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THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Ever wonder, as you hang festive lights on the branches of that prize pine or spruce, who trimmed the first Christmas tree? Or when folks first "discovered" Santa Claus? Or who sang the first Christmas carol? Some Christmas customs are surprisingly recent, while others date back beyond the earliest Christians. But the Yuletide we know — complete with gifts under a gaily lighted tree, friends calling to admire the sparkling decorations, family reunions — has existed for only the past 200 years.

To our ancestors of several centuries ago, Christmas was a time of solemn rejoicing and deep religious dedication, with little of the modern gaiety. The New England Puritans actually forbade joyous Yuletide demonstrations!

New Englanders and other Americans eventually followed the lead of New York's Dutch settlers and succumbed to the charm of "San Nicolaas" — better known as Saint Nick or Santa Claus. But the jolly gent had a flourishing career long before he reached our shores.

More than 1600 years ago there was a St. Nicholas — a Turkish bishop whose countless works of charity made him a legend in his lifetime. Martyred in 342 A.D., he became the patron saint of children and of three nations:

Greece, Holland and Belgium. As for the Christmas tree, it's still the center of attraction in many homes — a place of honor rooted in history. Thousands of years before the first Christmas, the evergreen was revered as a symbol of long life and immortality. German tribes brought fir trees into their homes to please the god-like spirits they thought inhabited the trees. When these pagans converted to Christianity, they transferred their feeling for the evergreen to the new religion.

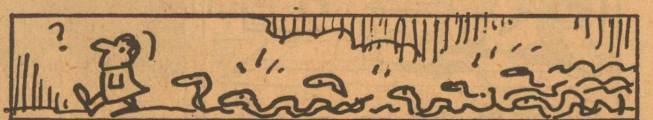
Next time you hear "Deck the hall with boughs of holly" — a song that dates back to the Middle Ages — remember the origin of Christmas carols. The word "carol" means "to dance in a ring", and the man who popularized the practice was the beloved St. Francis of Assisi. To bring the Christmas message vividly and directly to his villagers, most of whom could not read, the 13th century saint arranged a manger scene using real people and



animals. When the villagers came to see it, St. Francis led them in joyous celebration — in "caroling." So this holiday season as you make your home ready with a decorated tree, glittery ornaments and shining lights, you can feel a kinship with people through the ages who kept the glorious traditions of Christmas aglow.

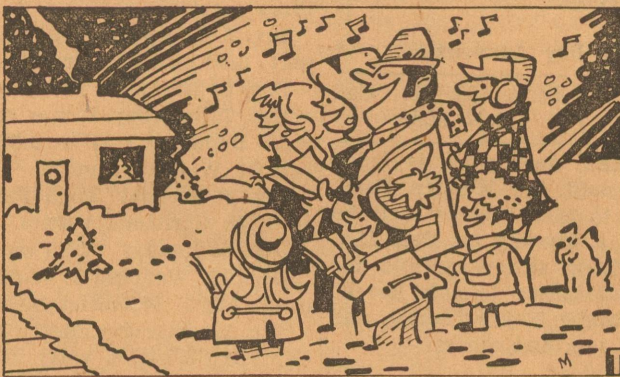


People once believed that a black dog and puppies was bad luck to look at.



The Welsh once believed that wearing a fern would cause them to lose their way and be followed by snakes.

TEACH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE REAL CHRISTMAS



With all the bustle and buying the Yuletide brings, many people — particularly children — have a hard time trying to find what Christmas is really all about. But there are ways you can help your child understand this happy holy-day!

1. Christmas is sharing. Teach your child to share with others by letting him contribute from his own savings to Christmas baskets, Christmas seals, the street-corner Santa or some similar charity. Let him help you share the beauty of Christmas with your whole neighborhood by putting up the shining strings of colored lights about the house.
2. Christmas is joy. In addition to any parties you may give have a special one with your children as "guests."
3. Christmas is song. Your whole family, and your neighbors, might enjoy an evening of caroling from house to house about the neighborhood, or just an evening at home singing the traditional songs around the brightly lighted tree.
4. Christmas is beautiful. Have your child help decorate the house and send out the cards, perhaps the ones he drew or made himself. Let him help you trim the tree with lights and tinsel and turn your home into a beautiful Christmas light house.
5. Christmas is delicious foods. Start well in advance, and have your children help you prepare all the Christmas cookies, candies, cakes and other treats.
6. Christmas is a time for peace and family togetherness. A day spent quietly at home, together in a warm, well-lighted house can give a child a better insight into the meaning of Christmas than all the presents under the tree.

