



IN THE HOLIDAY MOOD... Gretchen Johannsen and Burkhard Brehm, the two German students attending Pampa High School...

Commiss Hit Allied Lines

SEOUL (AP) — Chinese Communists struck through bitter day-before-Christmas cold today in a fierce attempt to puncture the Allied line at T-Bone Hill in Western Korea...

High over North Korea, Allied Saucers jets roared into battle with an estimated 60 Russian-made MIG jets... Red troops reached outposts of the hill between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m.



Merry Xmas



Dear Santa:

I will be four in January nurse kit a pair of skates a cash register. Karen Pryor
I would like for you to bring me a cash register and a baby doll. Bring my little sister who is 20 months old, a buggy and a doll.

Christmas 'Wonderful' For Foreign Students

"We aren't homesick," and means and second the coming together of the family for one of the nicest times of the year. His thoughts, he said, are there this year but he is not homesick.

Heiskell To Clean City Wells

The city commission yesterday voted to employ the Heiskell Water Well Drilling Co. to clean out the troublesome No. 3 well south of the city and give the green light to an additional water well.

PAMPA (Continued from page one)

In this preholiday season, too, an estimated 250-275 pieces of clothing have been given away including 25 pairs of shoes, he said.

WINNER

- (Continued from page one) in a non-religious scene; Class Three, any display using lights and natural features to harmonize with surroundings, and Class Four was reserved for doorways.

WAR-WEARY

(Continued from page one) empire at 9:03 a.m., CST, tomorrow.

VITAL STATISTICS

Realty Transfers
J. B. Woodington and wife, Juanita G. to H. T. Beckham; Lot 1, Block "A", John Bradley Second.

Dr. T. J. Wright Retires Jan. 1

Dr. T. J. Wright, local chiropractor, who has been practicing in Pampa the last 16 years is retiring from active practice Jan. 1, it was learned today.

Burglars Steal 'Christmas Cheer'

Two persons in Pampa have received a goodly share of "Christmas cheer." Taken sometime Tuesday night were 16 fifths of whiskey from Grady-Scheely Liquor Store, 416 Frederic, according to Police Chief Jim Conner.

Stock up for the Holidays. TAKE ENOUGH HOME! COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY. HALL & PINSON 700 W. FOSTER PHONE 255

Mainly About People

Edman Dahlia Garden will last 9 1/2 n all day Thursday for that last minute floral gift or corsage Corner of Pipley and Faulkner.

WOUNDED

(Continued from page one) Army. My home is Middletown, Ohio, but I was down in Combs, Ky., at a girl's house. On Christmas Eve her folks went to a movie and we stayed at the house and made candy and listened to the radio.

Pampan Is Sentenced

A fine and jail sentence was imposed late this morning on Robert E. Puckett, 23, of Pampa for drunken driving.



SURE, you're pleased— But is SHE? You were pleased as punch, and so were we, over the Zale gift we helped you select for HER...

"A Merry Christmas" ZALE'S Jewelers 107 N. CUYLER

Motor Fire Causes Damage To A Door A fire set off by a shorted electric motor has resulted in damages of \$75 to \$100 - to the front door of Harvester Drug, 124 W. Kingsmill.

SANTA SAYS! A SET OF SEAT COVERS FROM HALL & PINSON WILL BE APPRECIATED ALL YEAR LONG.

Harvesters Thump Phillips For 8th Straight, 89-69

By BUCK FRANKS
News Sports Editor

Pampa's resurging Harvesters cagers jumped into a 9-0 lead after only one minute of play and then breezed to their eighth straight victory without a loss last night with an 89-69 win over the Phillips Blackhawks at the Harvester Fieldhouse.

The game wound up the Harvesters pre-district schedule which commences Jan. 2 against the Midland Bulldogs at Midland. Coach Clifton McNeely is still seeking a game or two for the Harvesters during the holidays.

Jimmy Bond, Bill Webb and Jon Oden led the Harvesters to victory last night. Bond copped scoring laurels with a 21 point output. Webb followed with 19 and Oden dished in 15.

Turnover honors of the game, however, went to Phillips' Teddy Reddick who canned 22 points. Reddick finished strong, getting eight points in the fourth quarter that nearly pulled him up with Bond.

After the early spurt by the Harvesters in which nine points were registered by the PHSians before the clock had made a complete revolution, the McNeelymen went on to a 31-17 first quarter lead. Bond sparked the early Harvesters scoring with 14 points in the initial quarter.

Bond opened the scoring with a field goal with 20 seconds gone and Woods followed with a 2-pointer 10 seconds later. Before the first minute had elapsed Bond connected for another shot from the floor. Webb hit a one-hander from around the free throw circle and Eudley Cockrell added a free shot, giving the Harvesters a commanding 9-0 lead.

The Harvesters, with Webb and Cockrell hitting one apiece from the floor and Bond connecting twice, hiked their lead to 17-3 after two minutes.

Phillips began to find their range at this point and rang up 14 points before the quarter ended but they didn't gain on the Harvesters as the Pampans also collected 14 points before the first quarter was up.

Pampa hiked their lead by two points by halftime, outscoring the Blackhawks 18-16 in the second period for a 49-30 halftime lead. The Harvesters took their big-

gest lead of the night in the third period when they built up a 75-46 margin. Webb led the third quarter attack with 11 points.

McNeely inserted his reserves at the outset of the fourth period and the subs played out the remainder of the contest. Phillips, with Don Smith hitting for 10 points and Reddick for eight, cut the Harvesters margin down nine points during the fourth quarter but the Hawks never threatened the Harvesters lead.

Free Throws Even

Both the Harvesters and Blackhawks were all even on free throw percentage, each canning 19 out of 31 attempts, for 61.3 per cent. Reddick of the Hawks made good 8 out of 11 from the gratis line.

The Guerrillas made it a clean sweep in the preliminary tilt, with an 88-47 win over the Phillips B team.

Benny Cartwright with 17 points and E. Jay McIlvain with 16 led the Guerrilla attack. They were followed by Gary Griffin with 10, Bill Culppepper and Ken Hinde with nine each. Harold Lewis with eight, Charles Carroll with seven, Buster Carter with six and Jerry Green, Doug Thompson and Gene Doggett with two each.

It was the eighth win in nine starts for the Guerrillas.

Following is the Harvesters-Blackhawk box:

PLAYER	HARVESTERS (89)	PHILLIPS (69)
Woods	2	1
Bond	21	3
Cockrell	2	3
Oden	15	4
Pagan	3	2
Depp	1	2
Trotter	2	0
Randolph	2	2
Hensel	0	1
Cooper	0	0
Kinix	1	0
Loren	0	0
Totals	36	17

PLAYER	PTS	FT	PF	TP
D. Smith	22	3	4	15
Reddick	8	4	1	10
McDonald	3	1	1	13
Germany	2	1	3	5
Wright	2	1	3	5
W. Smith	1	0	2	2
J. Smith	0	0	1	0
Wiley	0	1	2	0
Totals	25	19	22	69

Running score by quarters:
Pampa: 21 46 75 89
Phillips: 17 30 45 69
Free throws missed: Pampa (12) — Bond 4, Oden 2, Cockrell 2, Pagan, Randolph, Kinix 2, Phillips (12) — D. Smith 2, Shields 2, Germany 2, Reddick 2, Green 2.
Officials: Dinger and Tucker.

A Hearty Merry Christmas To--



And To All Good Sports Fans

From The Daily News Sports Department

Porkers, Owls Own Top SWC Records

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Editor

High-scoring Arkansas and Rice bring the best records to the 2nd annual pre-season Southwest Conference basketball tournament in Dallas this week-end.

The Razorbacks, who have lost only to Tulsa, one of the nation's undefeated teams, have pounded the basket at an 81-points-per-game clip.

Rice, which stumbled unexpectedly last week before Colorado A&M, got back on the winning track Tuesday night in whipping Stephen F. Austin, 87-66. The Owls have a record of four victories against one loss and have averaged 66 points per outing.

The Rice - Stephen F. Austin game wound up pre-tournament activity. The tourney opens Friday night with Texas playing Baylor and Rice clashing with Texas Christian.

Arkansas swings into action Saturday night against the guest team in the tournament — Ariz-

SPORTS MIRROR

By The Associated Press

TODAY A YEAR AGO — Kentucky regained the No. 1 spot in the Associated Press weekly basketball poll.

FIVE YEARS AGO — Ralph Graham was named head football coach at Kansas State.

TEN YEARS AGO — Ray Robinson was named Fighter of the Year by Ring magazine.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — Pittsburgh's 12-0 upset victory over Notre Dame's football team was voted as the "Surprise of the Year" in the Associated Press year-end poll.

Monday night the Longhorns took a 72-51 licking from Oklahoma. Loss of Star Forward Gib Ford was one reason for the one-sided defeat. Ford broke his hand in practice at St. Louis Sunday. He was the playmaker of the team. Texas beat Oklahoma, 48-47, Dec. 10 with Ford in the lineup.

2 Mat Matches End In Draws

Whitey Wahlberg and Billy Weidner combined their forces to take last night's tag team match at the Southern Club wrestling arena, defeating George Overhuls and Buck Lipscomb in two straight falls.

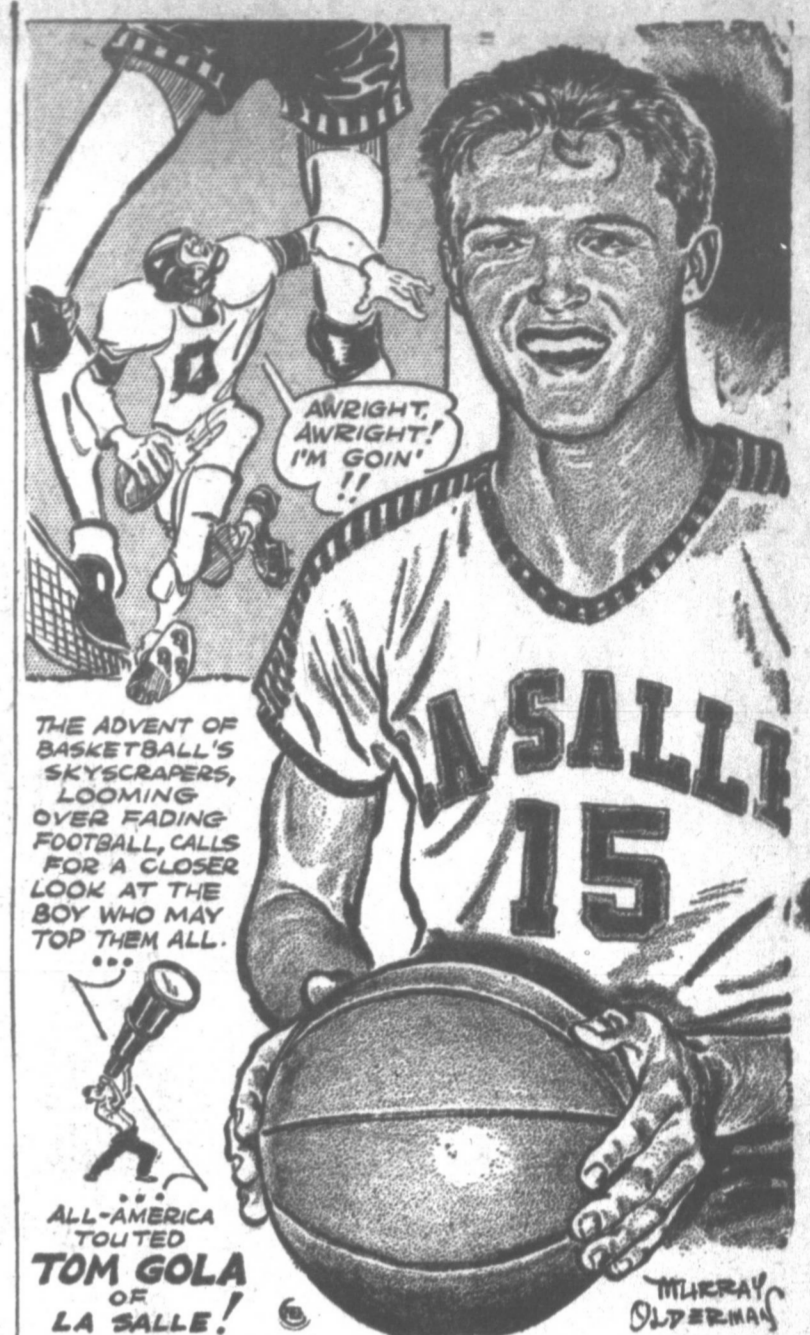
The other two matches on the card ended in draws. Wahlberg and Lipscomb battled to a stalemate in the 15-minute preliminary.

In the semi-final, Rey Urbano and Tony Moreno each won a fall and time ran out before one could take the deciding fall.

Moreno won the first fall in 25 minutes and Urbano the second in nine minutes. It was one of the cleanest matches seen here this fall.

SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST

FIELD DRESSING
RINSE YOUR HANDS AFTER (1) PROP DEER ON ITS BACKS HEAD (2) SLICE OFF THE METATARSAL GLANDS (3) ON THE LOWER LEGS, CUT AROUND GENITALS (4) AND TIE OFF WITH A STRONG CORD. MAKE A CUT AROUND VENT 2" DEEP (5) PULL OUT GUT AND TIE IT OFF (6) KNIFE THROUGH TO THE AITCHBONE (7) CUTTING IT WITH KNIFE OR SMALL AXE. SPLIT BELLY TO RIBS (8) SPREAD KNIFE BETWEEN 2 FINGERS OF OPPOSITE HAND. SPLIT RIBS (9) STOP AT DOTTED LINE IF HEAD'S A TROPHY. IF NOT, OPEN NECK TO HEAD (10) TO REMOVE GULLET. CUT DIAPHRAM FREE. ROLL INSIDES OUT.



PHS Tops 1-AAAA Pre-District Play

The Harvesters' victory over Phillips last night left them with the only unbeaten record among District 1-AAAA teams who have disbanded until after the holidays.

The Green and Gold, with an 8-0 record, are closely trailed by Lubbock who has an 8-1 slate. Lubbock, like the Harvesters, owns an eight game winning streak. The 1st Hill of Oklahoma in their season opener.

Amarillo has only one defeat to mar its record. The Golden Sandies dropped their first tilt Saturday night to Santa Fe, N.M., 42-46.

Defending champion Borger has rung up the most wins this season with 10 by virtue of their win over Clayton, N.M. last night. Borger has two losses charged against them, to Capitol Hill and Poly of Fort Worth. Both losses came in tournament finals, Capitol Hill defeating the Bulldogs in the Borger tourney and Poly downing the Borgerans in the Hardin-Simmons finals.

Odesa and Abilene, both idle this week, have only two losses charged against them. Odesa, with an 8-2 record, has lost to fellow district 1-AAA member, Lubbock, 48-59; and to El Paso High, 38-33.

Abilene (7-2) has been beaten only by Poly and Brownwood. Against outside opposition, District 1-AAAA teams have won 52 and lost 11 for an .825 percentage.

