BROADWAY

Classified Ads

When Families Gather, It's Christmas!

CARD OF THANKS

We would be derelict in our appreciation for our volunteer fire department if we failed to acknowledge with much gratitude our approval of the efficient manner in which they controlled the fire in our home recently. But for their alert assistance the damage could not have been contained as it was. Our personal thanks go to each and every member of our faithful fire department.
Mr. and Mrs. Sheely Bassham.

MERCHANDISE

Appliances

Have your GIFTS and PARTY FAVORS personalized with monogramming. We do it in all COLORS, NAPKINS, BILLFOLDS, STATIONERY and MATCHES. STANTON DRUG STORE.

REAL ESTATE

Farm & Ranches

Out voted 2 to 1. Brothers say sell. You want to buy farm? Let's get together. This farm is in Martin County. Labors 12 and 13, League 264. Kent County School Land, James T. Crumley, 4616 Erie, 695-2325, Midland. 9-37-tnc



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10-9-40-tnc
11-48-tnc

Three bedroom house for sale. 505 Carrol. Call 756-3691.

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Three bedroom, two bath, den, large living - dining area, New carpet, fresh paint. Detached garage and workshop, tile fence. 602 St. Francis, James D. Eliand. 8-36-tnc

Houses For Sale

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lander, Jr. and children, Kristi, and Shandal, will return home today from League City, where Lander has been undergoing medical treatment at the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

CROWNED FOR YULE

English folk festivals of the Middle Ages crowned a "Lord of Misrule," who directed the holiday celebrations.

Toast packaged waffle. Top each with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, the dollop with heated apricot or strawberry preserves and sprinkle with sliced or slivered almonds.

Coat an 8-oz. "brick" of cream cheese with roasted diced almonds. Spoon chutney over and serve with sesame seed crackers and sherry.

Beethoven's Third Symphony, now known as the "Eroica," was once dedicated to Napoleon. After Napoleon made himself emperor of France, Beethoven regarded him as a tyrant and rededicated

Through the years, the ways of celebrating Christmas have taken on many different forms.

Today's Christmas tree is apt to be plastic or aluminum, rather than nature's own fir, spruce, or pine. The glow of tiny beeswax candles on a tree is only a memory, replaced now by strings of twinkling electric lights.

Jolly Santa, once transported only by reindeer-drawn sleigh, may now arrive by helicopter or jet plane. But in spite of changes, the essence of the season, with basic spirit of Christmas

STANTON BUFFALOES 1969-70 Basketball Schedule

Thursday	18	— Here	Andrews	Fresh	6:00
Friday	19	— Here	Dunbar	A&B	6:30
Monday	22	— Here	Klondike	A A&B	5:30
JANUARY					
(* Denotes District Games)					
Tuesday	6	— Here	Coahoma	A A&B	5:30
8, 9, 10 — Big Lake					
8, 9, 10 — Tournev, Boys					
8, 9, 10 — Lake View					
8, 9, 10 — Tournev, Girls					
8, 9, 10 — McCamey					
8, 9, 10 — Tournev Boys (B)					
Monday	12	— Here	Coahoma	A&B	6:00
Tuesday	13	— Here	Reagan Co.	A&B	6:15
Tuesday	20	— Here	Ozona*	A&B	6:15
Thursday	22	— There	Coahoma	A&B	6:00
Friday	23	— There	Crane*	A&B	6:15
Monday	26	— Here	Ozona*	A&B	6:15
Tuesday	27	— Here	McCamey*	A&B	6:15
Thursday	29	— There	McCamey*	A&B	6:15
Friday	30	— There	Reagan Co.*	A&B	6:15
FEBRUARY					
Monday	2	— Here	Lake View	A&B	6:30
Thursday	5	— There	Ozona*	A&B	6:00
Friday	6	— There	Ozona*	A&B	6:15
Monday	9	— Here	McCamey*	A&B	6:00
Tuesday	10	— Here	Crane*	A&B	6:15
Friday	13	— There	McCamey*	A&B	6:30

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ney with care and even with candles, though these beckon brightly from candleholders rather than from the tree.

All these days of celebrating are part of the legend and lore of Christmas.

Exchanging Gifts

Exchanging gifts at Christmas is one of the most time-honored of customs, and toys, dolls and games for the children have always ranked high on the gifts list.

In the not-so-long-ago, however, just one important present — a doll for a little girl, perhaps, and a toy accordion for her brother — was all that youngsters might expect at Christmas.

Though Santa is more bountiful nowadays, the gifts he brings are like those of yesterday in at least one way. They reflect the interests and fashions of their times.

Dolls, yesterday and today, dress in the favorite styles of the moment. Toys, too, show the influence of current events.

Toy racing cars, for instance, came in with the automobile, while today more complex types of wheel toys take advantage of modern technological developments.

Using Greens

Use of greens and garlands to decorate for a festive season goes back a thousand years before the birth of Christ. The custom began with the ancient Egyptians.

Many of the traditions of pagan festivals were later merged with the celebration of Christmas, and evergreens, because they stay green throughout the year, came to be regarded as the Christmas symbol of eternal life.

Caution Urged In Grazing Cotton Fields

After the cotton crop has been harvested it is the producer's responsibility to adhere to the specific restrictions on grazing fields treated prior to harvest with any pesticide or harvest aid chemical. Fields treated with most insecticides, defoliants, and desiccants, and some herbicides should not be grazed by livestock following harvest of the cotton crop. Some of the chemicals are highly toxic to livestock, and animal death can occur when treated fields are grazed. Though not always resulting in death of animals, chemical residues from treated fields, may contaminate meat of milk, making them subject to seizure under state and federal regulations.

The producer should read all directions for usage, limitations and restrictions on the label of pesticide containers and use only in accordance with label instructions. The label is most cases, will contain the proper information. If any doubt exists concerning grazing restrictions of fields treated with pesticides, producers should contact their local county agricultural agent for additional information.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1969

Santa Claus Letters

P. O. Box 754
Stanton, Texas
December 9, 1969

Dear Santa:

I would like a Johnny Lightning Car Track, and a speed line race track, and a complete road building set, and a beach buggy.

Don't forget my sister, Take her a Wee Wheeler, and a creative coaster, and a go-go-bicycle.

And don't forget my brother, too. Take him a ranger Robot, and a new dune buggy, and a Zeroid Set.

When is your birthday, Santa? How old are you. Say hello to Mrs. Santa, and kiss her for me.

Merry Christmas,
Lyndon R. Marquez.

December 5

I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like to have Tubsy, a blonde wig, and a tape recorder.

Thank you for last year's presents.

Tammy Watson.

Dear Santa:

My name is Louis Andrew Parker. I am 5 years old, and I attend kindergarten in Stanton. I have been a good boy this year, and I would like some of the toys listed below, if you can bring them this year. Billie Blastoff, a truck or car, some candy and fruit; also I would like a crazy car, if it doesn't cost too much. I have two older brothers, and I would like for you to bring us some toys that we can share. Perhaps some boxing gloves, and a little record player or radio to go in our room.

Thank you for last year's toys, and I love you.

Love,
Louis Parker.

Dear Santa:

My name is John Parker. I am in the second grade. I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me some of these things if they don't cost too much: Robbie Robot, Captain Laser, Lunar Buz, the game of Ka Bala, the game

Kooky Carnival, the game Sandlot Sluggo, aspace ship.

Thank you for the toys you brought me last year,
John Parker.

Dear Santa:

My name is Richard Parker. I am in the first grade, and I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a Billy Blastoff, guitar, truck, dune buggy, Robbie Robot, Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots, Major Matt Mason set, little flashlight, sack of army men, tool chest, my stocking filled with candy and gum.

Love,
Richard Parker.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a bear with a string on it, a rocking horse, a train, and that's all. My brother, Todd wants a rocking chair, a toy box, and that's all. For Daddy, a shirt from Santa Claus.

Love,
Pam Mims,
Age 3.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bracelet, and a ring to match it. And an umbrella, and a doll, too. Please bring all other boys and girls nice things. And bring my family something.

Thank you.
Your friend,
Chris Foster.

Box 812
Stanton, Texas 79782
December 11, 1969

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a Swingy Doll, an Operation game. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Please remember all the other boys and girls too.
Love you,
Leah Flanagan.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want baby ride-a-bike, Jane West, and a blue hoppity hop.

Love,
Nan Elmore.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a guitar, hot wheel

Christmas Manger Is Italy's Cherished Gift To The World

In France it's the "Creche," in Spain the "Nacimiento," 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.

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

Gift-Exchange U. S. Idea

Americans are famous the world over for their generosity toward other peoples, other nations. It seems only fitting that they for the most part originated the gift-exchange idea at Christmas.

In many parts of Europe Christmas is strictly a religious day. Gift giving does not "intrude" on the solemn traditions. Gift-giving as such dates back to the Roman Emperors

from about 27 B.C. to 363 A.D. Everyone sent the Emperor gifts at the start of the New Year. Later the Romans brought this custom into their own lives, among the "common" people. As the Roman culture spread throughout Europe, so did some of their new custom.

The ancient Chinese also celebrated the New Year by exchanging gifts; they introduced gift wrapping and paper honeycomb.

But Christmas gift-exchange seems to have begun in the United States.

Country Club News

A Christmas dinner was held at Cap Rock Auditorium on December 7, for members of the Martin County Country Club, hosted by the Women's Golf Association.

The covered dish dinner was served buffet style to 85 members. Decorations on tables were greenery, accented with red and green ornaments. The serving table was covered with a white cloth, and a large candle centerpiece in the middle.

Dinner arrangements were arranged by the social committee.

After dinner, bingo was played under the direction of the ways and means committee. Prizes were donated by local merchants.

I am in the second grade, and I would like to have Hot Wheels set, and a guitar for Christmas this year. Please bring my things to our house in Stanton.

I Love You,
Shandal Todd Lander.

Yule 'Good Old Days' Today For Tomorrow

Candlelight and music, pageants and prayer fill churches everywhere as Christians celebrate, at special services, the birth of Christ. The joy and wonder of new life, hope and promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward men, find expression many ways.

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

Generally, researchers are

Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Mrs. Helen Dawson, 605 Colgate Street, Big Spring was hostess Thursday evening, December 4, in her home to members of Preceptor Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Mrs. Dawson, president, conducted the business session.

Mrs. Dawson introduced Captain Harry Brooks, Foreign Training Officer of WAFB and Air Cadets, Han Johansen, and Torsten Kindvig, natives of Denmark. Cadets Johansen and Kindvig presented a program on Denmark.

Before the meeting, Mrs. Dawson, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Dawson, assisted by her mother, Mrs. C. F. Huling, her daughter, Kathryn Anne Dawson, served dinner.

Attending were: Mrs. Leo Turner, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Glen Gates, Mrs. Stanley Reid, Mrs. P. M. Bristow, Mrs. Juli Reid, Mrs. H. R. Louder, Mrs. B. W. Latimer, Mrs. John Roueche, Miss Sammye Laws, and the above mentioned.

GIFT OF GOLD

A tangerine or an orange in the toe of a stocking has come to be symbolic of the gifts of gold.

Trade at home and save!

We Carry The Best!

PRICES GOOD THURSDAY, DEC. 18th. FRIDAY, DEC. 19th And SATURDAY, DEC. 20th, And MONDAY, DEC. 22nd, TUESDAY, DEC. 23rd, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24th.

DOG FOOD, Pard	7 for	\$1.00
WHIPPING CREAM, Borden, Foremost	1/2 pint	29c
PEACHES, Spiced, Hunt's	No. 2 1/2 Can	29c
White Green Beans, Del Monte	No. 303 Can, 3 for	79c
COFFEE, Folger's	1 lb. can	75c
Sugar, with purchase of \$5.00 or more excluding tobaccos, 5 lb. bag		39c
FLOUR, Gladiola	25 lb. bag	\$1.98
FLOUR, Gladiola	5 lb. bag	49c
CORN MEAL, Gladiola	5 lb. bag	39c
PAPER PLATES, Compartment Cream		39c
ALUMINUM FOIL, Reynold's	12 in. 25 ft. roll, 2 for	49c
Chocolate Chips, Hershey's	6 oz. pkg., 2 for	45c
Coconut Angel Flake, Baker's	14 oz. pkg.,	55c
Eagle Brand Milk, Borden	15 oz. can	39c
Ripe Pitted Olives, Towie	No. 300 Can	49c
Cranberry Sauce Ocean Spray	No. 309 Can, 2 for	49c
PUMPKIN, Stokley	No. 303 Can	15c
SHORTENING, Snowdrift	3lb. can	69c
RED MARASCHINO CHERRIES, Towie	8 oz. jar	39c
HAIR SPRAY, Cinderella		59c
LYSOL DISINFECTANT SPRAY	7 oz can	79c
COCA COLA, King Size	6 bottle cin., plus deposit	39c
PEPSI COLA and 7-UP, King Size	6 bottle cin., plus deposit	39c
DR PEPPER, King Size	6 bottle cin., plus deposit	39c

VEGETABLES FOR EASY TO DO SALADS

CELERY	NICE CRISP STALK	each	15c
ORANGES	SUNKIST NAVEL	lb.	15c
TANGERINES	ARIZONA	3 lb. bag	39c
APPLES	FED DELICIOUS	lb.	19c
PIES	Family Size, Pumpkin or Mince	3 for	\$1.00
LEMONADE	LIBBY	6 oz. can	10c

MEATS

SAUSAGE	WRIGHT'S	3 lb. roll	\$1.39
PICNICS	SMOKED	lb.	43c
FRYERS	Fresh Dressed Whole, lb	29c	Cut Up 33c
TURKEYS	Grade A Hens, lb.	49c	Toms 43c
STEAK	PORK	lb.	59c
ROAST	PORK	lb.	59c

Stanton Food Market

— WE DELIVER —

GET YOUR OHMER KELLY MILK HERE!

