

# O'Donnell Index-Press

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## Grade School To Have Christmas Play 20th

On Thursday night at 8 p. m. at the School Auditorium the Music Department of the O'Donnell Grade School assisted by teachers of these grades will depict four episodes in the Nativity Story from the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke with appropriate carols preceding each scene. About 150 children will take part in the program. All parents, patrons and friends are cordially invited and are urged to attend.

## METHODIST CHILDREN TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Children Division of the Methodist church will have a program and tree at the church Friday night at 7:30 p. m. Parents and friends are invited.

## Service Guild Has Christmas Program

The Wesleyan Service Guild met for the Christmas program Thursday with Mrs Wilbur Line as hostess. After a brief business meeting, a Christmas story was read and Christmas songs were sung. The members brought gifts which were exchanged and enjoyed by all.

There are several ladies who are gainfully employed who would be sure to enjoy these meetings. The Club urges you to be present for our next meeting when the study course will begin.

## Class Enjoys Christmas Supper

The Martha Class of the First Methodist church met in the Fellowship hall Dec. 14th for their Christmas party and supper. About fifty guests were present to enjoy a buffet spread of baked ham, green beans and peas, corn, salad, pie and coffee. The four tables which formed the room were laid with a white cloth and decorated with a beautiful oblong centerpiece, long, red, orange and red and white candlesticks each table. Mrs. V. Cobb made the attractive place settings. After exchanging gifts every guest enjoyed a sing song of Christmas carols. Although our guests in numbers didn't arrive, thanks to the teacher, class president, Rev. Mrs. Dale and others who help prepare our program at the minute. Mrs. Spraberry brought the devotional and Mrs. Dale a very interesting Christmas message.

Mr and Mrs Alvin McMillan will have their family home for the Christmas dinner and tree. The Lester Parker family observed Christmas Sunday with all the children home. The event was held early as their son, L. D. had to return to camp Monday.

Mr and Mrs Ed Goddard and Mr and Mrs Shack Blocker visited the Goddard's daughter and family at Midland Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Floyd H Williams of Lubbock had their children home for Christmas dinner Sunday. Mr and Mrs Floyd Williams, Jr., Mrs Betty Jackson and Mr and Mrs Jim Williams and son, all of here.

Sunday guests of Miss Myra Brooks were her parents of Tokio and her brother of Farmington, N. M.

Mrs H. C. Warren has returned home after a visit with her mother in Cisco. Mr and Mrs Olin Davis spent the week end with her.

Mr and Mrs P. W. Watson and girls of Lamesa visited the R. O. and J. H. Lane families Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Ken Morrison and children of Big Spring visited Mr and Mrs Glenn Gibson Sunday.

Miss Mabel Harris, a teacher in the Stanton schools, was home for week end visiting her brother and family. Mr and Mrs Otis Harris.

Mr and Mrs D. A. Richardson and children of Seminole visited Mr and Mrs Ed James over the week end.

Misses Daphne Telchik and Carolyn Middleton, who are attending ACC at Abilene, arrived home Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Mr and Mrs Godbehare and Mrs Oma Blair spent Sunday in Big Spring.

Billy Lane of Tech spent the week end at home.

Mrs Emma McKenzie is visiting her daughter and family Mr and Mrs F. M. Page, The Pagés visited Mr and Mrs Clifton Buchanan at Bennett, N. M. last week.

Ellis Hale and son of Lamesa and David Hale and son of Sweetwater visited Mr and Mrs Norman Shaw Sunday.

R. E. Hargis, David Thompson, Albert Davis, M. A. Bowles and C. W. Holcomb attended the Lubbock and Baytown game at Dallas Saturday.

George Taylor, Jr. of Kentucky is visiting his father and relatives for the holidays. He will return this week end.

Mrs J. R. Singleton of Tahoka visited Mrs Hal Singleton Sr over the week end.

Mr and Mrs Jay Singleton were recent visitors to Tulsa and Anadarko, Okla.

Rev. and Mrs W. B. Taylor and family spent Thursday night with Mr and Mrs Lloyd Shoemaker.

Mr and Mrs C. I. Morris, Jr. and James of Big Spring visited their father C. I. Morris Sr to celebrate their father's birthday Sunday.

## 1951 Eagle Basketball Squads

Photo By W. D. Parker



## Mrs Harlan Austin Is Claimed At Hobbs

Mrs Idell Austin, age 43, passed away at her home at Hobbs at 12:40 a. m. last Wednesday. Mrs Austin had been ill for several months. She had been a resident of Hobbs for 17 years. Her husband, Harlan Austin is a building contractor at that city.

Survivors are her husband, two daughters, Mrs R. D. Granath of Hobbs, and Mrs Earle R. Britton of Long Island, N. Y., her mother, Mrs W. H. Harris of O'Donnell, a sister, Mrs Haskell Davis of Elida, three brothers, Dick Harris of O'Donnell, W. L. Harris of Lubbock and Max Harris of Lamesa and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held the following day at 2 p. m. in the Hobbs Church of Christ. Mr. G. B. Bishop, an O'Donnell minister, officiated. Burial followed in the Prairie Haven cemetery of Hobbs. Mrs Austin was well known and admired by all of the O'Donnell community having grown to young womanhood here. To the loved ones the Index joins with the Community in sympathy to the loved ones.

Among the local friends attending the last rites were Mesdames Ellis Tredway, Roy D. Smith, Burn et al., Tom Landers, H. B. Smith, B. Foreman, Mr and Mrs Earl Gillespie, J. J. Hodnett and Mr and Mrs Truett Hodnett.

## MISS PYRON WEDS

R. C. Baker and Miss Bobbie Ruth Pyron were wed here Dec. 13 by Rev. Seay, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Charlie Pyron of here and Mr. Baker is employed by an oil company at Big Spring. The couple will make their home at Falfurrias.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Schoolee attended a wedding of a friend at Odessa over the week end.

Mrs Joe Lehman and children are leaving Sunday for a visit with her parents at Dallas.

R. W. Gary and son Pat attended the funeral of Mr. Gary's brother at Henderson Saturday. Our sympathy.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs Lydia Hancock were Mesdames Shaw and Abernathy.

Mr and Mrs Bill McMillan were in Gorman last week to attend the funeral of her father. Our sympathy.

Mrs Lois Coston and Mrs A. R. Butler of Big Spring were guests of Mr and Mrs E. C. Pace over the week end; also visiting was A. S. Westbrook of Lubbock.

Mrs Ruth Schoolee visited her parents at Seagraves Sunday.

H. E. Baldrige of Abilene, father of Mrs Ben Moore, Sr left Monday afternoon breaking his hip and is in an Abilene hospital. Mrs Moore and son, Elvin Ray, left Tuesday for Abilene.

## Bridge Club Have Supper At Lamesa

The Thursday Bridge Club members had as their guests Monday night their husbands at their annual Christmas party at the Mesa Room at Lamesa. A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served. Those attending were Mr and Mrs Ralph Beach, Mr and Mrs L. L. Birdwell, Mr and Mrs J. V. Burdett, Mr and Mrs John Stephens, Mr and Mrs James Bowlin, Mr and Mrs Glenn Gibson, Mr and Mrs J. W. Gardenhire, Mr and Mrs Louis Hochman, Dr and Mrs Joe Lehman, Mr and Mrs Hugh Lott, Mr and Mrs Paul Mansell, Mr and Mrs Sam Singleton and Mr and Mrs W. E. Singleton.

Christmas dinner was enjoyed Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs Claude Pyron by Mr and Mrs E. L. Edwards and son, Mr and Mrs Charlie Pyron and family, Mr and Mrs J. R. Edwards and daughter, Mr and Mrs Alvin Pyron and family, Mr and Mrs Leon Edward and daughter, Mr and Mrs J. C. Todd and son, all of here, Mr and Mrs J. D. Davis of Tahoka, Mr and Mrs D. N. Edwards and son of Brownfield, Mr and Mrs Roland Bate, of Big Spring, Misses Joann and Lucy Edwards of Lubbock.

## Stores Will Be Closed Next Tues. And Wed. For Christmas Holidays

The majority of the retail stores and service firms indicated this week that they would be closed two days for Christmas, that is, Dec. 25 and 26th. This has been the practice in years past to give owners and employees more time for Christmas trips. Accordingly next week's INDEX will NOT go to the mails before Friday morning.

## Miss Sue Smith Honored With Tea

Miss Sue Smith, bride elect of Don Vaughn, was complimented at a tea and miscellaneous shower Saturday in the home of Mrs Homer Hardberger with Mrs R. E. Hardberger as co-hostess. The guests were greeted by Mrs Clarence Gillespie and in the receiving line were Mrs Homer Hardberger, Miss Sue Smith, Mrs H. B. Smith, mother of the bride elect, Mrs Dallas Vaughn, mother of the prospective bridegroom, Mrs G. Vaughn, Miss Effie Vaughn and Mrs R. E. Hardberger.

The tea table was covered with an imported cut work table cloth and centered with an arrangement of gold and green angels and a setting of Christmas greenery and spangles on a reflector.

Tea and coffee were served from an antique service and other refreshments were individual fruit cakes topped with whipped cream and a lighted candle and salted nuts with a miniature Christmas corsage as plate favors. Mrs D. J. Bolch, maternal grandmother of the prospective bridegroom, poured tea and coffee while Mrs Lowell Littleton of Ozona and Misses Helen Jones and Peggy McKee assisted in serving.

The Christmas theme was carried out in decorations throughout the receiving rooms.

Miss Pat Etter registered the guests and Miss Elaine Hohn presided in the gift display rooms. About fifty guests called during the afternoon.

Dear Santa  
I want a B B gun and my little brother wants a gun for Christmas too but I have another little brother and he wants a carpenter set. Goodbye, Santa, Love Cecil Davis

Dear Santa  
I would like a set of Bobsey Turns books, a bicycle light, and basket, an overnight case, a lot of Brownie Jewelry. I would like to have these things for Christmas if it is possible. My little sister name is Keitha and she wants a car most of all. My brother Terry wants a bill fold Love Karen Morris

Dear Santa  
I want a two gun set, a horse; goodbye.. Leon Townns

Dear Santa  
I want a B B gun, a sled and a football and baseball and a black board to write on it  
Aron Pena

Dear Santa  
I have been a good girl. I want a doll, a doctor and nurse kit. I want a cowgirl suit and an overnite case, also a ring and gloves. Love, Nelda Stalcup

Mrs Holcomb reports that in a reading test given the 12 first graders at Lamesa, Mrs Lucille Worthington's pupils won the highest grades.

## Look Who's New

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Jim Anderson on the arrival of a fine 7 lb 12 oz daughter Monday night. The little lady has been named Joylene. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs R. M. Middleton

See our hammered aluminum trays at Corner Drug

## THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs W. E. Singleton was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club in her home last week. Prizes were awarded to Mrs John Stephens, high, Mrs Harvey Jordan, second high, Mrs C. R. Burleson, traveling high, Mrs Ralph Beach, bingo and Mrs Paul Mansell, low. The next meeting date will be announced next week.

## Town's Annual Christmas Party Will Be Monday, Dec. 24 at 2:30

Fire Marshal David Thompson advised the Index this week that the Fire Department had completed all planning details for the Christmas Eve party and reception honoring O'Donnell's most welcomed guests at this time of year, Santa Claus.

A beautiful Christmas tree will be mounted atop a float on which Santa will sit and interview kids and dish out candy and fruits. Santa will arrive in town at 2:30 Monday afternoon so build a fire under Mom and Dad to bring you to O'Donnell. This is Santa's last stop before his big run that night starting from the North Pole and going with a speed of Super Man to every home on Earth.

Correction: Santa wired us that the Index was error in stating last week that he was bald... there's still some fuzz on the dome, says Santa

## This Issue ...

The Index proudly presents its 1951 Christmas edition. We wish to acknowledge the fine advertising support which made this edition possible. The greetings herein are not intended to replace the traditional personal greetings of close friends but is to enable your merchants to greet you with this trade area, some 905 who will read this week's paper.

We sincerely trust that you will enjoy the Christmas stories and features and will read carefully the greetings of your merchants because in every instance they said in effect "We sincerely appreciate their business"

In a contrite spirit of humbleness your Ed. wishes to acknowledge the loyalty and patronage of O'Donnell in making it possible for your newspaper to appear week after week for 29 joyful years.

Your publisher, his wife and family, and his mother wish every one a joyous observance of Christ's Blessed Birthday. It is impossible to thank what we imperfect mortals would do had not Christ come to us a Babe nearly 2,000 years ago... and keeps His arms us day by day. Observe the day as what it is... not a 4th of July.

So, God bless us, all... and A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

## Lion's Sho wNets \$206

According to Charley Cathey, treasurer of the Lions Club, the group netted \$206 from their recent show. Civic Capers, directed by Dee Reese. Large crowds attended and enjoyed the show

Dear Santa  
I want a Toni doll and a cowgirl suit and a pair of boots and a doctor set and an over nite kit. I am in the third grade and my teacher is Mrs Speights Love, Ellen Motz

## Loyal Workers Enjoy Christmas Party

The Loyal Workers Class of the First Methodist church met in the home of Mrs J. P. Bowlin for their annual Christmas party on Friday with Mrs Glenn Allen and Mrs H. B. Brewer as co-hostesses. Christmas songs were sung and Mrs. Bowlin read "Christmas in The South" Christmas gifts were exchanged and mystery sisters were revealed. Hot cranberry punch and Christmas cake were served to 18 members after which games were enjoyed.

## New Drive In Theatre To Open Jan. 3rd

Thursday night January 3rd at 7 p. m. The Lynn, located just west of the North Y., will formally open for business, according to its owner, C. C. Caldwell of Lubbock. At a cost of over \$50,000 the new theatre will be among the finest in this area seating 400 cars. The best of projection equipment and in-car speakers will be featured. The Snack Bar will feature hot dogs, hamburgers, super-dogs, coffee, drinks, pop corn, etc. There will be hot water for the baby's bottle and modernized rest rooms.

Charles Pierce will manage the Rex in town. The staff for the Lynn is not complete. Hervey Gardenhire will be the general manager of the three local Caldwell theatres, the Lynn, Rex, and Mesa

## ..NEW MOORE ..

The Shorty family moved to Woodrow where he is working for Jack Dempsey. Mr and Mrs L. O. Rogers have a new girl.

S. L. Watters was a Brownwood visitor Thursday. Mrs R. D. Moses had as her guest this week her niece, Mrs W. D. Tie mann of Okla. City.

L. A. Light Jr and Jesse Murphy of Plains are fishing in Mexico. Ted Rogers is home from the Tahoka hospital where he had an appendix operation.

Mr and Mrs Mutt Rogers and Mr and Mrs Virgil Adams spent Sunday in Juarez.

Mrs C. M. Finley was a Lamesa visitor Thursday. Billy Moses of Waco spent Saturday night with his uncle R. D. Moses.

Mrs Flora Rogers was in Lamesa shopping Thursday. The Charlie Ellis family were in Lubbock Saturday.

Mrs. Roland Moses gave a plastic party Monday. The ladies of the Mission gave Mrs Milligan a pink and blue shower and Mrs Cherry a farewell party at the school Sunday afternoon.