Home Economics At A Glance

Nancy Jane Baumann
 Assistant County Extension Agent

Caring For Christmas Poinsettias
 The Christmas season and Poinsettias seem to go together and great numbers of this plant are available each holiday season. With proper care, the colorful bracts and dark green foliage will remain attractive throughout the holiday period.

For best results place the plants in a sunny location protected from sudden changes in temperatures caused by drafts from opening doors or heating vents. Night temperatures in the room should not drop below 60 F.

The useful life of poinsettias can be greatly lengthened by correct watering techniques. Their water requirements are relatively high due to the low humidity found in most heated areas. This fact combined with the large leaf surfaces exposed to the dry air makes proper watering very important. The soil in the pot should not be allowed to become so dry that the leaves wilt. Neither should it be kept saturated with moisture. Excessive water in the soil will cut off the oxygen supply to the roots resulting in loss of the functional roots and subsequent loss of leaves.

Check the bottom of the container to see if there is adequate drainage through the pot. Frequently the entire pot is covered with an attractive foil wrap that prevents the excess moisture from draining from the pot and the soil remains waterlogged.

With reasonable care poinsettias should remain attractive well into the New Year.

About mid-January poinsettia plants will go dormant and shed the leaves & colored bracts. When this occurs you have two choices. The first choice is to discard the plant. The second choice is to attempt to carry it over for the following holiday season. To do this the frequency of watering should be reduced as soon as the leaves begin to shed. Move the

plant to a cool location, preferably about 45 to 55 F. Keep the soil slightly on the dry side and hold until spring. The plant should then be repotted or planted directly to the garden. Poinsettias make attractive landscape plants in the southern portion of the state.

If it is to be grown as a pot-plant, cut the plant back to about three to six inches in height, shake the old soil from the roots, and re-plant in a slightly larger container using a fertile, well-drained soil high in organic matter. The first few days keep the plant well watered and in full shade.

A compact plant can be produced by pinching or cutting the terminal shoot as soon as the new growth reaches four to six inches in length. Repeat this procedure every time a new shoot reaches this length. No further pinching should be done after August 15.

Poinsettias are known as short-day plants and will not initiate flowers until there is at least 11 hours of darkness. To hasten flower formation place the plant in a completely dark room at 6:00 p. m. and bring it back into full light at 8:00 a. m. Start this routine about the middle of September and continue until the flower bracts begin to show color. Using this schedule the plants should show color by Thanksgiving Day and be in full bloom by Christmas.

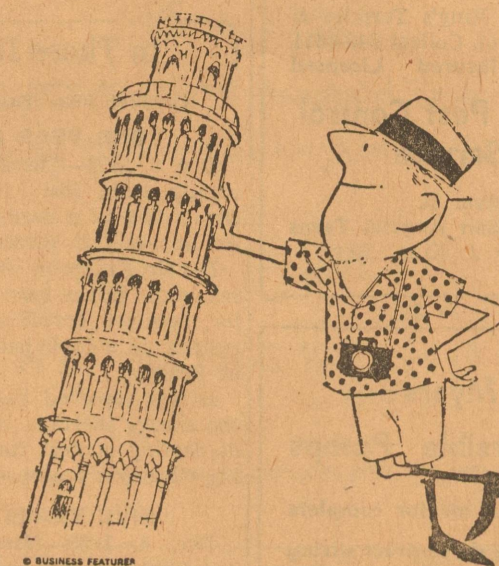
Most people find that unless they have the facilities for providing the intensive care and attention required for growing attractive poinsettias, the results are usually not worth the effort. The home-grown plants usually become too tall, the leaves are smaller and often for one reason or another they fail to flower before Christmas. Unless one derives a great deal of satisfaction from growing his own plants, the plants available from the local florist or garden center will be more attractive and less costly in the long run.



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Dec. 13-15 Fiesta de Las Luminarias, San Antonio. Candles are placed all along the downtown section of the San Antonio River, Paso del Rio. Each evening at sundown during the celebration, the river merchants light the candles symbolizing lighting the way for the Holy Family on their journey to Bethlehem. On Dec. 15 Fiesta Las Posadas takes place. This is a classical pageant depicting the Holy Family's search for an inn and it is sung in Spanish. From about 7-9 p.m. various high school choirs sing Christmas carols from river taxis. For more information, write Paseo del Rio Association, 519 River Walk, San Antonio 78205.