Following are the standings to date, all games of which have been non-conference:

Team	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Op.
Pampa	8	0	1.000	625	445
Lubbock	8	1	.889	595	494
Amarillo	6	1	.857	495	329
Borger	10	0	1.000	558	608
Odesa	8	2	.800	556	457
Abilene	7	3	.718	542	451
San Angelo	6	3	.667	549	511
Midland	3	3	.500	181	238

Team	W	L	Pct.
Stratford	4	0	1.000
Stratford	3	0	1.000
Roswell	4	0	1.000
Clovie	3	0	1.000
Phillips	4	0	1.000
Snyder	3	0	1.000
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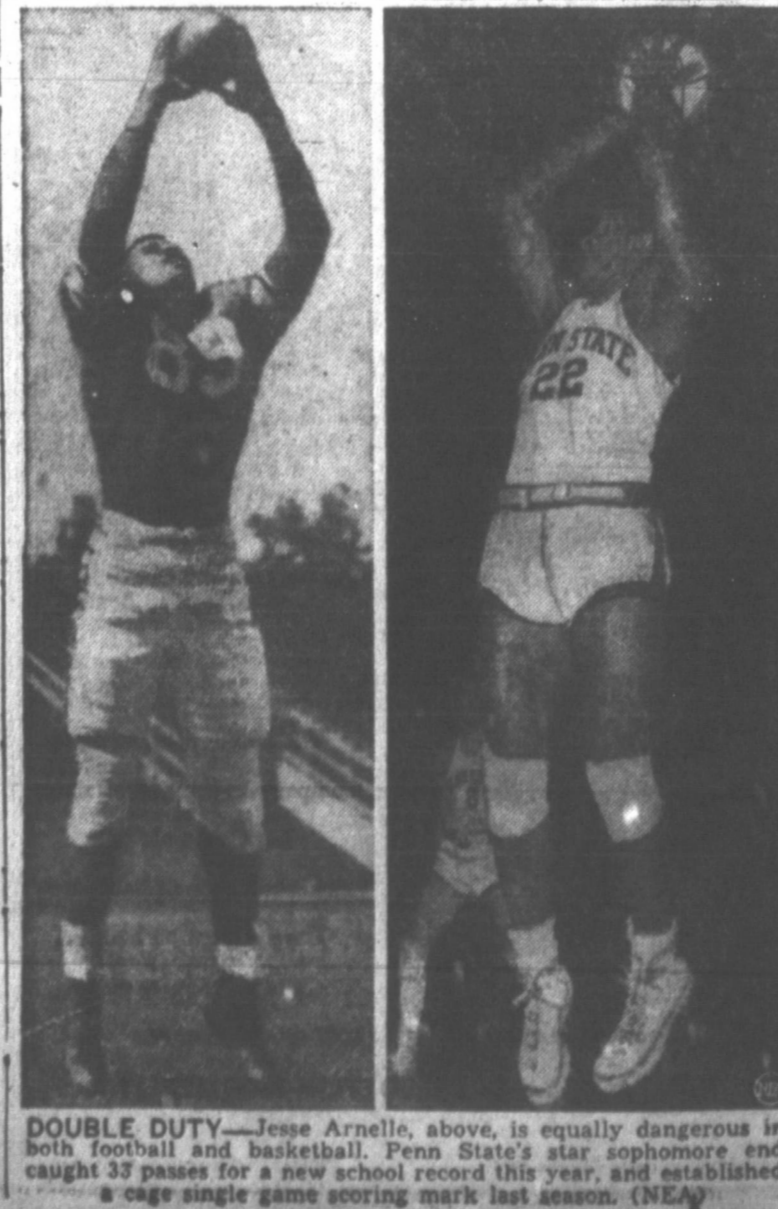
Team	W	L	Pct.
Capitol Hill	6	0	1.000
Kind	5	0	1.000
Snyder	5	0	1.000
the James	5	0	1.000
Brownfield	5	0	1.000
Lamesa	5	0	1.000
Denver City	5	0	1.000
Odesa	5	0	1.000
Sweetwater	5	0	1.000

Team	W	L	Pct.
Price College	4	0	1.000
Stevard	4	0	1.000
Phillips	4	0	1.000
Tonawanda	4	0	1.000
Highland (Ab.)	4	0	1.000
Santa Fe (N.M.)	4	0	1.000

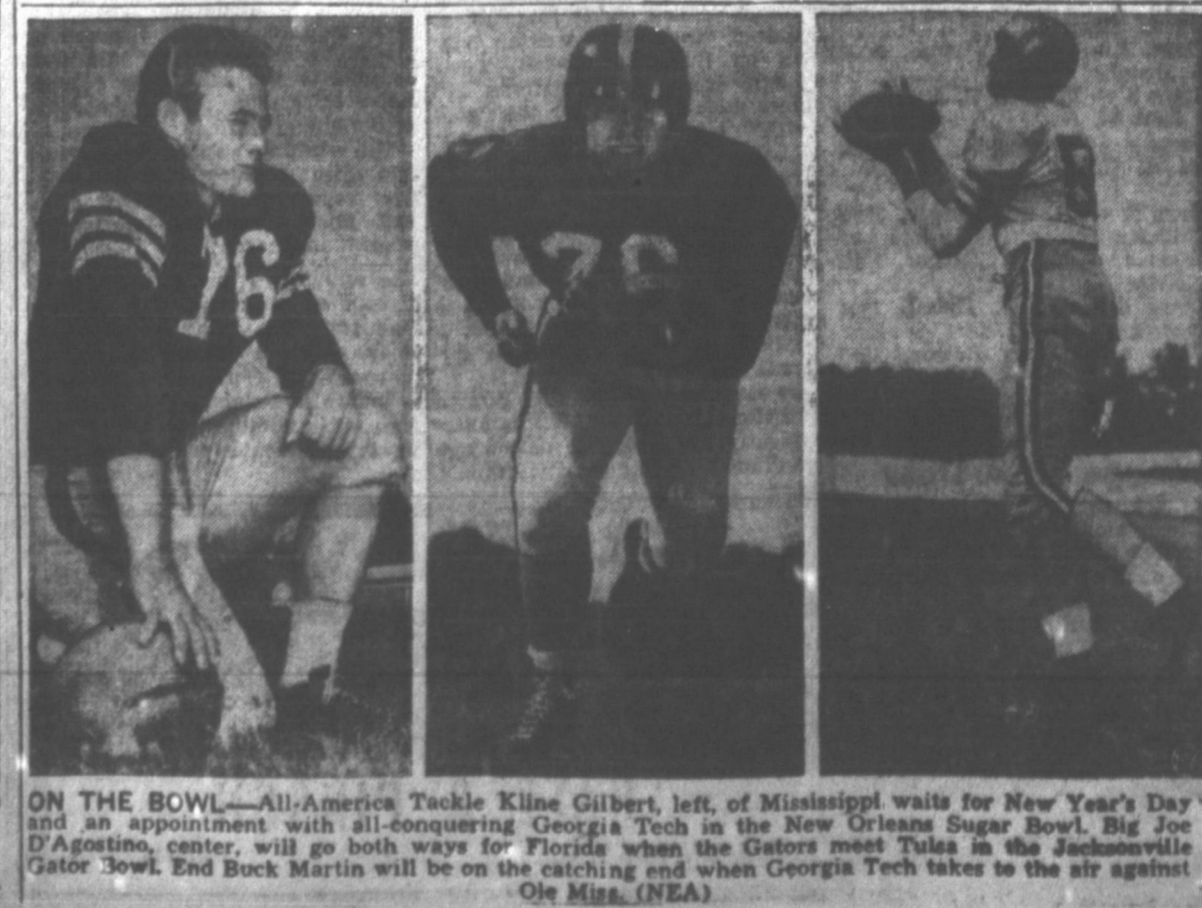
Team	W	L	Pct.
Gruber	5	0	1.000
Perryton	3	0	1.000
Kind	3	0	1.000
Capitol Hill	3	0	1.000
Gruber	3	0	1.000



HEY, EM HARD — Temple back Joel Honeycutt (48) is brought down hard with a low tackle by Breckenridge back Bobby Pharris (34) after gaining four yards in the first quarter of the Class AAA high school championship football game in Waco, Tex., Dec. 26. No. 66 is Breckenridge guard Wayne Kitchard. Breckenridge won 35-26. (AP Wirephoto)



DOUBLE DUTY — Jesse Arnelle, above, is equally dangerous in both football and basketball. Penn State's star sophomore end caught 33 passes for a new school record this year, and established a cage single game scoring mark last season. (NEA)



ON THE BOWL — All-America Tackle Kline Gilbert, left, of Mississippi waits for New Year's Day and an appointment with all-conquering Georgia Tech in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl. Big Joe D'Agostino, center, will go both ways for Florida when the Gators meet Tulsa in the Jacksonville Gator Bowl. End Buck Martin will be on the catching end when Georgia Tech takes to the air against Ole Miss. (NEA)



IRISH UP — Bob O'Neil, Notre Dame's fine defensive end, will line up with the East against the West in the Shrine Game for Crippled Children at San Francisco's Kossar Stadium, Dec. 27. (NEA)



Season's Greetings...

From The Pampa Daily News and Employees

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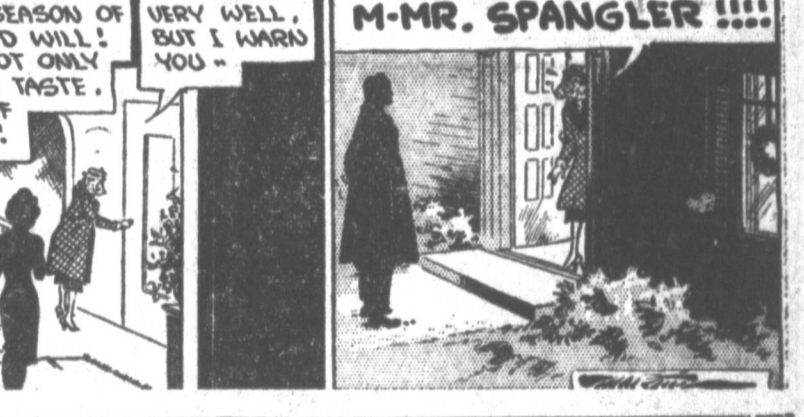
Princess's Pop



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams OUR BOARDING HOUSE

with MAJOR HOOPLE



Buzz Sawyer Jackson Twins Blondie Alley Oop Bo Wash Tubbs Boots Mickey Finn Penny Freckles Donald Duck

Buzz Sawyer

HARRY SPARROW?

WHERE I HAD THE RUN-IN WITH THE MINISTER WAS AT HARRY SPARROW'S DINNER.

YES, THE GUY WHO INVITED ME TO TALK OVER A JOB.

YOU IDIOT! IT WAS A TRAP! I TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT SCOUNDREL TRYING TO PUT THE SKIDS UNDER FRONTIER OIL.

YES, BUT YOU DIDN'T SAY HIS NAME WAS HARRY SPARROW! GEE... I'M SORRY, BUZ, ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO TO GET BACK YOUR OIL CONCESSION?

I DON'T KNOW, TED. I DON'T KNOW.

Jackson Twins

SEE WHO THAT IS, JAN?

WHO'D BE CALLING ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

IT'S MR. BROOKS! HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUNNY TO PUT IN HIS COMIC STRIP!

GOT ANY GAGS TODAY?

SORRY, DICK! THE TWINS EACH MADE ME A SOCK, BUT THEY BOTH FIT FINE!

WE GOT THE FLASH-LIGHT OUT OF THE TURKEY...

...AND WE HARDLY TASTED THE SHAVING CREAM!

AND I BEEN GOOD AS GOLD ALL DAY! SORRY, PAL!

DON'T BE SORRY!! FOR ME IT'S GREAT! FOR ONCE, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DREAM! MERRY CHRISTMAS, FOLKS!

Blondie

DAGWOOD!

DAGWOOD!

I'D BETTER TELL PEOPLE WE HAD A FIGHT-- THEY WON'T BELIEVE I RAN INTO A DOOR!

Alley Oop

WELL, WELL, GEE! 'S KINDA THIN, SEEMS LIKE WONDER WHAT'S IN IT?

CRINKLE

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

NOW OUR ICE IS RUINED FOR THE WINTER-- BRINGIN' THAT ELEPHANT ON IT!

AIN'T YOU TH' ONE WHO COXED ME TO GET ONE OF OUR HORSES TO PULL US AROUND? WELL, YOU KNOW WE HAD NO SHETLAND PONIES!

HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS MUFFLER SINCE I WAS A KID AND FELL OUT OF VOGELSONG'S HAYLOFT ON MY CONK!

SOCKS, HANKIES, TIES, CUFF LINKS-- THE MOST SWAG I'VE LATCHED ONTO SINCE THE NIGHT THE LIGHT PLANT BROKE DOWN!

ESAD, BOYS! THIS LIKLELLE YOU GAVE ME IS A BOON TO ALL OF US! I'LL AMUSE YOU WITH CHANTING HAWAIIAN BALLADS IN MY RICH BARTONE!

IS THIS FOR THE PIANO, OR IS IT SOMETHING I'M SUPPOSED TO WEAR TO A BILL FIGHT?

REDRAWN BY REGULIST

CRACK CRACK

BORN THIRTY YEARS '00 SOON

SOMETHING HE CAN PLUCK AND HOCK-- 12-25

Vic Flint

I THOUGHT IT RATHER ODD, YOU KNOW-- YOU ASKED ABOUT A P.J. SCRIBBLE AND I KNOW A J.R. SCRIBBLE!

DID HE LOOK LIKE THIS?

WHY, THAT'S AN EMBLE TO THE LIFE!

NOW TO CHECK UP ON THE LATE MR. SCRIBBLE-SCRIBBLE'S HOME LIFE!

AT A BOSTON AIRPORT...

PARDON ME, BUT OH, THANK YOU, I GOT SO CARRIED AWAY BY THE NEWS-PAPER I DIDN'T REALIZE THE TIME.

Little Doc

OBVIOUS TO EVERYTHING, LITTLE DOC IS LOCKED IN HIS LABORATORY DETERMINED TO INVENT A PIGGY BANK THAT NO ONE CAN OPEN BUT HIMSELF!

HEAVY, LIL' DOC, YOUR SUPPER!

JUST LEAVE IT, AND PLEASE GO AWAY!!!

DANGER PRIVATE LAB INVENTOR AT WORK KEEP OUT

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VING FULLER

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Merry Christmas

FROM BO AND ALL HIS GANG

Wash Tubbs

I LOST YOU IN TH' CROWD, TENNY, WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

QUESTIONING THE TENANTS ABOUT THAT GIRL IN THE SHEET, HER TERRIFIED FACE HAUNTS ME, WASH!

I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT'VE BEEN VISITING ONE OF THEM WHEN THE FIRE BROKE OUT, BUT NO ONE HAD GUESTS, OR HAD SEEN A GIRL OF HER DESCRIPTION!

THEY WEREN'T EXPECTING A VISITOR WHEN THE NEXT DOOR TENANT SPOKE TO THEM EARLY TONIGHT!

GEE! SHE LOOKED LIKE SHE'D BEEN IN TH' FIRE-- HELL, TH' COPS ARE QUESTIONING EVERYBODY ABOUT SUMPIN'!

NOT ABOUT TH' COUPLE WHO DIED IN TH' FIRE?

Ozark Ike

HOW ABOUT THAT, TH' SHARKS HAD 9 MEN ON TH' LINE!

OZARKS TRYING TO RUN WIDE-- BUT THEY'RE SWARMING ALL OVER HIM!

DON'T LOOK NOW, GENTS...

...BUT YOU BEEN HOUNDIN' TH' WRONG BOY!

YOW! TH' KID CROSSED US UP WITH A PASS-- TH' FIRST ONE HE'S THROWN ALL SEASON!

Boots

COME IN, MEN! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I DON'T FEEL VERY MERRY, MRS. RUGGLES!

COULD I -- I JUST HAVE TO SEE CATHY?

PARDON MY BIG MOUTH --

BUT IN ALL TH' RUCKUS, I HEARD TH' BACK DOOR CLOSE -- AN' I CHECKED UPSTAIRS -- AN' MISS CATHY IS WENT!

Chris Walkin

SINCE THIS IS YOUR FIRST CHRISTMAS ON OUR PLANET, AMAZA, LET ME WISH YOU HAPPINESS!

I'LL BUY THAT, DR. BUDD! LET'S HOPE EVERYBODY IS HAVING A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BUT NOTHING IS PERFECT...

A FINE HOW-DE-DO, BRANDY, WE'VE DRIFTED OFF OUR ORBIT!

MIGOSH! WHAT A WAY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS!

let Siroch

Mickey Finn

OH, MICHAEL! BOTH YOU AND PHILIP FORGOT TO WISH EVERYBODY A --

WE DIDN'T FORGET, MA! UNCLE PHIL HAS JUST BEEN WAITING TO GET HIS NEW PIPE GOING GOOD!