Roy Adams of House N. M. was a visitor over the week end; he is moving back to his farm here after the first of year.

## A Merry Christmas To All

-- Mrs. Taylor, reporter

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

from the publisher and staff.

Class Has Christmas Party  
... 43c  
... 25c  
... 16c  
... 30c  
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**Definition**

A Communist is a fellow who borrows your pot to cook your goose in.

**IT ISN'T TOO LATE!**

If you still have last minute shopping to do, here's a suggestion you'll be grateful for. It's a simple solution—so easy to do and so sure to please. It's a solution that comes in two parts. First, give the Cigarette smokers on your list a carton or two of the cigarette that's far America's favorite—cool, mild, flavorful Camels. The Camel Christmas carton is full of the Christmas spirit—bright and colorful and all ready to give. There's a space on the top reserved for your personal greeting. No wrapping, no fussing with paper or cards or ribbons. The second solution involves your pipe-smoking friends and the fellows who like to roll their own cigarettes. It's the one-pound tin of Prince Albert, America's largest-selling smoking tobacco. "The bite's out and the pleasure's in!" The pound tin of Prince Albert comes in a gay Christmas box, all ready to give—just put your message on the built-in Christmas card. Don't delay. Do it today. Your dealer still has Camel cartons and pound tins of Prince Albert. Pay him a visit! —Adv.



**ARRESTED**  
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When in Doubt BUY LANES  
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**DOAN'S PILLS**

**VIRGIL** By Len Kleis

YES—YOUR AUNT ELLA IS SICK SO I HAVE TO FIX DINNER FOR YOUR COUSINS  
HEY—YOU GOIN' AWAY, MOM?  
HOW ABOUT MY DINNER?  
YOUR FATHER WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT  
POP'S GONNA COOK MY DINNER?  
YES—  
—BUT YOU RUN ALONG IN THE KITCHEN—THEY'LL HELP SPOL YOUR APPETITE

**SUNNYSIDE** by Clark S. Hoos

MR. SMEDBALL, I'VE BEEN HERE FOUR MONTHS AND I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME I GET A RAISE IN SALARY!  
HMMM—THIS'LL TAKE SOME QUICK THINKING ON MY PART.  
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, MISS MERTON—TODAY, I CAN'T REALLY AFFORD IT.  
BUT FROM NOW ON, YOU CAN CALL YOURSELF A PRIVATE SECRETARY INSTEAD OF A STENOGRAPHER!

**RIMIN' TIME** By POSEN

A DAME WHO LIKED AUCTIONS A LOT  
BOUGHT A STRANGE-LOOKING EARTHENWARE POT—  
"IT REALLY," SAID SHE, "IS OF NO USE TO ME..."  
"BUT THINK OF THE BARGAIN I GOT!"

**BESSIE** By NICK PENN

FREE IF YOU GUESS YOUR WEIGHT  
HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK I WEIGH?  
INFORMATION

**MUTT AND JEFF** By Bud Fisher

WHAT CHA LOOKIN' FOR, JEFF?  
A SILVER DOLLAR! WILL YOU HELP ME LOOK FOR IT, MUTT?  
A SILVER DOLLAR? YEH, YOU KNOW ONE OF THOSE BIG SILVER DOLLARS!  
JUST WHERE ABOUTS DID YOU LOSE IT?  
OH, I DIDN'T LOSE ANY— BUT IT WOULD BE FUN IF WE FOUND ONE!

**JITTER** By Arthur Pointer

WE'VE BEEN OUT ALL DAY AND HAVEN'T SHOT A SINGLE BIRD  
BANG  
OH, I DIDN'T LOSE ANY— BUT IT WOULD BE FUN IF WE FOUND ONE!

**WYLDE AND WOOLY** By Bert Thomas

I'VE GOT A NOTION TO RUN FOR SHERIFF, SHERIFF. I COULD WHIP YOU IN AN ELECTION, METHINKS!  
SHERIFF CROOKS  
YUK YUK  
NO HO NO HO! WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO IF YOU GOT ELECTED?  
MY FIRST PROJECT WOULD BE TO CORRECT ALL THE MISTAKES YOU'VE MADE IN THE PAST 25 YEARS.  
I SEE, AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO THE REST OF THAT MORNING?  
VOTE FOR WYLY WYLY

**CROSSTOWN** BY MARY LIND'S

PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIES  
"Since they boosted the price of haircuts, I find it's lots easier to stall my folks off about getting one."

**BOBBY SOX** BY MARY LIND'S

"Gosh, Dad, your credit must be no good. They turned me down for a charge account at the soda fountain!"

**Easy to Make Set For Young Mechanic**



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Bedford Hills, New York

**WHAT? CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN?**

No, it's not here this very day, but Christmas is surely coming on, and it'll be here before you know it! Panic? Not a bit of it! For you, like all of us, probably have many cigarette smokers, pipe smokers, and "roll-your-owners" on your Christmas list... And, if you have, your worries are over... First of all, there are king-size Cavalier Cigarettes for those who want an extremely mild smoke. And Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco for pipes and "makin's" cigarettes. And both are specially gift-packaged for Christmas. The Cavaliers, for instance, have a space ready for your Christmas message right on the brightly colored carton that serves as a greeting card. And the pound-size can of Prince Albert comes in a gay, cheery red and green Christmas box! So you see, there's nothing to get upset about. Just remember two things that will make your Christmas shopping easier and more fun: Cavaliers and Prince Albert. You can get both at your dealer's today... Cavaliers, the extremely mild cigarette... and Prince Albert, America's most popular smoking tobacco! —Adv.

**'COLD DEMONS' STRIKE JIMMY!**

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HIGH ENERGY TONIC



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**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!**



**Smaller Towns Began Lighting Outdoor Trees**

Although the White House and Rockefeller Center outdoor tree decorations have become famous in recent years, the practice of lighting outdoor trees began in smaller towns and cities long before these two displays became an annual affair.

Four widely separated communities light up as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania.



Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first National Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. For the past two years the lighting of the White House has been televised.



**SANTA'S Little Helper**

Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandinavia.

Many years before Leif Eriksen touched American shores, the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of.

After the pagan Vikings were Christianized, little Jul became the giver of presents—just as Santa today. It became a custom for children to leave a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for the little elf, who would leave presents in exchange.

Travelers picked up the legend of Jul Tomten and carried it around the world. To us, he is the busy, jolly, good little elf who works happily in Santa's workshop.

**'Silent Night' Is Most Beloved Carol**

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth to the Yuletide season, no carol is so universally known as "Silent Night." Certainly no other is as loved and sung as this simple German song.

For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

Both the poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar, for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818.

It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.

**Plum Pudding Came Far Since Ancient Origin**

Plum pudding—the ancient English delicacy traditionally served with Christmas feasts—has come a long way since it entered the culinary lists hundreds of years ago as Yule-dough.

Yule-dough was composed of chopped meat paste, spices, to symbolize the gifts of the Magi, and flour, regarded as embodying the spirit immanent in the wheat.

For those Christmas decorations arrangements and gifts: grave blankets, blankets and wreaths for the month of December. SWINNEY FLOWER AND GIFT

**Nations' Customs Widely Varied On Christmas Day**

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for



the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old-fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas, complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers.

**Santa Claus, Indiana, Received Famous Name Christmas Eve, 1882**

Although many towns have names directly or indirectly associated with Christmas, there is but one town named Santa Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it gathers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials at Washington suggested that the town be named something else, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, in 1882, the citizens held a mass meeting to select another name, but every one proposed was discarded for one reason or another. The meeting was about to break up when Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood, strode into get warm. He was in costume and his arrival put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.

**Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide Immemorially**

For centuries Christmas Carols have heralded the Yuletide season around the Christian world. Many of them, slightly altered by changing times and customs, have been handed down from one generation to another.

A great number probably were lost because they were popular in generations not adequately covered by a written history.

Christmas Carols are of two main types—religious and convivial. The religious offer praise to the newborn and celebrate the birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth and the traditional feasting.

The latter is almost an invention of our modern civilization, and few "popular" Yuletide songs manage to return year after year. "Jingle Bells" is one notable exception.

"Silent Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" seem destined to last forever.



**ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS . . .** This striking sculptural work was done by Andrea del Verrocchio (1435-1488) of Florence, Italy, and is in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

We will order for you any pattern of Reed and Bortan, Gorham International. Sterling Silver: at H. and S. Auto And Home Supply, O'Donnell



LET'S STRIKE A CHORD OF MERRIMENT.

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Occo Minerals and Red Chain Feeds  
"We Appreciate Your Business"  
2 Miles North On Lubbock Highway



We're putting plenty of steam into our "Merry Christmas"

**Davis Furniture Co.**

HARDWARE and FURNITURE  
LAMESA



Accept our hearty thanks  
for the pleasant business associations of the  
past year. Once again we say

**Merry Christmas!**

**First National Bank of  
Tahoka**

**Interesting Job?  
Santa's Beats All  
At This Season**

WHO HAS ONE of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy. It's Santa. The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year.

However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the



country, and talking to thousands of youngsters on street corners and in department stores, Santa usually comes to the same conclusion each year. Times and customs change, but children seldom do.

Requests that Santa receives follow a general pattern each year—everything from bicycles to roller skates and cowboy suits for boys, with dolls and elaborate accessories the favorite with the girls.

There are some exceptions. Lots of children make requests for useful items, typewriters and such, in the hope of becoming writers and stenographers. Last year one lad asked for a Bengal tiger.

Santa, understanding human that he must be, promises to fill all the requests that he can and explains tenderly why there are some that are out of reach.

**St. Nicholas Possessed  
Of Great Virtue, Piety**

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, was said to have been a saint of great virtue and piety.

An ancient legend is told that he became the patron saint of school boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school in Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a vision, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayers and also forced the murderer to confess his crime to authorities.

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For our many good  
friends we wish  
only that they may  
share fully in it.

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**A Salute**

to our friends and a big, hearty Christmas wish to you all, this merry, merry Christmas season.

Looking back over the year calls to mind our greatest source of pleasure has been our contact with folks like you.

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**First National Bank  
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**Swiss Brotherhood  
Sang at Christmas  
To Banish Plague**

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden.

According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims.

If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12.

Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian.

For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads. The song dates back to the middle ages.

**Santa Claus School  
Trains Jolly Gents**

In a colonial farmhouse at Albion, N. Y., there's a Santa Claus school and it's the only educational institution of its kind in the world.

Graduates wear white wig and whiskers, red suit trimmed in white fur, wide white belt, and black leather boots.

A course at the school prepares the prospective Santa Claus to properly shake when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly, remain calm when a child glares and yells "there ain't no Santa Claus" and maintain proper diplomatic relations with a parent who thinks Santa has given her tot the brushoff.

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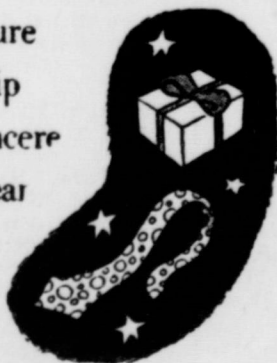


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we express the sincere  
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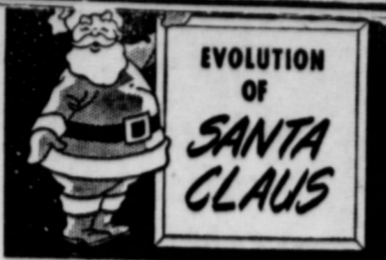


We send our  
simple but  
enduring respects  
this season.



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Jack Wilcox, Mgr.



Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1860's he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, A Visit to St. Nicholas, better known to us as "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Claus as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1840, son of a musician in a Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States navy, and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

Along about the time stocky Tommy was 15 he landed his first job as an illustrator for Leslie's Weekly at \$4 a week. By the time he was 20 he was sent to England by the New York Illustrated News to sketch the Heenan-Sayers fight, an outstanding sports event of the day.

In 1862 he joined the staff of Harper's Weekly and began the series of emblematic drawings which continued throughout the Civil War. From those he created certain trademarks that have been the inspiration of cartoonists down to the present—notably the Republican elephant and the Democrat donkey.

Famous as the political symbols are today, Nast's Santa Claus probably holds first place in the hearts of Americans. Before Nast's day, a few artists had drawn Santa on one occasion or another, but could not seem to agree on how the old gentleman should look.

Nast changed all that.

He located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep their records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time, the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.



May you prosper in the wealth with which Christmas abounds...

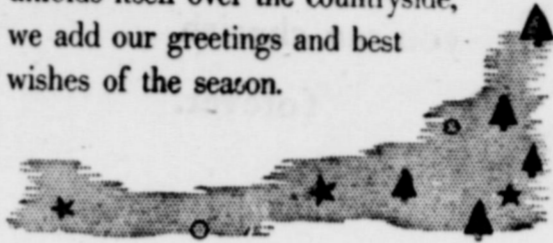
Peace, love of life, kindness and the brotherhood of all people.



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As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.



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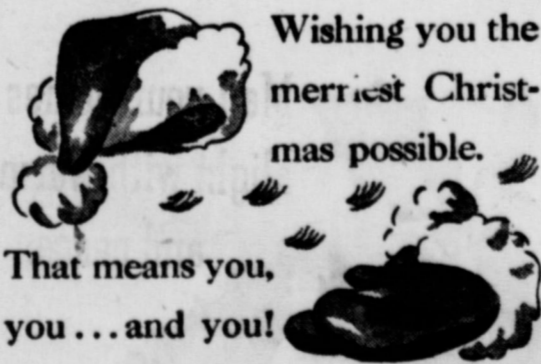
The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.

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BRINGING HOME THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas



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And hope this  
Christmas is one  
you can cherish  
forever.

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Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small-fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret — so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

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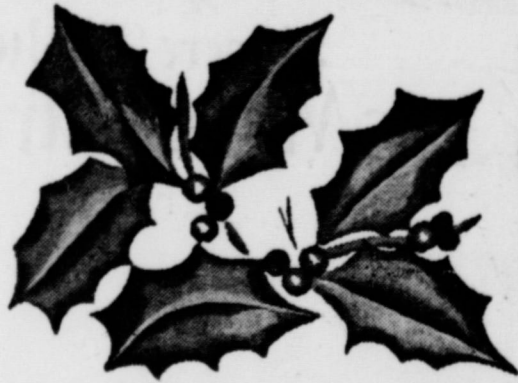


● Christmas is not all tinsel and tissue or colored lights and merriment. It has a deeper significance, rooted in the long gone past, which sets it high above all other holidays of the year.

● It is our hope that this blessed season will bring to your home not only the festive joys of Yuletide but that deep inner peace which is essentially a part of Christmas.

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**Christmas wishes**

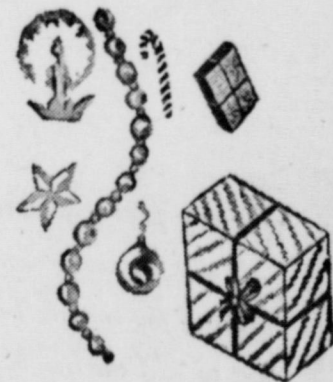


We would share the blessings of the season with you.