We Give S&H Green Stamps. Double on Wednesday with purchase of \$2.50 or more, excluding tobaccos.

Free Delivery with purchase of \$2.50 or more. No delivery after 5:00 P. M. 25 cents Delivery Charge if order is less than \$2.50.

NEW STORE HOURS: WEEK DAYS And SATURDAY, 8:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS 8:30 A. M. To 6:00 P. M.

BOB COSTEY And DWAIN HENSON — Owners



There's no happier time than Christmas, because it's a time for sharing all the happiness we feel with those we care about most. That's why we'd like to share our joy with you, wishing you a Merry Christmas and saying "Thank You."

Wheeler Motor Company

102 N. LAMESA HIGHWAY

FROM A TEEN-AGE MOVIE-MAKER

Animated Mouse Solves Yule Problem

Once upon a time in Bloomington, Ind., there lived a small mouse who was a very woeful character, barred from his mouse house by a rock that rolled down a hill and blocked the front door on Christmas Eve.

Peter was the mouse's name, given him by a 16-year-old film-maker named Gerald D. Reynolds, who wrote and produced "Peter's Christmas."

The Plot Thickens

Since it was the day before Christmas (in the film) and Peter had to be in bed if he was to receive any presents from Santa, Peter tried everyone to move the rock.

Finally, his thoughts of Santa inspired him. He slid down the chimney just in time to have a merry Christmas after all.

For "Peter's Christmas," Gerald Reynolds won a special award for cartoon animation. The film included more than 800 drawings — half on paper and half on celluloid — and 25 backgrounds. From the judges he got high praise — remarkably well-done, "good job of animation," "display considerable technical and creative ability."

Gerald was one of hundreds of young film-makers

in the competition that Kodak sponsors annually in cooperation with the University Film Foundation on behalf of the University Film Association, whose members serve as judges, and the Council for International Nontheatrical Events, which chooses films from among the winners showing at foreign film festivals.

Communicating Ideas

Most of all he is a member of today's young film generation, a group to which the camera is almost as familiar as the pencil for communicating ideas.

Young people all over the country are making films today. Students at Drake High School in San Anselmo, Calif., produced "The Idaho Test," a satire on standardized testing.

A group of Long Island students produced "For Whom The Torch Burns," a 90-minute thriller spoofing a plot to kidnap the Statue of Liberty.

And teen-agers in Richmond, Calif., made "The Dream Blowers — A Story of Sand, Sound and Soul," a 10-mm dream fantasy, for \$109.

In addition, to the high school crowd, movie-making appeals to innercity groups. It's especially booming on the college campus where an estimated 22,500 courses in film production and appreciation, are currently offered in the United States.

For Fun Or Career

Most of these young people make movies for the sheer joy of it, but for some, movie-making is pointing the way to career opportunities.

"I would like to have a small animation studio or work for one," says Gerald Reynolds, who also is interested in television writing.

For Gerald, "Peter's Christmas" gave a chance to tell the story as he envisioned it.

And for all the movie generation, encouraged by new easy-to-use cameras and

dedicated to seriousness of purpose, the movie route appears the most natural, creative way in the world to make a statement.

TRIMMING TREE

Tradition of decorating a community Christmas tree began in the early 1900's and is a favorite custom today.

Many Christmas greens used today where once pagan symbols. Flowers and leafy branches were used in Roman rites. The Saxons used holly, ivy and bay in their religious observances.

To keep your feet healthy, elevate them occasionally during the day, or sleep with a pillow under your knees.

A Very Merry Christmas to our subscribers!

Do your Christmas shopping with local merchants and save money!

Yule Tree First Lighted Here By Enemy Soldiers

Just as soldiers long for their homeland all over the world today, so did the mercenaries, as they were called, who aided the British "for pay" in the American Revolutionary War.

It was Christmas Eve and a group of Hessian soldiers huddled around their sputtering fire at their camp on the River.

They sadly missed the Gemuetlichkeit, the good cheer, shared by family and friends during the holy season.

Soon some of them hauled fir trees and brought them indoors to be decorated with berries and whatever else they could find in the snow. . . . makeshift ornaments that reminded them of happier times.

They lighted candles on the trees and, just like at home, gathered around the tree to sing familiar Christmas hymns.

A few days later these soldiers would be taken prisoner and a harsh world would dispel the pretty visions like smoke from their fires. Thus by this spontaneous

act, in a strange land, enemy soldier left an imprint on the new country which has become a part of our own heritage. Especially from Germany come the traditions we cherish so to this day.

So important is this custom of decorating trees, a leading greeting card manufacturer has displayed an unusual exhibit of Christmas trees on Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Virtually every example of decorated and ornamented tree graced the collection, each decorated by a well-known person . . . including Shakespeare actors, princes of the Church, famous authors, and others who gave their tree-trimming a special, individual distinction.

So, whether you trim your tree with stars and bells, and convention decoration, having cookies and gumdrops on it, or make it topical with moonmen and space - magic, the tree you trim can speak especially for you and your love of this beautiful Season, expressed in a tree that has become in a very real sense your creation.

Real, Live Puppy Best Christmas Gift, Child

No matter how exquisite the windup toys become — walking, talking, eating, drinking, crying tears, and carrying on like science fiction robots and they'll still never equal that best of all possible Christmas gifts for children of all ages: a warm puppy.

If you're a parent, a grandparent, or a doting aunt or uncle, and thinking in this direction, better give thought or two to the problem of selecting exactly the right puppy, then training and caring for him afterwards.

On the subject of choosing, 112 different breeds are acknowledged by the American Kennel Club.

Unlike people, dogs can be pretty dependably "psyched out" as to their temperamental and physical characteristics if you know something of the breed and its background.

Physically, they range from minuscule to mammoth and temperamentally from friendly to reserved, comic to serious, lethargic to hyper-active, and from docile to strongly self-willed.

The trick is to study the breed and aim for one with native traits that promise to more or less match your own general outlook on life.

If you're opting for a mongrel, of course, the "uncertain lineage" factor will make your predictions a bit more problematical.

To avoid and real surprises (like picking a pixie-like ball of fur that turns into a hell-moth with llama-like hair, a few months hence — it's happened! . . . try to at least know something of the pup's mother, her size, coloring, coat, and disposition.

This will provide clues to the probable character of small mystery package when he grows up. Dog for dog, the mongrel is fully as intelligent and lovable as the pure bred, so don't hesitate to choose one so long as you have reasonable knowledge of the dog he will likely become one day.

The average puppy will not be too hard on your pocket book. Most pure breeds (aside from the rare and exotic breeds favored by movie stars and maharajahs) range in price from about \$50 to \$150. Mongrels may be "adopted" at almost any figure — from free on up.

After you've made your choice and brought your puppy home, consult a handbook carefully on feeding, training, and care.

Follow that good advice and you'll raise a healthy, happy dog that will still be giving love, joy, and companionship in the family, long after the windup toys have come unbound!

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 comes to be connected with Christmas.

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 1823.

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 this 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.

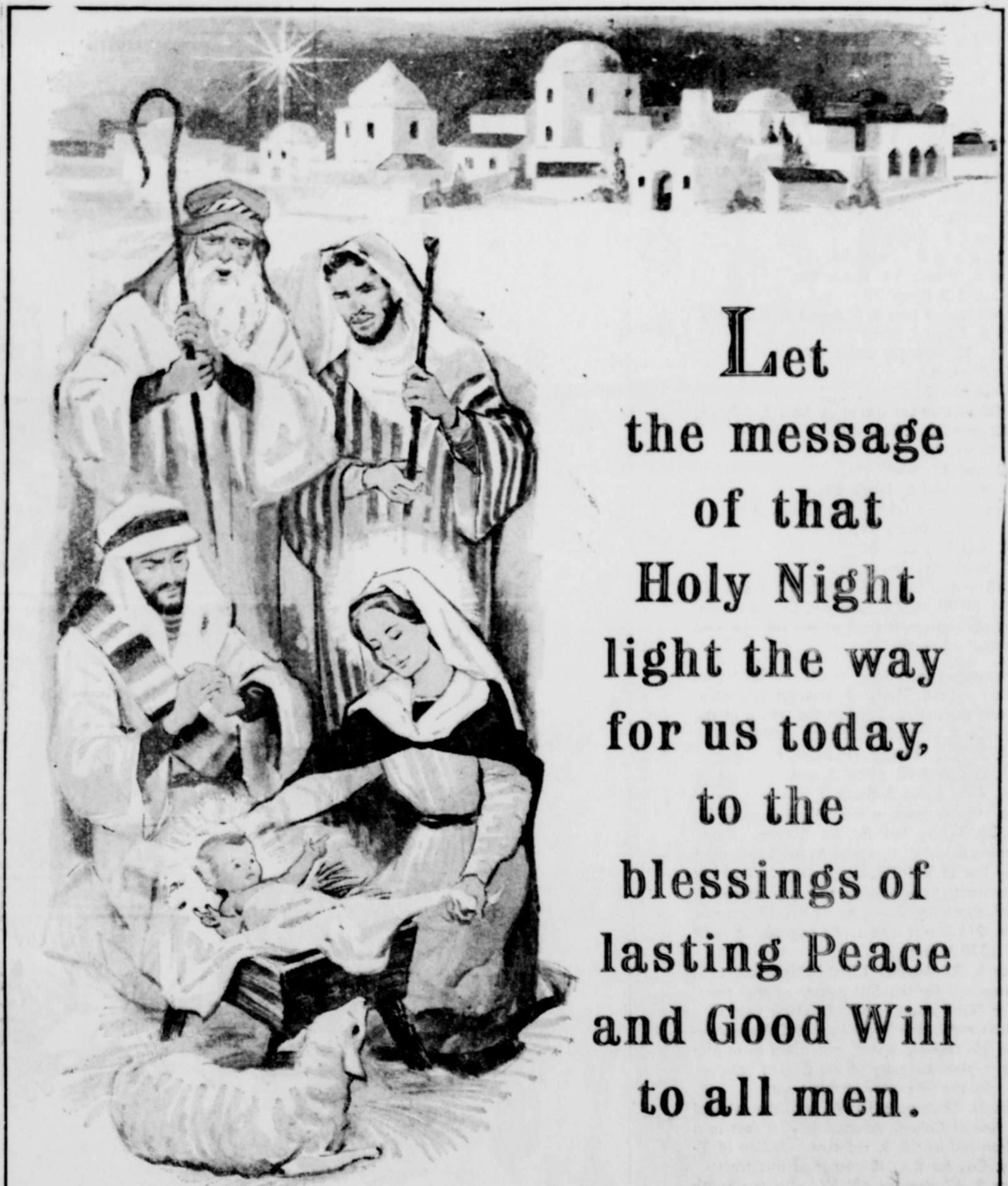
Red and green are the popular choices for ribbon at Christmas time yet rank last — 10th and 17th — during sales during the rest of the year.

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 an-

cient 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.



Let
the message
of that
Holy Night
light the way
for us today,
to the
blessings of
lasting Peace
and Good Will
to all men.

Your Warm Friendship Makes Us Feel Proud. Thank You.

Tri-City Dr Pepper Bottling Co.

HIGHWAY 80

PEACE on EARTH



A Star shone, and three Wise Men sought a sacred Manger in the little town of Bethlehem, where the Christ Child was born. This Christmas, let the light of His message shine into all our lives, spreading "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

To our Valued Friends and Patrons, "Thank You."
Dalashanta's
Patsy Odom and Latrell Welch, Owners

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice Of Sale Of Urban Renewal Properties

The City of Stanton, Texas, invites competitive sealed bids for the following described lots or parcels of land acquired in Urban Renewal Project Tex. R-81 (pursuant to V.A.T.S. Art. 1269 1-3, Sec. 11 (b) to-wit:

The following described tracts in the Original Town of Stanton, Texas, according to a Map or Plat thereof originally recorded in Vol. 1, pages 258-259, Deed Records of Martin County, Texas:

Lots 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 97;
All of Lots 1 to 16 inclusive, in Block 47;
Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block 70;
Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 53;
Lots 4 and 5 in Block 57;
Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 76;
Lots 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Block 86;
Lots 3, 4, 8 and 9 in Block 56;
Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block 85;
Lots 1 and 2, Block 69;
The N. 30 feet of Lots 1 and 2, Block 49;
Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in Block 48;
Lots 5 and 6, Block 91;
Lot 10, Block 41;
Lots 1, N. 2 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 84;
Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 79;
Lot 1 and N. 22 67 feet Lot 2, Block 85;
Lots 1, 2 and 11, Block 41;
Lot 2, Block 78;
Lot 7 and E. 16 feet Lot 8, Block 42;
Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block 35;
The West 8 ft. lot 8 and all of lot 9, Block 42;
Lots 3 and 4, Block 91;
E. 2 of Lots 1 and 2, all of 7, Block 95;
Lots 1 and 2, Block 96;
Lot 6 and Lot 10, Block 75;
Lots 8 and 9, Block 80;
Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 38;
Lots 4, 6, 9 and 10, Block 64;
Lots 1 and 2, Block 77;
South 40 feet of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 40;
Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 71;
Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 37;
Lot 6, Block 64;
Lot 8, Block 95;
South 80 feet of Lot 8 and all Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block 40;
Lot 7, Block 78;
Lot 10 and 11, Block 94;
Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 69;
N. 2 Lot 15 and all Lot 16, Block 49;
Lots 1 and 2, Block 91;
Lots 1 and 2, Block 89;
Lot 9, Block 69;
West 45 feet of Lot 1 and all Lot 2, Block 76;
and Lot 11, Block 75, Save and Except an undivided one-half (1/2) of the oil, gas and other minerals.

The following described tracts in Billington Addition to the Town of Stanton, according to a map thereon recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Martin County, Texas:
Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 10 and 11, Block 1;
Lots 1, 2, 3, and 10, Block 2; and
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 3.