Dec. 15-Jan. 1 Christmas Fantasy, Spearman. The Women's Auxiliary of the Baker & Taylor Drilling Co. are sponsoring this delightful event. The ladies have constructed a drive-through fantasyland on the grounds of the Little League Ball Park. The scenes range from traditional Christmas settings to nursery rhyme and Walt Disney characters. For more details, write Chamber of Commerce, Box 161, Spearman 79081.

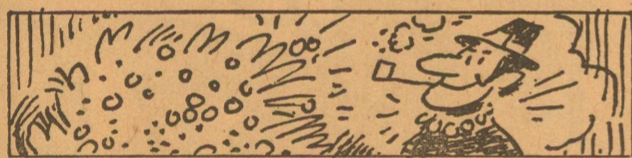
Dec. 21-22 Lake O' the Pines Flea Market, Jefferson. The flea market adds another attraction to this historic little town. Regular features include the Excelsior Hotel, Jay Gould Private Railroad Car, Historical Society Museum and a number of homes bearing Texas State Historical Medallions. For further information, write Marion County Chamber of Commerce, 108 E. Lafayette, Jefferson 75657.

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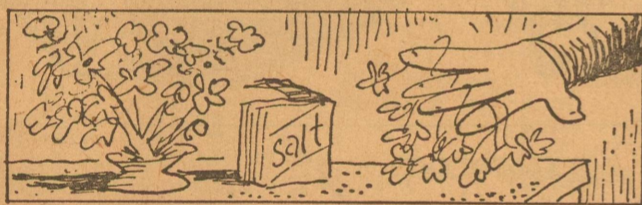
Dec. 1-Jan. 6 40th Annual Southwestern Sun Carnival, El Paso. All types of sports events and cultural activities highlight this festival. The annual Sun Bowl Basketball Classic, held Dec. 19 and 20, will feature teams from Northwestern, Miami of Ohio, Texas A&M, and University of Texas at El Paso. Then on Dec. 28 the Sun Bowl Football Game begins at 11 a.m. in the Sun Bowl followed by the Sun Carnival Coronation and Show at the civic center. For more information, contact Southwest Sun Carnival Association, P. O. Box 95, El Paso 17941.

Dec. 7-8 World's Largest Garage Sale, Houston. Held in the Astrohall, this sale promises to be the "granddaddy of them all". Last year over 17,000 came to swap and shop, and more than 20,000 are expected this year. A special addition to this year's sale will be the Starving Artists Art Section. Admission is free, and those desiring to exhibit their wares may do so for \$35. For further details, write Convention Dept. Astrohall, P. O. Box 288, Houston 77001.

Dec. 13 Poinsettia Show, Mission. More than a flower show, this event has become well-known in the tropical Lower Rio Grande Valley for its instructions in flower-growing and arranging. Sponsored by



In Ireland, a necklace of 9 elderberries was once considered a cure for epilepsy.



Some people say that buttercups mixed with salt and hung from the fingers will cure toothaches!

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7 North Cottonwood
Gordon E. Garlington, Jr., Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Union Youth Fellowship 6:00 P. M.
Joint Methodist & Presbyterian Evening Service 7:00 P. M.

West Side Church Of Christ
Divide Street
Morning Service 10:30 A. M.
Evening Service 6:00 P. M.
Wed. Evening Service 8:00 P. M.

First Baptist Church
Gene Stark, Pastor
W. Gillis Ave.
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Union Youth Fel. 6:00 P. M.
Church Training 6:00 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.
Sunday Evening Choir Practice 7:45 P. M.
Wed. Prayer Service 8:00 P. M.

First Christian Church
Dean W. Brigham, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 10:45 A. M.

First United Methodist Church
Thom Elliott, Pastor
109 N. Divide
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Morning Worship 10:45 A. M.
Union Youth Fel. 6:00 P. M.
Joint Methodist & Presbyterian Evening Service 7:00 P. M.
Wednesday Evening Choir Practice 8:00 P. M.

United Pentecostal Church
Warner and Hackberry
Walter L. Ford, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.
Services on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30.

Church Of Christ—Mortzon Hwy.
Silas Triplett, Minister
Classes 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P. M.
Wednesday Service 7:30 P. M.
Dinner on the Ground Each First Sunday

Gethsemane Assembly of God Mis.
Nick Robledo, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Worship Service Friday, 7:30 P. M.