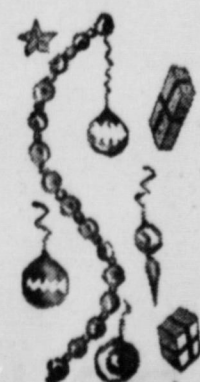


May your homes be alight with warmth and peace.

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Let us share the joy of the season without stint.



To all the good people of our town we wish the sum of all happiness.

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By WILLIAM TREMON

EVERY day for a week old Oliver had been passing their house in his wagon loaded with pine and cedar trees.

"Christmas trees cheap!" he shouted. "Christmas trees—two dollars. On-l-y two dollars. . ."

He was passing now, and Marge, washing the few dishes she and Denny had soiled at their noonday meal, wished she couldn't hear the sound of his shouting voice.

Joe always bought old Oliver's trees. "Old Oliver needs the money," he'd say. "And our old car just wouldn't take the bumps of a hunt for a tree in the country around here."

Old Oliver hesitated in front of the little house, repeating his chant until Marge through she must go to the door and tell him to stop. She



"Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

and Joe had explained to him the first time they'd bought a tree just the kind they liked. It had to be so tall and so big around. It had to be cedar with clusters of blue berries on it. Old Oliver always had the kind of tree they wanted.

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

"Mommy, there's ol' Oliver," he said. "Mommy, he has our tree. . ."

Marge dried her hands and knelt to gather little Denny in her arms.

"I know he has, dear," she said, making herself look at him. Since last January when the horrible car accident had taken Joe away from her, she'd had difficulty in looking at Denny. Denny had Joe's ruffled dark hair, his dark eyes, the deep cleft in his chin. A sob caught in Marge's throat. "Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

"I'll help decorate it," Denny said. "I did last year."

Marge pressed Denny close. "I know, dear—" she said. Poignant memories of last Christmas crowded her so that she couldn't talk for a moment. She could see Joe teetering on the ladder to put the star in the top of the tree.

"I can help, Mommy. . ." Denny insisted.

"You could, dear, but we don't want a tree with Daddy gone. Someday, dear,—oh, I hope it never comes to you—you'll understand why Mommy didn't want a Christmas tree!" She rose to her feet hurriedly feeling a rush of tears. "I'll get your wraps, Denny, and you can play outside in the snow for awhile. . ."

Shadows lengthened in the little house before it came to Marge with frightening realization that it had been all of three hours since Denny'd left the house.

"Denny—DENNY!" She ran out on the porch and down the steps, her slim unprotected feet and legs sinking into the deep snow that had banked there. "DENNY—" The echo of her voice came back to her in mocking horror across the white stillness of the little yard.

A cold wind swept against her as she stood at the gate looking up and down the street and calling Denny's name. It was a horrible moment, one in which she knew she must have aged twenty years, and one in which she saw in heart wrenching clarity her unfairness to Denny in harboring a self-centered grief over her loss of Joe to the extent of his safety, his protection, his veritable happiness.

A familiar wagon made the turn at the end of the street, and Marge recognized old Oliver and his load of Christmas trees. His chant rang out again, "Buy your Christmas tree now! On-l-y two dollars. . ."

Marge shrieked against the wind, "Oh, don't—please don't!" Then she saw Denny—little brown garbed Denny sitting up in the seat by old Oliver!

The wagon stopped by the gate, and old Oliver grinned as Denny climbed down into Marge's reaching arms. "He likka th' ride. He. . ."

Marge didn't give him a chance to talk. "Do you have our tree, Oliver?" she asked.

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All'a week I've had your tree," he said.

"Just put it in the yard," Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"

## Bringers of Gifts Range From Santa To Knight Ruppert

In America on Christmas Eve, there is a merry tinkle of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer.

He drives from roof to roof, pausing just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts that are too large to be stuffed in the stockings are put on the Christmas tree or stacked underneath it.

This is Christmas in America—but it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival on Christmas of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre, and carries a crozier.

He rides a white horse and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings to hold the gifts, the Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner," the bishop's white horse. It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

English children wait for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree, but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. She married Albert, a German prince, and it was he who introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

It is an angel who leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia. She descends on a golden chord to accompany Santa.

In Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour. They are brought by dwarfs and the children leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for them. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.

The birds receive the largest number of gifts in Sweden. Each family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on the fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Knight Ruppert, who is the German Kris Kringle, is represented by a young girl wearing a golden crown and gowned in a flowing white robe. She carries a small tree laden with gifts which she distributes.

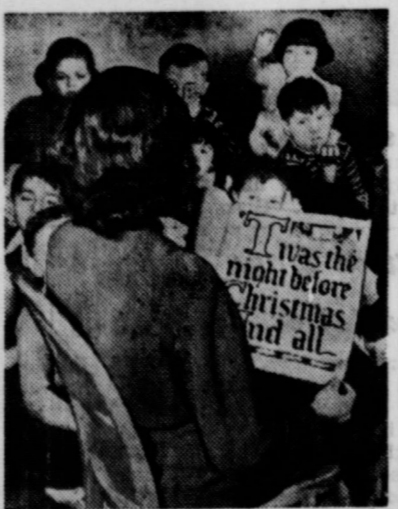
The children of Switzerland have their gifts brought to them by a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. She brings them goodies to eat as well as toys.

And in Poland, at least before the Communists came in, the people called at the parish house on Christmas morning where the priest presented them with "peace wafers," which symbolized peace on earth, good will to men. The people exchanged Christmas wishes as the wafers were broken and eaten before returning home.

As Americans observe this Christmas in the comfort and luxury of modern civilization, who among them will pause for a thought of how their forebears kept the holy season?

An example of Christmas of the past in America is provided in a study of the history of the old village of Kaskaskia, first capital of Illinois, where the pioneers braved the rigors of a new and unsettled world.

Despite the hardships and discomfort which prevailed in the days of the early settlers of this land, there was hardly a cabin so humble but what its occupants found some way to keep Christmas.

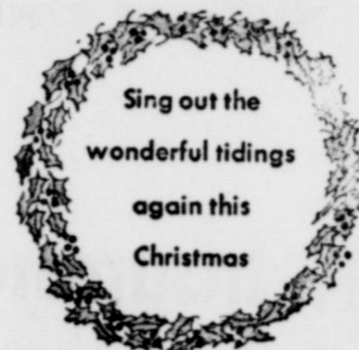


OLD, OLD STORY . . . If teacher could get this kind of attention as she lectures on the three E's, she'd have a room full of geniuses. She is reading the ageless Clement Moore classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas." And not a creature is stirring.

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#### When Buying Toys for Children

If you wish your child to get the most available from this year's toys, be sure to look for the five major qualities recommended by specialists.

Toys to be thoroughly satisfying for the small fry should have five major qualities, say specialists at the college of home economics, Cornell.

First, toys should be durable to withstand the rough and tumble of any one child and his playmates. Sturdy toys can be repaired and repainted and passed on for the enjoyment of other youngsters, in or out of the family.

Toys should be simple and easy to handle and operate. Simple playthings are more likely to hold interest through long child-hours and less likely to be shelved permanently.

Toys should be safe to use—without sharp corners or rough places or poor paint that might be harmful to a youngster. And toys should be washable.

Finally, toys should have what the specialists call a "do-with" quality. Good old stand-bys such as wagons, blocks, clay, sand, finger paints, and the like may fit into the child's interest of the moment.

### BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES

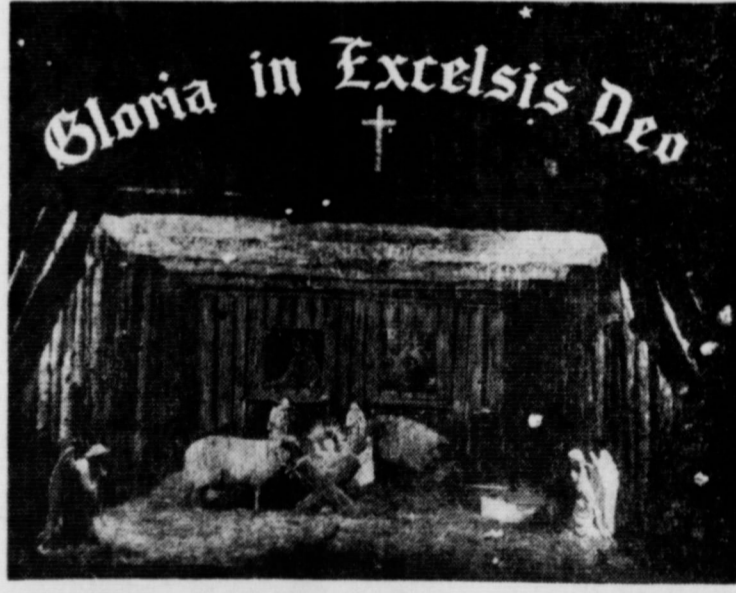


Our train of thought carries a cargo of hopes for your holiday happiness

## Fritz Service Station

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THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM . . . The Babe in the manger, surrounded by gentle animals, is a vision we can see more clearly with our hearts than with our eyes. And seeing it, we may truly say, "Glory to God in the highest."

#### Tradition Says Tree Originated in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice as a symbol of the year completed.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1805. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

#### Basilica of the Nativity One of Oldest Churches

The basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,620 years ago.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by the Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity, and, suprisingly enough, all three celebrate Christmas on separate occasions.

#### Mrs. H. L. Wood

For those Christmas decorations arrangements and gifts: grave blanket blankets and wreaths for the month of December. SWINNEY FLOWER AND GIFT

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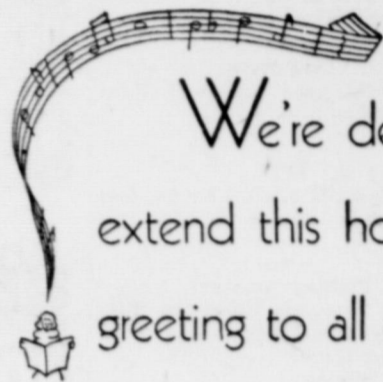
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## That REINDEER

FAIRY TALES and Christmas stories are a Yuletide tradition. It is thus fitting that the story which promises to be America's most popular and long-lived fairy tale is related to the Christmas season.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer", so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.



... A HERALD OF THE KING ...

### Tree Decoration Has Ancient Source In Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

In fact, the Christmas tree itself stems from the story of a Scandinavian "sacred" tree and Martin Luther, a German, is said to have brought the first one indoors and decorated it for the Yule season in the early 16th century.

These are only two of more than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem. According to Jeannette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years, the American Christmas symbols — from candles and bells to kissing under the mistletoe — have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emblems of the festival as ornaments for Christmas cards and is just as constantly searching for new ones. This year, for example, the bright-colored tree ornaments are in high vogue as decorative devices on Christmas cards.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of O'Donnell will be held at the office of said bank of O'Donnell on Tuesday Jan 8th 1952 at 2 p. m. for the election of directors and the transaction of such business as properly may come before the meeting. J. L. Shoemaker, Jr., Cashier. 3tc

Van's Laundry will be closed for Christmas from Dec. 22, Saturday to Thursday, Dec. 27th  
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All children 5 years old are required to buy tickets

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REX ALLEN in  
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**That's My Boy**

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A heartfelt  
"Merry Christmas"  
to all of you,  
good friends



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**SOMETHING FOR SALLY**

IT WAS enough to put a fellow in a morbid state of mind. Last Christmas he'd thought, when he gave Sally the inexpensive little china dinner set, next Christmas I'll give her something really nice. Something she can wear and enjoy. Something expensive. It'll not be practical to fit our Christmas budget, because by then I'll be making more. The tide was bound to turn by next Christmas.

Well, it turned out all right. Fate could have been less callous in the direction to which it had turned the tide. It was even worse this Christmas than it was last. At least Sally



Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted.

wasn't out making the living and he, a big hulk of a man, staying home.

The doctor had said he'd overcome the heart condition with prolonged rest.

People were talking. Bill knew. He'd been standing near the living room door the other day when he'd heard Kate Tyler, their neighbor, talking to Sally in the kitchen.

"Well, it just looks a shame that you, such a frail little thing, must work. Bill looks the picture of health. He weighs something near one hundred eighty pounds, doesn't he, Sally?" Kate said, and Bill had visioned with burning resentment her sharp, in-everybody's-business nose twitch with inquisitiveness.

Bill visioned too, Sally's pretty proud head lift when her voice had come in quick sensitive rebellion. "I believe it's my affair about working. I really don't need to work. We have plenty saved up to take us through until Bill is able to go back on his job. I'm working because I want to."

He'd felt like a cad. There wasn't another guy in the whole universe had a wife like Sally, who through her loyalty would even tell a falsehood. Sally didn't deserve the hardship he was giving her. And now with Christmas upon them and no money of his own, unless he sold his best suit to the re-sale shop down the street, he felt it would be even better for his old heart to quit ticking than to face it and have Sally say, "Oh, you didn't need to give anything, Bill. All I want is you! We'll have a real Christmas when you get well."

Bill put on his overcoat, hat and galoshes. It was about time to meet Sally coming home from work.

Cold rain interspersed the snow and already the highway in front of their place was getting coated with ice. Cars moved along cautiously.

Their neighbor's boy, Pike, eleven, slid by him on a sled. "Whee-e-e, watch me, Mister Bill!"

Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted and went into action with a leap when he saw the sled carrying the boy from the sidewalk into the direction of an approaching car up the highway.

It all happened in a flash. If Bill hadn't been gigantic in size, muscular and agile with youth, he couldn't have saved the boy. "Man, Pike," he panted, standing over him on the sidewalk, "don't play along the street!"

"Aw, I could've made it, Mister Bill," Pike said, and dashed back up the street with his sled.

A large man emerged hurriedly from the big car on the side of the pavement and came up to Bill.

"Thanks, fellow! Say," he said, mopping his forehead, "that was a close call! You certainly used your head."

"I snatched him in time," Bill said.

The man pulled out his wallet. "Here," he said, holding a crisp bill toward Bill. "Take this, fellow."

"But I don't want money for what I did," Bill protested, starting to back away.

The man pushed the money into Bill's hand. "I'd pay a thousand or more to escape what might have happened just now. Think what Christmas would have been for me if it had happened, to say nothing of the kid's parents. Thanks again, fellow—and Merry Christmas!"

He was gone before Bill could do anything.

Bill looked down at the money in his hand. Well, if he felt that way about it. But one hundred dollars. . . .

He looked up then and saw Sally trudging toward him through the snow and a happy, secretive smile curved his lips suddenly. He slipped the money into his billfold and went to meet her.

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

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

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

**Archaeologists' Findings Bear Out Bible Stories**

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ, the archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

The Hebrew and Aramic inscriptions contained common names like Miriam, Simeon, and Matti. The Greek inscriptions and symbols beside them contained references to Christianity and, it seems probable to the crucifixion.

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And yet, there is more about this night! And there are some whose faith and wisdom give them eyes to see. Near the hour of midnight, a darkened sky suddenly shimmers with a light of ethereal beauty, and angels appear to sing a great psalm:

"Glory in the highest,

And on earth, peace to men of good will."