THE PIPE THE CHILDREN GAVE HIM? BUT WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH IT?

YOU'LL SEE! C'MON!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mutt & Jeff

Merry Christmas

COME ON, JEFF!

THE SPIRIT IS WILLING, BUT THE BODY CAN'T!

Penny

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Bugs Bunny

THAT WAS A SUPER LOAD O' VITTELES VA DISHED UP, PETUNA!

EVERYTHING WAS D-DELICIOUS!

I'M ALL SET FOR A SLIGHT SNOOZE!

ME T-TOO!

HELP!

IT'S PETUNA! WE'RE COMIN'!

Freckles

I HAVE A QUESTION I WANT TO ASK YOU, JUNE! LET'S TAKE A WALK!

SOUNDS OKAY, I'LL GET MY COAT!

WELL, I'M LISTENING, FRECKLES!

NOT YET-- THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT PLACE!

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

JUST A FEW MORE STEPS!

MY QUESTION IS SIMPLY THIS-- HOW WAS THAT FOR A CHRISTMAS KISS?

Flu

MISTLE TOE 7-4 BUNCH!

Priscilla's Pop

DO YOU LIKE IT, DEAR? IT'S THE NICEST WALLEY I COULD FIND!

IT'S A BEAUTY, HAZEL!

AND LOOK! THIS IS A SECRET COMPARTMENT!

A SECRET COMPARTMENT? WHAT DO YOU NEED WITH A SECRET COMPARTMENT?

WHY, SILLY! SO WONT YOU KNOW WHERE YOU HIDE YOUR POKER MONEY!

Donald Duck

SIT PARK

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Merry Christmas!



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PLAINS Motor Company

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The Toy Train

By SHIRLEY SARGENT
Harley Davis was always wanting something. He knew Christmas was only two weeks off, but he just itched to buy a gondola car for his electric train. One day he ditched his little sister, Charlene, and hurried down town. He spent his entire monthly allowance and all his savings for a blue gondola car. Harley hoped his mother wouldn't be angry because he had been gone all afternoon. He hoped.

Contrary to his expectations, Mrs. Davis was jovial, teasing him, and even to his immense relief keeping Charlene away from his package. Charlene was five and a pest to Harley, because he was nine and grown up. Helping mother with the dishes that night was almost fun, Harley thought; she was so friendly and nice. Then it happened.

"Harley," his mother said tenderly. "Don't tell me what you bought unless you want to, but what did you get for Charlene?" Harley was stunned. He wished she wouldn't smile at him couldn't she see he was lying to think? "Nothing, mom," he stammered. "I bought a gondola car."

"Oh," she wiped a plate slowly. "I thought you had been Christmas shopping."

"I guess I spent all my money; I guess I sort of forgot about Christmas presents," Harley hung his head.

"Yes, I guess you did," she answered and that was all she said about it but he felt terrible. He didn't even unwrap his new car.

Cee, he really pulled a dumb trick this time, Harley thought miserably. He'd always bought them presents, but he'd completely forgotten it. Well, he'd have to earn some money; even his piggy bank was empty. He earned a quarter the next morning shoveling snow, but he had to take care of Charlene most of the time.

He tried to get a job the next day, with no luck, and when he found a dime in the snow Charlene grabbed it, yelling "Finder-keepers!" He was so furious he felt like choking her. Instead, he made her a big snow house on the sidewalk, right in everybody's way, but people didn't seem to mind. Then the apartment lady with her little girls stopped to admire it.

"How old are you, Harley?" she asked.

"Nine," he said proudly.

"I wonder," she smiled. "I wonder if you could take care of my little girls this afternoon?"

Harley started to tell her gosh no, but she interrupted, saying she'd pay him 25 cents an hour. Harley was so surprised he leaped against the snow house, knocking part of it down. "Why sure, I'd be glad to," he said.

Harley worked hard that afternoon, doing everything three little girls could think of and he could build. Once in a while the lady would wave to him from the apartment window, but he was usually too busy to look up. She paid him a whole dollar and asked if he would take care of the children again the next day. Harley, tired as he was, managed to say "Yes." His mother teased him about being a baby sitter, and was he going to charge her for taking care of Charlene? Harley didn't mind; after all he had a cash capital of \$1.25.

Although it rained the following day, Harley earned another dollar taking care of the little girls in the apartment.

That afternoon, with his mother's blessing, he went Christmas shopping. He felt proud to pay for the presents with money he

It Isn't Right To Treat Christmas Like An Operation

By HAI BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — There are many ways to look at Christmas. Christmas is an industry for some people, a holiday for others, just another day in the year to a bitter few. But for most of us Christmas is a time of spiritual thaw, a period when we melt the ices of our heart with the warmth of loving kindness.

However anyone looks at Christmas, cynically or sentimentally, I can respect his view of it. Except in one case, I simply cannot understand anyone who treats Christmas like a surgical operation.

These are the people who, as the G. I. phrase goes already got it made. "They didn't fret about the last-minute shopping expedition for the friend they forgot to remember, because they just don't forget anything. They're the

Christmas Candles Have Been Used By Many Peoples

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation but that the "Christ Child Candles" burned in the windows on Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

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

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

An old verse reads:

"To learn you luck for the year they say,
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day;
If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
Good luck will be yours throughout the year."

U. S. Cartoonist Creates Image

Santa Claus, with his round pink cheeks, snowy white beard and fur-trimmed red suit, is the inspiration of a noted cartoonist, Thomas Nast.

This image of Santa Claus has been dear to the hearts of youngsters since 1863 when it first appeared.

Prior to that date, illustrators could not agree how Santa Claus looked.

In the 1860's, Nast was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, "A Visit from Saint Nicholas," better known as "The Night Before Christmas." The drawings which Nast made to illustrate this epic poem show Santa as the now-familiar figure. It was Nast who gave Santa his sleigh drawn by reindeer and his pack full of toys and treasures.

had earned. He had the packages gift-wrapped and put them under the tree without telling his mother what he had gotten.

Christmas morning the floor was littered with gay papers, children's toys and Harley's electric train. He opened the box and put the gondola on the track. It looked keen.

Then mother handed him another package. "I bought you a gondola car a long time ago," she explained. "But, of course I had to return it. I think you've earned this, though."

Harley grinned at his mother as he peeled the paper off. He knew what she meant. "A tank car!" he shouted. "Gee, mom, just what I need."

When radio tubes got so small they are no bigger than half a finger, the engineers call them "subminiature."

Eniwetok consists of some 20 narrow strips of land rising no more than 16 feet above the waters of the Pacific.



GREETINGS

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know what Christmas is, and I don't feel these people even certainly I doubt that they have any real relief in Santa Claus. To them Christmas is a calculated thing and their biggest satisfaction is that of knowing they have done everything that could be reasonably expected of them in an exactly proper manner. Needs Spontaneously

Is that Christmas? Not to my mind. Christmas must have a kindling spontaneity to it or it isn't Christmas at all. A guy who doesn't have to buck the shopping crowds an hour before the department stores close misses half the fun. What's wrong with suddenly deciding at the last minute that there is still one more person you'd like to buy a gift for?

Nobody ought to have his friendships indexed and priced like items feels amply virtuous. But that son who over-organizes Christmas say now contemptuously to friends. Somehow, this attitude riles me.

Cards In Summer
They bought their Christmas cards sometime last January, addressed them during their summer vacation and mailed them the day after Thanksgiving. The Christmas presents they plan to give this month were purchased at last spring's bargain sales and were tucked to the postoffice by the first of December.

"You mean you haven't begun your Christmas shopping? They say now contemptuously to friends. Somehow, this attitude riles me.

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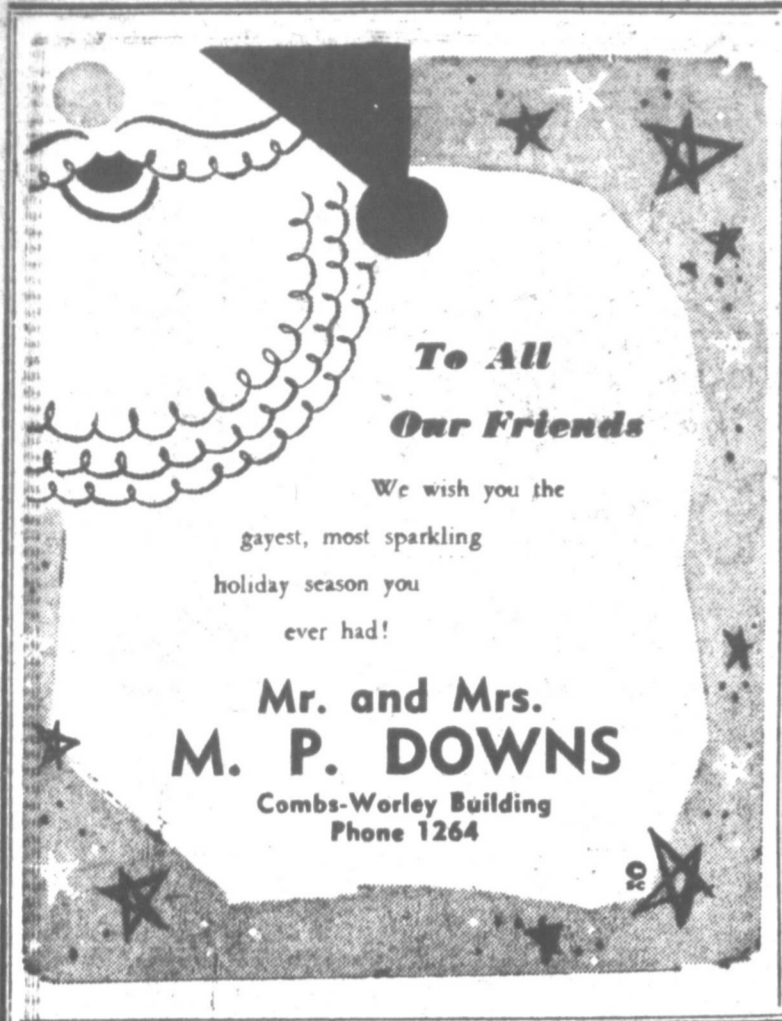
How good it is to hear the refrains of the beloved Christmas hymns, coming to us as gentle and soothing echoes of heaven to our souls. They cause our hearts to throb in accord with the universal joy of all good people everywhere. It is with this feeling of rejoicing and good will that we offer you our best Holiday wishes. May your Christmas celebration be one that will be long remembered for its happiness and good cheer... and may the New Year bring to you peace and contentment.



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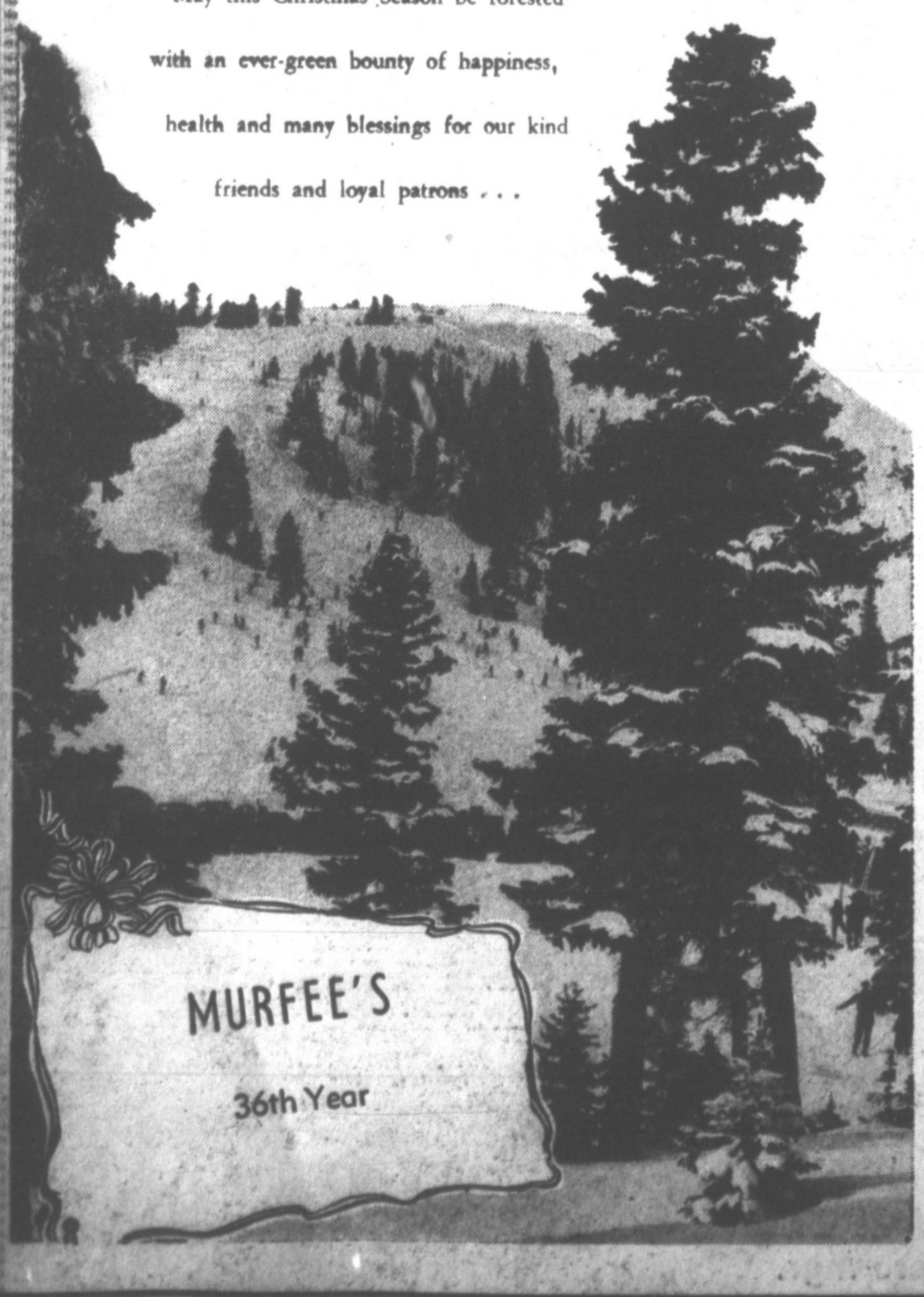


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friends and loyal patrons . . .



MURFEE'S
36th Year

Christmas Wedding

By MAUD McCURDY WELCH

Jean knew that Hawkeye, the store detective, was keeping his eyes on Jimmy, and she couldn't help feeling worried.

Jean and Jimmy were engaged. They were going to be married as soon as Jimmy got a raise. They both worked in the Mammoth Store and were saving everything they could to buy furniture for their future home.

Hawkeye was exactly like the detectives made famous by the movies. Hard gimlet eyes, black cigars, derby tilted on his head. It was his boast that nobody ever got by with stealing in this store. It was this boast that had given him the nickname of Hawkeye.

But why, oh, why should he suspect Jimmy of doing anything wrong? It was true his salary was small, but he would be promoted soon, Jean was sure of that.

Jean had had a wistful hope that they might have a Christmas wedding, but Jimmy's raise hadn't come through. In the meantime, they were carefully budgeting their combined salaries and had bought an expensive piece of electrical equipment for their home. That had been a thrill.

When they were married Jimmy was determined that Jean should work. Jimmy himself had been brought up in a wonderful home, with many advantages, but it had all been lost. Jean had come up the hard way. She'd been orphaned and had gone to work at fifteen.

But they were getting along fine now and had wonderful hopes of soon really belonging to each other. Jimmy's salary as head of the notion department in the basement wasn't large, but Jean knew he'd get a better one soon.

Business was brisk and steady since it was now the week before Christmas Day. Jean and Jimmy walked home together when store closed, as they usually did, almost too tired for a movie or a walk along the river. They didn't allow themselves many pleasures and sometimes were so tired they just said goodnight at the door of Jean's rooming house. Jimmy lived a number of blocks further down the street.