Antioch Baptist Church
Billy Daniels, Pastor
Callender & Mulberry
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.

First Baptist Mexican Mission
El Paso St. & Concho Ave.
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Sunday Services 11:00 A. M.
Sunday Night Services 7:00 P. M.
Wednesday Services 7:30 P. M.

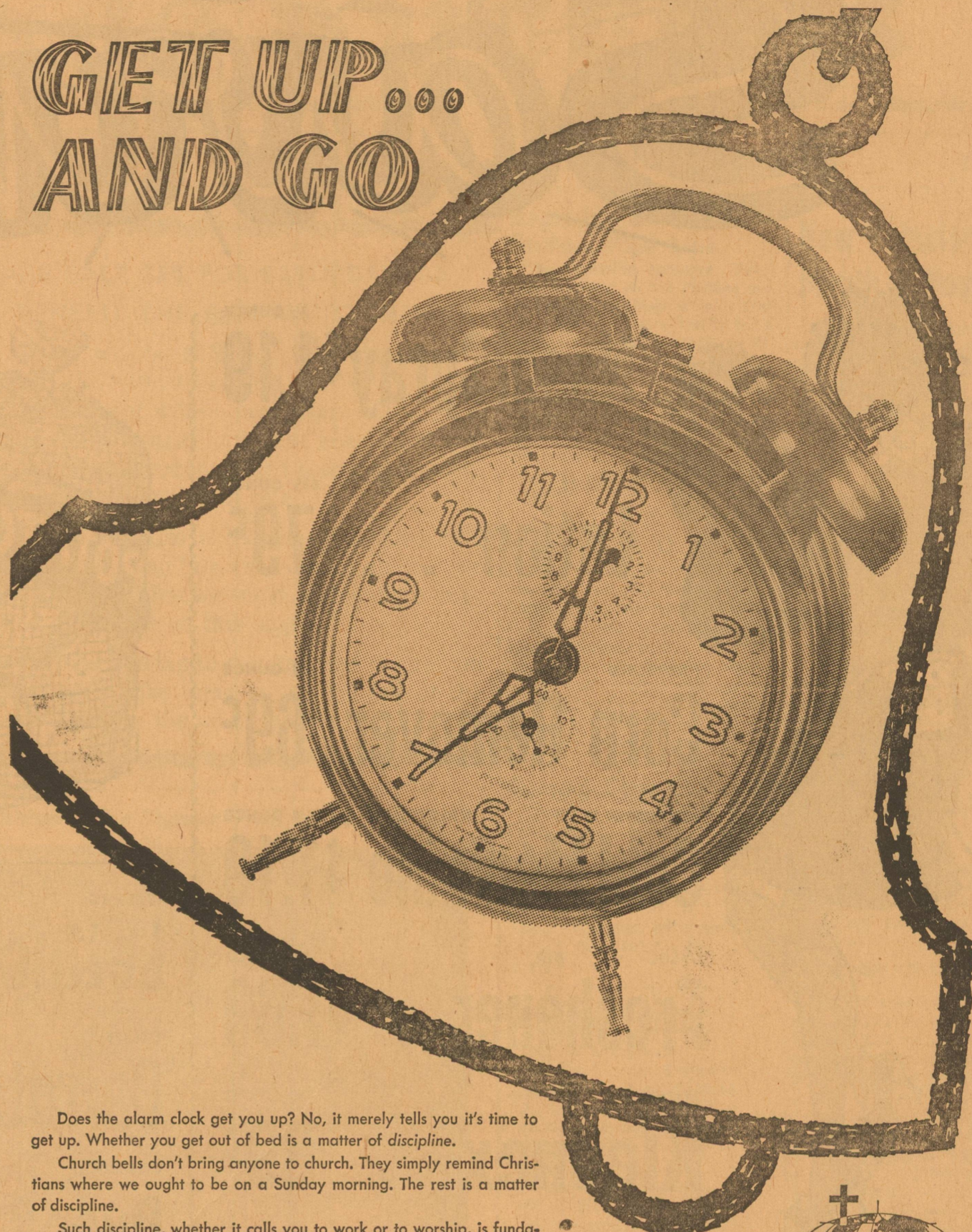
St. Luke Missionary Bap. Church
East Street
Rev. Willie Jones, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Worship Service on First and Third Sundays of each month at 11:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M.