A new star fires itself to brilliance near the edge of the town, bathing in its light the stable where a Galilean carpenter named Joseph has taken refuge with his bride, a queenly girl named Mary. For them, there has been no room.

The stars rest above the humble shelter, sending down golden rays that illuminate the area in a strange, unearthly manner.

In the distance appear a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the now resting star and are heavily laden with gifts of gold—presents for a new-born king. Along the roads hear the shouts of the citizens, led by angels, who come to adore.

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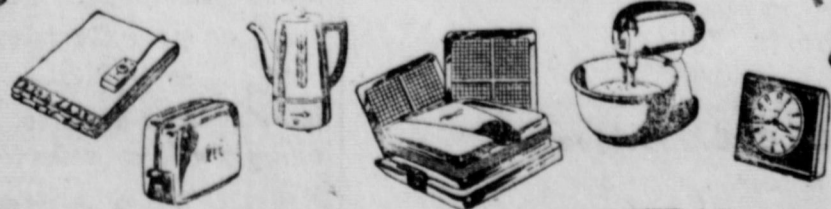
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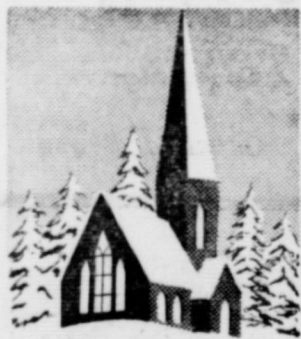
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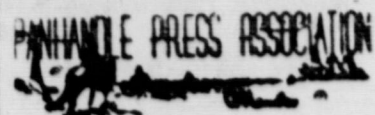


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A large acreage and a fair carry-over is expected to provide a larger corn supply. About 4 billion bushels is expected to be available for the 1951-52 season.

The total supply of corn, oats, grain sorghums, and barley for the coming season is estimated to be 127.1 million tons. This compares with last season's total of 125 million tons of grain.

The department reported total crop production may be the second highest in history in 1951.

## Merry Christmas

It is people like you who give meaning to our celebration of the Saviour's birth

1951

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## Speaking of Christmas

**SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . .** Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits . . . Christmas Eve, 1863,



saw a near tragedy in Virginia City, Nevada . . . Two friends celebrated with a terrific round of festivity . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . . . A policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great humorists—Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince pies, so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic significance . . . The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born . . . The crust represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men; the many spices, the frankincense and myrrh . . . On May 11, 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christmas . . . Anyone celebrating, stopping work, serving holiday fare or deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . The righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely—for how could good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years before that law was repealed.



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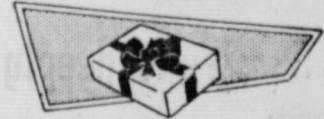
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## SOMEONE AT CHRISTMAS

By CARLE FREEMAN

THE little gift shop was crowded when Nancy entered it, but almost immediately she noticed Larry Bryant. She sensed the usual disturbance at sight of him, and recalling the trend of her thoughts for the past several minutes brought a flush of warmth to her cheeks. She'd been thinking, somewhat resentfully, as she went along the busy streets of the little town, how unfair it was that Christmas had come before she could get acquainted with someone in Davenport—Larry Bryant, for instance, departmental head at the electric plant where she worked. Christmas wasn't Christmas unless it could be shared with someone.

And now Larry was standing at the dish counter deciding about a pair of little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers. It didn't matter particularly that he'd buy the shakers—aside from the significance of such an act—but she'd had her own heart set on them more or less for a week. Larry had been in the shop every afternoon that she'd been there, but this was his first time at the dish counter. The little shakers were as good as gone.

The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them. These are the last ones, and they are a bargain at eight dollars. They came all the way from Sweden."

"I know—" Nancy had said, but she had thought they'd be an extravagance and look out of place on the little table in her corner



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kitchenette at Lil Ransom's old rooming house. Then there'd be no one to admire them—only herself.

"They might be gone the next time you come," the girl had said when Nancy left the counter.

But they'd been there the next time Nancy went back to the little gift shop. Every afternoon for a week they'd been there, as if awaiting for her to make up her mind to buy them.

Nancy held her breath as she watched Larry from a distance. For now she knew that if he didn't take the shakers, she'd buy them herself.

But even as Nancy watched, she saw him hand the shakers to a clerk.

She tried to push her disappointment aside and select an inexpensive little gift for one of her co-workers at the plant. Tomorrow was Christmas Eve, and the employees and officials of the plant had drawn names as part of a gift-giving program they'd planned to have about the huge, gayly decorated tree in the arched entrance.

Nancy dreaded the occasion more so now than before. She regretted the day she'd left her home town to take a better job in Davenport. Why hadn't she waited until after Christmas to make the change!

When the time came the next day for the program, Nancy took the gift that was handed to her and slipped from the crowd. She wouldn't be missed, she thought bitterly, as she hurried from the building. Snow fell softly about her in a gentle burst from the dark sky, and the ring of voices from the plant followed her in a kind of haunting, sad beauty.

Inside her apartment she looked down at the gayly wrapped package in her hands through a blur of tears. It was the only Christmas gift she'd receive, and it had been given only because someone had drawn her name.

She unwrapped the package, and suddenly the blur cleared to reveal the little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers with the long, saucy ears—one up and one limping down provocatively.

Her heart thumped in her throat. Larry had drawn her name. But the cost of the gifts they were to exchange was not to go over twenty-five cents!

Lil Ransom called up the stairs. "You're wanted on the phone, and 'tis a man."

Nancy placed the little shakers carefully on the table and turned to the door. The hum of "Silent Night" came from Lil Ransom's radio up the sweep of stairs, and Nancy found herself singing the words softly as she dashed down them, for she knew even before she heard his voice who was waiting for her on the telephone.

## On New Year's Day

By JESSIE WEST

AMY looked out at the bright day and was about to decide it was the loveliest New Year's Eve she'd seen in years when she saw Clarabelle Carter crossing the street; and then she thought the day wasn't lovely at all.

She could hear Clarabelle talking to Mille as she had that day in the store when she'd been standing behind shelves lined with groceries deliberately eavesdropping.

"I do declare, it does look like Amy Wells could get someone," Clarabelle had said. "I suppose she'll die an old maid."

Clarabelle hadn't said anything degrading of course. But from that moment forward, Amy had wondered if people generally didn't assume that old maids just couldn't find any takers.

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five. She had very little gray in her dark hair, and the faint lines on her face were unnoticeable against the startling blue of her eyes and general prettiness of her features.

There'd been a time when she reigned as the most popular girl at Obane; she'd been pictured in the college year-book as "the girl all men want but only one can have."

Of course Clarabelle and the populace of Donovan, a little town of three thousand, didn't know these things.

Amy looked out the window again, and not seeing Clarabelle on the street now, the day resumed some



She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

of the brightness that Clarabelle's presence had blighted, and she got to thinking about a trip that 20 years ago had been scheduled for tomorrow. Memory of the tryst had come to her with the approach of another New Year, but she had not planned to enact a promise that years of separation had cast into youth's frivolous dreaming, disappointments and temperamental pride. Yet, seeing Clarabelle and remembering what she'd said about her somehow filled her with unexpected sentiment.

She had nowhere to go on New Year's day, and thought of the trip suddenly became entrancing. It would be emotionally uplifting to go back to the old haunts, and no one would know of her foolish living just for a day among memories of a past that through her own foolhardy pride, had led her into her present state of lonely maidenhood.

"If anything ever separates us," Lance had said that night long ago, "it'd be fun just to meet again, sort of a tryst affair, 20 years hence. Maybe in Park Rendezvous where we first met."

They'd talked like that often, then laughed—because they knew they'd never separate. Someday they'd marry. But they didn't marry. Too soon a trivial misunderstanding had risen between them, and she'd had too much pride to admit that she'd been a little wrong, too.

It was almost noon when Amy reached the Park Rendezvous at Obane on New Year's day. She'd have lunch, she decided, then visit about town. But already she was sensing regret for having made the trip. You couldn't live in the past even for a day without returning to the present with greater pain. How well she knew it now!

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

"Hello," he said.

Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up.

"Why, Lance—!" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his.

"Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily. "But, you married, Lance, I heard." She couldn't help saying it.

"That was false news, dear," he said. "Do you think—but you surely know now! I tried to find you, Amy, but I lost all trace of you."

Amy laughed and her cheeks colored. "I wouldn't have come today," she said wistfully, "but for a person named Clarabelle."

"Clarabelle?"

Amy nodded. "It's a queer little story, Lance," she said, and then she wondered with a little gloating, what Clarabelle, and all of Donovan for that matter, would think when they heard!

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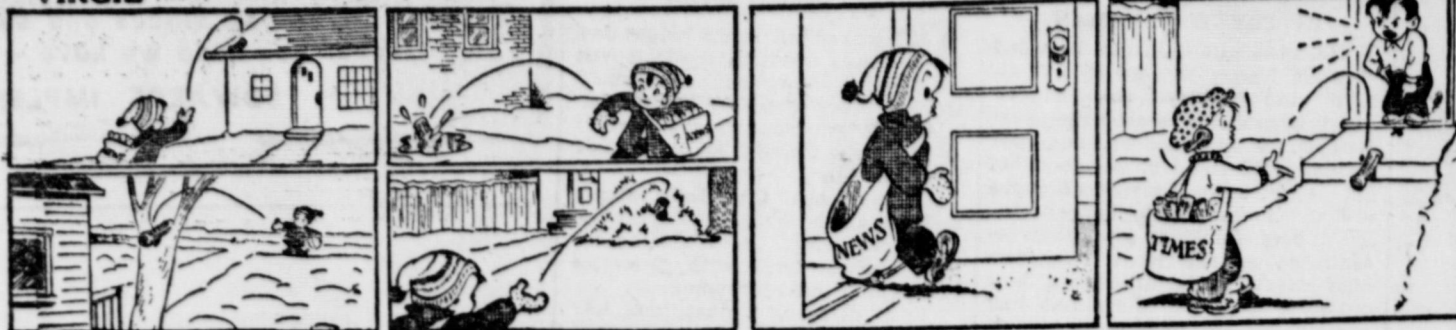
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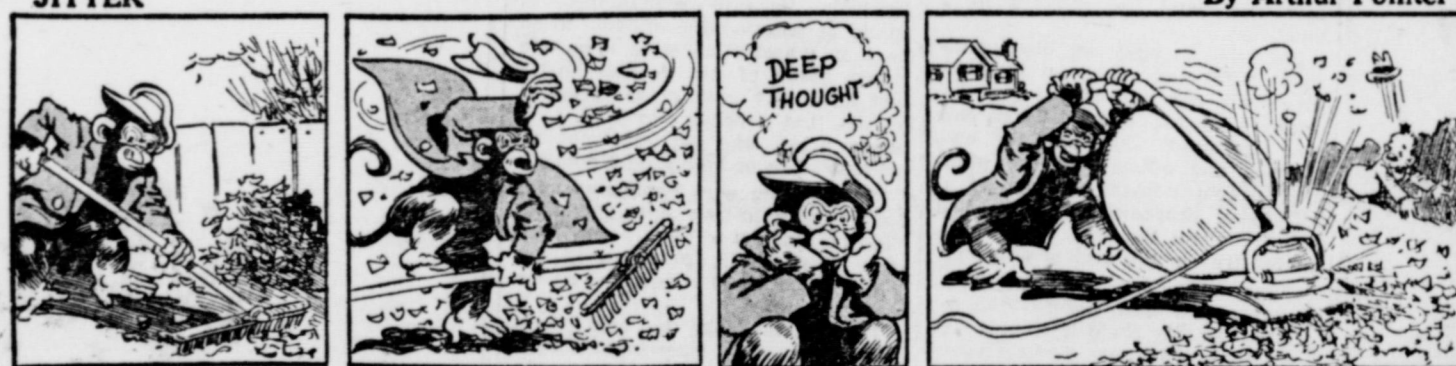
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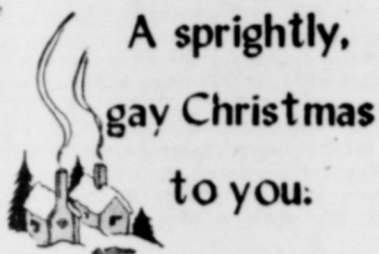
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REMEMBER  
**LAST**  
CHRISTMAS?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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SUNDAY: Bible Study 10 a m  
Worship: ..... 10:55 a m  
EVENING: Young people Song Practice at 7 p m  
Regular evening service 7:30 p m

**Christmas Helps World's Economy**

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense, this is true to some extent.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an understatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme one of giving, rather than of receiving? Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of Childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain the Christmas story.

**Mistletoe Outlived Sinister Meaning**

Mistletoe, once used as a weapon of death, is now almost a universal symbol of love and peace.

According to Norse mythology, there was a god named Balder, who personified the sun. Loki, another god, plotted to destroy Balder.

Balder's mother, when she first learned of Loki's intentions to kill her son, obtained a promise from all living things that they would not harm Balder. All agreed, but the mistletoe, so it was with a mistletoe arrow that Loki induced Balder's blind brother, Hoder, to kill the sun god.

Higher powers intervened however, and Balder was restored to life. The mistletoe was placed under Frigga's care, and the mother of Balder saw that it was never again used to do harm.

The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be used as an instrument of evil.

The word "carol" is supposed to be derived from the Italian word "caroli", meaning "a song of devotion."

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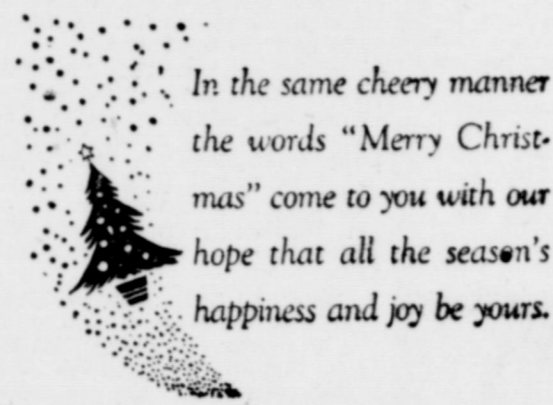
Assembly of God

Sunday school 10 a m  
Morning worship 11 a m  
Evening worship 7:30 p m  
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Evening worship 7:30 p m.



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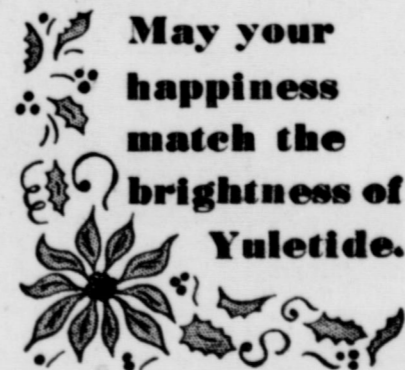


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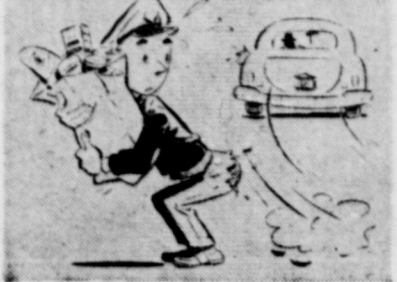
Driving Dog Tops 1951's List Of Unusual, Wacky Accidents

Do you ever have the feeling that things in this good old U.S.A. may just possibly be a little wacky?