But they'd always have a little time together when the store closed. Once every week Jean would say, "Did you bring your bundle?" And Jimmy would say, "I simply couldn't. But Jean would laugh at him teasingly. "Honestly, Jimmy, I want to do it for you," and at last he'd give in.

Jean hadn't the slightest idea that old Hawkeye had seen her hand Jimmy a long flat package one day when he'd been working late in the stock-room. She'd done this before since it was the most convenient way. And Hawkeye was always snooping around. He'd even overheard Jean and Jimmy talking one day. Jean was saying, "You must bring the things to me. It's helping us to get ahead. And nobody will ever know."

Jean had laughed. "I only do

Two Million Dwarf Yule Trees In American Homes

By JOE F. KANE
AP Newfeatures

DULUTH, Minn. Dwarf spruce trees whose growth has been stunted for as long as a century in ancient lakebeds are bringing Christmas cheer to about two million living rooms.

The little trees that have struggled for survival through decades of frigid winters in the remote swamplands of Minnesota's north woods are decked out in shiny coats of paint for the holidays.

Some are silver, some white, some bright green.

The warm holiday atmosphere in which the trees are the center of attention are in direct contrast to their northwoods environment.

For years the trees were unable to get enough nourishment from the water-soaked lakebeds for proper growth. Thousands upon thousands of them clustered in small areas. icy winds whistled through their yellow-gray branches for as many as 100 winters.

The spruce lose their "healthy" rich green coloring because of poor condition of the mucky soil and take on the yellow-gray shading.

While most people were getting ready for Easter, woodsmen began cutting the trees for the holidays. By the time the peak of the cutting season was reached, Halvorson Trees, Inc., had about 85 cutters on the job.

The Halvorson firm claims to be the biggest operator in the field. Their production this year was between one-and-a-half and two million trees. At full production, 10,000 trees were processed in one day. Many of the trees come from the firm's own 15,000-acre tract. Others come from areas owned by federal state and county governments.

The only trees cut were those stunted in the swamplands to the extent they will never be good for pulpwood. Less than 10 percent of the standing growth in any area is cut in any single year. The trees cut must be perfectly formed on a miniature scale and must be between 36 and 42 inches high.

Most areas in which the trees were cut are miles from good roads. Woodsmen cut tractor paths through woodlands fabled in Paul Bunyan lore, spreading small trees across the path to support tractors with extra wide treads.

The small black spruce were cut with Swedish bushmen's saws that resemble small bucksaws with steel bows. Tractors pull log loads of trees over the mucky swampland and through the woodlands to main roads, where trucks pick them up.

Only a few hours after the trees are cut, they are processed at the Halvorson plant in the port city of Duluth on the north shore of Lake Superior.

A conveyor belt pulls the trees into a big vat, where they are covered with a fire-resistant waxy undercoating. A whirling process dries the trees before the top coating is applied.

Green Is Most Popular

Seventy-five percent of the Halvorson trees are painted bright green, 15 percent silver and 10 percent white. Short strands of rayon fiber are sprayed on the white trees, giving them a frosty finish.

Whirling blades shave the tree trunks at the base and whittle them down to a half-inch dowel. A steel stand, six inches high and filled with preserving fluid, is then clamped on the trunk.

The trees are moved from the processing line into cold storage warehouses. During the shipping season, which started this year on Nov. 10, the trees were moved directly into freight cars.

As many as 18 freight cars, each holding 7,500 trees, leave the plant daily during the peak of the shipping season.

Far-Off Lands Come to Life In Yule Toys

Geography comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve.

In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands. Beside a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marvellous furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bayaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its smallscale railroad and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U. S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which, when set on an incline, proudly walks down the slope. Another is a recent gadget from Denmark called a "tippe top", a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill is intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, get down non their hangers and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.

Saxon King Egbert who united all England in 829 is an ancestor of the present royal family of the country.

The piranha, a fish common in the Amazon basin, is small but so numerous and ferocious that a wounded man or animal in the water may be stripped of flesh in a few minutes.



DOLLIES ALL . . . Barbara Johnson (left) and Patricia Abel, both orphans, are in a virtual paradise, seated amid so many playmates. The dolls, more than 800 of them, were dressed by volunteer workers for distribution to charitable organizations as Christmas gifts.

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it because I love you. You know that."

Jimmy's voice was husky with love. "You're so sweet Jean, I believe you'd do anything for me."

And all the time Hawkeye was keeping his gimlet eyes on Jimmy. But Jean knew he hadn't done anything wrong.

And then the next time Jean handed Jimmy the long flatish package (Jimmy was working late that night again), they both felt a heavy hand on their shoulders. "You two kids come with me."

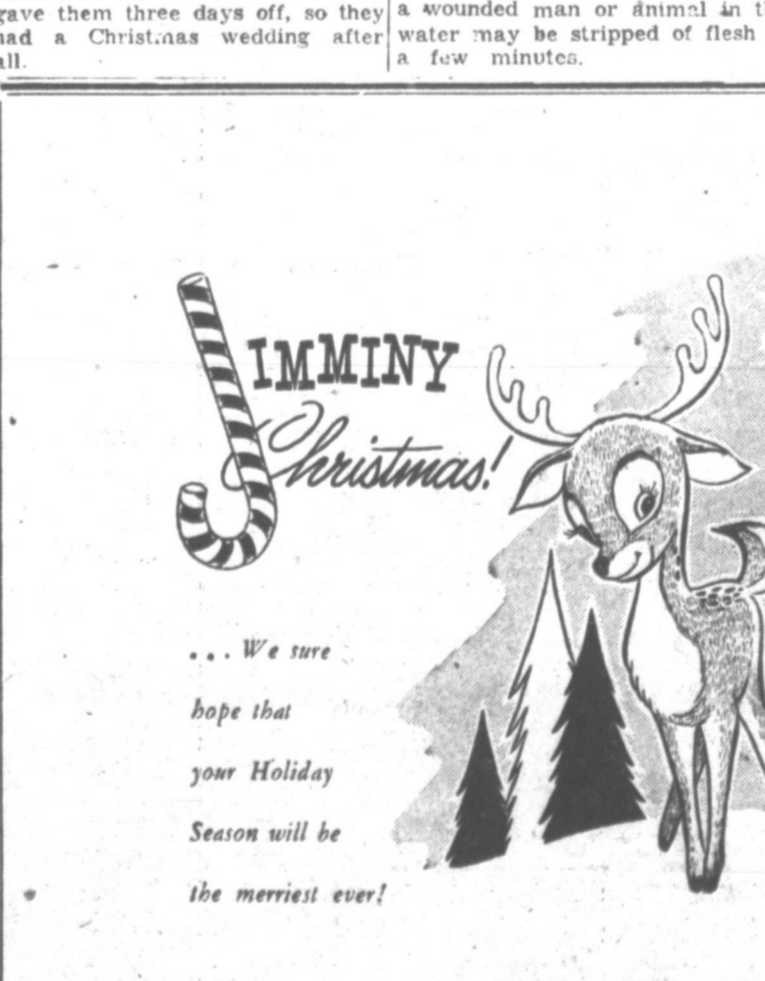
He took them to Mr. Purvis, the store owner. "It's a clean case, boss," Hawkeye opened the package. "Ha, shirts. Just what thought. She steals them for him."

Mr. Purvis said tiredly. "They're not new. They're freshly laundered."

Jimmy's face was crimson, but Jean said proudly, "We've engaged Mr. Purvis, and Jimmy has to have so many clean shirts. It's so dusty the basement, so I launder them for him."

Well, it was a clean case at that, and what was more Jimmy received his promotion right then and there, and Mr. Purvis gave them three days off, so they had a Christmas wedding after all.

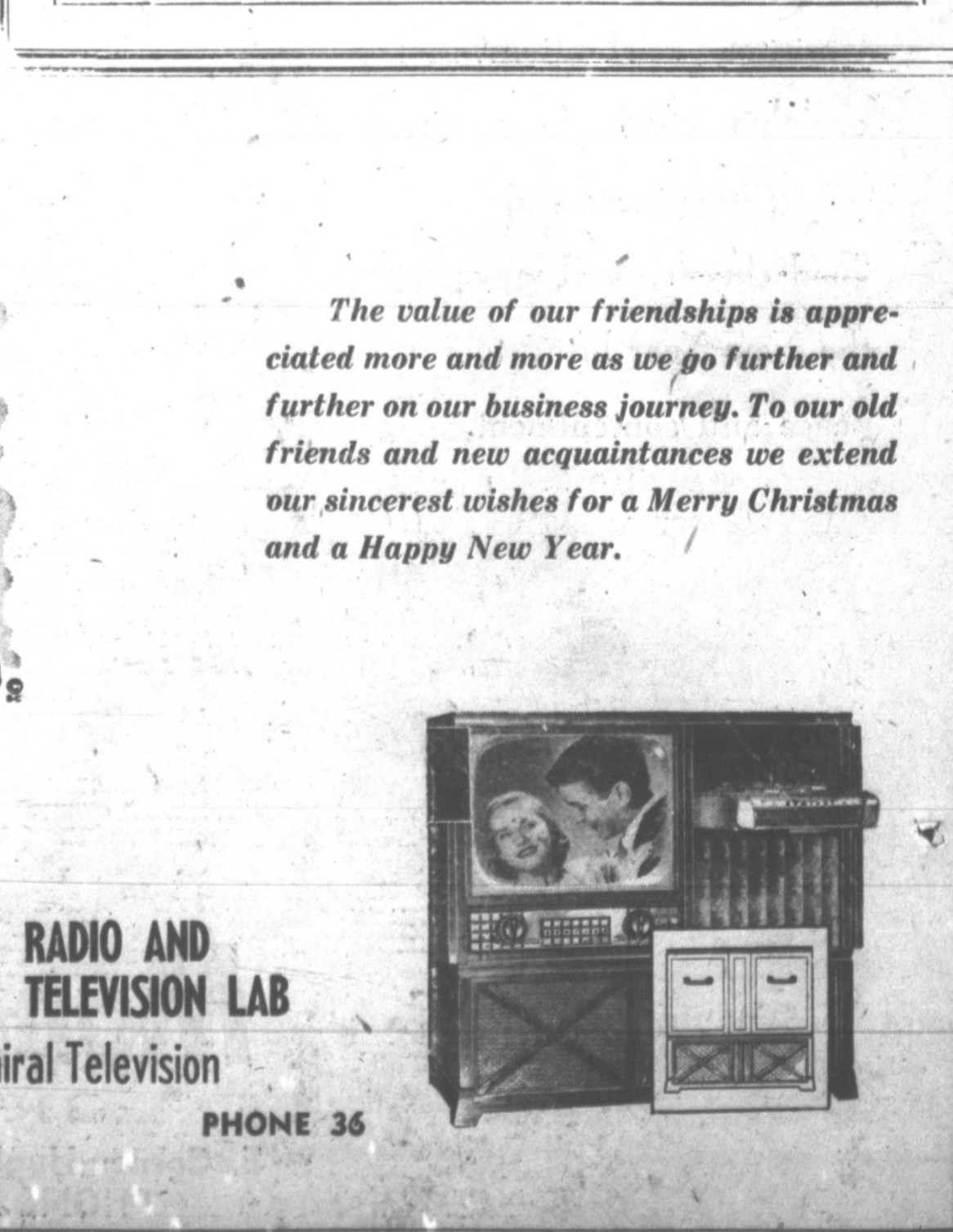
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Some Christmas Customs Older Than Christian Era

Christmas customs of today, introduced the idea to England by the Christian era, and German immigrants coming to traditions and legends gave the custom to us here in that have come down to us. American Christmas celebrations the worship of the sun gods of have ever been both religious and Old Europe, in connection with secular, sometimes reverent, the winter solstice, with elab. sometimes gay.

Not only are light and fire as with the birth of Christ, the associated with early customs of later typifying "The Light of the Christmas season, but decorations we try to untangle the traditions, bells, together with many other or to get at the beginnings of factors, have entered into the Christian festivals. The oriscution. The ancient Roman Saturnalia of the first Christmas tree, the season of merry-making, probably dates back to Germany, and the giving of presents, where Boniface, an English mis. plays a part in our Christmas, the 8th Century, had likely. At that time the homes a fir tree adorned as a tribute and families were decorated with the Christ Child.

Some accounts have it that the Druids hung mistletoe about latter introduced a tree, lighted their doors with great ceremony, with candles, which has become the Saxons used the bay tree, known as the first Christmas tree, the holly and ivy.

In Holland the gift-giving is soon after his marriage to Victoria on Dec. 6, the Feast of St.

U.S. Place Names Express Christmas Idea Many Ways

SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA: Bethlehem, Conn.; and Christmas, Fla., are a few of the more familiar post offices which each year handle a flood of mail from senders wishing to obtain yuletide postmarks.

Although the federal post office department has now barred extra flourishes by local postmasters using Christmas symbols and motifs, a town's own holiday name can still give that festive touch to a greeting or package of toys.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town so designated in the United States. The privilege is reserved to its post office by congressional act. There is, however, Santa Idaho. There is also only one Christmas—the one in Florida—plus a Christmas Cove, Maine.

On the other hand, seven Bethlehem's answer the seasonal roll call: that can be found in Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. The Bethlehem, Conn. post office was one of several stations that figured in headlines recently on the use of especially-designed cancellation stamps bearing the now-forbidden Christmas tree decoration. The town's population is about 330.

There are two Noels—in Virginia and Missouri. Last year, Missouri's Noel post office reported hand-cancellation of a record 650,000 pieces of Christmas mail—\$90 for each of the town's residents.

Besides specific Christmas names that dot the land there are dozens that call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is Advent, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has Mary, and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

One Wiseman is found in Alaska and another in Arkansas. The third, it may be assumed, is in Wisemanstown, Ky. There are five Stars and four Shepherds. West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri, Peace Valley; and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.

For the Christmas party, Turkey is available in four states; Cranberry in three. Kentucky has a Mistletoe. Six states count an Evergreen: seven a Pine, and three a Holly.

Louisiana comes up with Treas, Alabama with Candle; and to top the decorations, Pennsylvania has its Angels.

Yuletide Miracle

By MAUD McCURDY WELCH

Patti was trying to forget it was Christmas. Last Christmas there had been Jimmy and a ring on her finger. Then there was a girl named Ann and everything was over. Patti had packed up and come to this part of the city to live.

So there were no holly wreaths on Christmas trees in Patti's Pie and Bake Shop just off one of the bustling avenues. There was only Patti with her brown curls and mellow brown eyes and the long rows of pies and cakes in the show-cases.

People came from all over to buy Patti's cakes and pies and drink her coffee. There was the little old lady who sold magazines on the corner, who came in every day.

She was the first to come in on Christmas Day, and she was lugging a big wreath of holly and mistletoe. "Hang it in the window, dearie," she said.

Patti looked at the wreath and a sick pain caught at her heart.

Then there was the telephone operator who worked in a branch exchange, and later the little boy who always stopped by from school. He had such sad blue eyes it made Patti's heart ache. Patti always gave him a huge slice of pie and he always ate it with relish, but the sad bewilderment of his eyes never seemed to go away.

When he saw the wreath, his eyes brightened. "Gee, that's pretty. You goin' to have a Christmas tree too, Miss Patti?"

Patti started to say no, but choked. Instead she asked, "Do you have a Christmas tree, Tommy?"

He shook his head. Patti said, her voice still choky, "Then we'll have one here. You can help me trim it."

In no time at all the tree was up and they were trimming it. In spite of her stern efforts, Patti was conscious of a slow excitement. Tommy asked if she believed in that Kris Kringle stuff, and she had to stop to think before answering. At last she said, "Yes, Tommy, I—I think I do."

Kris Kringle may be just a symbol but he's really alive in the hearts and spirits of hundreds of people all over the world.