And a 10-acre tract in the NW 4 Section 23, Block 36, T-1 S., T&P Ry. Co. Survey; Beginning at a 3/4" iron pipe in the South right of way line of T&P Ry. Co. for the NW corner of this tract; from whence the NW corner of Sec. 23, Block 36, T-1 S., bears N. 22 degrees 15' W. 211.2 feet and S. 75 degrees 55' 47" West 1370.3 feet;

Thence S. 22 degrees 15' E. 1320.0 feet to a 3/4" iron rod for the SW corner of this tract; Thence N. 67 degrees 45' E. 330.0 feet to a 3/4" iron rod in the West line of College Avenue, a 35-ft. wide street, according to plat of the original townsite of the City of Stanton, Texas, for the SE corner of this tract; Thence N. 22 degrees 15' W. with the original West line of College Avenue 1320.0 feet to a 3/4" iron rod in the S. right of way line of T&P Ry. Co. for the NE corner of this tract; Thence S. 67 degrees 45' W. with the South right of way line of the T&P Ry. Co. 333.0 feet to the Place of Beginning;

Containing 10 acres of land, more or less; SAVE AND EXCEPT, however, a 50-ft. wide strip along the North side and a 15-ft wide strip along the East side which have been heretofore dedicated to the City of Stanton, Texas as public streets; shown by a plat recorded in Vol. 1, page 47, of the Plat Records of Martin County, Texas.

All sales are subject to the following conditions:

1. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
2. Bids may be made for the whole or any lot or parcel of said land as they are described above.
3. The purchase price for any and all sales must be paid for in cash and all bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or money order made payable to the City of Stanton in the full amount of the bid. Checks or money orders

of unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately after Council action on the bids.

4. Bidders are advised: (a) that the City of Stanton contemplates delivering only a Special Warranty Deed to the successful bidder or bidders; and (b) that all costs of abstract and examination thereof, if any, or Title Policy, together with all charges for recording fee, etc., are to be born by the successful bidder, with the City of Stanton paying for and providing only the deed or deeds and no other expense of the sale.

5. Any deeds delivered by the City must and shall contain the following restrictions:

- (1) Devote the property only to and in accordance

with the uses specified in the Urban Renewal Plan for the Southwest Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Tex. R-81 in the City of Stanton, and subsequent amendments before and after the execution date of this deed and which is filed on record in the office of the City Secretary in Stanton, Texas; and in the office of the County Clerk of Martin County, Texas, in Vol. 116, page 493, Deed Records, to which Plan (and the record thereof) reference is hereby expressly made for all legal purposes.

(2) Not discriminate upon the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin in the sale, lease, or rental, or in the use or occupancy of the property or any

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improvements erected or to be erected thereon, or any part thereof.

6. Bids will be received until the 6th day of January, 1970, by the "City Secretary, City of Stanton, Box 868, Stanton, Texas," and will be opened at 7 p.m. on the 6th day of January, 1970, by the City Council at the City Hall.

7. For additional information contact Mrs. Addie Mae Burgess, City Secretary, City Hall, Stanton, Texas, 79782, Area Code 915 - 756.3341.

ADDIE MAE BURGESS,
City Secretary, City of Stanton, Texas.

Christmas Greetings



As voices are raised in joyful caroling, the spirit of a Merry Christmas resounds warmly in our hearts. At this most festive of all seasons, we wish you and yours the happiest of holidays. Thank you for your continued good will which indeed makes our day-to-day business a privilege and pleasure.

First National Bank

STANTON, TEXAS

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

R. O. Anderson, President	Mrs. Bonnie Allred
Howard Gwinn, Vice Pres., and Cashier	Mrs. Clea Barber
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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa: I have been as good as I can, and would like an Amaze-a-Matic car, and a Double Super-Charger Speedway set. My big brother would like a Unicycle. Please tell your elf's hello for me.
Love,
Tony Henson.
708 N. College Street
Stanton, Texas

Dear Santa: I would like four things. A flashlight, operated car, a pair of walkie-talkies, plus a Gilbert's microscope, and a sting ray bike.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, P. S. Thank you, have a Merry Christmas.

Lightning.
Daryl Snell wants chaps and spurs, and cowboy things.
Joe Otez had not made up his mind, but know you won't forget him.
Brian Bowlin is asking for Silly Sand, and a football set.
Jill Simpson would like a Baby Jill, and a Baby Wiggly.
Lee Anna Dunn hope you will bring her a Dancerina.
Bryan Hale wants a Big Wheels, and a car you can shift.
Della Brown is wishing for a star.
Brigitte Haner wants a Barbie named P. J., and a Barbie car, and shoes and a Tippy Toes, with a bicycle and horsey.
Jonama Cox would like a Baby Jill, and Baby Jumpy, and Baby Sing a Song.
Martin Straub wants a spook Castle, and Johnny Lightning set.
Dawn Kelly wants a Julia, and an easy bake oven.
Lori Burnett wants a Baby Throw o Ball, and a Dancerina.

George Lewis is wishing for a combine and tractor set, and an alligator sleeping bag.
Michelle Fisher, a Dancerina and Baby Catch a Ball.
Rasandrea Marquez would also like a Dancerina and Baby Catch a Ball.
Tony Mapp wants a Bonanza holster, and rifle, and a football air pump.
Roger Stanley wants Sock and Rock Robots, and a Big Wheels.
Joanna Barber want a red headed Barbie, and a Swingy.
Georgeann Herzog would a Swingy, an easy bake oven, and a talking Barbie, and Ken.
Gregory Graves wants a Factory or Horrors, a spiograph, and a camera.
Jill just wants to see you. Dawn wishes she could see Rudolph really, and Lori wants a "real" picture of you.
The following boys and girls are three and four years old, and are in Mother Goose Hour.
Lisa Yater wants a Little Lost Baby.
Gary Walton would like a G. I. Joe.
Joe Huff wants a cowboy thing with two guns and a holster.
Pam Mims wants a doll.
David Mashburn wants a giant turtle in wrapping paper in a box.
Troy North wants a record player.
Chris Bryan wants a battery airplane.
All the boys and girls wish you a Merry Christmas, and many of them have good surprises planned for you.
Mrs. Gracelyn Snell.

White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.
George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.
Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen loaves, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.
Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.
Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree, his family and urged others to join him in observing the custom.
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.

First Baptist Church News

The Ruth Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, met in the Fellowship Hall for their Christmas party, Thursday night, December 11.
The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations. Dinner was served to members and their families. A short devotional, "The Unexpected Christmas Guest," was given by Elna Sprawls, and Rev. Uhlman led in prayer. Christmas carols were sung, and gifts were exchanged.
Guests and members present included Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Uhlman, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nowlin, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Stripling, Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Hightower, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan White, Mrs. Tippitt, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Clayton Reynolds, Elna Sprawls, Mrs. Corma Stovall, Mrs. Walter Graves, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Bridges, and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Donnita Clay Bridal Shower Honoree Dec. 12

Approximately 40 guests attended the affair that was hosted by Mrs. George Dowden, Mrs. Glenn Morrison, Mrs. Floyd Huckaby, Mrs. H. P. Odom, Mrs. Reggie Robertson, Mrs. Johnny Britton, Mrs. Wayne Zuck, Mrs. John Shanks, Mrs. Davis Thompson, and Mrs. H. P. Morrison.
Guests attending were from Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, and Stanton.
Miss Clay's bridal colors of hot pink and candlelight glow, were used in the shower decorations.
Miss Clay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Clay of Andrews, and Brantley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brantley of Stanton, will be married December 27, in Andrews.
Read the Ole Remable for the latest hometown news!



Greetings of the Christmas Season


Velvety snow falls on the countryside. Carolers, young and young at heart, sing out the spirit of the holiday. This is the season to be jolly, and the time to express our gratitude and appreciation to our friends for their support.

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Dear Santa: I have been a good girl all year, and hope you come to see me Christmas. I would like a big wheels, a Barbie doll, and a surprise. Also would like you to bring my little sister something. She is nine months old.
Love,
Lou Ann.

Dear Santa: I want a talking Buffy, and a baby buggy, also a doll house and a doll bed.
I have been a good girl.
I love you,
Karla James.

Dear Santa: I want a Drowzy Doll, a slinky pull-toy. Also I would like to have a Captain Kangaroo puzzle, and some sur-



GREETINGS

We pause in the bustle of this jolly season to greet our dear friends and patrons with good wishes. Thank you.

J. T. Berry and Son

Baptist Church News

The Adult I Department of the First Baptist Church Sunday School, held a Christmas party.

I've been a good little girl and helped my Mommy and Daddy.
I love you,
Karen James.

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The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES



At this time of the year all Christendom casts loving eyes toward Bethlehem, where Jesus was born nearly two thousand years ago. Strange and beautiful are the legends that gather about the birthplace of a great faith. The founding of every religion has been associated with miracle and mystery, and the ground whereon a prophet has trod becomes historic and holy. Modern Bethlehem is a city of some forty thousand, but both history and legend indicate that at the time of Christ's birth it was an obscure village, one with many sacred associations. It was the birthplace of David. Rachel was buried near it and it was the home of Boaz, Naomia and Ruth. But when the Holy Babe was born there, Bethlehem took on a significance that would distinguish it from all other places, for all time to come. Neither the ancient village nor today's city however, owes its fame to its physical characteristics, not even to its early history. For it has become the symbol of a dream which man has cherished since time immemorial—the dream of universal peace and the rule of righteousness and justice. For untold centuries men have struggled upward through shadows, dreaming of a time when love would conquer hate, right would overcome wrong, and peace instead of war would reign upon the earth. But since that night when "God broke into history" and the Prince of Peace was born, the spiritual Bethlehem has become the incarnation of that dream. It is a dream which has not been fulfilled, but millions live in hope, looking forward to its eventual achievement. And in their hours of contemplation, they remember Bethlehem and the marvelous event that occurred there. When men think of Bethlehem they think of a Child, a Song, and a Star. These are the motifs so delicately interwoven with the most beautiful of all stories. The Christ child, the epitome of innocence and holiness, the song of the angels, heralding peace on earth and goodwill toward men; and the star which glimmered in the heavens, leading the Wise Men to the place where the newborn King was to be found. These three have taken their permanent place in art and poetry and music. They are the symbols of Christmas. And so, while the world is enshrouded with clouds which trail their black draperies over the pathway of humanity, men dream of Bethlehem and what it means to them. Much has changed since that night of heavenly glory. Kingdoms have arisen and fallen, new systems have been evolved and vanished, and men have explored the stars and walked on the moon, but humanity still treads a precarious road. And today, a desperate and despairing world again seeks the shrine the Wise Men sought and kneels in holy reverence at the spot where a dream was born.

Cross Country Team Second In State Meet

Stanton High School's Cross Country Team captured the second place trophy in the State Cross Country Meet held Saturday, December 13 at the town Lake Course in Austin.

Stanton competed in Division VI, which was made up of 170 individual runners, representing 27 teams. Medals were awarded the top ten finishers in each division, and Stanton placed two boys in the top ten. Steve Stallings ran the two mile course in 10-16, for a fifth place finish, while Alex Rios placed tenth, with a 10:38. Kenny Simonek placed 34th in 11-23, while Juan Rubio, added 45th in 12-31. Walt Halslip, the fifth member of the team, was unable to make the trip, due to illness.

The team also entered a Cross Country Meet in Brownfield on December 5, and finished second behind host, Brownfield. There were over 100 individuals representing eight teams competing. Stanton finishers were: Steve Stallings, third; Alex Rios, seventh; Kenny Simonek, 29th; Juan Rubio, 40th, and Walt Halslip, 51st. Steve Stallings and Alex Rios, earned individual trophies, for placing in the top 10.

Buffs - - -

(Continued from page 1) ten finishers were: Steve Stallings, third; Alex Rios, Allen Gregston stole the ball from Lake View, and high point man Rusty Hicks sank a jump shot with 4:20 left, to take the lead for the first time 52-51.

Mark Dunlap of Lake View, put the Chiefs back in the lead with a jumper with 3:35 remaining. Dennis Jones took the Bulldogs ahead again with a basket, and Chief Terry Cope blanked that out with a jump shot. Jimmy Williams added another two pointer, and with less than two minutes left, the Chiefs led 57-54. Stanton benefitted from two free throws by Mims, which

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(Continued from page 1) financial assistance to the counties, upgrading of our lower courts, and a more balanced tax program.

"The expenditures of the past legislative session were extremely high but I was particularly happy with the progress made in the area of public health, creating one new dental school, two nursing schools, and three medical schools. Also public education received its highest step for progress in the history of this state. Many accomplishments were made concerning civil disorders, dangerous drug laws, and the 'implied consent law' on drunk driving.

"I pledge to you once again my devotion to this office, and I shall be available within this district answering the requests of the people, their towns, counties, and schools.

"I feel that I made much progress toward everlasting friendships with Legislators from all over Texas, and especially those from rural areas such as ours. As I have stated many times while visiting through this district it shall be my challenge to bring you, the people, closer to state government.

"Many important offices and issues are to be voted on in 1970, and I urged you to encourage everyone to register to vote."

Mrs. Tom - - -

(Continued from page 1) 1907, and served as bookkeeper and vice - president of the First National Bank for 39 years up to the time of her illness.

Mrs. Tom is the widow of Herbert Tom, and survivors include two brothers, John D. Connell of Dallas; M. H. Connell of Stanton; and one sister, Greta Mae Connell, of Stanton, and numerous nephews and nieces.