Well, take it from the National Safety Council—you're right!

The Council has just completed its annual roundup of odd accidents, and dazedly reports some mighty queer goings-on in the field of freak squeaks.

A dog who's a hot rod driver... a fish that caught a fisherman... an airplane that crashed a red traffic light... a horse and wagon that collided with a sailboat...



his master, William C. Hollis of Denver. As Mr. Hollis drove through Topeka, Kan., at a prudent pace the dog stirred impatiently, reached over and planted a heavy paw on the accelerator. The truck leaped forward, went out of control, collided with a passenger car. Four persons were injured. The dog hasn't driven since.

Police in Miami, Fla., are used to seeing all kinds of traffic on busy U.S. Highway 1 during the tourist season. But even they were startled when Robert Simmons, of Dayton, Ohio, landed his airplane on the highway one August afternoon, rolled through a red traffic light and nudged a truck before he stopped. Simmons had been forced down by carburetor trouble. Nobody was hurt. No traffic ticket.

In Chicago a sailboat got on the wrong tack and collided with a horse and wagon driven by Randolph Johnson, a non-nautical pilot who found himself a little at sea when confronted by a boat traveling along a busy street on a trailer. Damage to the boat was \$500. The land forces suffered no casualties.

Many a tired and perspiring gardener has moaned "I'm shot!" as he finished his raking. But Lincoln Stewart, of Columbus, Ohio, really meant it. He was raking trash in a dump when the rake struck and discharged a bullet in the trash. Stewart was shot in the ankle.

And all of us who have greeted a new day by groaning, "I feel like I've been run over by a steam roller," can get a first-hand report on the feeling from eight-year-old Stanley Willoughby, of Portland, Ore., who actually underwent the experience. Fascinated by a three-ton roller, Stanley grabbed on to a pipe at its back and walked along as it rolled. Suddenly the roller backed up. It knocked Stanley down, passed over his legs and hip, and imbedded him neatly into the hot, soft asphalt. He was injured only slightly.

TO SKEPTICS who believe chivalry is dead, here is a note of comfort: Cab Driver James Deeds, of Des Moines, Ia., gave up his seat for a lady—and did it the hard way. Helping a fair passenger unload a big sack of groceries from his cab, Deeds backed into a passing car, felt a draft, looked up in time to see the seat of his pants disappearing down the street on the door handle of the offending auto.

And in Boston, Mrs. Catherine Meenan was injured in an automobile accident as she sat in her second floor apartment. In the street below, a car had struck a pedestrian, knocked off his shoe, hurled it 25 feet through the open window of Mrs. Meenan's living room. It hit her on the head, inflicting scalp wounds.

Yes, it looks like good old 1951 was a little goofy in spots. But, as the saying goes, aren't we all!

Star Dust STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO

By INEZ GERHARD

TONY MARTIN'S singing career really began when, at the age of 18, he was caught by a faculty member at Saint Mary's College, Moraga, Calif., playing jazz on the chapel organ. The teacher suggested that he concentrate on music. He did, and met with nothing but disappointment until 1936 changed his luck. That year he made several musicals for 20th Century-Fox and landed the singing spot on CBS Radio's "Burns and Allen Show." He is currently



TONY MARTIN

starred with Jo Stafford on CBS's "Carnation Contented Hour"; his latest picture is RKO's "Two Tickets to Broadway." And he's had two terrific engagements at London's famous Palladium.

Denise Darcel will find herself in lively company in her new assignment: Universal-International has signed her for the feminine lead opposite Abbott and Costello, as an Alaskan dance hall entertainer in "The Sourdoughs."

People die in unusual and amazing ways in "Across the Wide Missouri"—trappers, hunters and Indians crowd the screen, there's never a dull moment. Clark Gable heads a fine cast; Adolphe Menjou gives a superb performance—but then, so does everyone else, from John Hodiak to Frankie Darro. This is a fine Western, with no cute blondes to clutter up the story.

Dinah Shore is plugging a new song, "You Gotta Show Me," which has been recorded by Bing Crosby.

GRASSROOTS

Is DuPont Really a Monopoly or Just Too Large?

By Wright A. Patterson

FOR SEVERAL YEARS an effort has been made to secure legislation that would provide for a national science foundation through which the top notch scientists could work at fundamental scientific discoveries. Last year the long desired legislation was passed.

As the bill was introduced, it provided an appropriation of 14 million dollars from which to provide compensation for the scientists, laboratories in which they could work, and materials with which to work. But in one of those rare economy spurts, the house appropriations committee, Clarence Cannon, Dem., Missouri, chairman, cut that 14 million down to \$300,000, a sum entirely too meagre with which to start such a foundation, and nothing has happened because of that legislation.

In the DuPont hotel in Wilmington, Del. there is a display window in which are shown hundreds of those things which the scientific research of the DuPont laboratories, and the top notch scientists whose time and ability are at its disposal, have made possible. That company spends something like 20 million dollars a year on scientific research.

From their unhampered research, there has come the commodities that are shown in that display window in Wilmington, a window before which I have stood many times to wonder at the accomplishments of this one company in providing hundreds of different things for the convenience and pleasure of the people of the world.

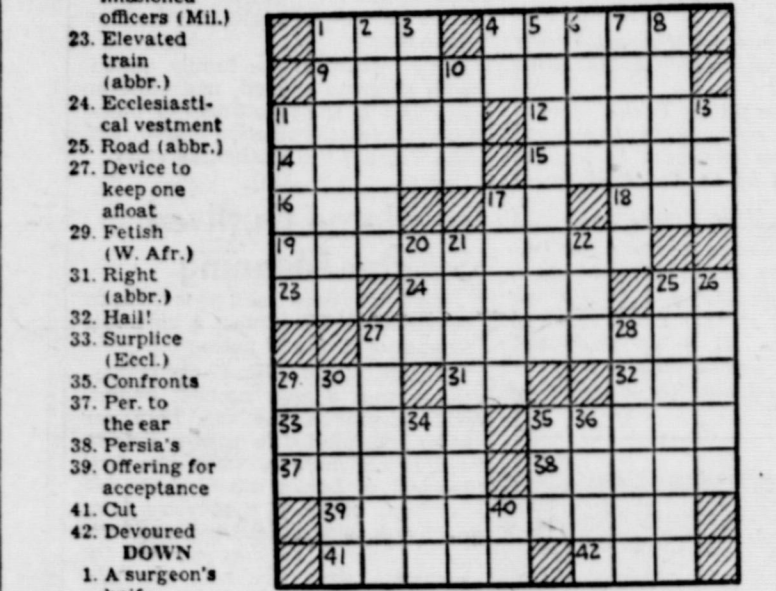
They make use of wastes that have been deemed valueless; they provide new industries that give employment to millions of workers; they increase American sales to the extent of millions, even billions, of dollars each year. And because of that increased business, the government collects a considerable portion of the nation's taxes.

When the government wanted an A-bomb, it perfected its own organization, and spent billions of dollars on the project. Now the government wants an H-bomb, it turns to the DuPont company and its corps of scientists, working in DuPont laboratories with DuPont equipment and materials, to produce that more terrible, more destructive implement of warfare through which to insure our success against the Red hordes of communism. Whether or not those DuPont scientists will be able to construct such a bomb and the methods of exploding it, only time will tell, but if it can be done they will do it.

Now the attorney general says the DuPont Company is too big for the good of the nation, and has brought suit to break it up into small pieces so it would not be able to do for the government the things a congress refused to do for us. DuPont is a concern that has provided the munitions needed in practically every war in which we have engaged; a company that through its scientific research has provided millions of jobs for American workers; that has turned the wastes of

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- ACROSS 1. Wild sheep (India) 2. A handle 3. Poker stake 4. Steers 9. Festive 11. British Is. (Mediterr.) 12. Peruvian Indians 14. Ancient crystals 15. Make a search for knowledge 16. Open (poet.) 17. Plural pronoun 18. Ever (poet.) 19. Noncommissioned officers (Mil.) 23. Elevated train (abbr.) 24. Ecclesiastical vestment 25. Road (abbr.) 27. Device to keep one's feet 29. Fetish (W. Afr.) 31. Right (abbr.) 32. Hail! 33. Surplice (Ecl.) 35. Confronts 37. Per to the ear 38. Persia's 39. Offering for acceptance 41. Cut 42. Devoured DOWN 1. A surgeon's knife



THE FICTION CORNER

AVALANCHE

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

3-Minute Fiction

THE landslide occurred on March 8. It was the evening before that Lorelei and Stan quarreled. The real cause of the quarrel was Inez Thayer, Deke Whitman's stepdaughter.

A woman in love sees many things that others let pass by unnoticed. Lorelei, who was the daughter of Jim Tristram, the mine foreman, had been in love with Stan since the day he arrived six months before, and he with her. Their love was unspoken, but it lay between them like a tangible thing.

Lorelei was glad now that neither had put into words the thing that both had felt, for now there need be no explaining or embarrassments. Some day, she knew, the hurt that grew inside of her as she watched Stan yield to the polished charm of Inez Thayer would fade and vanish.

So on the evening of March 7 Lorelei and Stan quarreled. And each knew that Inez was the cause of the quarrel, though both pretended it was over the matter of holding the annual spring dance in Redstone this year instead of at the mine.

It might be well for the attorney general to study, as I have, that display in the window of the DuPont hotel in Wilmington. From it he would probably get a new idea of the value of this too-big company, and what it, and others like it, mean to America.

DuPont is but one of a number of concerns that maintain extensive research departments into which they pour vast sums. From these laboratories come increased production, increased jobs, that 240-billion-dollar annual business from which the President insistently demands a federal government tax return of 70 billion dollars. It takes a too-big concern to stand the drain the government places upon business. Breaking them into small pieces would be but killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

If Wheeler McMillen, editor of the Farm Journal and the Pathfinder, could be chairman of the agricultural committee of either the senate or the house, he would find a practical solution of the vexing farm problem. Creeping socialism in America has become running socialism.



"Help me!" she cried. And turned desperate eyes toward Inez.

IT WAS warm that night of March 7. Unnaturally warm. The heavy snows atop the mountain range against the base of which the mine buildings nestled began to melt, and on the morning of March 8 they began to move, slipping down the mountain, loosening tons of earth and ice and rock.

Lorelei was coming up from the rural delivery postoffice box with the mail. She heard the ominous roar and stopped. A moment before she had seen Stan and Inez enter the tiny engineer's field office, and without thinking she started running toward it, shouting at the top of her lungs.

Men appeared from other buildings and took up the cry, and before long a great crowd was racing down the valley road out of the path of the onrushing avalanche. But Stan and Inez didn't appear in the doorway of the engineer's office and Lorelei kept on running, screaming. Above the office was a sharp outcropping of rock. When the avalanche hit this it divided, and stones and earth were catapulted into space over the building.

Lorelei had pushed open the door when this happened. She glimpsed Inez in Stan's arms. Then a falling timber crashed toward them and she screamed. Stan pushed Inez away from him, and almost got clear himself, but it grazed his shoulder and knocked him flat.

For a moment Lorelei stood transfixed. Then she leaped forward and began prying at the timber. "Help me!" she cried. And she turned desperate eyes toward Inez.

At the door, Inez turned. Her face was white. "Don't be a fool!" she shrieked. "Save yourself!" Then the roar and crash became louder, drowning out her words. The first avalanche had started a second.

Inez flung open the door and rushed outside. Stan pulled Lorelei down beside him and yelled into her ear: "Go on! You've still got a chance. You can't save me!" But she only stared at him in horror. Then she began picking up timbers and propping them in a sort of lean-to against the one undamaged wall, sheltering them.

Rescue crews came in and were amazed to find the two alive. They pried Stan loose and carried him away on a stretcher. One of his legs was broken.

When he came out of the ether, Lorelei was beside his bed. She smiled and said, "She's safe. She got clear and escaped without a bruise."

He looked at her and said nothing. Then he took her hand and drew her down close to him. "It's more important that you're safe..." Travellers Bobolinks migrate from Canada as far south as Paraguay.

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

Korean Peace by Christmas Possible; U.S. Casualties Now Total 100,176

KOREA—Peace in Korea by Christmas is the one gift the people of America's home towns desire more than any other. Although there does exist...

The hope that the world will have peace by Christmas was bolstered by reports from Korea that the Communists and Allies were nearing agreement on a cease-fire line across that war-torn country. The negotiators were so close to agreement it may be the line will have been established by the time this appears in print.

Agreement on the cease-fire line, however, does not mean peace by Christmas. After ratification of the line, it becomes the final buffer zone across Korea provided the two sides agree within 30 days on all remaining armistice issues.

Considering past experiences in negotiations with the Communists, the 30-day talking period would seem very short. Their delaying tactics have consumed months thus far and it is unlikely they will change them.

THE DEAD—Meanwhile, this limited Asian conflict, called a police action by many, has turned into the fourth costliest war in this nation's history. The casualty list now totals 100,176, the Defense department reports. The actual battle figure is higher than the latest released figures, because official announcements of this kind are generally two or three weeks behind combat action.

in comparison, the total battle losses for the entire war in the southwest Pacific was 113,991. Of this total, 84,200 were killed or wounded.

DISARMAMENT—The most important question discussed at the U. N. meeting in Paris thus far has been disarmament on a world-wide scale. Both the west and the east have offered their plans. General disarmament would give the people in the home towns of this country and elsewhere in the world a new sense of security. The outlook, however, is gloomy.

The Russians insist that prohibition of atomic bombs ought to precede any disarmament move, followed by a big five disarmament conference, and an immediate one-third cut of all conventional armed forces and weapons.

The western idea is for an orderly, stage-by-stage process, starting with a census of existing armaments, including atomic and armed forces; real inspection and verification of any arms cuts; and ultimate prohibition of atomic weapons.

The possibility of a compromise between the two views is unlikely. As a result, the world can expect the general assembly to become mired in debate and world tension to continue at the present level.

THE COLD WAR—On the Cold War front there was one important development during the past week. President Truman ordered withdrawal of all American tariff concessions to the Soviet Union and Poland. In addition, the President imposed a complete ban on the importation of luxury furs from the two Communist countries. Some weeks ago Russia halted all shipments of manganese to the U. S. and since that time the fur trade has been an important source of dollar revenue for the Communist bloc.

The President's action does not completely halt imports from the Soviet Union and Poland, but it does mean the two countries will have to pay higher tariff rates. Similar action had previously been taken against Communist regimes in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and China.

EUROPE—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe, told North Atlantic Treaty nations last week that "baby" A-bombs and other new weapons eventually may cut Europe's military requirements, but in the meantime everything possible must be done to build western defenses.

The general said he wanted as many divisions as fast as they could be supplied—between 30 and 40 in 1952 and between 60 and 70 by 1954.