Tommy's blue eyes grew bright. "Then do you think if I told him I only wanted my daddy back, and nothing else, he would bring him back to us? My mommy told him to go, but she didn't mean it. Now she's sick but if Daddy would come back, we'd both be happy and she'd be well."

An idea was slowly dawning in Patti's mind. "We'll see what we can do, Tommy," she promised.

Patti hurried like mad and got a personal ad. In the late edition of one of the big dailies, it read: "Mr. Thomas Baker, please call at Patti's Pie & Bake Shop at once."

Patti waited and waited. The little shop was brightly lighted and the Christmas tree was a beautiful sight to see.

But no one came. Everything had been sold, so Patti was putting out the lights when a tall young man walked in. He said, "I may be the Thomas Baker you're looking for. Of course I don't know."

Patti just felt in her bones that he was the right one. She said, "Do you have a wife by the name of Margaret and a little boy named Tommy?"

"Yes, yes, I do."

"Then you're the right Thomas Baker. They want you to come home."

"Are you sure Margaret wants me too?" The young man's eyes were suddenly full of hope.

Patti nodded. "I'm very sure," and the young man thanked her turned to go and almost collided with another tall young man who had just come in. He was looking at Patti with his whole heart in his eyes. "The minute I saw that personal, I was sure it was you. No one ever spelled Patti with an 'i' as you do."

Then he reached for her hands. "Patti, won't you forgive me for thinking I could ever love another girl? Won't you let me put this ring where it belongs?"

Patti was choked up with happiness as he slipped the ring on her finger. "Finding you is like a Christmas miracle," he whispered as he took her in his arms.

Every Nation Has Christmas Bells

The nations of the world have their individual symbols of Christmas. But there is one universal symbol—the bells of Christmas.

In a way this is strange since bells were not associated with the church until about 400 A.D. when an Italian bishop installed them in his church. Some authorities, however, claim that it wasn't until 604 that the first bells were placed in churches.

Whatever the date, the custom has grown until there is perhaps no use of church bells so widely known in Christian countries as the ringing of chimes to herald the advent of the birth of Christ.

From one end of the country to the other bells tell the story of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Church membership increased by 22 million during the 1940s in the United States but the increase during the 1930s was only five million.

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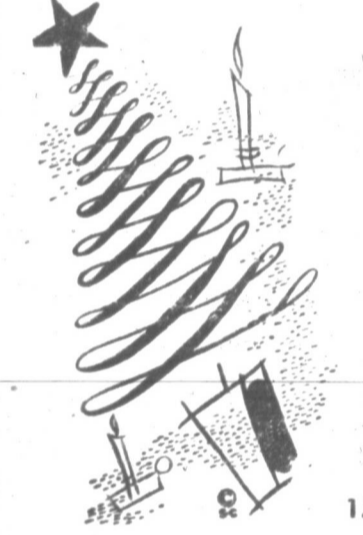
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Kris Kringle Isn't Really Santa Claus

Popular notion seems to imply that Kris Kringle is a German term of endearment for Santa Claus. Just what motivates this idea is not at all clear, since Kris Kringle is really a modification of Christkind who, although endowed by German legend as a gift-giver, resembles Santa Claus not in the least.

Santa Claus, as we know him in America, never really caught on in Germany. St. Nicholas comes around on his liturgical feast day—December 6—with his pockets bulging with candy and nuts and trinkets. Well and good, but German parents maintain, as did their predecessors of the Reformation era, that the central idea of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, should dominate the observances.

Nor is Christkind depicted as the Infant Jesus himself, but rather as his messenger and gift-bearer who comes to earth at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children. The Christkind is usually represented as a child dressed in white robes, wearing a golden crown and having big, golden wings.

The soil of Eniwetok in the Pacific is too sandy and too often washed by salt spray to be suitable for cultivation.

Nicholas, and Dec. 25 is given over to religious worship. One of the traditions of the Christmas in the Netherlands and Belgium is that of Santa Claus, a contraction for St. Nicholas who was born in the 3rd Century.—M.D.L.



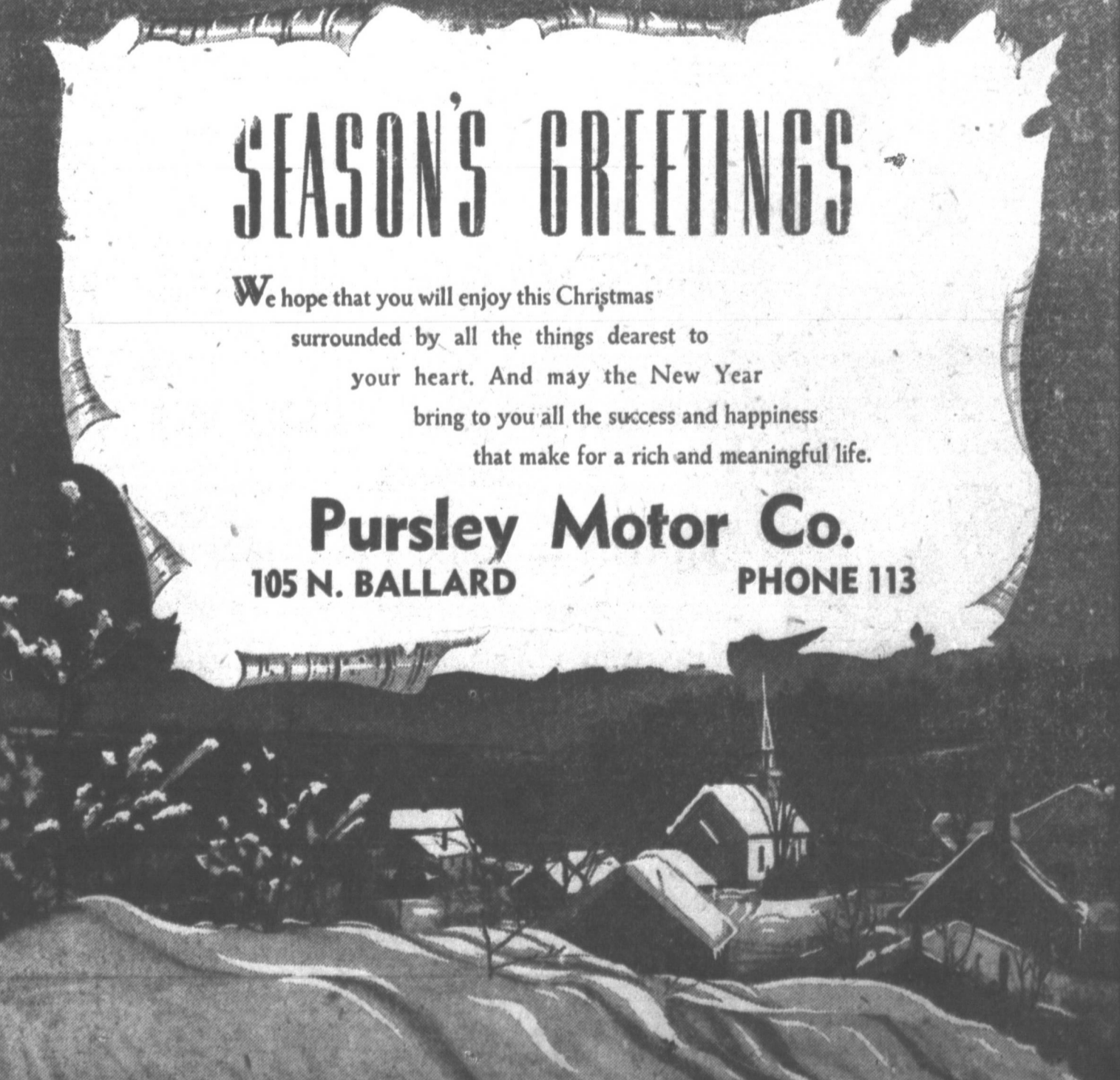
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Charles Dickens' 'Life of Our Lord' Is a Moving Story

LAST YEAR, the heretofore unpublished Dickens' manuscript "The Life of Our Lord" was presented to the world. Written 100 years earlier for the exclusive audience of the author's own children, it is a child's life of Christ—a simple, moving narrative, understandable even to a child and yet touched by that incomparable Dickens genius which insures its place by the side of the famous "Christmas Carol" among the great masterpieces of Christmas literature.



Because he felt such deep veneration for the life and lessons of our Saviour, he left instructions that this particular manuscript should not be commercialized. Thus, the manuscript was a precious family secret for 85 years. But when Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child, died in 1933, it was finally brought forth and sold for the staggering amount of \$210,000 — or, \$15 per word.

Purchased by the London Daily Mail, the manuscript became a literary event of the first magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens himself, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ. For, according to Dickens: "Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong, or were in any way ill or miserable, as He was. "And as He is now in heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."

Sooner Is Santa For Convicts

By MARIAN ROGERS
NEA Special Correspondent
OKLAHOMA CITY (NEA) — Dan Vinson runs a Christmas shopping service for the strangest clientele in the world — murderers, thieves and dope peddlers — and because of them he pays the freight on a million gifts each year.

The Oklahoma City contractor ships carloads of toys and clothing to the children of convicts in both North and South America. Beginning in December, one freight car after another rolls out of the Oklahoma City train yards, bulging with gifts for the "forgotten" children of men who broke society's laws and were locked up.

Vinson provides the freight cars, supervises the gigantic job

of making the toys and often pays personal visits to penitentiary death houses so that a murderer who won't be around at Christmas time can get in his order.

He turns Oklahoma City inside out, looking for scrap metal that can be turned into toy airplanes, automobiles and other mechanical gadgets. He solicits gifts of clothing, discarded dolls, has-been tricycles and other dilapidated toys that are headed for the scrap heap.

From his toy stockpile, Vinson gets enough playthings to fill the Christmas orders that pour in from nearly every penitentiary in the Western hemisphere. Last year he sent a million presents to the children of convicted felons. This Christmas Vinson expects to surpass that mark.

Making Christmas happier for such youngsters is a crusade to Vinson. He's a bit gruff about the fate of the unlucky offspring of America's criminal population. "These kids don't deserve to be cheated out of Christmas," he tells everyone. "They have committed no crime."

Any prisoner in the Western hemisphere can get on the mailing list by writing Vinson in Oklahoma City. Some of America's most vicious criminals have done so. Men who are serving life sentences for murder, bank robbery, sex crimes, selling dope and other crimes clamor for Vinson's unique personal shopping service.

The toys go directly to the penitentiary inmates. They in turn mail the packages to their children with a "Merry Christmas" from Dad.

Vinson always has plenty of help with his Yuletide shopping. Hundreds of Oklahoma City residents join in. Volunteer workers from civic clubs, Boy Scouts, business firms and housewives work long hours repairing old toys and making new ones. Vinson himself puts in 18 to 20 hours daily in the last hectic days.

Nearly all the presents are made from material donated by businessmen and private citizens. Vinson never solicits money. When all the scrap material is gathered up, the volunteer helpers convert it into dolls, airplanes, cut-out books, trinkets, scarves and hundreds of other items.

The genial 65-year-old Vinson is a natural in his role. He was once an "underprivileged child himself. Until he developed an asphalt concrete for roads, Vinson went broke two or three times. Now his contracting and royalties earn him an excellent income. Vinson puts several thousand dollars into his program each year, spreading his name and fame afar.

November and December are fantastically busy months for Vinson. His family almost never sees him. Employees at his company nearly forget what the man looks like because he spends the last two months directing the program. Running the biggest one-man Christmas delivery service in the world is a full-time job.



When Father Carved the... BOAR'S HEAD

WHAT ROAST TURKEY is to Christmas dinner today, the boar's head was to the "Yuletide feasting of Medieval England.

Preparation for the feasting began during September or October when the boar's flesh was at its best. Hunters tracked the animal down with well-trained packs of hounds and it was dangerous sport, attacking the ferocious beast with spears or surrounding him and driving him into a net.

His ear was his most vulnerable spot, but before the dogs could get a grip on it and pin him down, his sharp teeth often wounded—sometimes even killed—the hunter and his dogs.

Nevertheless, the plucker the boar, the louder his praises were sung, the merrier the feasting, when his head was borne to the Christmas table.

World's Christmas Legends Numerous

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Wilfred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith; henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the Nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree long since has supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

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Currier, Ives A Big Surprise

By **RICHARD HILL WILKINSON**

Mrs. Southern was desperately in need of money, and so when she came across the Currier and Ives print she thought right off that it might be possible to sell the picture to a collector for a considerable sum. The painting was dusty and fly-specked and encased in a heavy, antiquated gold frame, but she carried it down to the kitchen and cleaned it as best she could, and then called to Burt.

"It's been in the attic for years," she explained. "Mother had it a long time ago. And you know some Currier and Ives prints are worth fortunes."

Burt scrutinized the barely distinguishable signature. He nodded slowly. "You might get something for it at that," he said. "It's a Currier and Ives all right, and it's sure enough old."

"Oh, Burt wouldn't it be wonderful if we could! Why it would just solve everything!"

Burt grinned. "Well there's no harm in trying. More I look at it the more I think it might bring a price. Tell you what I'll do. I'll call Moe Avery. He's a collector and he'll buy it if it's worth anything."

So Burt went to the phone and called Moe Avery. "He'll be here in an hour's time," he told his wife a moment later. "We'd better not get too optimistic though. Probably turn out to be worthless."

"Oh, Burt, you don't think it's a lot? Why — why I'd be satisfied if it brought \$50," said Burt.

"Ought to bring more! However, no use in getting optimistic."

Mrs. Southern sighed. "Fifty dollars!" she said. "Think of it! Just think of all the things we could do. But there. As you say I mustn't get optimistic."

"That's best," Burt agreed. "Even \$25 is a lot of money to us."

Perfect Present

By **WILLARD OLVAN PERSING**

The reassuring weight of the nickels and dimes in his pocket took the bite out of the raw Saturday afternoon. Surveying the street from the eminence of three dollars for the first time in his eleven years, Jimmy Sands thought it was a pretty nice world after all.

After enjoying this sense of prosperity for a few seconds, he remembered that he had to hurry if he wanted to hide the Christmas present before his mother woke up from her nap. A frown came over his face as he glanced around to locate his pup. Mike wasn't anywhere in sight.

He started to whistle, but his attention was caught by little Sammy Farr, big-eyed with excitement and fright, running toward him.

"Hey, Jimmy!" called Sammy. "They took Mike!"

Jimmy's heart sank. He knew who "they" meant, but he had to make sure. "Who took him?"

"The dogcatcher. Mike tried to run away, but they caught him down at corner."

Little Sammy wiped his nose on a ragged cuff. "I didn't have time to hide him like we always did before when that old dogcatcher came around."

"I shouldn't have left him down here by himself, but I didn't want to wake Mom up," Jimmy sat down on the step and buried his face in his hands. Sure, he thought, they'll keep Mike five days before they get rid of him, but a license will cost two dollars and a half.

Then he straightened up: he had three dollars in his pocket, three dollars all his own, that he had earned by running errands, selling junk, and saving the few pennies that his mother had given him for candy.

If he bought a license for Mike, he wouldn't be able to buy the new purse for his mother, but he could buy a nice handkerchief or something with the fifty cents that he would have left.

A boy of eleven couldn't cry in front of a seven-year-old so Jimmy blinked away the tears that came when he thought of fuzzy, playful Mike being tossed into a pen full of big snarling dogs.

"I wonder if they'll feed him good?"

A sense of shame kept returning when Jimmy thought of his mother's shabby old purse. She'd had it as long as he could remember, and he had seen her stop several times to admire the shiny black one with the gold-colored clasp that was in Hoffberg's window. He had been looking forward to Christmas morning when she could carry the new one proudly to church instead of hiding the old one's shabbiness by tucking it under her arm. It just wouldn't be right to spend that money for Mike's license.

"Come on, Sammy if you'll keep it a secret, I'll let you go with me to buy Mom's present. Maybe he could leave the purse with the landlady until after his mother had gone to work. Jimmy was glad that she wouldn't have to clean up those offices on Christmas Eve and Christmas night."