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New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Laney of Irving, announce the birth of a daughter, Tina Lois, on December 2, weighing seven pounds and 10 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Doshier of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Laney of Dallas. Mrs. Laney is the former Ruby Doshier of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Karl Roten, Killeen, announce the birth of a son, born November 27 at Scott and White Hospital, Temple. The Roten's new son, named Trevor Ashley, weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces. The Roten's also have a daughter, Angela Marie.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roten of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caffey of Abilene, and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Caffey of Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crain, of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Roten, of Clarksville, Texas.

made the score 57-56. With 1:37 remaining on the clock, Hicks sank another jump shot to give the Bulldogs the lead 58-57, and they held on until the final buzzer.

Hicks led the Bulldog attack with 19 points. Mims added 15, and Gregston hit for 13.

Raymond Zamarrappa led the Chiefs with 19 points, to share scoring honors with Hicks. Manual Munoz dropped in 11, and Joe Keel added eight.

Courtney Grad Receives U. S. Air Force Medal

U. S. Air Force Colonel Idus R. Flowers, son of Mrs. C. Flowers of 405 S. Avenue G, Lamesa, has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal at Bitburg AB, Germany.

Colonel Flowers is assigned at Bitburg as chief of maintenance for the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, a unit of the U. S. Air Forces in Europe, America's overseas air arm assigned to NATO.

The colonel, a 1939 graduate of Courtney High School, was commissioned in 1943, through aviation cadet program. He holds the aeronautical rating of command pilot.

His wife, Beth, is the daughter of Mrs. R. B. Preston of 409 S. Fifth, Gatesville, Texas.

Roy Koonce - - -

(Continued from page 1) attended Sul Ross State College from Sept. 1959 to Jan. 1960, at which time he returned to Martin County to go into the business of farming. He has continued to farm since that time.

He married the former Jean Wheeler of Independence, Missouri, and they have three children, Rena, nine; Randall, seven, and Daniel, two. They are living on the outskirts of Stanton.

Editor's Mail

U. S. SAVINGS BONDS AND FREEDOM SHARES Room 502, 1314 Wood Street Dallas, Texas 75202 December 12, 1969

Mr. Neal Estes, Stanton Reporter, Stanton, Texas

Dear Editor: Many of your readers are thinking of appropriate Christmas gifts for a special friend or loved one. You have an opportunity to help them make a wise selection by using material from the enclosed clip-sheet. Savings Bonds are better than ever now. Series E Bonds pay five per cent went held to maturity of five years and 10 months (four per cent for the first year; thereafter 5:20 per cent to maturity.) Your support throughout the year is deeply appreciated. Any worthwhile endeavor is more successful when it has the cooperation and encouragement of the news media. Texas media have been among the most outstanding in the Nation in its support of the U. S. Savings Bonds program, and we are sincerely grateful. May we wish you a Merry

Christmas - - -

(Continued from page 1) Although St. Joseph's Catholic Church will hold a midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

Local residents who plan to travel on the highways, have been briefed on safety rules and regulations. Caution will be the watch word in the area during the Department of Public Safety Deathwatch period.

With peace lacking in the world, and with many area residents touched by the absence of a loved one now in the armed forces in foreign lands, Stanton people are looking forward to a quiet, calm Christmas. Family gatherings around the table, and the tree will be the appropriate manner of celebrating Christmas.

May your Christmas be blessed with brightness.

Subscribe to The Stanton Reporter for a Christmas gift! Patronize your home town merchants and lay away for Christmas!

Christmas, and a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely, T. Guy Brown, State Director.

Texaco Inc. Plans No. 1 J. H. Nail

Texaco Inc. plans No. 1 J. H. Nail as a 12,100-foot venture — probably Ellenburger — 15 miles northwest of Stanton in Martin.

Drillsite is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 33, block 38, T-1-N, T&P survey, three miles northeast of the Ruth Scharbauer (Pennsylvania) pool, 22 3/4 miles south of the Glass (Sparberry) territory and 7 1/2 miles southwest of the depleted Ellenburger opener in the Stanton reservoir.

Adobe Oil Co. of Midland finished No. 1-B Sale Ranch as a 1/2-mile north outpost to the Sale Ranch portion of the Martin County sector of the Spraberry Trend Area, 10 miles northwest of Stanton.

It yielded 297 barrels of 39.-6-degree crude and 15 barrels of water in 24 hours flowing on a 12-64-inch choke with tubing pressure 925 pounds, and gas-oil ratio 1,222-1. Shot holes extending from 8,100 to 9,030 feet had been stimulated with 2,500 gallons of acid and fracture of 80,000 gallons of refined oil mixed with 230,000 pounds of sand.

Respond!

Whether you're a prize-winning cook or a beginner still having trouble with fundamental sauces, your cooking will respond to a gas range. And, your family will love you for it.

The real secret of better cooking is fast, accurate heat control. And nine out of 10 professional chefs agree that only a gas range gives you the control needed for gourmet meals... that's why so many of them use gas.

A gas range gives you an infinite number of temperature settings, not just a few pre-set push buttons. You can see the blue flame, adjust it, always know how much heat you're getting. And, when you turn on a gas range the flame is there... no waiting for warm-up. Turn it off and the flame and the heat disappear immediately — precision control for every phase of top-of-range cooking.

There are lots of extras you can get with a gas range, too. Like high-speed infrared broilers, the Burner-with-a-Brain that makes every pot and pan an automatic appliance, automatic controls that start and stop ovens at preselected times and hold food at serving temperature without over cooking, and ovens that clean themselves. All these things to give you greater kitchen freedom.

The fact is that a gas flame cooks better than an electric coil, and costs less too. So, whether you're a prize-winning cook or a beginner, respond to a gas range and your family will respond to you. See your gas appliance dealer.



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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.
 Move rapid than eagles his couriers 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 couriers 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.

'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, misfortunate 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 bobtailed bay, two-forty for his speed;
 Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll break
 into the lead."

REFRAIN:
 "Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells, Jingle all the way!
 Oh what fun it is to ride, in a one horse open sleigh."

THE YULE LOG STORY

Oh, how warm and bright that Yule Log burns on our Christmas night. The Yule Log's beginning can be traced centuries back. It is also generally believed that the traditional burning of the Yule Log was handed down to Scandinavian countries from English-speaking countries.

The Scandinavian feast of Winter Solstice was observed by the kindling of huge bonfires to the god Thor. In England the Yule Log was burned amidst great noise and song.

I Have A Secret, Santa!

I have a secret Santa!
 I knew you'd come today
 I heard the neighbors tell each other,
 "Santa comes to call"

"If little girls are good," they said,
 "Santa comes to call
 And brings with him a bag of toys
 That's sure to please them all."

I heard you, Santa, on the roof
 With Dancer, Prancer, and the others.
 "Let's check our list of girls," you said.
 "Who mind their dads and mothers."

I have a secret, Santa,
 To whisper in your ear,
 I love this pony very much,
 I'm glad you left him here.

Mommy takes my picture
 Riding him this way.
 She'll see again the fun we had
 This Merry Christmas Day!
 Jeanne Cole

The staff of The Stanton Reporter wishes all old and new subscribers a Very Merry Christmas, and all the good wishes for the New Year.

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 a 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,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And "way 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

Bells Tradition Of Many Years During Holiday

Through the age bells have served many purposes—announcing the approach of vehicles, for instances or signaling the beginning of curfew. Early associated with churches, by medieval times the pealing of the bells had some to signify the rejoicing of the Christmas season.

An early custom was the tolling of church bells on Christmas Eve, during the hour before midnight. The tolling announce the death of Satan, and at midnight joyous peals told of the birth of Christ.

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored, family-taught are, the tuneful bells ring out at seven-thirty on Christmas morning.

It takes years of training and practice to learn the ringing of complex "changes" as the different chants and tonal combination are called.

A delightful legend surrounds the custom of bell-ringing at Christmas. Many years ago, so the story goes, the little town of Loosen Holland, boasted two fine bell that gave forth clear, lovely tones, but one night they mysteriously disappeared. In vain the townspeople searched for them; then, on Christmas Eve, at the stroke of midnight, the familiar bell tones rang out. No one know where the sound came from but each successive Christmas Eve the bells rang out over the little town and their fame spread far and wide.

Feast Of Stephen . . .

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

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

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

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

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 on ornament mirror and window decorations or place cards during the season.

Former Holidays Time Of Strange, Fearful Beliefs

"Merry" Christmas? Not always, according to some ancient beliefs once associated with the day.

Take, for instance, the old belief that cattle and other stable animals were given the power of speech on Christmas Eve.

Any person who heard the animals speak will die within a year, so superstition said.

Somber omens of death were read into still other Yuletide legends. When the Yule log burned, bystanders were told to watch the shadows on the walls. If the shadow of any persons appeared to be heading this supposedly meant death for those persons, again within a year.

Salt was also said to have the power of forecasting life or death, when used in connection with Christmas. The test could be made by leaving a small mound of salt on

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 that moment kneel humbly in their stables, turn their head toward Bethlehem, thus paying tribute to the Christ-child.

No Santa, Tree At Christmas In Bethlehem

Americans who dream of a white Christmas with Santa Claus popping down the chimney to the tune of "Jingle Bells" can thank the assorted writers and poets and the northern climate. Christmas in the land of Christ's birth, however, is another matter.

What is Christmas like in Bethlehem?

There's generally no snow, mild in the Judean Hills around Bethlehem. No Santa Claus listens to children's pleas, for he's an American invention based on a European saint. And there's probably no decorated Christmas tree in the village square; that custom originated in Germany.

Instead, the focal point of Christmas in Bethlehem is the Church of St. Mary of the Nativity, supposedly built over the spot where Jesus was born. Here pilgrims from all over the world gather on Christmas Eve. First there is carol-singing in the square facing the church. Then all enter for the solemn midnight mass. After the service, an image of Christ is carried in a procession down into the grotto, and is placed in a manger where it lives until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

CHRISTMAS DINNER OF THE 19th CENTURY

Oysters On The Half Shell
 Game Soup
 Boiled White Fish
 Roast Goose (or Turkey)
 Boiled Potatoes
 Mashed Turnips
 Boiled Rice
 Lobster Salad
 Christmas Plum Pudding
 Mince Pie
 Delicate Cakes
 Salted Almonds
 Confectionary
 Fruits
 Coffee
 plus assorted aperitifs, wines, liquors, etc.

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Holy Night

And suddenly the shepherds saw, on their peaceful hillside, the angels come to proclaim the birth of a Saviour... their hosannas echoing through the holy night. As we share the wondrous tidings of Christmas, may we also share love and kindness with our fellowmen.

Stanton Walgreen Drug

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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Teach Children Christmas Meaning

What does Christmas mean to your child? What should it mean? How can you give direction and meaning to Christmas for your child?

These are serious questions that parents should consider now and throughout the entire year, says Vera Barnett, Ohio State University extension family life specialist.

Mrs. Barnett points out that the child cannot be taught the true meaning of Christmas in just one day. He is taught what Christmas stands for by the examples set for him by older people everyday of the year. Parents must lead children toward the day when

they will understand who Christ is and what He stands for — a day when they are able to accept Christ for their own, believes Mrs. Barnett.

The family life specialist notes that a good definition of the Joy of Christmas is found in the following saying:

J is for Jesus:
Y is for you.
O is for others for whom Christ came that you might serve others.

Together, they spell JOY. And without Christ and without service, there can be no real joy, concludes Mrs. Barnett.

Ornaments For Christmas Of Shining Aluminum Foil

It's easy to make shining colorful Christmas ornaments by folding aluminum foil like a fan.

To make a fan double fold standard foil to make a strip four inches wide by 2 inches long. Use two or more contrasting color and design Christmas tapes and tape them to the foil along the folded edge. Pleat the foil together and open out the fan. Tie on a little sprig of flowers and ribbon from old hat trimmings.

To make a pinwheel double fold standard foil to make a strip 5x12 inches.

Use two or more contrasting color and design tapes and tape them to foil along both the foled edge of the foil and also at the cut edge. Pleat the foil.

Fold a small piece of tape in half and secure around the center of the pleated strip. Now open out the pointed ends so that they meet, taping

them together to form a pinwheel.

An angel also can be made. To form an angel, double fold standard aluminum foil to make a strip 7x12 inches. Use two or more contrasting color and design tapes and tape to foil along the folded edge. On cut end, measure down three inches on each side and cut diagonally up toward the center. This will form a triangle at the top. Place tape along this triangle edge. Pleat the whole length of foil. Cut down center pleat from point three inches.

For the angel's head, insert pipe cleaner in small Christmas ball, attach a round foil halo. Place pipe cleaner between pleats with Christmas ball at base of opening in foil. Pinch foil together around Christmas ball and secure with tape. Open out the wings and skirt. Use a small piece of wire or ribbon to attach to tree.

IN SOUTH PACIFIC

For Fiji Islanders Christmas starts at 2 p.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.

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

DURABLE TOYS

Toys for a child should be sturdy and made from durable materials. Children have amazing ability to break play-toys. Also, paints should be non-toxic, and all edges, surfaces, and parts of toys should be well-finished.

The present date acknowledged by the modern world as the birthdate of Christ is December 25th. This was established as late as the sixth century.

Flickering Glow Of Las Luminarias Is Traditional Christmas Rite

The flickering golden glow of Las Luminarias, the little fires, once again is a part of the centuries-old tradition of New Mexico's celebration of the birth of Christ.

The present day use of luminarias evolved from the state's Spanish heritage.

As New Mexico has changed, so has the luminarias, which today are sand-filled paper sacks containing a candle.

The lighting of the luminarias generally is an eagerly awaited one-day event, which comes on Christmas Eve.

Folk tales have it that the luminarias were the tiny, lonely fire of shepherds the angels visited to tell of the birth of Christ.

Experts on New Mexico history have found this sequence in the evolution of the little fires of Christmas.

First, there were the pinon sticks, pitch-filled, which were laid in a pile and lighted to begin a novena (nine-day devotion) to the Virgin Mary.