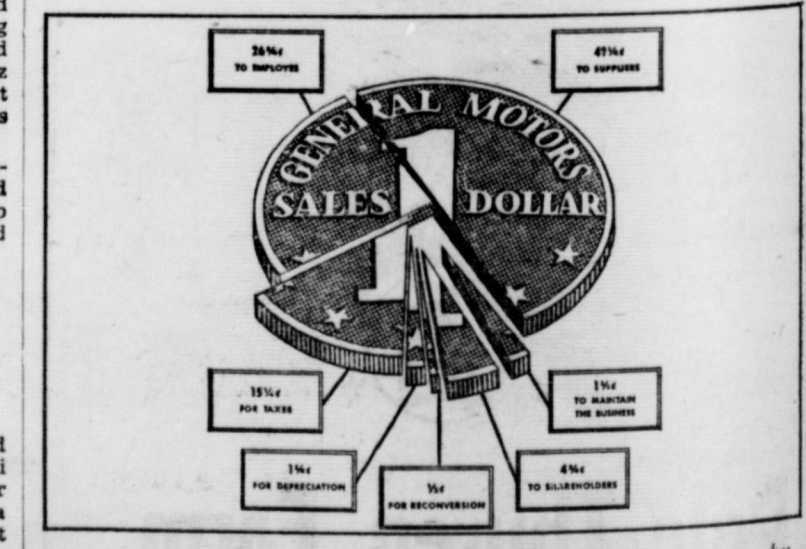
He warned the Atlantic Treaty nations "there is no possibility, if war comes, of any of us, our children, or our children's children, living a life of decency again."

FARM TREND—The latest Bureau of the Census report reveals there has been a decided trend toward fewer but bigger and better equipped farms between 1940 and 1950. In 1950 there were 5,384,000 farms in the United States compared to 6,097,000 in 1940.

During the decade, however, the average size farm unit grew from 174 acres to 210.5 acres. Despite the decrease in the number of farms the total acreage remained approximately the same in 1950 as in 1940. Other statistics in the report included: (1) About 870,000 fewer persons were working on U. S. farms in 1950 than in 1940; (2) Less than one-third as many horses and mules were on farms in 1950 as in 1940; (3) In 1950 there were 59,764,000 cattle and calves more than three months old on farms as compared to 60,674,736 in April, 1940; (4) The number of chickens on farms was 2,500,000, or 0.7 per cent more than in 1940.

GAMBLING—The new federal tax on gambling may reach into hundreds of home towns as a result of a new ruling by Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap. The commissioner has ruled that the \$50 license fee on gambling applies to thousands of stores which have punch boards on their premises.

Each clerk in such establishments as tobacco shops, gas stations and other retail stores where the owners accept money from a customer for a punch board chance must purchase a license, he ruled.



What happens to the millions big corporations take in each year has often baffled the man on Main Street. Here is how General Motors, one of the biggest in the nation, spent its sales dollar: 26 3/4 cents to employees, 49 1/4 cents to suppliers, 15 1/4 cents for taxes, 1 3/4 cents for depreciation, 1/2 cent for reconversion, 4 3/4 cents to shareholders, and 1 3/4 to maintain the business.

NATIONAL DEBT U.S. Debt Nearing \$275 Billion Limit

Barring unexpected changes in the present economic trend, the United States debt is expected to push past the present legal limit of \$275,000,000,000 during the next year. As a result, Secretary of the Treasury Snyder is expected to ask congress to raise the national debt ceiling.

At the end of November the national debt was estimated at \$259,000,000,000, an increase of \$4 billion since April and the highest in 2 1/2 years. By June, 1952, the debt is expected to amount to \$262,500,000,000. If present spending and tax receipts forecasts are correct the debt will pass the \$65 billion mark during the following six months. This would necessitate lifting the legal debt ceiling.



**With Maggie Gone**  
 By CAROLYN GRANT  
 IT WAS late when old Dan left the laundry where he worked, and snow fell in great flakes from the dark sky. He stopped for a moment along the street, unmindful of the eager passersby and their thoughtless jostling against him in their haste on this last night before Christmas. He lifted his face so that the soft flakes fell against his cheeks and melted in cold little drops of water that sought the deep lines sixty odd years had put there. Snow was a part of Christmas, and after days of hesitancy it had come—just as he and Maggie had always wanted it. "Snow makes the lights seem brighter in the store windows, along the decorated streets of our little town and in our home on our tinsel-draped cedar tree. We haven't missed many Christmases, Dan, having our snow." It seemed long ago since Maggie had said that. Years, it seemed. Yet it had been only last year that they'd stood at their front window looking out at the dark sky, and Maggie'd said those words almost like a prayer. Dan sighed and let his chin drop into the upturned collar of his overcoat and started on. He wished the snow hadn't come. With Maggie gone, he could hardly bear its soft falling of down about him. He wanted to close his eyes against its brightness with the street lights shining upon it. He wanted to close his ears against the soft music that came from radios along the streets playing Christmas carols, and "White Christmas"—the song Maggie loved best. Christmas had come again. But for him there'd be no Christmas—



He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there.

not any more. There'd be only memories of other Christmases eddying about him as the swirling snow, and the plans he and Maggie'd made for this Christmas even before they'd carried out the last would pass without realization, now that Maggie wasn't here to help him carry them through.

He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there and was staring without actually seeing the array of Christmas toys behind the big plate glass window. His mind was going back. He was seeing again the glow in Maggie's face as each Christmas they'd shop together for others. Last year it had been the widow Benson and her six little Bensons, who would have been forgotten by Santa if they hadn't bought them gifts. Long ago they'd begun the ritual. They had no children of their own. But Maggie'd said, "We'll pretend that the children about us are ours." And her whole life had been one of giving at Christmas.

This year they'd planned for the O'Shays. They lived in a little house down back of the old depot. "Little Billy's just four and he's never had a wagon, Dan," Maggie'd said, planning even as they trudged through the snow with their gayly wrapped gifts for the Bensons. "And little Jeep has never had a doll that can talk and go to sleep."

Dan shifted his feet, standing there in front of Carter's, and snow gathered along the stoop of his shoulders. Somewhere among Maggie's belongings was a list of the things she'd planned to buy the O'Shays. He remembered it. Each item came clear to him suddenly as the ringing of a bell, and it was as if Maggie stood by him then, warm and alive. She touched his arm and together they went into the store with its crowd of excited late shoppers.

A clerk came up to Dan. "Something, sir?" Dan's eyes were filmed, but they were watery from age and being out in the cold wind, the clerk thought.

"Yes," Dan said. "I have a long list of things to buy."

Maggie smiled, he knew he saw her smile, and she got to talking like she used to talk when they went out together to buy gifts on Christmas Eve.

"We're like a house, Dan," she said. "We can close the doors and windows and others can't tell what we have locked inside. We live to bring happiness to others and for the good that we can do."

Dan looked up above packages piled high in his arms and smiled. He said to the clerk, "Merry Christmas, and now we'll be on our way."

The clerk looked strange. Old people, he thought, were queer, and he called after Dan, "Merry Christmas to you, too, sir! Merry Christmas!"

**Pianos**  
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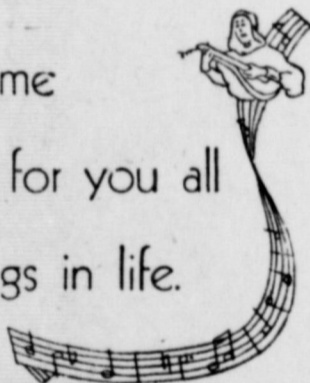
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**REUNION  
AT  
CHRISTMAS**

By HELEN PETRONE

JANET opened the door to her apartment, thinking as she did so that it had been only a week since Craig and she had shared this apartment they called their "ivory tower," named that because of its odd shape. It had been a storage room until the housing shortage became prevalent. Then old Mrs. Root, feeling sympathetic toward the plight of Janet and Craig Norris, newly married and homeless, had cleared it out, partitioned it off into two small rooms and rented it to them.

That was just 13 months ago, Janet remembered, dropping her gloves on the table and lighting the lamp with the same gesture. They had been married only three weeks, just long enough to realize they were imposing on Craig's family who were cramped for quarters themselves.

Just a week ago they had the quarrel that had sent Craig from the apartment. It had been a blow



"She sat down at the window and looked out at the dark, starless sky."

to his pride from the day of their wedding that Janet should continue working. She enjoyed her position in the advertising firm where she had risen from a clerk to copy writer in just two years. Since she left the house after Craig in the morning and returned before him at night, she never felt her working interfered in any way with her household duties. But friends had spoiled everything with their snide remarks about "poor Janet still working," and it was more than Craig could bear. "They think I can't support you!" he'd storm at her, but the more he pleaded the more adamant she had become. And now he was gone.

The whole thing seemed so unimportant now. She glanced at the telephone, half-inclined to call him home, but her own recalcitrant nature refused to allow such a move. She turned on the radio instead and pretended the tears that welled in her eyes at the strains of "Silent Night" were merely tears of weariness after the preparation of the office party that morning. Deliberately she opened the dresser drawer to put away last night's ironing. Her souvenir box loomed temptingly before her. Lifting the cover, she stared at the items she had collected: Craig's class ring, exchanged for a diamond after their graduation from college; a pressed orchid, one of those she had carried at her wedding; various cards, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, valentine. She picked up a small gift card and read again, "To my dear wife, Janet, on our first Christmas." It was the card with the watch he had given her last year.

TREMBLING, she closed the box and turned quickly from the dresser. She had been a fool, she decided. Without Craig, Christmas could never hold the same meaning for her as it once had. She didn't stop to lock the door for there was nothing of value anyone could steal from her. Even her \$100 Christmas bonus lying on the table went unnoticed. The one thing she must not lose was happiness, and that was no longer in her home with Craig gone.

She hurried into her coat as she started breathlessly down the 3½ flights of stairs. Tears coursed down her cheeks and she prayed with fanatic zest that she was not too late. As she reached the last flight of stairs, she crashed into a figure who was hurrying up, as oblivious of his surroundings as she. She gasped at the impact, but the man quickly regained his balance and caught her before she could fall. "Janet!" he cried.

She looked at him almost in disbelief. Then, throwing her arms about him she gave full vent to her tears. "Oh, Craig! Darling, I was just coming for you."

He kissed her and held her tightly. "Janet, I've been such a fool. I didn't realize until tonight what an awful thing pride can be. Will you ever forgive me?"

She sighed. "There's nothing to forgive, Craig. I was the one who was wrong. I'm going to quit my job right away."

"No, you mustn't. I don't want to deprive you of any happiness and if you want to work, I'm not going to stop you."

She laughed snakily. "We'll argue that out later, shall we?"

Arm in arm they climbed up the stairs.

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**Swiss Brotherhood Sang at Christmas To Banish Plague**

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden.

According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims.

If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12.

Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian.

For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearers they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads. The song dates back to the middle ages.

**Santa Claus School Trains Jolly Gents**

In a colonial farmhouse at Albion, N. Y., there's a Santa Claus school and it's the only educational institution of its kind in the world.

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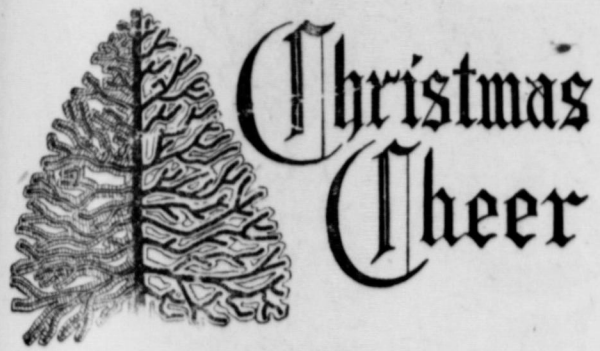


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**Abbreviation, Xmas  
Of Greek Origin**

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.



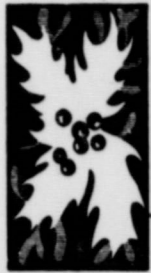
The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

**Legends of Holly**

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.



It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

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**THE VILLAGE**



**HAS A HEART**

Dorothy Boys Killan

THE CLOCK struck nine as Nola hung the last bauble on the fragrant green Christmas tree. Without even stepping back to admire the finished effect she went to the front window and peered out. A cold white moon illumined a cold white earth. She shivered. How lonely she had been in this tiny, quiet village!

When she had written Jim two months before that she was being evicted from their apartment in Chicago he had answered, "I'm hoping against hope to be home from occupation duty in time for Christmas, and I can't think of any place more perfect than Pineville to spend the holidays and my terminal leave. Remember my telling you what happy summers I spent there as a child, and how I'd always wanted to see it in winter? Do investigate this, as a Christmas present for me, Nola darling."

So she had come here and found a house. But somehow she felt that the villagers had ignored her as an outsider.

And now it was Christmas Eve. "He's not going to make it and that's that," Nola thought miserably. She knew that he had landed at San Francisco three days before and had been trying desperately to get a seat on a train or plane.



"It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. My wife thought I'd better take you over."

The telephone rang. "There's a telegram just come for you, Mrs. West, down here at the drug store. Very important."

"Yes?" Nola breathed. "Chicago, 8 P. M. Am catching train. Get off Shoreham five miles east of Pineville 10 P.M. love Jim." Nola leaned heavily against the wall and stared at the phone.

"Mrs. West, are you there?" Mr. Trotter, the druggist, sounded anxious. "Listen, you go out in the garage and get your car motor to warming up. My wife'll be up there in five minutes to stay with your little boy. Hurry now."

In joyful haste Nola peeked in at Jimmy—"Santa Claus is bringing you your Daddy, honey"—powdered her nose and put on her fur coat and boots.

The garage door stuck in its icy groove although she bent her whole weight against it. Suddenly, out of the darkness, a voice called. "It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. I'm so used to driving out in all kinds of weather, my wife thought I'd better take you over."

"Dr. Ryan, I didn't realize 'til just now how I dreaded that trip alone."

A train whistle shrilled through the cold thin air as they drove up to the little depot.

"We made it!" Nola cried exultingly. "Come on." She held open the door.

But Doc muttered, "I'll stay here and keep my feet warm."

Now the huge black engine roared past, slowed down and slid to a stop. A coach vestibule door opened, and before the conductor could step down, a khaki-clad figure leaped on to the platform.

"Oh, darling, darling, darling," Nola's heart throbbed as she felt once more the thrilling warmth of Jim's arms around her.

"Nola!" Jim said everything in that word.

A few moments later as they walked to the car a voice boomed from within, "Glad you made it."

"Whoever you are—thanks," Jim answered. "It's people like you who made me want Nola to come to Pineville to wait for me."

"Get in and close the door. You're freezing me out." Doc grinned as he raced the motor.

"Christmas Eve," Jim said softly as they squeezed in with Doc. "You beside me, our baby just a few miles away, and a Christmas card place like Pineville to welcome us. Don't you love it there, darling?"

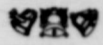
Nola glanced at Doc, thought of Mrs. Trotter and the others. "Yes, Jim, I do," she whispered. "I surely do."

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ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

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**Let EVERY HEART**

By Vera Tarpley

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

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

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



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

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

About nine o'clock carolers came to the door, singing lustily and slightly off-key. "Let every heart prepare him room . . ." The oldest caroler was scarcely twelve. He rattled a box full of coins. Mr. Adams snatched the donation box from him, ceremoniously deposited nine pennies, and passed from guest to guest, bowing after each donation. Everyone put in nickels and dimes. Jim put in a five-dollar bill and everyone shouted "Show-off!" Laura was annoyed but kept still. Laura and Jim's little girl, Bonny, was out caroling too, but her group covered a different neighborhood.