Jimmy's mother smiled at him over the potatoes she was peeling for their supper. "Didn't you come up the front way?"

"Yes," Jimmy closed the door and walked over to stare out the one window in their room.

"You didn't leave Mike out in front?"

"No—" The tears that he had been holding back poured out. "The dogcatcher took him away!"

Jimmy sank into a chair by the table and buried his head in his arms.

Smiling to herself, Jimmy's mother placed a comforting hand on his shoulder and said, "I think it will be all right with Santa if you get your present tonight instead of tomorrow night." She took an envelope out of the shabby purse that lay on the floor. But he missed. She was conscious again when the doctor arrived.

"She's all right," the doc said. "In a few minutes. Must have got a slight shock. Well, I'll be running along. Merry Christmas."

"Thank you, Burt," said Jimmy. "Merry Christmas. Yeah Merry Merry Christmas. Yeah Merry Merry Christmas. Yeah Merry Merry Christmas. Yeah! MERRY CHRISTMAS! You bet!"

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Rightness Of Belief In Santa Is Subject Of Eternal Debate

Who can answer the riddle: Why does Santa Claus persist? Is it good or bad for children to believe in him? Teachers, psychiatrists and other specialists in human behavior at the juvenile level differ. The Santa Claus myth has strong convictions in its favor and convictions just as strong opposing it.

Children whose very progressive parents have explained to them that Santa Claus is only a myth have not been easy to convince. They fix their surprised parents with the coolest of condescending stares. They don't agree with the psychiatrists who say that a child who really believes in Santa Claus has had his thinking ability impaired. Even grownups baffle the destroyers of the illusion.

Evidently Santa fills such a basic human need that it's not safe to tell people that he is fantasy. And it's more dangerous to try to prove it.

Belief in Santa satisfied children's need for love and security. They keep this belief as long as the table. "Merry Christmas, Jimmy."

Something in her voice made Jimmy open the envelope and look inside. "Mike's license!" Jimmy grabbed his cap and started for the door.

"You had better wait till tomorrow, Jimmy. It's late, and it's a long way over to the dog pound. They'll take good care of Mike."

They need it, carrying their belief through various stages — they fear him, trust him, love him and then doubt him. But they never completely doubt him no matter how realistic they become, and they remember with joy the days of their utter credulity.

Psychiatrists fear that letting the child become possessed with the myth tends to make the adult attempt to preserve the infant pleasure subconsciously throughout life and remain emotionally immature.

And experts question whether children should be taught to believe literally something that is not literally true. One expert says: "There is no sound psychological reason that I know of for children not enjoying the Santa myth as long as they know that it is not true (But) if a child at 4 or 5 years of age can believe that one person can come down all the chimneys of the world in one night, and can fly through the air with reindeer and a sleigh and necessarily a heavy load, the child's whole relation with reality and whole ability to think clearly in terms of cause and effect have been seriously damaged or permanently destroyed. He will have learned that to think in relation to the evidence of his own eyes leads only to confusion and fear."

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By HENRY S. GORDON
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Blow, bugles of war, the marches of peace;
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Sing the song of great joy the angels began,
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When the Germans came to the United States in numbers in the middle of the last century...



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Dr. Moore, Author Of 'Night Before', Was Ashamed of It

Everyone knows and loves the poem which begins—
"Twas the night before Christ-mas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;—
but the man who wrote it, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, was ashamed of it and would not allow it to be published under his name for more than 20 years.

Dr. Moore, an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York, wrote the poem on Christ-mas eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her dairy. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embar-rassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, how-ever, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

Ironically, the professor's ser-ious works are forgotten today. He is mentioned in encyclopedias because he wrote the celebrated Christmas verses.



With all his experiences, the modern trend makes the old-fashioned Santa Claus embark on technical educa-tion. "School for Santa Claus", sponsored by a Hollywood actors' organiza-

'Lord of Misrule.'

A different playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."
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The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where

After the American Santa Claus began to be a Christmas institu-tion, one of the most impor-tant influences in shaping his legend was "The Night Before Christmas," a poem Dr. Clement C. Moore wrote for his 6-year-old daughter in 1822.



Greetings

May the happiness of you and your loved ones be as everlasting as the evergreen.
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Hansel, Gretel Join Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Engelbert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation. Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes—Wagnerian style and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christ-mas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.

forfeits which are traditional for Christmas. At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be in-jected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "nodding horse."

It was the custom in Kent, Eng-land, for young men to go from house to house with the nodding horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The nodding horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

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Santa Should Be Explained, Duke Psychologist Declares

"Children enjoy Santa Claus mas, however, Dr. McHugh believes more when they know what he believes, but from the very beginning, really is," Duke University psychologist Dr. Gelolo McHugh says.

"No one enjoys finding out that he has been kept in the dark," says the specialist in child psychology, "and children are no exception." The real meaning of Santa Claus is the joy of giving, says Dr. McHugh, and no child should be deprived of this privilege.

Later parents have the difficult job of explaining that there is no jolly old Christmas man, Dr. McHugh points out. When the truth comes out, the parent who placed himself in the position of being responsible for Santa's disappearance.

Santa should be a part of Christmas.

Early Yuletide Said Pagan By Christians

Christmas, like any other blessed institution, has had to fight its battles. The first great enemy of Christmas was the Roman empire whose pagan emperors determined to blot out all kinds of Christian rites.

Then when Roman Emperor Constantine Christianized the empire other enemies of Christmas arose. One course of contention was: Is December 25 really Christmas? Some said Christ was born on January 6; others held for March 28. Some set April 1 as His birthday. Nobody knew with complete confidence just when to celebrate Christmas. At last, in the fourth century, Pope Julius I settled the matter in favor of our present date. His decision was universally accepted.

From the first there had been feasts with days of merriment.

From the first there had been among Christians a certain hostility toward the Christmas festival. The celebration of birthdays in general was considered heathenish and something taken over from the pagans. Nor did the enemies of Christmas fail to observe that many pagan customs had crept into the feasting of the day. Christmas and the days of Advent that go before it occur at the time of the winter solstice, when the days cease to grow shorter, and begin to lengthen when the sun, having declined its furthest from zenith, begins to climb again. The period was one of festival in many parts of the world, and was held sacred by many religions. Then occurred the Roman Saturnalia, with its wild excesses, and the people of the north, too, had a great midwinter feast with days of hearty eating and deep drinking. It was only natural that some of the old pagan rites peculiar to the season should be held over and incorporated into the rejoicings of Christmas.

From the Saturnalia came banquets and dancing and rioting in masks and the giving of gifts. Our Christmas dinner and Christmas presents and Christmas card and the wearing of Christmas masks in various parts of the world date back to the Saturnalia. The mid-winter feast of the northern peoples was called Yule, hence our Yuletide and Yule log. The burning of the Christmas log descends from northern tree worship. So does the Christmas tree. The ancient Druids gave Christmas its holly and mistletoe.

Santa Claus seems to date from later Christian times. He is good St. Nicholas, of course. The hanging of stockings comes from the legend that the saint, among his other charities, used to provide dowries for poor girls. The older form of the Christmas stocking custom was for poor girls to hang up stockings in the hope that benevolent St. Nicholas would place marriage portions in them.



IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY . . . The Rev. Hugh Giles (left, on stand), minister of music at the Central Presbyterian church in New York, is shown leading the carol singing which marked the lighting of the Christmas trees on Park avenue last year. Six hundred persons joined the choirs of five churches as the 30 trees lining the avenue were lighted and dedicated in honor of U. S. war dead.

Noel Preparations Started In Norway In Middle Of Year

Christmas just couldn't help being the event of events in Norway when grandmother was a girl.

Without exaggeration, preparation for Christmas actually began six months before December 24. Everything which was used—food, clothing, household furnishings—was prepared in the home. Even the leather for shoes was tanned from hides raised on the homestead.

The cloth for apparel, from the skin out, was woven on hand looms. Cobblers came to the house and made shoes; dressmakers and tailors came. Everyone in the household had to have a new wardrobe for Christmas and, since tailors and cobblers and dressmakers could not be at all places at once, it was necessary to get an early start.

When the butchering was finished—in October or November—the suet was melted and candles were made. The children always had a hand in making little ones for use on the Christmas tree. And they usually made one which had three prongs which, placed at the very top of the tree, represented the three wise men.

mas there is a religious procession at the head of which the figures of Joseph and Mary are borne.

On the ninth evening entrance is permitted and a religious ceremony conducted about the straw-filled manger of the Babe.

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Christmas Greetings

To you and yours, this Christmas season, we extend our sincere wishes for happiness that will long outlast the tinsel and the tree . . . and live on in your hearts through all the days and years to come.

La Bonita Beauty Shop
541 S. BARNES PHONE 1598

greetings

Because it's Christmas, and you're all so nice to know, From our firm to your home, our friendly wishes go!

Christmas & New Year's Greetings from
SERVICE CLEANERS
512 S. Cuyler Phone 1290

MERRY Christmas

Because Christmas time is reserved for very special greetings—we want to take this opportunity to thank our many patrons for their continued friendship and good-will . . . and add, too, in a great big measure—our sincere wishes that the spirit of the season may remain a lasting joy for you and yours throughout the coming New Year.

Roberts, Inc.
Home Owned
Home Operated
225 N. Cuyler

"Exclusive But Not Expensive"

Away In A Manger

Charles Killion

1. A way in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus, laid down his sweet head.
2. The ox and the donkey, and the ass, they kept him warm that night.
3. The manger was full of straw, and the little Lord Jesus, lay down his sweet head.

4. The ox and the donkey, and the ass, they kept him warm that night.
5. The manger was full of straw, and the little Lord Jesus, lay down his sweet head.

There Was No Paved Highway For That First Christmas Trip

There was no macadam highway leading from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph undertook their memorable journey nearly 2,000 years ago.

As far as routes were concerned, there were three. The western route led along the sea-coast and through the plain of Sharon. This route was unpopular with pious folk like Mary and Joseph who shunned the heathen cities, rowdy travelers, etc., as much as possible.

The shortest route, via the fruitful plain of Esdraelon into the mountains of Samaria and through Shechem and Bethel, was not very popular either. The road was tolerable, but steep; however, the Jews had little use for the Samaritans, and vice versa.

The Jordan route, which descended into the Jordan valley and followed the river's east bank around Jericho, was favored by the majority of Galilean travelers who for one reason or another (the Passover, etc.) went down to Jerusalem at regular intervals and knew their way around as well as suburbanites know their way around modern metropolitan areas.

If the Jordan route was a little round-about, it was fairly level—and steeped in Jewish history, from the shadow of Mount Tabor where Saul in desperation sought his 'witch' of Endor, to the tomb a little before Bethlehem where the first Joseph buried his beloved Rachel.

It is fairly certain that Mary and Joseph did not choose the western route when they planned their very special journey. Whether they chose to go by way of Shechem and Bethel, or around the walled city of Jericho may never be determined definitely.

But, the distance—nearly 100 miles—was, in any case, unrelenting and conquered only by persistent plodding. And when Mary was too tired to go another step, Joseph took the packs upon his own shoulders so that she might ride the little donkey which trudged faithfully at his side.

Verily indeed, did Mary appreciate the shelter of the stable that night—no one could have been more grateful or more happy than Mary. And she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger.

Allegorical Parades Mark Mexican Yule

The People in Mexico build elaborate floats for allegorical parades during the holiday season. For eight evenings before Christmas.

Greetings

May Christmas cheer come down your chimney!

McLaughlin Furniture
408 S. Cuyler

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

COFF AUTOMOTIVE

409 S. Russell Phone 1669

Season's Greetings

We've but one wish for you this Christmas—that it be better than any you've ever had before. A Happy Holiday to all of our friends!

PENNEY'S

ALWAYS FIRST QUALITY

Greetings

May you receive the many blessings of the season, filled with Christmas gaiety, and laden with the promise of a bright, prosperous future . . . good health and perpetual happiness.

Clyde's Pharmacy
"Complete Drug Service"
100 S. Cuyler Phone 1110

Clyde Oswald

Emma Olsen, Berta Osborn
Dale Miller, Shirley Lea, Mickey Archer

Season's Greetings

May all the good cheer and pleasure that we wish to be yours this Christmas lead to a very happy New Year.

Roberts, Inc.
Home Owned
Home Operated
225 N. Cuyler

Green Of Holly, Red Of Berries Give Yule Colors

Traditional as Christmas itself, are the reds and greens seen in such rav abundance during the holiday season.

There seems to be no historical or legendary basis for the use of these colors. It is generally supposed that the colors have been taken from the green of holly, and the red of holly berries.

White is more truly the authentic Christmas color according to precepts of the church.

Historically speaking, records indicate that the first Christmas tree observance was in Strassburg, Germany, in 1604, and for centuries was traditional German celebration.

Fascinating Parade Makes Bright, Yule-Time Panorama

In the glorious pageant that is Christmas, there's a wonderful parade of interesting people who pass through the many tales, legends and folklore that make up the Christmas story.

Here in America, we are glad to welcome that jolly elf, Santa Claus, who rides his wonderful reindeer out of the frozen North.



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

Christmas Pageant Takes On Color Of Age-Old Traditions

The story of Christmas is one of the world's greatest and most fascinating.

Much of the Christmas story is still unknown, though Christmas as we observe it today is indeed the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

begin to date its years from the birth of Christ until almost 350 A.D.!

The people of Christ's era did not consider Him as the Messiah of God at the time of His birth, but rather at the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon Him at the baptism in the Jordan when He was thirty years of age.

Not until the third century did the western countries accept Christ as a God from birth, and each of the four Gospel narratives testify to this school of thought.

To the early church, Christmas from its very beginning carried the earmarks of Roman creation. From the world's most primitive beginnings, there was the belief that the period of time when the winter solstice ended and the sun took on new strength to give a bright, new fertility to the world, should be observed with celebration.

In every epoch of history — from the old, old Babylonian festivals to the Druid mysteries to the Egyptian Mid-winter Festival of Foods — to the Christ story — lies the ro-

Santa Claus Hit As 'Sugar Daddy' Instead of Saint

Assailing the Santa Claus myth as 'foolish fiction' and rival of the Holy Child, the Rev. John S. Martin, editor of the Catholic Review, declared in a 1949 editorial that Santa the saint has been lost in Santa the sugar daddy—and that the whole idea is bad psychology and bad pedagogy.

"Our children learn about the reindeer, but have never heard of



the ox and the ass." Father Martin continued and recommended that we:

"Leave the man in the red suit to those who have nothing better . . . for whom life must end in disillusion and despair."

Father Martin's sentiments are reminiscent of Martin Luther's vigorous campaign against neglect of the central idea of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus. So, German children have been taught that the Christkind brings the presents—Christkind being depicted as the messenger of the Infant Jesus sent earthward at Christmas-time to bring happiness to good children.

The modern conception of Santa Claus is, of course, 99 per cent fictional and strictly American. But the spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness as typified by Santa Claus is neither sugar daddy-ish nor essentially American. Unfortunately not all children who await Santa have learned from their mothers lips the story of the Holy Child.

of the French . . . the Noche Buena of the Spanish . . . the Weihnachtsen of the Germans, and the Christ Mass of the early Roman Catholic Church — comes the gay, glorious, deeply religious holiday that is Christmas, today.



is our wish to you. May this Holiday Season be the start of a new and wonderful life with your friends.

and a Happy New Year

Killian Bro. Winch & Brake
115 N. WARD PHONE 1310

To our friends and patrons:
May your days be filled with notes of good cheer . . .

EMPIRE CAFE
115 SOUTH CUYLER PHONE 186

Christmas Blessings

Wherever the spirit of Christmas remains, there we find that peace and brotherly love can never be forced from the hearts of men.

A joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year to all!