Nine days before Christmas, one pinon pile was lighted; the next night two; then three; and then one added each night until nine were burning on Christmas Eve.

Spanish women among the early white settlers of New Mexico, are believed to have followed the tradition of the little fires.

But during times of fiesta they wanted lanterns rather than fire to brighten their patios.

Luxury goods were beginning to find their way into the Spanish frontier about that time, wrapped in the silk-like paper of China and the Philippines. Although too fragile to hang like a lantern, the paper could be made into beautiful shapes.

The women put a candle inside, piled sand around the

Honey Bees Up Alfalfa Seed Yields — Honey bees have been used for the past two years in the Barstow area of Ward County to more than double per acre yields of alfalfa seed. The lack of insect pollinators in the area had caused seed yields to drop some 500 pounds per acre. Top yield with the bees at work in 1968, was 950 pounds of high quality seed per acre. This year was not a good seed year due to unfavorable growing conditions, but a top yield of 700 was posted, more than double former yields. County Agent E. J. Harrison, Jr., and area extension specialists worked with local seed grower on the program.

Women Rule Christmas 1885

A picture of a beautiful woman on a current Christmas card would seem inappropriate to many. But feminine beauty enjoyed great popularity in Christmas cards during the late 1880's.

Until 1880, children and elderly women were most often pictured. Or, if adult young women did appear, they were shown as "tenders of the hearth," with their husbands, children, or pets.

Later, classic Greek and Roman feminine figures were used to convey ideals of feel-

ing and beauty.

Artists of the Royal Academy in London began the new fashion for using contemporary women in their Christmas card illustrations in 1831. One of the earliest of these was designed by W. F. Yeames and showed a richly-gowned young woman asleep in a chair with winged cupids in a golden cage.

In 1885, fashion figures of elegant women were a typical subject of Christmas Prang card from the Norcross Historical Collection. Mr. Prang, who published

the best-known early greeting cards in the U. S., conducted a Christmas card competition. The \$1,000 first prize was won by Elihu Wedder, a well-known American artist.

The model for his successful illustration was his wife, and the inscription read, in part, "Thy own wish, wish I thee in every place."

Later Christmas cards depicted women as fashion plates, sportswomen, cyclists and, in general, growing participants in the life of their times.

How It Began

The "how" of creating stained glass windows is complicated — in some respects as difficult and time-consuming as it was in the Middle Ages, although modern methods and equipment do give today's stained glass artist certain advantages.

The rainbow-like effect of the windows comes from pieces of glass—sometimes, hundreds of pieces — fitted to-

gether and held together with strips of lead.

What It Shows

The art of stained glass windows reflects nearly every artistic style and movement of the past several centuries, including Romanesque, Byzantine, Gothic, Renaissance, Romantic, and modern. Until the late Gothic per-

iod, artists believed that a stained glass window should be decorative rather than pictorial. With the Renaissance came a trend toward illustration rather than design.

In succeeding years, the balance had shifted between the traditional decorative and the more pictorial styles.

How It Continues

A relatively small band of artists keeps the art of the stained glass window alive.

In a discussion of stained glass art in North and South America, the Americana lists some 24 artists working in stained glass, in studies throughout the United States, as well as others in Canada, Mexico, and South America.

Among them are revivalists, who work in terms of the earliest traditions of stained glass. Other artists take the contemporary approach, but their use of free forms carries out the belief that light and pattern, rather than illustration, make a picture in stained glass.

ACCIDENT-PROOFING TOYS

Parents should know these major accident causes. Misuse — toys should be used as directed by their maker.

Reuse of toys — a toy safe for one child may be dangerous for another. Check toys periodically for any worn or broken parts that could be dangerous.

Greetings

As snow blankets the earth, pristine and white... a gentle symbol of purity and peace... and the Christmas season arrives bringing joy and wonderment, we greet you, our dear friends and customers and your families. We especially want to extend to you a wealth of sincere wishes... a home that is happy and bright, good health, long life and prosperity. As we share with you in the many joys of the season may we express our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you for your loyal patronage.

Texas Electric Service Company

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Watch carefully and you may see Santa speeding our message your way for a happy holiday for you and yours. Thanks for your confidence and support.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Fowler

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1969

Stained Glass Sheds Radiance For Celebrations Of Holy Day

Biblical stories and personages come to life in a blaze of color. Light and color combine to create an ever-changing mosaic. From dawn to day to dark, patterns vary with the light. Designs seem to live and move as colors change in intensity.

While Christians around the world gather to celebrate the holy festival of Christmas, these dazzling effects add to the beauty and solemnity of the celebration, as stained glass windows shed their radiance throughout the churches large and small.

The art of creating stained glass windows is ancient — known in the ages before recorded history began, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana. Yet the windows themselves seem always new. As light plays upon the colors of the glass, the living beauty of the windows is constantly renewed and reborn. Appropriately, the age-old yet ever new story of the Nativity is a favorite subject for these windows. Through the cen-

turies, artist craftsmen have preserved the spirit of the first Christmas, in stained glass.

Thus for countless worshippers this Christmas, the light that shines through the stained glass windows of their churches illuminates the wonder of Christmas.

Why It Began

The "why" of using stained glass windows in churches—and secular buildings, too —

is simple and logical. Like all windows, they're intended to admit light and keep out wind and weather.

Colored glass helps in controlling both the amount and the quality of light admitted to buildings. And the combination of light and color forms patterns appealing and useful to the eye.

Traditionally, stained glass windows complement the architectural design of the

building where they appear.

Today's artists don't have to make their own glass, leads and pigments. That's one advantage they enjoy that was denied to the early artist craftsman.

But they do have to plan and work painstakingly, from the beginning of a scale drawing in precise colors through the development of actual-size paper patterns and on to such final steps as firing, glazing, and cementing.

for granted has a noble, even a distinguished history. It has consorted with governors and "head of state," as well as the common man, since America's early beginnings. It has even been served medicinally.

The American cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*) was used by the Indians when the colonists settled this country. The Indian word for cranberry, *Ibimi*, meant "bitter berry." The Colonists saw cranes feeding on this fruit,

which grew near water, and they called it crane berry, which in time became cranberry.

Indians made a paste out of the berries and ate it with their dried meat, which they had pounded into a pulp and mixed with hot grease. This pemmican, as they called it, was a highly concentrated food that could be carried for days without spoiling.

Indians also used cranberries as a poultice for blood poisoning. . . . They

taught the Colonists to eat the cranberries, and because they were so colorful, housewives strung them with popcorn to decorate Christmas trees.

A Revolutionary War veteran, Henry Hall, cleared a swamp and started cultivating cranberries back in 1816. Today there are many such farmers.

A Very Merry Christmas to our subscribers!

Lo . . . Even The Lowly Cranberry Has History

Delightfully tangy yet sweet, the cranberry lends a jolly, colorful note to Christmas . . . frequently helping it trim the tree.

Yet the berry we take so

The First Tree Electrically Lighted In U.S.

One of the most famous hotels that dot the California coast line is the luxurious Hotel Del Coronado in California.

Few people know that it is the birthplace of the first electrically - lighted living Christmas tree.

The event goes back to 1904, the gaslight era, when electric light were still an oddity. It was during that year on Christmas Eve that colored electric lights were strung on an evergreen tree

growing on the Coronado's lawn.

The occasion was so momentous that none other than Thomas Alva Edison, the father of the electric light, directed the placement and stringing of these first Christmas tree lights.

Every Christmas since that date, with the exception of World War II years when a blackout was imposed on the coastal region, that same evergreen is festooned with a multitude of gay Christmas lights to commemorate the occasion.

As a matter of fact, the lighting of that particular Christmas tree has become a festive Christmas tradition in Southern California, attracting hundreds of people

each year. The use of the fir tree as part of the tradition of Christmas dates all the way back to the 8th century, when Boniface, an English missionary, introduced the idea of a Christmas tree to the pagan Germans.

Martin Luther is said to have adorned the first Christmas tree with lighted candles eight centuries later, and German Prince Albert, consort to Queen Victoria, took the idea to Great Britain 300 years later.

Boniface suggested decorating the fir in honor of Christ to substitute for sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak. This came 400 years after the Christian church adopted

Dec. 25 as the time for cele-

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

A young Rector from the Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, Phipps Brooks was inspired by his ride on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem shortly before Christmas 1865, and wrote these words. The children of the Sunday School loved the poem and urged organist Lewis Redner to write music for it. Inspiration evaded Redner until Christmas Eve when the melody suddenly came to him. The new carol was played for the delighted children the very next morning.

Repeating Christmas. This date coincided with the Miracle of the birth of the sun and the Teutonic Yule feast.



GREETINGS

Allow us this moment, to send our sincere and hearty thanks and best wishes to all our friends and neighbors, whom we have served with pleasure and pride throughout the year. May the best of holidays be yours.

Currie's Little Store

EAST HIGHWAY 80



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa has a message for his reindeer . . . "Be quick, step lively, it's Christmas!" And because it's Christmas, we have a message for you, and for all our wonderful customers and friends. We'd like to wish you every joy of the season, with much thanks for the joy of serving you.

Western Production Credit Association

307 WEST ST. ANNA



Far to the East, a Star shone, and on that first Christmas Eve, its radiance beckoned the Magi to the Miracle of the Manger, there to worship and rejoice in the meaning of His message . . . "On earth peace, good will toward men." Wherever the wonder of Christmas shines today, may it hearten and inspire us, and may it light the way to peace and joy everlasting.

To friends and patrons, many thanks.

Eiland-Stallings Insurance Company

103 WEST ST. ANNA

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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Stitch And Chatter Club News

The annual Christmas party of the Stitch and Chatter Club was held December 4, in the home of Mrs. Oma Womack. Gift-giving and luncheon were highlights of the party.

Those present were: Bess Herrin, Mrs. Eddie Butler, Hattie Estes, Mrs. John Poe, Mrs. Edmund Morrow, Ruth Holloway, Mrs. Covie Allen, Mary Jane Smith, Mrs. Harry Hallisp, Mrs. Arthur Stallings, Lillie Harvard, and visitors Faye Forrest, and Mrs. R. D. Pollard, and the hostesses.

WRAPPED TREES

Christmas tree lots have opened in parts of Texas. Something has been added to several Christmas trees on lots already open in parts of Texas: packaged Christmas trees. Trees are placed in tubular plastic netting such as that used to package produce, says Gwendolyn Clayt, extension consumer marketing specialist. This holds all parts of the tree snug and makes it easier to handle and retain moisture.

TURKEY MEALS

"Planned-over" turkey is a boon to budget-minded homemakers who have heavy holiday food demands. Buy a lar-

ger bird than you need for the major meal Christmas, suggests Gwendolyn Clayt, extension consumer marketing specialist. Plan at least three other meals around turkey.

CANDIED SAVINGS

Price comparison on candied or glazed fruits indicate that large size package offer as much as 10 per cent savings, according to Gwendolyn Clayt, extension consumer marketing specialist. Plan your baking for the holiday season — then make a shopping list.

The Rotunda is the name of the circular room directly under the dome of the Capitol of the United States.

BIG INCREASE

Motor vehicle registrations in the United States increased by 4,009,000 during 1967. There was a total of 101,626,000 cars, trucks, buses, registered as of Jan. 1, 1968, compared to 97,527,000 a year earlier.

Pharmacologists are turning increasingly to the ocean as a source of new drugs. Marine algae produce antibiotics that inhibit the growth of terrestrial organisms. The octopus produces serotonin, a potent histamine releaser.

Bananas don't grow on trees but on plants with false stalks of tightly rolled leaves instead of woody tissue.

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 1/2 oz. package), 32 large marshmallows, flake 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.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LEGEND

Candles has long had a 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 first 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 an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Children's Task

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

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

An old verse reads:

"To learn your luck of 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 your throughout the year."

A
Very
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Christmas
To All Regular
Subscribers Of
The Stanton Reporter!

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IT'S A HOLIDAY

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

IN ARGENTINA

In Buenos Aires, a young priest has been teaching the catechism to the tune of Western music strummed on a guitar.

The use of the guitar for religious music was even a subject of interest at the Ecumenical Council in Rome.

"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.

Know What Toys To Buy For Certain Ages

The toy you give with joy in mind, may instead cause frustration, tears, even injury... unless you choose it to suit the child's stage of mental development.

So claims Dr. Emma Sheehy, professor emerita of child development at Teacher College, Columbia University.

"Play is the serious business of childhood," says the doctor, who heads the Toy Guidance Council's a dvisory committee. "The right toys at the right age level, are a child's tools of learning and play a major role in his development."

The first requisite for playing Santa Claus to the youngster on your gift list, is to double check their ages.

Toys For Infants

A baby puts everything in its mouth. Toys should be safe to suck, easily cleaned, and without loose parts that might be swallowed. He is developing his sense of touch, likes to feel different textures. Toys to squeeze, bite, shake, and hear.

One To Two

The toddler has gained control over his hands and fingers. He enjoys nests of blocks, simple take apart

toys, push and pulls, floor trains.

When the child has learned to walk, toys on wheels or rockers stimulate further muscular development. Shortly before the second birthday children develop a joy in rhythmic sounds. They like toy musical instruments and picture books with bright pictures.

This age group has gained proficiency in using muscles. The two-year-old will build a block tower and place pegs expertly in holes. He loves to screw and unscrew simple things; likes toys he can manipulate. The two-year-old usually prefers to play by himself, love to imitate grown-ups by using miniature housekeeping equipment, and doctor and nurse sets. Western costumes, rocking horses, and holsters have appeal at this age.

Girls love to put dolls to bed, shampoo doll hair, and put doll clothes on and off. Wheel toys are popular.

Four To Six

Interest in playing together begins. Simple game are popular. Kitchen equipment, furniture and miniature tools have great appeal. Creative play activities are of interest such as finger paint, crayons,

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

A comparison of Biblical references with archaeological and historical researches, discloses that Christ was probably born before 4 B. C. — other words, the present year is not of the Christian era, but at least 1932.