No one noticed much when the telephone rang later in the evening and Jim went to answer it. But they noticed Jim's face when he returned to the living-room—it was white and twitched unpleasantly. Laura walked over to him. "Who was it, dear?"

"It was Ben—he called to apologize for not coming tonight."

"His daughter's been in Children's Hospital for the past month, you know."

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

"She died this afternoon."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

TOM LARKIN opened the kitchen door. His wife looked up with a hopeful smile as he entered. He just shook his head.

"No mail at all?" she said as she went on fixing dinner.

"Oh, there were a couple of ads and a bill from the seed company." He hung his hat on a hook and crossed to the pump. His white hair was damp around his face when he straightened up again.

"It's just not like Bill," she sighed. "Bill's got an unforgivin' streak, always did have, even when he was a little feller." Pa's old briar gave off a pungent odor as he lit it.

"But this is different, Tom," she said, putting a pan of biscuits in the oven, "tomorrow is Christmas. It's a long way to the coast. Maybe he wrote but didn't mail it in time."

"Ma," his tired old voice was filled with bitterness, "there's no



"She could see Pa striding into the living room."

need to stick pins in yourself by hopin'. Christmas or no Christmas . . . that boy is still mad."

The old lady's eyes shone with faith. "He might stay mad all year long but when Christmas comes . . . he'll write. I know. I'm his Ma."

"Don't forget," Tom said as he blew smoke at the ceiling. His eyes crinkled at the corners. "I'm his father."

"Dinner's ready, Pa," she said, filled with a deep longing and fought to keep the tears out of her voice.

"I c'n understand that boy still bein' mad at me, but why does he have to take it out on you?"

"You're wrong, Tom," Ma replied as she lifted her head and smiled. "The day after Christmas, first delivery, we'll get a letter. You'll see."

"Not from him," he shook his head grimly.

"You're forgettin' Judy," she reminded him as they sat down. "She's a good daughter-in-law."

"Oh, I'm not blamin' ner," replying as he covered his biscuits with gravy. "Judy's a fine girl. It's his bull-headed pride."

She got up and taking the coffee pot off the cook stove filled his cup. They ate on in silence. Finally he pushed his plate back.

"You aren't eatin' much," he scolded.

"I'm just not hungry, Pa."

"I see," he stood up. "I'm goin' out and turn the heater on in the hen house. It'll be cold tonight." His old shoulders slumped forward as he went outside. She shook her head and started picking up the dishes. Her mind sank back into the past. To the days when Christmas was alive with the excitement and laughter of young voices. She could see Pa striding into the living room bearing a large evergreen on his shoulder. Behind him there was always a highly excited little boy, bearing an axe. She wondered if the little boy ever thought of it.

PA CAME back on the porch. She smiled as he kicked his toe against the threshold. It's a wonder, she thought, that there's any threshold left after all these years. He came into the kitchen, dumping an arm load of kindling in the box behind the range.

"Snowin', Pa?"

He shook his head and took off his wraps, replying, "Stopped."

She hung the dish towels up to dry. He pulled a rocker in from the living room and sat down.

"Everything all right in the barn?" Ma asked as she threw a few lumps of coal in the fire.

"Sure," Pa said. A sad smile crossed his lips. "What's the use pretendin', Ma? We're both feelin' blue."

She sat down at the old kitchen table and started peeling apples, uttered, "I know it."

"Gonna bake me a pie?" he asked. She nodded. "Apple was always Billy's favorite, too."

"Now, Ma, what's the use o' . . ." he stopped as they heard a car drive up in the yard. "Must be Jim Rogers. Said today that new calf of his was sick." He opened the kitchen door and peered out into the night. She could hear him catch his breath as he watched a man and a woman get out. "Ma, who do you think?" his voice was low.

"I knew," Ma laughed as she laid the paring knife down with a happy smile, "I knew it all the time."



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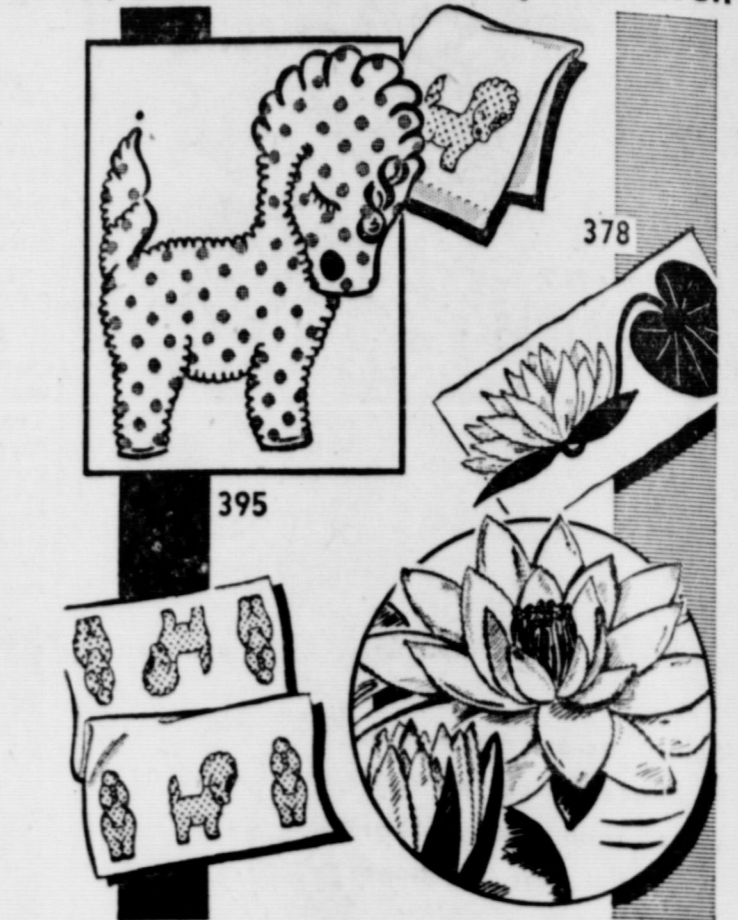
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Mrs. O. B. Campbell looks over a recipe book with her daughter Cathyryn... using for her bookmark the ribbon she won at last year's Texas State Fair! Mrs. Campbell has exhibited at the State Fair for years and is well known as a prize-winning cook. A few years ago she achieved some measure of international recognition when she won first prize in a cooking contest at the Greater Pan American Exposition in Dallas.

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Cole, in a historic move, two months before had commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal



Academy artist, to paint the illustration for the card and had struck off a thousand lithographed copies. He dispatched them that December. This was such a markedly successful stroke of good will that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

Horsley's art was a far cry from today's Christmas card paintings, but he started a cycle which a hundred years later was to bring fine art into high favor on Christmas cards.

An American shopping for cards may select, for instance, a painting called "Snow Under the Arch" by another Royal Academy member—Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister and famed amateur artist. Or he might choose Peter Hurd's "One Night in Winter" or "Grandma" Moses' "The White Church" or "The Nativity" by Alexander Ross.

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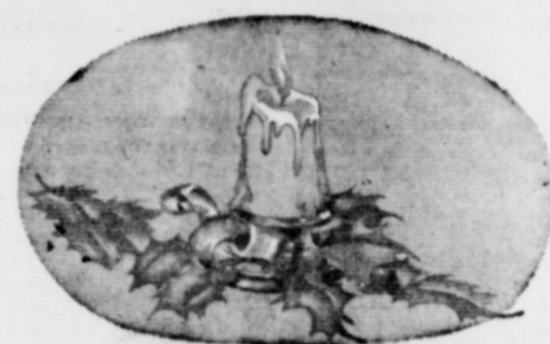
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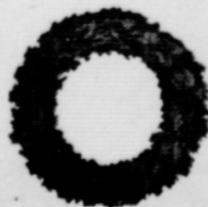
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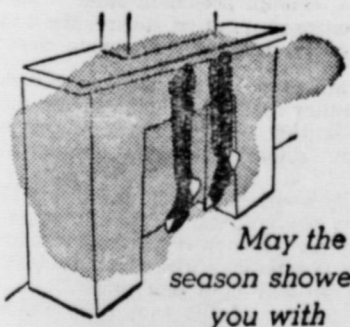
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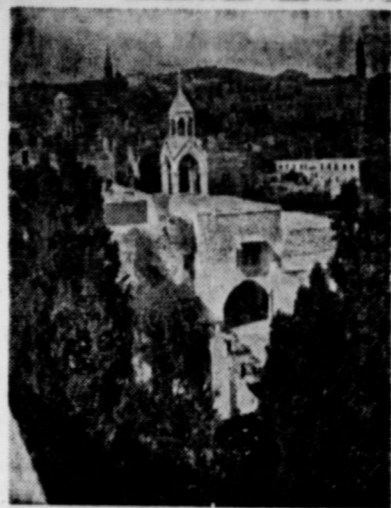
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The Church of the Nativity

## Everyone Wants To See Just One 'Good Old' Yule

"How I would long to see just one more 'old-fashioned Christmas!'"

These are familiar words at this time of the year. Before the Yuletide season is over, some member of the family, grandfather or grandmother, probably, is certain to pass that remark, as they have done each Christmas of the past.

And yet, if we search back into the records . . . to the turn of the century, say . . . we find that, even then, someone was wishing for "an old-fashioned Christmas." It is then that we realize that the celebration of the birth of Christ has not changed greatly with the passage of centuries. Basically, Christmas is the same, year after year. It is only the world and the people who are not the same.

He may not admit it, but when grandfather first began to raise a family, he overheard his elders musing over the changing Christmas customs and heralding the approach to "complete commercialism" of the Yuletide celebration. Even then they were worried.

No one can deny that Christmas has been greatly "commercialized" since the days of early America. Yet, so has the entire nation. In the days of our ancestors there were none of the vast trading centers and commercial marts that we know today. Our very way of life has been greatly changed with modernization. Our holidays, and Christmas is the principal one, have managed to keep abreast.

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## Custom of 'Pinata', Observed in Mexico, Is Spreading to U.S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time.

The pinata is made of thin, fragile clay, and is filled with sweetmeats and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling.

Each of the guests, not always only just children—is blindfolded and given a stick. The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out, whence a mad scramble takes place for the spoils.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children. Tradition decrees that they must wait until the final day of the 21-day Christmas season to receive their gifts.

## Christmas Was Once Holiday That Moved About on Calendar

Christmas was once a movable feast. The eastern branches of the Christian church usually celebrated it in April or May. Western Europe sometime in January.

In 337 A.D., St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century observed the date of January 7, because they use the Julian calendar, which lists December 25 on that date by our calendar.

### Church Of Christ

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Worship: 10:55 a.m.  
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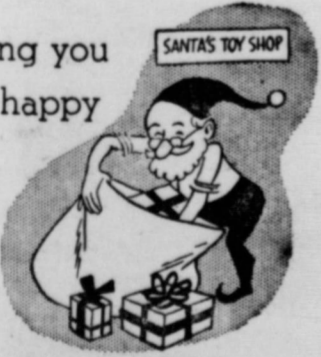


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## CANDLES FOR Christmas

Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ-child on his way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nutshells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas eve, each carrying a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the good-folk attended the services.

### Redeemer's Birthplace In Ancient Bethlehem Still Scene of Worship

The scene of the Redeemer's birth at Bethlehem is the site of a full day's worship and prayer each Christmas Eve. The faithful come from all parts of the world to join their voices in adoration and to see the solemn reenactment of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Discontinued for six years during World War II, the pontifical mass and ceremony was renewed in 1945. As the stars on the hillside and the pale moon wrapped the town of Bethlehem in an aura of holiness, the voices of the humble echoed in prayer from the little Church of St. Catherine, built on the hallowed rock of the most sacred spot of the Christian world.

The mass was celebrated at 10 p.m., the voices of the choir-boys ringing out over the surrounding hills. At the stroke of 12 the great bells of the tower of the nativity rang out, loud and clear.

The vicar, holding an image of the Christ Child, joined a procession of priests, acolytes and choir-boys. By flickering candlelight the procession filed over the stone steps leading to the grotto of the nativity. The vicar placed the tiny representation of Christ on the sacred spot where, many years before, the Redeemer came.

### Balsam Recommended As Best Yule Tree

In choosing a Christmas tree, many look for trees that will not shed needles quickly indoors. Highly recommended are balsam and Douglas firs, which usually will hold their needles as long as two or three weeks in a warm house.

Balsam is fragrant beyond all other Christmas trees, has long



lower branches and thick spire-like top. Its needles do not stab the hand. Like the needles of all firs, they are usually flattened, not squarish.

For longer life, place the tree outdoors in a bucket of water for 24 hours before putting it up, or place in a waterproof container of wet sand and keep the sand moist.



I HOPE, I HOPE . . . There is an expression commonly used during the days just before Christmas—and this is it, on the face of the lad with the football. If things work out the way they usually do, he'll get his wish.

For those Christmas decorations arrangements and gifts: grave blanket blankets and wreaths for the month of December.  
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CHRISTMAS BACKDROP

### Christmas Seal Idea Conceived In Denmark

A DANISH postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans will receive a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish postoffice conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted by some worthwhile organization. He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

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## The House of Flowers

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The practice of holding "open house" has been a Christmas tradition through the years.

The Saxon lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and all enjoyed a great feasting, songs and the exchange of gifts. A tremendous Yule log was dragged upon an open fire pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South. The slaves often soaked a log in the cypress swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas freedom.

"Open House" during the Yuletide season is a true mark of democracy.

**Cowboy's Party Is Real American Fete**

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations is the Cowboy's Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 in the small town of Anson, Texas.

The celebration started as a wedding party in the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore". A cowboy band swung out and the dancers perform the heel and toe polka, the Varsouvienne, and other old folk dances.

*Origin of Symbolic Tree Shrouded in Old Legends*

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift-giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the 16th or 17th centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into northern Europe and from there to America.

Outside tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known outside displays in America are on the White House lawn and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.

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# Gay, Festively Decorated Tables Enhance Holiday

By Ertta Haley

YOU can have as much fun decorating your tables for holiday entertaining as watching the reindeer. This is a season that offers a wealth of material from which decorations can be made, and the colors and effects can be most impressive.

Some of the simplest decorative effects can be most dramatic. There are no hard and fast rules to be followed as there are in certain flower arrangements. What is appealing to the eye can distinguish the simplest occasion on which you entertain.



Let your holiday table...

Simply paste these on, and then wash them off after using. You will have had a typically seasonal decoration without any expense other than a few cents spent on the stickers.

Another simple way to treat the festive bowl is to use it on its own or a plain white or silver tray. At the base of the bowl, circle sprigs of holly or other greenery, with or without some cranberries or artificial holly berries.

Centerpieces for holiday dinner tables may be decorative or edible, depending upon the kind of party you are having.

For a rather special dinner, this simple centerpiece will be effective as well as inexpensive. Using plastic-coated fiber, cut red and green poinsettia leaves.