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic
Highway 277 North
New time for Sunday Mass is 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mass 7:30.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
McWhorter Ave. and Pelt Street
The Rev. Lea Roy Aldwell, Rector
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00

Primitive Baptist Church
Menard Highway
Hugh Montgomery, Pastor
Service each 2nd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Also on Saturday evening before at 7:00 p.m. Congregational Singing.

GET UP... AND GO



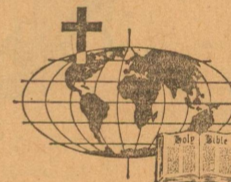
Does the alarm clock get you up? No, it merely tells you it's time to get up. Whether you get out of bed is a matter of discipline.

Church bells don't bring anyone to church. They simply remind Christians where we ought to be on a Sunday morning. The rest is a matter of discipline.

Such discipline, whether it calls you to work or to worship, is fundamentally a trait of your own character. It begins with earnestness, it is strengthened by habit, it is directed toward any responsibility or opportunity which you value.

The value a person puts upon God and his own soul usually determines whether he worships each Sunday, or now and then. Put another way: the man who knows what worship and inspiration can mean in his life never is hesitant to get up and go.

And, of course, discipline has special meaning for a Christian: those who lived and worked with Christ were DISCIPLES.



Sunday	John	2:7-11
Monday	Luke	14:25-33
Tuesday	Acts	3:19-26
Wednesday	Acts	4:31-37
Thursday	II Corinthians	5:17-21
Friday	Philippians	1:19-25
Saturday	Colossians	3:12-17

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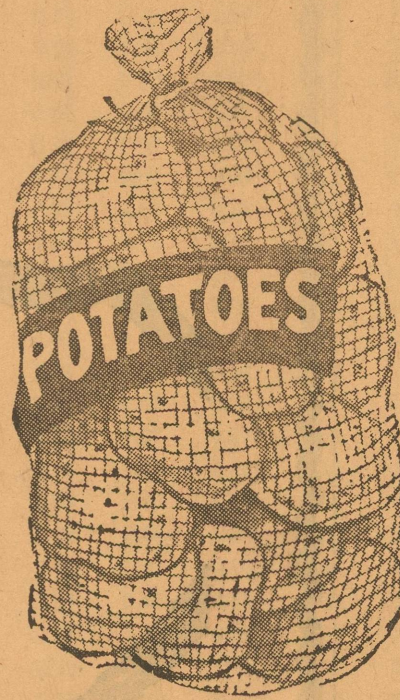
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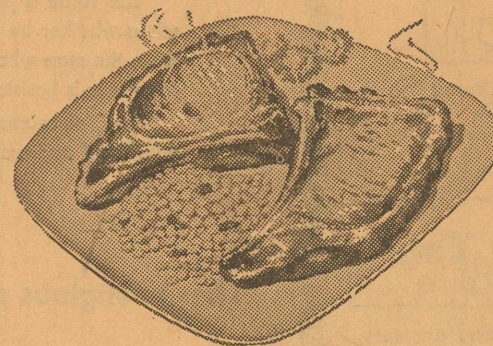


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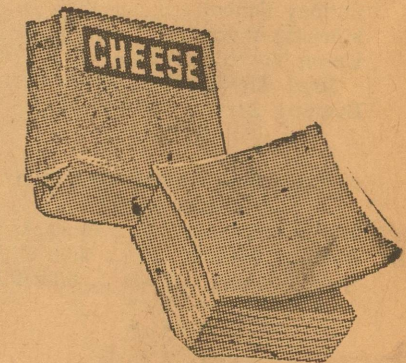
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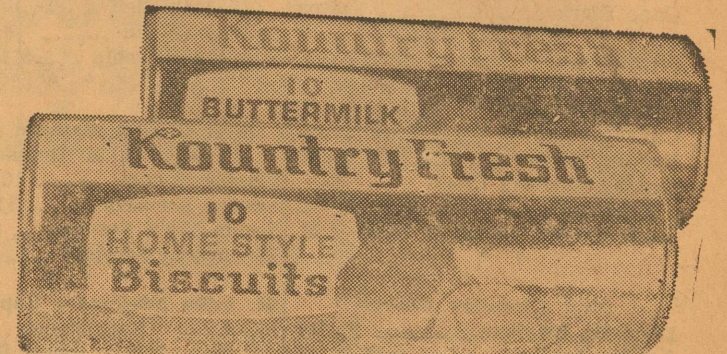
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