Date For Taxes

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

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



May
your

Christmas be richly filled with the spiritual blessings that come as our thoughts turn to a Holy Night when herald angels sang in triumphant joy, and a Star shown with radiance that endures eternally

May you find, in the miracle of the manger, a deep Christmas happiness and contentment that surpasses all others.

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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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Merry Christmas

When Santa unloads his gift-laden pack

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at your home, we know that you'll find

our many good wishes tucked into your every happy treasure!

Tho' we can't personally greet each of you at this time — we

extend to all of our friends this warm-hearted wish that your

Christmas Holiday will bless you with all of life's good things!

Hicks Auto Supply, Inc.

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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Holiday Desserts Feature Walnuts In New Recipes

Sure as there was an orange in the top of your grandmother's Christmas stocking, a handful of walnuts were — and still are — as traditional to the holiday season as holly wreaths.

But the walnuts we use are a far cry from the ones grandmother cracked — and probably even less like the ones grown in ancient Persia where they were reserved for the royal table.

Walnuts have a long and glamorous history. Sometimes not so glamorous, maybe an English herb specialist writing in 1551 recommended walnuts for "The buyings both of men and doggies."

They were first grown in the Middle East, and were gradually carried to Greece, Rome and the Mediterranean

countries. Today, most of our walnuts come from California where they were first planted by Spanish missionaries. About 140 million pounds are produced annually.

A bowl of walnuts with a nut-cracker beside it on the table still reflects the friendly warmth of the holiday hospitality. And another pleasant custom that has come down to us is that of small packages of goodies to give a favorite neighbor or relative.

The holidays are a time of special desserts as well.

Christmas Walnut Roll

1 1/4 cups chopped walnuts
1 cup small-sized marshmallows cut in half
1/4 cup red and green maraschino cherries, quartered

1 cup dates, sliced
1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
1/2 cup orange juice
whipped cream
walnut halves

Combine all ingredients except whipped cream. Turn out on a large sheet of aluminum foil. Shape into the size of roll desired. Wrap in foil and chill overnight. Cut into slices to serve. Mixture is rich. Small portions are suggested.

Top each slice with fluff of whipped cream; decorate with walnut halves. Makes eight to 12 servings, depending upon size of roll, and portions preferred.

Tiny Tim Apples

1 cup (7 1/2 oz. package)

pitted dates
1 cup seedless raisins
8 oz. dried figs
1 cup walnuts
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1 tsp. orange juice

Put fruits, walnuts and grated orange rind through food chopper, using coarse blade. Add juice and knead until well blended. Shape into "apples" about 1 inch thick. Roll some in finely chopped walnuts, some in powdered sugar. Insert whole cloves for "stems" and citron pieces for "leaves."

No-Bake Walnut Balls

Mix together 2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs, 1/2 cup granulated sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries, 1 cup chopped walnuts. Add 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk, form in balls. Roll in sugar and trim with walnut halves.

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 to 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 it hung was magically protected against witchcraft. One Christian source likened mistletoe to a link between

heaven and earth since it grows without touching the ground.

Mistletoe 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 young and old to stretch out their arms and embrace in the Spirit of Christmas.

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.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR SUBSCRIBERS, MERCHANTS, AND FRIENDS!

SNOW REMOVER

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

LIGHTING CANDLES

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles

Christmas Date Set Officially In 4th Century

This history of the Christmas observance is one that his 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 "Christes Masses," or the Mass of Christ, following the custom of the church in observing the anniversaries of death, rather than births.

It was not until St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, set out to affirm one day for a universal observance of Christ's Mass, was changed from its previous celebration in the spring as we now observe East-

ter. 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.

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

The staff of The Stanton Reporter want to thank every subscriber and the merchants for their business during the past year!

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 pound (can whole cranberry sauce)
Wash chicken and pat dry. Cut toast slices in half, dia-

tionally. 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. Cover and bake in a hot oven (400 F.) for 30 minutes. Uncover, bake 15 minutes. Spread cranberry sauce over chicken, bake another 10 minutes. Will serve 12.

Christmas Much More Than Tinsel And Toys . . .

Getting ready for Christmas can be a hectic and busy affair. Is it any wonder, then, that oft-times the true meaning of Christmas is lost completely . . . buried under the tinsel, tissue paper, and turmoil.

This year, why not try to make your holidays different by going back to the fundamental reason for Christmas: to celebrate the birthday of the Infant Jesus, who came down to earth to save men's souls, why not think of Him this year and plan your celebration to include family worship and attendance at church.

And if you have children, there is no present you could give them more lasting and vital, than to resolve to offer them the gift of faith this year.

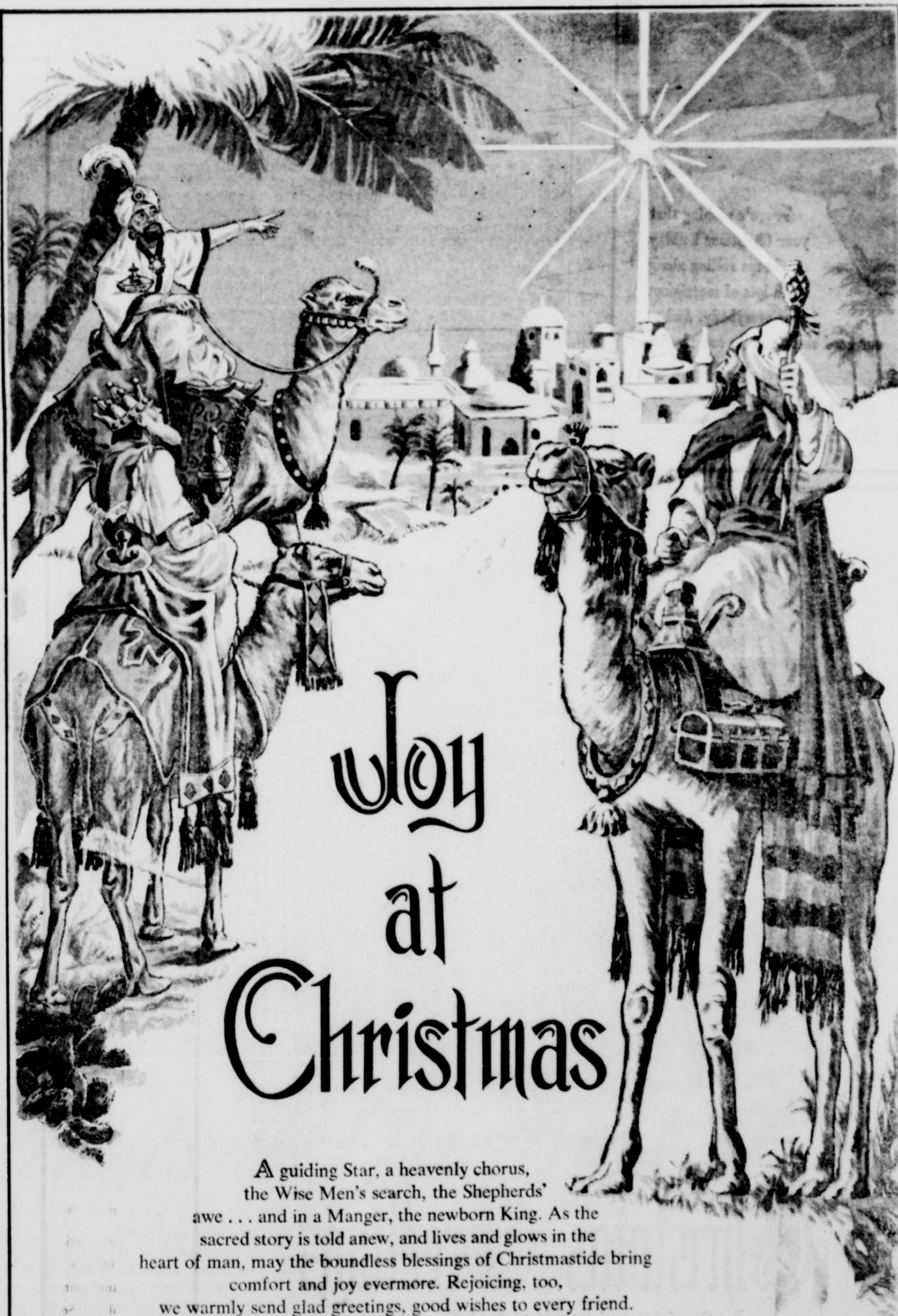
Start by pointing out to the family that Christmas began as a religious feast. It is literally Christ's mass, when all the Christian world celebrates the birth of the Saviour in the stable at Bethlehem. You see, one of the beautifully illustrated children's books about the Infant Jesus and read it aloud to the family. It's a story that one never grows tired of hearing. You might tell the children, that

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.

In the same way that the Magi brought gifts and adored the Lord, you will go to church and bestow your gifts of prayers and hymns at His Christmas.



Joy at Christmas

A guiding Star, a heavenly chorus, the Wise Men's search, the Shepherds' awe . . . and in a Manger, the newborn King. As the sacred story is told anew, and lives and glows in the heart of man, may the boundless blessings of Christmastide bring comfort and joy evermore. Rejoicing, too, we warmly send glad greetings, good wishes to every friend.

White Motor Co.

201 EAST ST. ANNA

GREETINGS

At this festive time of year it is our tradition to express the gratitude we feel for the privilege of serving our fine customers and friends.

**O. C. Turner's
Texaco Station**

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Celebration Of Christmas Was Once Illegal In U. S.

Celebration of Christmas — the most widely observed religious holiday of the modern world — was at one time illegal in early American history. Colonial New England did not celebrate Christmas according to researches at Compton's pictured encyclopedia, because the stern Puritan colonists believed that such activities were wholly pagan and forbade them by law. Christmas came to the American colonies while it was the subject of strenuous controversy in England. English Puritans condemned it a "popish" and the secular celebration as a "wanton Bacchanalian feast."

Opposition of the English Puritans to festivals culminated in an act of Parliament in 1657 which abolished the observance of Christmas, Easter and Whitsunide. This was echoed in the American colonies in 1659 when Puritans enacted a law in the general court of Massachusetts to punish those who "kept Christmas."

The law read "Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting, on in any other way, shall be subject to a fine of five shillings."

The law was repealed in 1681 but any of the Puritans were not reconciled to this action. Secular reveling at Christmas had often interferred with religious devotions and offended the Puritan's moral sense. This intensified their sectarian hostility to the religious observance of Christmas — an attitude they maintained for the better part of two centuries in parts of New England.

The fun-loving Dutch colonists of New Amsterdam, however, celebrated Christmas as their chief holiday. They brought the old customs from their homeland, especially the Christmas stockings and observance of the feast day of St. Nicholas.

In the Southern colonies, the planters celebrated the festival with feasting, singing, and dancing. On many plantations slaves were given a holiday as long as the great yule log burned.

The latter half of the eighteenth century saw a swing to attention of the realm of economics and politics and religious controversies because of less importance. The fact that English and Hessian troops celebrated Christmas during the Revolutionary War may have added a patriotic note to the denominational controversy.

General Washington crossed the Delaware River on the night of December 25, 1776, to surprise and defeat the Hessian troops stationed at Trenton, N. J. In the opinion of one writer, Washington's bold venture succeeded because the Hessians were enjoying their customary Christmas revels and failed to maintain the usual watch and vigils.

Christmas Brings Comfort To Group Of Pioneer Folk

Even when Christmas wasn't merry history shows that the holy holiday has brought comfort and hope into the midst of sorrow and hardship.

Such was an early Christmas in the New World, observed in 1535 at a small fortress on the banks of the St. Charles River near what is now the City of Quebec, Canada.

Jacques Cartier, French explorer, and his band of 110 settlers, were beset by cold and hunger, as well as fear of the nearby Indians, whose friendly attitude seemed to have changed. More than half the members of the colony suffered from scurvy. Bravely, the men celebrated Christmas, Mass was said in a log cabin, at an altar made from a wooden table; evergreen branches decorated the walls; carols were sung and the best of the meager food supplies were used for a "feast."

TALLEST TREE
Tallest Christmas tree? In the U. S., the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind., "tree" — the Soldier and Sailor Monument. At Christmas the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

In the twentieth century, all denominations have embraced Christmas widely both as a religious and as a social celebration. Today, men, women and children in every Christian land crowd into churches to give their thanks. More than one fourth of the world's population — about 300 million people profess some form of Christian faith.

The splendor and beauty of Christmas observances is very different from the humble stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born; but the message He brought to the world is the same — "Glory be to God in the highest; and on this earth, good will to all men."

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-denial in God, the spirit of self-sacrifice. When they saw God give up His only and well-beloved Son, possibly with the fore-knowledge 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 on 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 you Christmas to all — Neal Estes.

Yule Log Ceremony Scandinavian

One of the most warm and glowing ceremonies of Christmas is the log ceremony, which is of Scandinavian origin.

In ancient times, mammoth logs, often with roots attached, were used for the solstice (the name by which the celebration is known.) They were blessed and burned with a prayer that they would forever bring light, warmth and comfort to them. The ritual seems to have been associated with the legendary Tree of the Universe, a giant tree of Norse mythology whose roots united earth, heaven and hell.

The custom was brought to England by the men of the North, and eventually yule log became an emblem of Christmas cheer. In olden days, the log was selected months ahead so that would have time to cure. The largest log available was used, its size limited only by the measurement of the fireplace. It usually required the entire household to drag it in.

Quite often it was studded with greenery. In some lands, today, the log is decorated with flowers and wreaths and scented with wine before it is put in the fireplace and set ablaze. It was said that this also routed any ghosts in the vicinity. While the log is burning, it must be watched carefully to see that it does not burn out during the Christmas season. For if it is kept aglow, you are assured of good luck. However, a small part of it must be kept from burning, and this must be guarded well throughout the year, so that it can be used to start the fire the following year.