## Indoor 'Snow'



Treat your Christmas tree to a coating of snow ingeniously provided through using some shaving cream, easily applied through the push-button container.

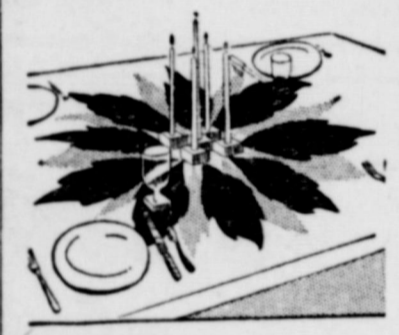
place several small squat candle holders at the very center, with their candles. Four holders provide a nice setting.

Another simple decoration appropriate for the holidays uses a blue mirror such as is found in many homes. On this can be placed small wax figures to represent a Christmas scene.

Attractive fruits can be arranged on any white platters large enough to make a good centerpiece. Use plenty of green (grapes, lemon leaves or holly) and then, too, red from apples, grapes, blushing pears and cranberries.

For children's parties, you can be informal as well as clever. One of those discarded wagons that the kiddies have discarded can be painted red. Paste some stars on it to cover dents or defects.

If you have a cake platter on a stand, spread the stand and plate with green oilcloth or felt. Pile the plate high with red and green decorated cookies.



reflect the spirit of the season.

### Children's Parties Call for Color

Santa Claus represents Christmas as well as presents, so he makes a much appreciated decoration.

ration for many a children's party. If you're having youngsters over for a gift exchange, make a big Santa to hold gifts at the party table.

Shoulders for Santa can be represented with an 18-inch circle of red paper. On top of this place a lard can painted white, with the face painted in red nail polish.

Another idea for Santa as a centerpiece uses papier mache Santas. These can be whitewashed, and then filled with holly or cellophane wrapped candies or cookies.

If you're worried about tables getting scratched, you can cover them with colored metal foil paper. These are decorative enough in themselves, and don't need much else unless you want to put a simple decoration on them.

Odd branches from the Christmas tree can be placed in containers for centerpieces. Hang these with small ornaments or cover them with small toys such as cars, planes and trucks which the youngsters can take away as their favor from the party.

Another idea for trimming these branches, especially if you want to be economical, and know that the children will get to them, is to hang artificial flowers on them, especially red ones like carnations from your last summer's hat or dress.

Children can be presented with cranberry and popcorn chains to hang around their necks when they arrive at the party. It's a good ice-breaker for all and especially those who are a bit shy.

KATHLEEN NORRIS

## Let's Not Have Merry Christmas

LET'S NOT HAVE a merry Christmas this year. Let's have instead a thoughtful and prayerful Christmas.

Christmas, in our modern, scientific royalty luxurious world, marks the birthday of a peasant, a man who never had an influential friend, or money, or power.

Up and down the west coast of Europe this word spread, and miracles went with it. The great cities, the universities, the cathedrals and libraries and hospitals were all

### Show Creativeness In Table Decor

You've heard of people taking a few twigs and bits of green and holly berries and making spectacular decorations out of them? It can be done easily if you'll use imagination.

Twigs, bare and dry though they be, can be dipped in white paint and then sprinkled with glitter. Arrange these in a needle holder placed on a bright and shiny tin cookie sheet.

A red cellophane bell can make an attractive centerpiece if it's decorated a bit. Tie a huge bow of white or glistening green to the top.

Let Table Appointments Be Immaculate

When you're planning a holiday party, start planning your table service several days in advance, just as you do the food and decorations.

Linen, such as tablecloths and napkins may require laundering. There should not be the slightest hint that these have been in storage.

## THE READER'S DATE BOOK Money Spent With Local Stores Benefits the Entire Community

This is the third week this column has been devoted to Christmas promotions. In one the material and the intangible benefits that local merchants gain from Christmas parades and community Santa Claus was discussed.

It seems appropriate at this point to discuss a few of the reasons why your local merchant has concentrated his merchandising efforts on Christmas.



When the main his advertising parades and community Santa has been directed toward selling the consumer.

But what, after all, is so wrong with it? Every person in this community planned a certain amount of shopping, a number of gifts for family and friends.

Briefly, the purpose has been to get you, the local consumer, into a local store; to get you to do your buying at home.

As the result of good roads and fast transportation, too many home owners today are inclined to take off for the city on a Christmas buying spree.

Your local merchant depends upon the Christmas trade to keep his front doors open. In many cases he operates at a loss for months, yet knowing that Christmas and other special events will put his business in the black.

Many people fail to realize that the dollar spent with the local merchant goes to work for the entire community.

So, during the few remaining days before Christmas do your shopping at home. Your Main Street merchant will appreciate your business.

### Double Polio Drive Period Is Planned

The March of Dimes starts two weeks earlier than usual this year because of the upward surge of polio. During the past four years it has become increasingly difficult for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to carry on its fight against the only epidemic disease still on the increase in America.

Starting January 2, instead of Jan. 15, the 1952 March of Dimes will continue throughout the rest of the month. Local and national officials of the polio fighting organization hope that the doubled campaign period will be accompanied by doubled efforts on the part of volunteers and by increased contributions by all Americans.



The year 1951 marked the fourth year in succession that the National Foundation went into debt providing patient care for the children and adults who fell victim to poliomyelitis.

This means that the 1952 March of Dimes is already mortgaged for this amount before a cent is set aside for research or for the contingencies that lie ahead.

During the last four years, including an estimate of 28,500 cases in 1951, the nation has experienced its worst polio years in history.

## Budget and Save To Beat Prices

Budget, save and shop—you may beat inflation, says two Duke University economists advise.

"Inflation is here to stay, and the American public may as well get used to it," say associate professors Lloyd Saville and Frederick C. Joerg, specialists at Duke University in consumer economics and investments.

The two experts are ready with eight suggestions to help Mr. and Mrs. America get the most from their spending dollars.

1. Shop for price reductions. Look around a little, watch the newspapers; most stores are selling goods well below OPS ceiling prices.

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2. Avoid credit charges. With higher incomes and fewer available consumer goods it is more logical to save before spending.

3. Don't spend just because you have a little extra money on hand. It is worthwhile and patriotic to save.

4. Buy goods of appropriate quality. Likewise, if you need a new house now may be as good a time to build one as you will find for the next few years.

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### THE LABOR FORCE

## Million Women Join Nation's Labor Force During Past Year

WNU Washington Bureau

Although several years have elapsed since the peak of female employment during World War II, in the past year alone more than a million women have gone back into the industrial force of the country.

While this pace has been slower and more orderly than was the case during the last war, there are only approximately two and one-half million less women in industry now than there were during the peak of World War II.

Although there has been a recent definite trend toward more employment of women, the results have not necessarily been seen in defense industries, except in critical areas.

While the current military recruitment drive is, in itself, presenting strong competition for the attention of many women, it will affect only one age group—those from 18 to 25.

### Older Women Join Labor Force

In terms of the age distribution of women workers in general, the picture now as compared with 1940 shows that the proportion of women in the labor force who are between 20 and 34 has declined, while the proportion 35 years old and over has increased.

set during World War II, the overall picture will not be the same. The trend is not so much toward women in factories, plants, and other defense jobs as it is toward occupations for which women are better fitted.

Because of the present easier pace and less urgent demand for women in industry as compared to the war years, the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor is considering the factors involved in a more orderly and scientific assimilation of women into the labor force.

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## ONCE OVER Christmas in Another Country

By H. I. Phillips

JOSEF STALIN'S birthday, it is reported, has been designated to replace Christmas in Communist Hungary. Which set us to thinking of the propaganda line needed to sell people the idea of the Master of the Kremlin as "a right jolly old elf," cruising the Yuletide skies in a sleigh with the hammer and sickle painted on each side, presumably with a commissar astride each reindeer.

The children were nestled (scared stiff) in their beds With orders to answer all knocks with "We're Reds!"

And mama in her kerchief and I in my hood Were thinking the visit would do us no good.

(Then came the part about the clatter on the lawn and the rush to the windows to see what was the matter. We threw this out. With Stalin making the trip there could be no uncertainty. Everybody would know darned well what was the matter behind the clatter, or else.)

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of searchlights to objects below.

(Objects! Watch your language! Ya wanna go to the salt mines? Just refer to Joe as an "object below." But to resume)

When what to our wondering eyes should appear But Josef himself with his Russian reindeer; I knew in a moment or two it was he.

More rapid than eagles his couriers they came And to volleys of cannon he called them by name: "Now, Ivan! Now, Petrov! Now, Igor! Now Pinski! On, Malik! On Molotov, also Vishinsky!

"To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall, With hammer and sickle and borscht over all!"

(All went well until we came to the lines "And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof the prancing and pawing of each little hoof.")

"No dice! No foot-steps you hear on your roof in Communist territory can be described as prancing. If you go back to bed thinking it's from reindeer you're nuts. So we picked it up from there.)

As I fell to my knees and gave welcomes galore, Down the chimney Saint Stalinus came with a roar;

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot And he quickly shot mom for his coat of soot.

Happy Moscow to all! To all others Good Night!"



"... unknown carpenter ..."

there—they were nowhere else. That part of the world called "Christendom" and those people who called their civilization "Christianity" built the new world, and they named it for their leader.

Never before had anyone said "forgive your enemies, do good to them that hate you." Never before had anyone said "Overcome not evil with evil, but overcome evil with good."

And did all the Christians love their enemies, and do good to them that hated them? We know they did not—not always. They very soon came to the old human conclusion; that to all but destroy your enemies first and love them afterward was the proper interpretation of that law.

But just as often as they did forgive, in scattered cases and in humble ways, the miracle followed. It was the attacking enemy who was mysteriously halted. It was the stronger foe who was vanquished

# BLOCKER GROCERY

"Trade Goes Where Invited, Stay Where Treated Best"

## Specials For Friday & Saturday

**CHEER 26c**

Large Box

**Tissue 3 for 39c**

Delsey 3 rolls

**Juice 29c**

Tomato; Del Monte 46 oz can

**Sugar 10 lb 87c**

10 lb bag Pure cane

**Salmon 43c**

"Sno Tip" Alaska, Tall can

**Syrup 59c**

"Wes-Tex" 1/2 gal. cane

**Peaches 29c**

Del Monte; in heavy syrup No 2 1/2

**Juice 19c**

Grapefruit "Heart's Delight" 46 oz

TRADE WHERE MA SAVES MONEY FOR PA  
WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT Nothing Sold to Merchants to be re sold

**Coffee 85c**

Maxwell House 1 lb reg or drip

**Hams 1b 45c**

Picnic, whole or half

**BACON 1b 43c**

Sliced, Corn King

We have plenty of cured hams, large and small, also canned hams

**FREE**

There's a FREE MOTOR BIKE  
Waiting for you Dec. 24th. Ask us for details.

Fresh dressed

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**Fryers**

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More and Better Milk Cows; see Walter Teeter

For sale: 30 ft. 1950 model Modern Trailer house at C M Mensch place 9 miles East of O'Donnell 3

For sale: A five year old paint horse, a gentle saddle horse, colt next summer; see Bobby Barnes, care Jesse Barnes 2tc

Do your windows and doors need weatherstripping or caulking. Satisfaction is guaranteed, see Benny Moore today, phone 111, box 498 1-20-52

**CARD OF THANKS**

To our many friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful during the illness and death of our beloved wife, mother and daughter, we want to say Thank You. May God's blessing be upon each and everyone of you is our prayer.  
Harlan Austin and family  
Mrs W H Harris and family  
Mr and Mrs R E Austin and family

To the little boys and big boys: Please do not shoot at or try to catch the Squirrels that you see in O'Donnell. They are some bought by Mrs J P Bowlin together with nesting boxes. Mrs Bowlin hopes to be able to raise some young ones.

Finest Fruit cakes in the world; see Walter Teeter at City Bakery

There's no shortage of Christmas trees at Corner Drug

**Letters To Santa**

Dear Santa  
I am in the third grade. I have been a good girl and I want a big baby doll, some candy and nuts  
Love Shirley Greenlee

Dear Santa  
I am in the third grade. I have been a good girl and I want a Toni doll, a bracelet and some candy and nuts  
Frances Wood

Dear Santa  
Please bring me two guns and my brother wants a train and my little brother wants two guns and my little sister wants a doll. Do not forget other little boys and girls.  
Regie Jackson

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy five years old and I have been real good so would you please send me a two gun Roy Rogers holster set and some more toys if you have some left from other little boys.  
Charles Gardenhire

Dear Santa,  
I want a beautiful bride doll and a toy permanent wave kit, and an electric phonograph with these records: "Frosty, The Snow man", "The Three Bears."  
Thanks  
Pam Stephens Rt. 1 O'Donnell

SEASON'S BEST



At this Holiday Season, the glow of the fire-side is no warmer than our wish that you may enjoy a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

O'Donnell Telephone Co.

Mrs Bill W. Davis

## Specials For Friday and Saturday

- Fresh Cranberries 1b ..... 28c
- Large Cello pkg. CELERY ..... 28c
- 10 lbs Red Spuds ..... 58c
- 2 lb Christmas wafyed Hershey milk
- Chocolate Kisses ..... \$1.39
- Large Box Rinso Washing powders ..... 27c
- 3 bars Crystal White Soap ..... 25c
- 3 lb can Crisco ..... 94c
- No. 1 Tomatoes per can ..... 11c
- Delsey Tissue 2 rolls for ..... 25c
- No. 2 can Red and White Spinach ..... 15c
- No 2 can Sun Spun Pie Cherries ..... 22c
- 2 lb box Velveta Cheese ..... 98c
- Bulk Franks ..... lb ..... 43c
- Parkay Oleo 1b ..... 31c

## Line Cash Grocery and Market

Plenty of parking in back of store; come in and shop with us - WE DELIVER PHONE 118



# CHRISTMAS

# Cash Saver!

**Crisco 91c**

3 lb can

**Juice 29c**

Pineapple 46 oz. can



**Sugar 47c**

5 lbs

**Peaches 3 for 89c**

Del Monte in heavy syrup no 2 1-2 Halves or sliced

**Fruit Cocktail 36c**

Del Monte No 2 1/2 can  
Chocolate covered

**Cherries 49c**

In Cordial Cream

**TUNA 33c**

Fancy Fish, Solid pack, Star Kist

**Tide 28c**

Large box

**Napkins 2 for 25c**

80 count Embossed

**Green beans 26c**

Whole stringless no 2 Libby's

Plenty of Christmas Fruits,  
Nuts and Candy



**HAMS 1b 63c**

Cudiah Tenderized whole or half

**Fryers 1b 58c**

**Bacon 1b 55c**

Armour Star Sliced 1b

## Vegetables

**Celery 19c**

Nice large stalks

**Grapes 15c**

Tokay, 1b

**Bananas 15c**

Lb

**Cranberry Sauce 21c**

Ocean Spray

**Pickles 26c**

Ma Brown, Ol' Fashion, pt. jar

**Soup 33c**

3 cans Heinz Tomato

**Pumpkin 26c**

No 2 1/2 can Del Monte

**Peas 18c**

Tender Jumbos no 303 Libbys

A Very Merry Christmas From  
Paul and All The Staff

Closed Dec. 25th and 26th

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