LONG'S HOTEL
609 WEST FOSTER PHONE 9521

More Ways To Say Merry Christmas

From Bohemia—Vesele Vanoce; Chestita Koleda in Bulgaria; Sreten Bojke in Croatia. The Danish say—"Glaedelig Jul"; the Swedish, "Glad Yul"; in Norway, it's "Gledelig Jul"; The Welsh say "Nadolig Llawen"; the Ukrainian words for the happy holiday are "Srozhdestvom Krisovym"; in Spanish, "Feliz Navidad" is greeting phrase.

The Portuguese say, "Boas Festas"—in Polish, "Weselych Swiat"; in Italian, "Buone Feste Natalizie"; in German—"Froeliche Wienachten".

To the French—"Joyeux Noel"; from the Emerald Isle comes the greeting, "Nollaig Mhailth chugnat." And to all—everywhere—A Merry Christmas!

You Can Make A Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oat meal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

Santa's Requests

Santa Claus still gets letters from youngsters with the same cherished requests—bicycles and dolls. But last year a child wanted a live cow. He told a department store Santa so.

Another kid wanted a new daddy because hers was "wearing out on top."



"ALL HE WANTS" . . . Young Edward Hospita of New York makes known to Santa his Christmas wish. He said, to coin a phrase, "All I want for Christmas is my two front incisors." Whether he'll get them is another story.

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May these be the gifts that Christmas will bring to you . . .

- the joy of happy memories
- the peace of real contentment
- and the happiness of a bright New Year

C. C. MATHENY
TIRE and SALVAGE Co.
818 West Foster Phone 1051

May you discover the joys of the Christmas season among your gifts under the tree!

Davis Electric Co.
ROBERT BURNS
119 WEST FOSTER

Best Wishes

For a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

GOODYEAR SHOE SHOP
115 W. Foster

Season's Greetings

PAMPA TRANSFER-WAREHOUSE
MR. AND MRS. L. H. MUSGRAVE
PHONE 357 317 TYNG

Greetings

Malone Pharmacy
Hughes Building Phone 3365

Santa Claus Makes a Stop Out West



United States Is Christmas Carol 'Meeting Place'

IN TOWNS AND CITIES throughout America, in churches, public squares and along home-lined streets, over millions of radios and public address systems come the strains of the world's Yuletide melodies—old as bygone centuries, young as "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas..."

The United States, meeting place of carols from all Christendom, contributes yearly to the traditions of Christmas music by writing new songs and popularizing old ones.

The carols of Europe arrived with the peoples who came to America to settle. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), eventually translated into 119 languages and dialects, belonged to no one nation but was the common gift of the continent. From Germany came Luther's hymn for children, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed..."

England sent "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay..." And France provided the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three American composers did much to revive the ancient custom by writing new songs which are, today, among the world's best beloved carols.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was the inspiration of Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, in 1849. Less than 10 years later, Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Episcopal rector from Williamsport, Pa., composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Perhaps the best-known American carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks in Philadelphia. The young Episcopal minister, later bishop of Massachusetts, was inspired to write the poem by the memory of a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. The rollicking "Jingle Bells," though non-religious in theme, also came from the pen of a churchman, John Pierpont, and has enjoyed almost a century of popularity.

More to Mistletoe Than You'd Think

In America the high-hanging mistletoe is treasured chiefly for its power to invite a kiss from a pretty girl. The bulk of the holiday decoration comes from the Caro-

linas, Tennessee and the southwest where off-season agricultural workers gather the branches for shipment throughout the nation.

The white-berried plant also serves as a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins, and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves and translucent berries of the guest plant.

Though the mistletoe plays the dual characters of destructive killer and promoter of love, superstition has it that the plant can switch roles in a twinkling. For instance, if the Yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemass Eve (February 1), each leaf left will produce a robin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

God Bless Christmas

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew. "Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; and, therefore, I unite, though it had never put a scrap



FRONT-LINE CHRISTMAS—Dale L. Ackerman, hospital corpsman 3rd class, from Marysville, Kan., was one of the first members of the 1st Marine Division in Korea to receive precious Christmas packages from home. The bullet-proof vest worn by the front-line soldier helps to insure that he will return safely from Korea, to spend his next Christmas at home.

Christmas Season Evokes Spirit of Trust, Faith

Indicative of the integrity and trustfulness prevailing throughout the world at Christmas time, people of Holland often entrust gifts to total strangers requesting the passerby to leave the package on such-and-such a doorstep.

Half-way across the globe, Negro families in Virginia long have observed the table-covered-with-a-sheet custom. The dining room table is covered with a sheet. Names of everyone in the household are written on slips of paper and pinned to the sheet. Gifts are snaked under the sheet when everybody is supposed to be asleep, and even the youngest child refrains from peeking until the gifts are unveiled Christmas morning.



RIGHT FOR THE ROLE . . . Playing Santa Claus for young victims of polio and cerebral palsy is opera star Lauritz Melchior, shown reading a Christmas story to Thomas Precious and Patricia Pulio.

Yule Open House Early Saxon Custom

At Christmastime, the great hall of the Saxon lord was thrown open to peasant and noble alike—all mingling democratically and exchanging gifts and hearty cheer during a great feast and festivities composed of dance and song. With a tremendous burst of shouting, the Yule Log was dragged into the hall and placed upon the open fire pit. These democratic Christmas festivities lasted until the last dying embers of the log, prior to the Civil

War, the slaves, following this Saxon custom, would scale a log in the cypress swamps to extend the length of their Christmas freedom.

This unrestrained friendship between the Saxon lord and his serf at Christmas time has come down to us in the form of the hospitable "Open House."

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.

Christmas Gifts Are Not Always Brought By Santa

In America it is always Santa Claus, dashing from rooftop to rooftop in his sleigh, that brings Christmas gifts to the children. But it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

In Holland it is St. Nicholas, dressed in bishop's robes of black, wearing a mitre and carrying the crozier. And he arrives on a white horse.

English children look for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own and gifts are tied to Christmas trees.

In Finland, Santa has elves who pass out gifts for him. In Italy there is no Santa Claus. Instead, they have a beneficent old witch, Befana, who sails through the air on a broom stick on Christmas Eve.

Brazil has Papa Noel, very much like Santa. He wears a red suit and travels in a sleigh drawn by reindeer. However, he enters the house through a window instead of the chimney.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills to that 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.

In many other parts of the world Santa is not known, but many people exchange gifts nevertheless at Christmas time.

First Christmas Card Was Created In 1842

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces." From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards.

The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley. Original of this first card is now on display in the British museum.

In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870's and 80's Prang produced thousands of beautiful cards and has become known as the grandfather of the business.

Jesus touched them they became suffused with pink.

Christmas Greetings

May each and every one of our customers and friends find this a very HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Parker Welding Works
910 W. Brown — Ph. 2476

Best Wishes

The best part of Christmas, we believe, is the good wishes extended . . . and the good wishes received. And so, in all sincerity, we send to all our friends our best wishes for a cheerful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Coston's Bakery
109 W. Francis Phone 3945

Rose Of Christmas Young Girl's Gift

The Christmas rose blooms at an unusual season, from December to March, with white, sometimes pinkly colored blooms. Because of the soft tinge of pink, the flower has been given the name Christmas rose.

Legend tells us that when the Wise Men were journeying toward Bethlehem, they came upon a young girl who was tending her sheep. The girl complained to an angel that she had no gift for the Holy Child, whereupon the entire pathway to Bethlehem was flowered with glistening white Christmas roses.

Madelon, the girl, offered the flowers, and when the fingers of



Let us not forget the real meaning of Christmas.

It is a season of prayer for the whole world . . . for peace on earth and good will toward all men.

Edward Foran
Ph. 1152, 501 E. Harvester
Owner-Mgr.
PAMPA MONUMENT CO.

Season's Greetings

"Merry Christmas" . . . in these two words we wish to express our appreciation for your unwavering goodwill and friendship.

BoB Clements
TAILOR SHOP
114 West Foster Phone 1342

At Christmas

May the warmth of the Yuletide spirit surround you and your loved ones throughout a bright and healthy New Year.

Affordable Furnishings
JOHN VANTINE
615 W. FOSTER PHONE 268

Merry Christmas

If we haven't had a chance to wish you, a Merry Christmas personally, during the past few days, may we now say to each and every one of our friends and patrons, "A Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year!"

Pampa Glass & Paint
117 N. FROST PHONE 3909
Across From the City Hall

In the spirit of friendship and good will that is Christmas . . . we thank our many customers for their continued patronage!

To all, our sincere wishes for holiday joy!
Ad 44 - Form 4

Pampa Office Supply
"Everything for the Office"
211 N. Cuyler Phone 288

Greetings

DURING THIS BLESSED SEASON

We want to rejoice with you and your family on the happy meaning of Christmas and to join you in praying for true "Peace on earth and good will to men."

Plains Creamery
315 E. Atchison Phone 2204

1 B. C., 1 A. D. Not Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and after the year 1 B. C. the year 1 A. D. follows directly not be five years old at 2 A. D. A person born in 3 B. C. would but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Myths, Legends Give Gay Mystery To Yule Festival

In the folklore of every people the superstitions and legends attendant to the facets of life. In this respect, Christmas is not different for as the festival has come to us through the ages it has grown, and become embellished with the imagery and fancy of many peoples. From the highlands of Scotland comes the belief that folks born on Christmas have the power to see spirits and even to command them to their bidding. From the peasantry of France are the beliefs that Christmas Eve babies will have a 'ready and facile tongue,' those born on

Christmas Day 'will be gifted with logic,' and that girls born on Christmas will 'be witty, wise and virtuous.' To be either lawyer or thief is the fortune for those Christmas babies born in Silesia. Other superstitions in conjunction with Christmas claim — if one dies on Christmas Eve, the gates of Paradise are open, and no one enters Purgatory... Irish legend. Christmas baked goodies, particularly bread, are saved till sowing time in order to insure a good harvest — according to a Danish belief.

Because so many of the customs attendant to the use of evergreens were so closely allied to the early pagan celebrations, high churchmen in the 5th and 6th centuries forbade their use at Christmas time.

There are many, many legends pertaining to love, connected with the observance of Christmas — in northern England a maiden places 'holly' under her pillow with the verse, "Good St. Thomas, serve me right, and send me my true love tonight..."

To accept a gift of edelweiss in the Swiss Alps, is also to accept the man who offers it. Whether believed or not, there's a host of magical beauty in the superstitions and divinations, or the legends akin to the mystical magic of Christmas.



SANTA CHECKS ONE OF HIS STEEDS... Rodney, who might be a stand-in for Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, gets an early briefing from old Saint Nick as the bearded old gent prepares for his annual visit. Rodney normally inhabits a Chicago zoo.

King Richard's Christmas Feasts

Once upon a medieval Yuletide, King Richard III of England celebrated at Litchfield—and during the festivities 2,000 oxen and 200 tons of wine were consumed.

Of course, the feudal set-up provided the great lords with the wherewithal for magnificence—the lords received gifts from their tenants and kings received gifts from their nobles; and the graduated scale for giving and receiving was as well ascertained as the quiddam honorarium of any barrister or physician.

Queen Elizabeth received a large part of her wardrobe as gifts from her courtiers, and if the quality or quantity was not satisfactory, the donors were unceremoniously informed of the situation.

When Henry III entertained a thousand knights, peers, and assorted nobles who came to attend the Yuletide marriage of the Princess Margaret, his majesty received a royal Christmas gift of 2,700 pounds, plus 630 fat oxen from the Archbishop of York.

With similar assistance, whether exorted or given in the spirit of generosity appropriate to the season, his majesty could well afford to give Christmas feasts for the poor like the one given in Westminster Hall in 1248, which lasted a week.

Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Is Found In Old Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns' Scotch Air," and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1778 of the second edition of his "Poems." Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns' product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained: "It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1635). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literary

Christmas-rose variety came originally from Austria. The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose is hallowed by legend.

Danger of Fire Is Greatly Enhanced By Christmas Tree

THE AVERAGE CHRISTMAS tree can go up in smoke in only two minutes. That doesn't leave much time for the fire department to get there.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what it lacks in size.

Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to set it up inside. When you bring it in, keep it in the coolest part of the house with the radiator nearest it turned off.

Use nonflammable aluminum foil—not cotton or paper—to conceal container in which tree is "planted." Use nonflammable trimmings on the tree.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

Christmas Seals Not American In Origin

More than forty countries, other than the United States, now have or have had Christmas seals or stamps that are sold to aid the fight against tuberculosis. In most countries these Christmas seals are sold through the post office.

The first Christmas seal was the inspiration of Einar Helboell of Denmark. It was first issued in 1904.

Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., an Episcopal bishop and rector, wrote both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Bethlehem Are" in 1859.

It was not until the sixteenth century, that the use of evergreens for Christmas tree decorations was openly sanctioned by the church.



GNOMES AT WORK... Three little gnomes diligently prepare for Christmas under the watchful eye of Santa Claus in his workshop at Santa Claus, Indiana. They are building, waxing and polishing toys to go into Santa's pack on Christmas eve.

Legend has it that bright colored ornaments, the candles and the lights of the Christmas tree represent the new birth and bloom of growing things. Ancient myths tell the story as of many trees that bloom at Christmas time.

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MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year
Lee's Signs
317 N. Zimmer Ph. 1028

BRUCE NURSERY

ALAN REED, TEXAS

Christmas

Why is everybody so happy at Christmas? Isn't the answer to be found in that First Christmas when the spirit of sharing came into this world?

Isn't that where true happiness abides... in making others happy? And wouldn't this world be a wonderful place if we could all live by this Christmas spirit the year 'round. Let's try it and see!

DIRKSEN ELECTRIC
MOTOR SERVICE
720 W. Brown Phone 3336

Christmas Rose Enhances Yule Festival Mood

Americans usually decorate their homes at Christmas time with holly, evergreen, or hollyhock plants. Recently, however, they have found a new friend in the Christmas-rose. Nurserymen say this plant's popularity has skyrocketed in the last few years.

The Christmas-rose is not only a rose at all but belongs to the crow-foot family. It is a small plant no more than a foot high when mature. Nevertheless, it can put forth seven or eight small white rosette blooms, tinged with pink.

Called by botanists Helleborus niger or black hellebore, it gets this name from its black stalks. The Christmas-rose is no freak, no super-precious flower or early-blooming plant. This legitimate child of winter flowers usually in December or January. It withstands snow and low temperatures, demanding only some sort of shelter from the weight of snow.

Helleborus niger does not propagate well in the United States. Hence, most of the tiny plants are imported from Belgium and the Netherlands. They do best only in the western part of those countries where they thrive in soil peculiar to the region.

The ancient Romans knew about the Christmas-rose and eagerly sought it for medicinal use. They believed that eating the roots would "clear the brain, cure stupidity and relieve insanity."

"Let him sail to Anticyra" said the poet, Horace, of an ill friend. Anticyra was a Greek town where the black Hellebore flourished.

The Helleborus family is indigenous to southern Europe and the Mediterranean regions. The

Christmas Greetings

We extend to our many Friends our wishes for a Christmas that will be Rich in Joy and Health!

REEVES OLDS, INC.
Oldsmobile-Cadillac Sales & Service
833 W. Foster Phone 1939

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Let Santa's jolly spirit be your guide this Holiday Season and enjoy all the happiness you deserve.

Stapleton Boot & Leather Shop
Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Stapleton, Ronnie, Carolyn Kay and Curtis

B&C
101 N. Cuyler PAMPA, TEXAS

A message from all of us to all of you... May this be the Merriest of Christmases for you and yours, filled with good cheer!

POSTON PIPE & METAL COMPANY
900 W. Brown Phone 1155

We extend to our many friends our wishes for a Christmas that will be rich in joy and good health.

Ancient Christmas Carols Come Out Of Minstrel Past Into The Present

According to the Bible story of old, the Latin origin of the Christmas, the first carol was a word means "to dance in a ring," sung by a chorus of angels from and the earliest songs were usually the "Gloria in Excelsis" — "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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Christmas cheer is in the air— May its joys stay with you always!