In many places the ashes of the log are considered to have magical powers of fertility when scattered over the farm land. For this reason the farmers keep the ashes in a safe place and toss them onto their land on New Year's Day. Thus, according to the belief, they are assured of a fine crop that comes in the summer.

According to custom, the solstice is accompanied by singing of Christmas carols and then is followed by feasting. The feast is quite elaborate and the days of making preparations. There are many tempting dishes and berries, which are prepared just once a year, especially for this momentous occasion.

"SINGING NATION"
The Welsh people are called the "singing nation" because it is so natural for them to sing as if it is for most people.

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Happy Holiday Front Door Fun To Make

You can create a "happy holiday" front door with a little imagination and weather-proof oil cloth.

For example, cross wide red bands against a white door to give a "gift package" effect. Or shape self-adhering oil cloth in bows, and decorate them with sprigs of holly.

Remember to wash the door with hot soap or detergent suds before you decorate, as not even the most artistic design can enhance a dirty surface. And wash the door again later to erase all traces of holiday decoration.

For many, many centuries — brightly burning candles have been an important part of the Christmas observance. And, in days of yore — the wicker candles held a mystic significance — it was believed that if the candles burned bright and clear throughout the Christmas season, then the coming year was sure to be lucky and happy.

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GREETINGS to ALL

Here's wishing that your Christmas holiday keeps rolling along with lots of merriment for everybody. And to our good customers go our thanks.

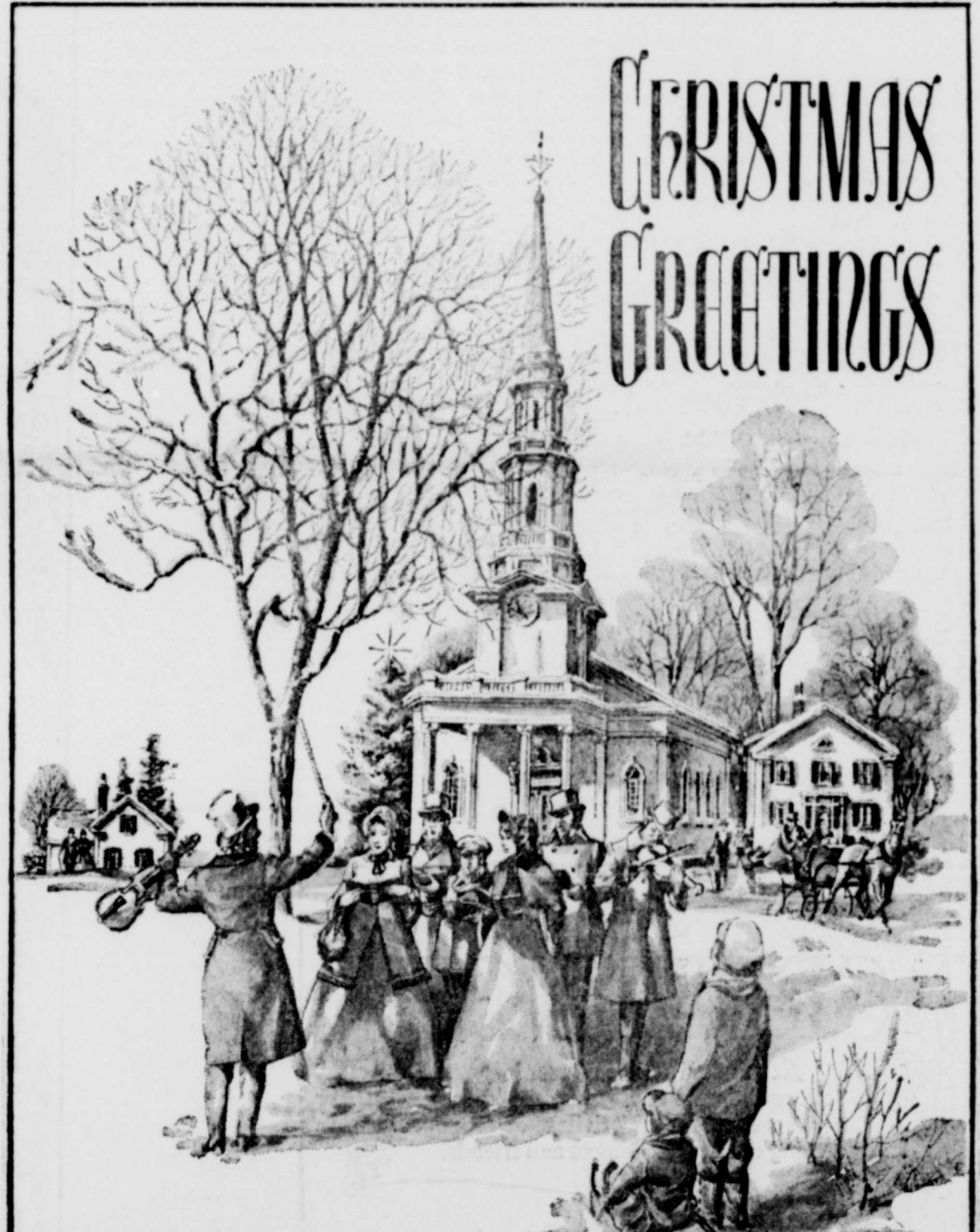
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JOE ORTEZ, Manager



Christmas Greetings

As the sights and sounds of the holiday season are upon us once again, may we wish all of you a happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your very loyal friendship.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It's time to gather together with family and friends to sing a song of holiday cheer and to celebrate with reverence and joy, the many blessings of this glorious season. In the glad spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas we send your way warm and hearty wishes for every happiness shared with loved ones. Thank you, sincerely, for your patronage and good will.

Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

In Holiday Mood, Carols Tell Story Of Reverence And Joy

"O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye
to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels!"
"Adeste Fideles" or "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night," or "White Christmas" — across the years, hymns, carols and songs have been mankind's way of expressing the joy of Christmas.

From simple melodies sung in the family circle to the majesty of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," music and song seem to be the natural way to celebrate Christmas.

Singing First Carol

Singing of the first Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi and his followers, in the 13th century. St. Francis arranged a Nativity scene and led the singing of songs of praise to the Christ Child.

About Many Things

Subjects and themes for early carols were many and varied. English people sang of the holly and the ivy and the wassail bowl. More religious in theme were the English songs traditionally sung between scenes of mystery and miracle plays. In Germany, France, and

Belgium, the visit of the Magi was a popular theme for carols. Other carols told stories from the Bible, or legends from nature.

Luther Led Way

From the 15th to the 18th century, Christmas music found a particularly eager audience in Germany. Martin Luther, who believed music was a form of worship, helped to encourage the composition and performance of Christmas hymns.

Luther himself wrote the words for "Away in a Manger," and the music for "Unto Us a Boy Is Born," and "Good News from Heaven." Grouped into a choir, his children sang these songs.

Christmas Outlawed

The joyous songs of Christmas fell upon hard times in 17th century England. An act of Parliament, in 1644, forbade the observance of Christmas as a feast day.

Long after the custom of Christmas was revived, the art of carol singing languished.

A happy change occurred when, in 1719, Dr. Isaac Watts wrote and introduced to his congregation the carol, "Joy to the World." This was the forerunner of modern Christmas carols.

For Concert Halls

Christmas music for the concert hall began to be created after the Reformation.

Italy introduced the Christmas concerto, during the 17th and 18th centuries. Corelli's "Christmas Concerto," if perhaps the best known of this kind of Christmas music.

In Puritan England, the oratorio became a popular form of music, thought to represent the righteousness in man. Handel's "Messiah" was performed and admired for this expression of pious sentiment, with little consideration for its relationship to the story of the Nativity.

It was not until about 1900 that "The Messiah" began to be performed primarily at Christmas time.

Washington's Christmas

The time was Christmas night. The year was 1776. The place was near the Delaware River. Some 2,400 tattered and bleeding men stood silently about, uncomplaining.

This Christmas night was a crucial moment for a new republic which yet had to gain its freedom. But the course was charted by a great leader and a great American president, George Washington. His words of inspiration remain to this day: "This is it, gentlemen—victory or death. That is our only watchword."

And victory it was. Fired by the courage and inspiration of the man who became known as "the father of his country," a tattered band of patriots crossed the dangerous river of ice and marched to Trenton where they surprised and humbled the Hessian mercenaries and recored a great Christmas story in the pages of American history.

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 the red leaves, but the small yellow flowers clustered in the center.

The followers of Christ first received the name "Christians" at Antioch, Syria. One of the first Christian communities outside Palestine grew up there.

STAR SINGING

As they go from house to house carol singers may be aided by the rays of an electric lantern or a flashlight. This reflects an old custom known as Star singing.

Early carolers in Europe used to make their rounds, carrying a large, lighted star, representing the Star of Bethlehem. Later the star was replaced by lanterns and torches.

★ ANGLES SING

With this carol, the words came first. They were written in 1738 by Charles Wesley, brother of the founder of the Methodist Church. Then, one hundred and one years later, the melody appeared in a Cantata by Felix Mendelssohn, and then, still fifteen years later, the words and music were joined by Dr. W. H. Cummings, then organist of Waltham Abbey in England, and presented for the first time on Christmas Day, 1855.

The name "Christ" comes from the Greek word for "Messiah."

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About Mistletoe

There's more to mistletoe than the excuse to invite a kiss from a pretty girl.

The white barbed plant actually is a parasite, often killing off trees that play it host. In recent years Australian foresters resorted to flamethrowers to kill off the plant in some wooded areas. The popular promoter of Yuletide romance has a bad habit of sapping the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

The mistletoe does serve one useful function in the outdoors, however, as it provides a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins, and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries,

the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree — young branches or buds — and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves of the guest plant.

Thus the mistletoe plays dual characters and at least according to one superstition, can change from one character to another in the twinkling of an eye. For instance, if the Yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemass Eve (February 1), each leaf will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

Buy your Christmas tree early, suggests Extension Forestry Specialist Bill Smith, so you can select a reasonably fresh tree. Check for needle shedding and brittleness as a sign that the tree has become too dry and thus a fire hazard. Store the tree outdoors in the shade until ready for use.

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.

Science Toys Big Favorites For Christmas

Science has given a new glamour to the Christmas toy output for this year. Science toys provide education as well as new types of play activity for girls as well as boys.

Models of missiles and nuclear submarines are accompanied by manuals explaining the operation of real missiles and submarines.

Other new toys are patterned after old inventions which have extreme importance today. These include the electric light, the telephone and the first steam turbine engine among others.

For youngsters who might become highway engineers there is a road-building set featuring a miniature mobile crane.

Also available is an air-lift truck that raises itself off the truck chassis to load and unload aircraft. New among electric trains is one with cars that toss out bales of hay.

More outdoor sports have been adapted for indoor use in this year's Christmas toys. The Olympic games are included among these.

Many U. S. Towns Have Names Which Relate To Christmas

Scattered here and there about the United States are numerous towns and cities whose name reflects the Christmas idea in one way or another.

Best known, of course, the towns of Santa Claus, Indiana, Bethlehem, Conn., and Christmas, Fla., whose post offices each year handle floods of mail from senders wishing to brighten their packages with Yuletide postmarks.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town with exclusive rights to its Yuletide postmark, although there is a Santa, Idaho. The privilege of the exclusive Santa Claus postmark is reserved to the Indiana post office by congressional act. There is only one Christmas, the one in Florida, although Maine boasts a Christmas Cove.

Six Bethlehems

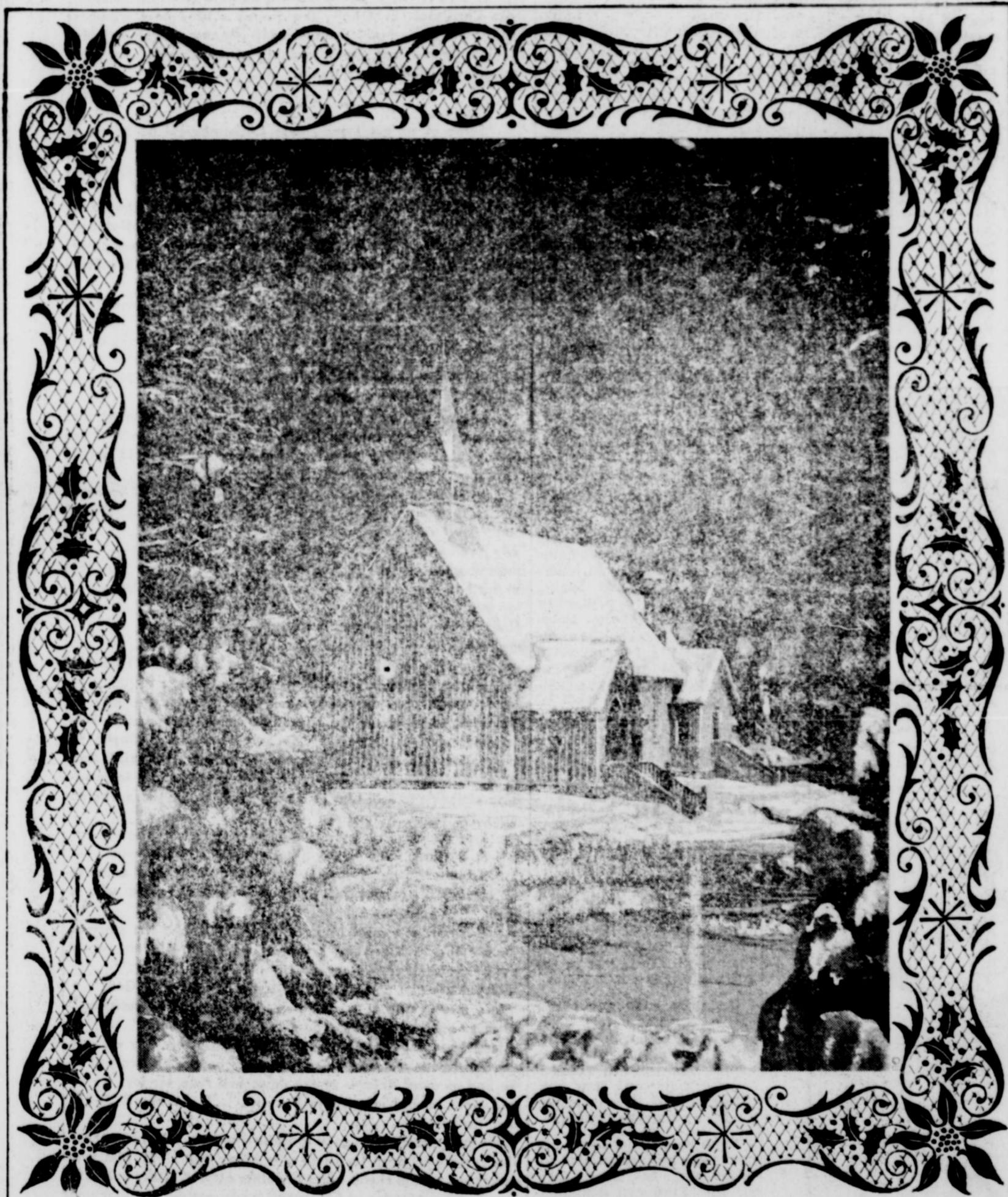
Bethlehem, Conn. has plenty of competition, however, as there are six other Bethlehems — in Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Maryland, and New Hampshire.

There are two Noels, one in Virginia, and one in Missouri. Looking elsewhere about the country, one can find numberless towns and cities with names which call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is an Advent, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary, and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

★ A Wiseman

One Wiseman is found in Arkansas and another in Alaska, and it is reasonable to assume that another may be found in Wisemantown, Ky. West Virginia contributes Goodwill. Missouri boasts of Peace Valley, and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.

For the Christmas party Turkey is available in four states, Cranberry in three. In the decorative theme, one can find an Evergreen in six states, a pine in seven, a Holly in three, Trees in Louisiana, and finally, Mistletoe in Kentucky.



Christmas Greetings

We sincerely hope that you, Martin County residents, will accept our thoughts of friendship, our thanks for your continued readership, and our wishes of health and happiness, peace and contentment for you and your family. We shall continue to strive to merit your faith and trust, by continuing to carry the light of knowledge, and report accurately all the happenings, both local and national.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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Yule Cards Feature Peace Theme For 1969 Christmas

"Peace on Earth . . ." the angels sang two thousand years ago to herald the birth of the Christ Child.

The peace theme speaks out just as strongly today in the 1969 Christmas cards, as a world is torn over the war in Vietnam and the conflict in the Mideast.

"Probably no single Christmas card design and message idea has ever taken on more importance than the plea for peace," says the National Association of Greeting Card Publishers. "Many of these cards simply use the word 'peace' rendered in countless different ways as the main design of the card.

"Some continue the peace theme in the message they convey such as, 'May the year ahead be the best, a year of peace, happiness, good health and good fortune.'"

On other cards, the words "love" and "peace" are used interchangeably. And some cards go into more detail, like the one that tells the recipient — "hoped for, strived for, still pursued and uppermost in the mind, the age-old wish for Peace on Earth, Goodwill to all mankind." Other cards introduce the plea for peace in many languages.

"This peace motif really blossomed," said Steven Shannon, executive director of the association, who goes through some 40 major manufacturers' collections each season.

"Peace is the word this year," says the American Ar-

tist Group, Inc., whose designs feature works of contemporary painters.

Whatever their selections, Americans will send cards by the billions this Yule, and estimated three billion of them, Shannon said, or half of the total greeting cards purchased all year.

Shannon says it is difficult to pinpoint how much the Christmas cards will cost, but certainly the public is spending more for each card, or "upgrading" quality of selections.

The artists' group however, makes a price estimate — "over \$1 billion." In 1968, by contrast, we spent \$88 million.

The message in many cards this year continues the religious motif, ever a favorite theme. As always, the association says the Madonna and Child are by far the favorite subject. Depictions of the Madonna include reproductions of the great paintings by Michelangelo, Van Dyck, Correggio, and others, plus modern interpretations. Also in the religious category are the journey to Bethlehem, the Adoration of the Shepherds, the activity, and the Wise Men.

This year, some cards show an adult Christ, Shannon added — a bearded young man. And scenes of the Last Supper, traditional of Easter, are showing in the Christmas collections.

For adults or children, there are the usual Santas and reindeer, toy packs, electric trains, and the like.

And a good deal of whimsy has crept into designs. Or is it more truth than fantasy when one card's message is "My, how time flies. It seems like only yesterday when I took down the mistletoe." Look inside the message finishes "Come to think of it, it WAS only yesterday."

First Yule Card Designed In 1843

It was the "Golden Age of Christmas." The personal exchange of good wishes, visiting home to toast a friend's good health, carol-singing, bringing in the Yule log and great family dinners were all in vogue.

A new book was published that year. It told of Christmas goose and plum pudding, of happy family parties. It presented, and made immortal, Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, and Tiny Tim. The book was Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," and the year was 1843.

Appropriately, during this "Golden Age of Christmas," the now universally-popular custom of sending Christmas greeting cards began.

The very first card, authorities now agree, is the celebrated Cole-Horsely, designed and printed in London in 1843. Only a dozen of the original 1,000 copies are known to exist, and two of these, including the only unsigned and unposted specimen, are part of the Hallmark Historical Collection.

When not on display in museums and similar institutions, the collection is filed in a specially constructed vault at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Mo.

Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman, and founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum, asked his friend, John C. Horsely, noted artist and member of the Royal Academy, to design the now-famous card as an unusual means of expressing his kind wishes to friends at the holiday season.

Origin Of Carol Is Lost

We probably never will know the story behind the carol which — according to statistically-minded 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."

From 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.

There are at least 40 English versions of the words, but the best known is that by Frederick Oakley:

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye,
to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.
Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven
above,
Glory to God,
In the highest,
O come, let us adore Him,
etc.

The Meaning Of Christmas

By The Rev. Smith L. Lalin

Christmas is the time when . . . We make approximately 75 per cent of our yearly profits. The time roughly between Thanksgiving and Christmas is our busiest season in the store. Easter is busy, too, but nothing like Christmas.

—a retail merchant

My wife and I think mostly about the kids. We had lots of fun when we were growing up, and we want our kids to have fun, too. Sure, we may go a little overboard on toys and sort of thing, but what the heck, Christmas is for kids isn't it?

—a young father

We really go all out on music. Last year we hired a brass quartet to accompany the boy's choir. The congregation really loved it. The only trouble is that this year we'll have to come up with something even better or they'll think we are slipping.

—a church organist

People think they are celebrating an historical event. But they really aren't, you know. No one knows the exact date of Jesus' birth. The primitive church didn't even celebrate Christmas. Eventually the church settled on December 25th as a way to baptize an already popular, pagan holiday to celebrate the fact that the depth of winter was over and days were getting longer again.

—a historian

Some of us get leave. Next Christmas I'll be home, I hope. It's a time when everybody should be home.

—a serviceman overseas

I get tired. The kids on vacation. I have a thousand and one things to do — 500 cards to address, half-dozen parties to go to, gifts for the children and Bob, a dinner party for Bob's boss and his snooty wife, get the tree and decorate it.

—a suburban housewife

People at Christmas time are kind of funny, kind of sad, kind of lonesome. Some are really happy no matter what reasons. Are these people really facing up to what Christmas is really all about? I wonder.

I have a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible on my desk, and so I opened it and began to look through it, remembering what these people had said about Christmas. Here are some of passages I found.

I found an expression of the wonder and humility of a mother expecting her first child, but a child unlike other: And Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all
generations will call me blessed:
For he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name. . . ." (Luke 1:46-49)

I found the simple, moving story of Christ's birth: "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

And further on I found the joyous message of the the angels to the shepherds on the hillside outside Bethlehem: ". . . I bring to you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you born this day . . . A Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

But perhaps, most important of all I found the story of Christ's life, a life which changed the history of the world and of the relationships between men. He said:

"Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."
"Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied."
"Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh."
"Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast your name as evil on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in the days, and leap for joy, for he hold, your reward is great in heaven. . . ." (Luke 6:20-23)

And further on:
"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also. . ." (Luke 6:27-29)

For the message of Christmas is not just the familiar and beautiful story of the birth of Christ and of its meaning for mankind. Christmas is the time when we remember the promise fulfilled by the Man who was born on Christmas. The people I have quoted — people not unlike many of us — have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas because they have forgotten the promise of Christmas.

The truth of Christmas and the renewal of our belief in the real message of Christmas lies both in our understanding of the simple and at the same time awesome fact of Christ's birth and in our realization of the intimate and immediate way the fulfilled life of Christ touched and touches our lives.

New Plants From Old—Leg-
gy and unattractive houseplants can become the source of new plants for the home and out-of-door plantings. Everett Janne, extension landscape horticulturist, suggests they be used as a source of cuttings for new plants. Cuttings can easily be rooted during the winter season. Local county extension agents can supply details on equipment and rooting methods.

CHRISTMAS IS NEAR
Strangers begin to smile and speak to you on the street. Someone offers to help Mom with the dishes. Children never fail to say "Sir" and "Ma'am." The bus driver sees you running — and waits an extra minute. You find yourself feeling fine and looking at the world through rose colored glasses.

Decorating The Tree

Many ancient legends associate trees with Christmas. One is that on the first Holy Night, all the trees of the forest blossomed and bore fruit.

The idea of adorning the Christmas tree with ornaments may have started with an attempt to create the effect of snow on the branches. Strings of popcorn and tufts of cotton were used.

Lighting The Tree

Martin Luther started the custom of lighting the tree, legend says.

To symbolize stars glowing forth on a snow-filled winter's night, he placed lighted candles on his family's traditional Christmas tree.

Burning The Log

Today's fireplaces, though smaller in scale than those of yesteryear, symbolize at Christmas the age-old custom of burning the log.

The Yule log was adapted to Christmas celebrations from the Scandinavian practice of building huge bonfires at the winter solstice. Fire represented the spring sun, soon return.

Hanging Stockings

St. Nicholas, so legend says, secretly gave gifts of gold for the dowries of non-spinners. He tossed the gold down a chimney on Christmas Eve, and on one occasion, the gift landed in a stocking hung by the fireplace to dry.

A tangerine or orange in the toe of a stocking has come to be symbolic of the gifts of gold.

ABOUT GREENS

Many Christmas greens used today were once pagan symbols. Flowers and leafy bouquets were used in Roman rites. The Saxons used holly, ivy, and bay in their religious observances.

HANGING MISTLETOE

Hanging mistletoe in the home is a tradition which originated with Druid priests. These ancients believed the plant was a sign of peace and hope.

Singing First Carol

Singing of the first Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi and his followers, in the 13th century.



CHRISTMAS

MAY EVERY JOY AND BLESSING BE YOURS!

... A Child is born. And with His coming was born a spirit of love and joy which has lived for generations in the hearts of all mankind. Happily do we recall that spirit as we extend Season's Greetings. Thank you for your patronage and good will.

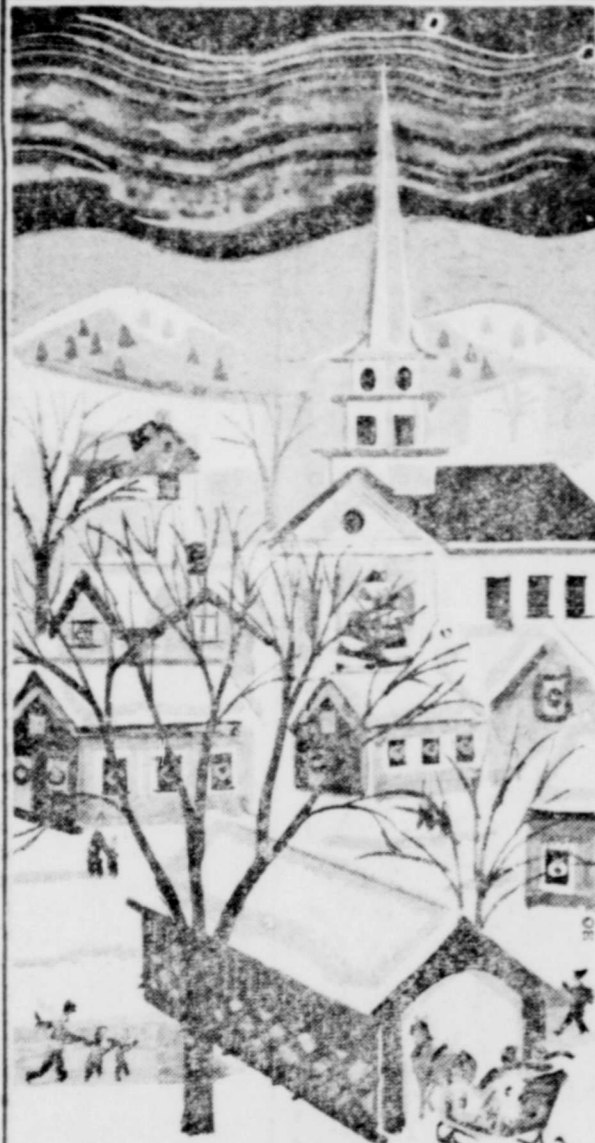
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Let us add our voices to those of the young carolers here, as we wish each and every one of you the very best of the Christmas season — all the merriment it holds. And may we extend grateful thanks.

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