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XXXMAS KISSES Mistletoe Bestows Good Fortune

VERY few people don't know what a sprig of mistletoe means at Christmas time—especially when there's a pretty girl standing beneath it! But few people realize that this very pleasant custom has its root in age-old superstitions.

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe. According to an ancient Norse legend, the sun god was slain by an arrow fashioned from the mistletoe plant. He was resurrected by his mother's tears, which falling upon the plant, were crystallized into pearly berries. Because of this magical healing, it was ordained that mistletoe should grow neither on heaven nor earth, but suspended between. That is the reason, runs the legend, that mistletoe is found growing on trees.

Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for that purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful powers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

Because of its supposed salutary properties, mistletoe was often hung over the doors of primitive houses as a sign of good-will. Belief in magic has disappeared, but this custom still remains. And a kiss under the mistletoe still has beneficial effects. Try it and see for yourself!

Christmas Candles Have Been Used By Many Peoples

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

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

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

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

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one. An old verse reads:

"To learn you luck for the year they say,
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day.
If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
Good luck will be yours throughout the year."



Holiday Greetings

May the true spirit of the First Christmas shine brightly in the hearts of you and your family today and every day.

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The more elaborate type of Christmas song, by known composers and of musical complexities, are generally referred to as Christmas hymns, by these same musical authorities.

From the days of Richard the Lion-Hearted, when folk songs and minstrelsy swept the land, carols were kept alive and fostered from community to community, and reached their peak of magnificence in the fifteenth century when they at long last broke away from the somber chants of the church.

In the 17th Century, the Puritans of the day severely repressed the joyous celebrations attendant to Christmas, and expressly forbade the public singing of carols.

The texts and music of the carols were kept alive during this somber period until the Nineteenth Century through the illicit singing and printing of these carols by the common folk, who sang them in the hidden privacy of their own homes.

For many years, "Silent Night" was considered a folk song, and it did not appear in print until 1840. Today, its stirring beauty resounds the world over at Christmas time.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," was written by Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, who founded the Methodist denomination. He was the author of 6,000 poems and wrote "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" in 1739 when inspired by the musical tolling of bells one Christmas morning.

"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," translated from the Latin "Adeste Fideles" has long been controversial as to its origin. Some say it was written as early as 1221, and changed through the years by many musical writers.

The first Christmas carols that play such an important part in enriching our holiday season were brought to America from many countries of Europe.

The early settlers brought with them such favorites as "Away in a Manger" from Germany, "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen" from England, and the lovely "Cantique de Noel," or "O, Holy Night," from France.

Through the years, America has added her own carols to the roster of well-loved favorites. In 1849, Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister, composed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

No lovelier expression of Christmas prevails than the singing of the many hymns and carols that so beautifully express the friendly, joyful spirit of the day!



'Grandpa Frost' Helps Russians Celebrate Midwinter Festival

Although Christmas is no longer a holiday in Soviet Russia, a non-religious midwinter festival is celebrated and children receive gifts from "Grandpa Frost."

In Czarist Russia, it was customary for well-to-do families with large homes to entertain lavishly on Christmas day. The invitations were extremely formal and begged the invited to consider that "... for thousands of years it has been so; with us it has not commenced, with us it will not cease. Do not, therefore, disturb the festival; do not bring the good people to despair. Without you there will be no maiden festival at Anna Karpovna's."

In planning these houseparties, hostesses gave particular attention to the selection of partners for the young ladies. The selection was sometimes very satisfactory and sometimes left something to be desired.

Arrival of the "fair maidens," each with her mother and retinue, bringing cake and sweetmeats and gifts for everyone, proceeded according to prescribed ritual: the guests sooner freezing in their sleds before the gate than to alight before receiving the greeting of the host and hostess.

Having been ceremoniously welcomed, the guests offered prayers before the icon (sacred picture) and then proceeded to the feasting and festivities arranged for them.

It is thought that the use of ornaments as decor on evergreen boughs and garlands, dates back to celebrations in Roman days.

'Silent Night' Often Called Heaven Hymn

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

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

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

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

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

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

"Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child;
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace."

The Christmas tree, now such an important part of the Christmas celebration in the United States, is not enjoyed universally.



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For each pound of ammonium sulfate use 1-2 pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.



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"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

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MAY OUR HEARTS be open this Christmastide to His message that by the power of God's love alone can we be inspired to great deeds and wise action.

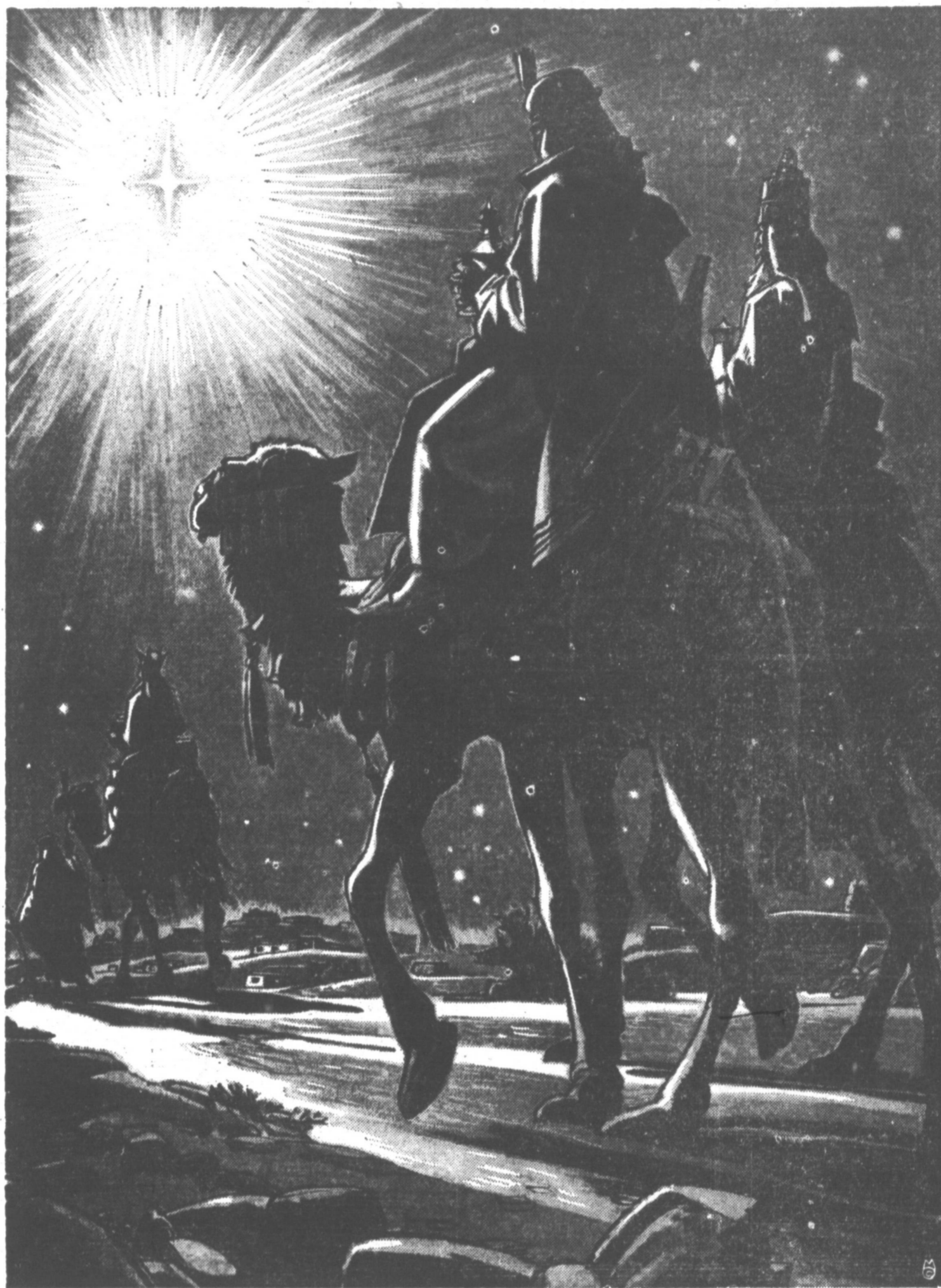
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Christmas

is for everyone. Its wonderful spirit reaches out to men the world over. It is a heart - warming season, one in which we cherish the happiness our old and new friends have given us over the years. So it is with a great deal of sentiment and joy that we extend this greeting with our good wishes for a truly Merry Christmas. And may the New Year be the happiest and most successful you have ever known.

Celanese Corporation of America



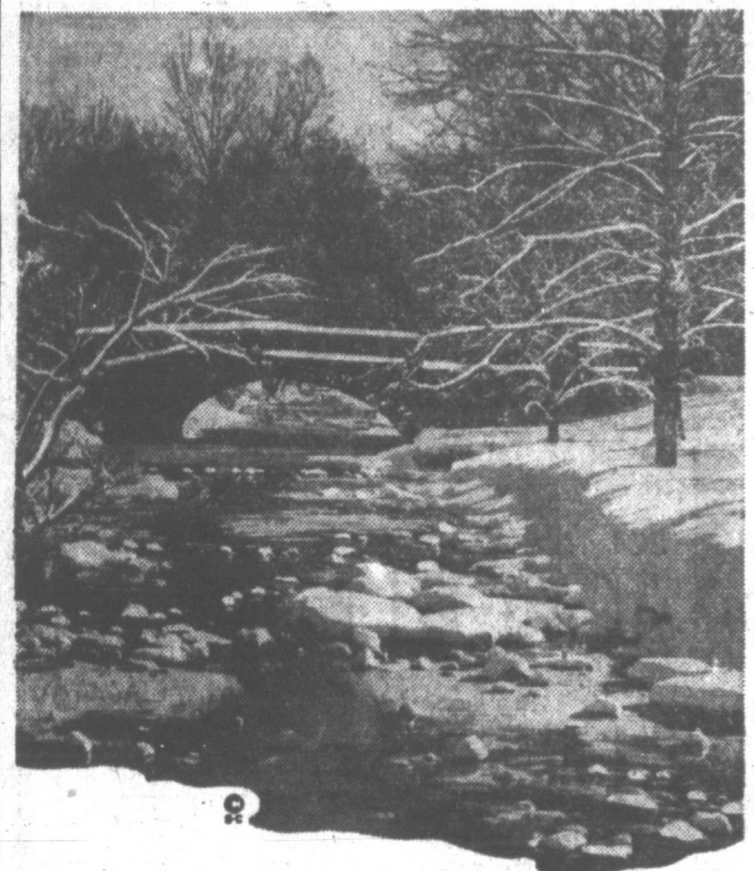
Hawaiian Christmas Is Elaborate Affair

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair, enjoyed in the privacy of the home behind locked doors and drawn blinds. Any open-house hospitality is an economic impossibility; if the shades were not drawn and the doors not locked, homes would be invaded by hordes of strangers—all expecting food and drink.

Gift-giving is the order of the day as everyone exchanges inexpensive presents. Even the servants in hotels expect and receive gifts from over-night guests.

LAST REQUEST . . . Christ-



Noisy Yule At Sandringham For Britain's Royal Family

AP Newsfeatures

VOLFERTON, Norfolk, Eng. land — There is more than a little noise at a Royal mansion called Sandringham house this Christmas. For Prince Charles, husky four-year-old and Princess Anne, who is two, are at noisy ages.

The British royal family is as usual, at nearby Sandringham. Queen Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh, their children, the queen mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret are there, and relatives and a few friends are invited.

From a study overlooking a broad terrace the Queen will make her Christmas broadcast to the whole of her empire in the afternoon. It is the room normally used for these Christmas talks by the head of the British nation and commonwealth. The first was made by King George V in 1932 and since then they have been skipped only two years, 1936 and 1938.

Not a Recording This Time

Always, except once, they have been "live" broadcasts. The talk last year by the ailing George VI, weak after a lung operation, was a recording, an effort of considerable difficulty in which listeners around the world could detect the strains under which he labored to keep his annual appointment with "my people." The broadcast by his daughter, this year will be "live."

The fact that the King died since last Christmas, and that he was at an unusually big Christmas party last year, gives older members of the family some melancholy reflections. So more than usual, it will be a festival for the children, and they are expected to make it a merry day.

Prince Charles by now knows all that a child needs to know about Christmas, and Princess Anne is catching up fast. The Queen and her children came to Sandringham some days before Christmas, and Prince Charles hoped it would be soon enough so he could be of some help to Jim Brown.

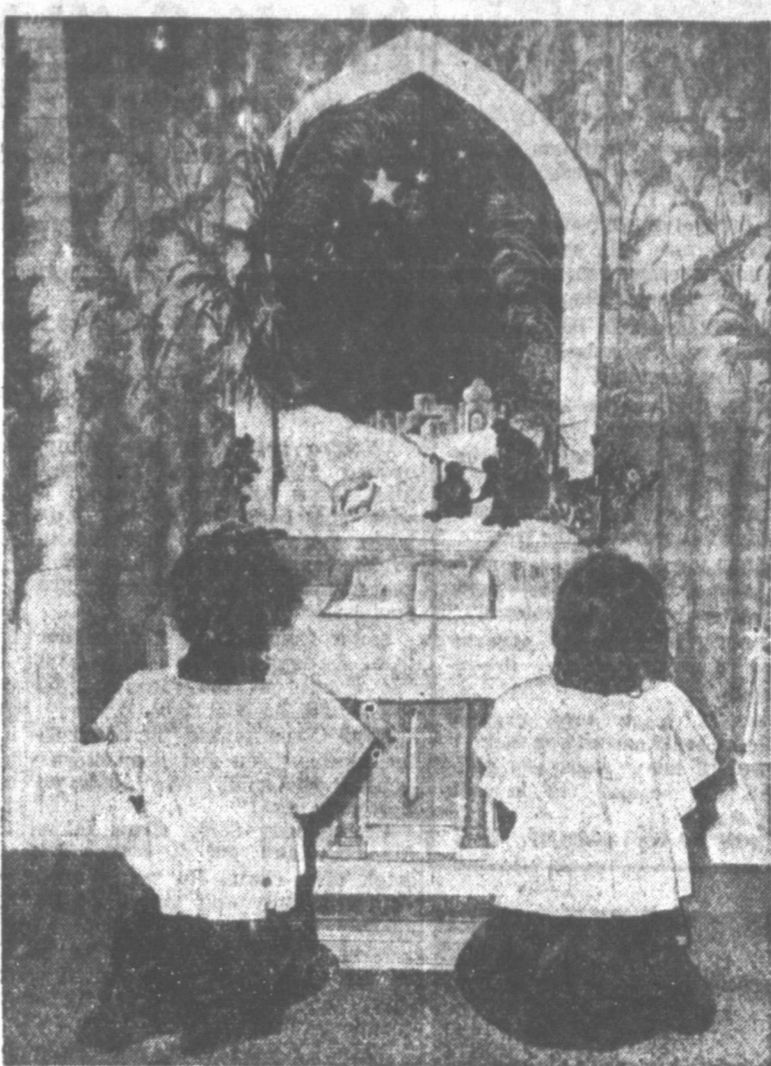
It's Jim Brown's business, as head forester on the 7,000 acre Sandringham estate, to pick out and chop down, and set up just the correct tree. He sets it up in the big ball room of Sandringham House, and it must be just the right height — 12 feet to allow for the star on top. Then around the tree he sets trestle tables, and on these are spread the presents for everyone. Jim Brown also drags in a very large log for the fireplace and, as is proper in an English home, the yule log and the glittering tree become twin hearts of the Christmas festival.

150 Rooms; 75 Servants

Sandringham house is a three-story stone mansion of 150 rooms, many gables, turrets and hundreds of windows. It is out in the country. The adjacent village of Sandringham has a population of only about 100. The estate lies in a flat countryside just a few days from the North sea, and it is a region which can become very cold and desolate. Desolate particularly are some of the moors where bracken and thickets, rather than trees and farm lands, are features of a somewhat cheerless landscape.

The moors which on a day of sleet or fog look so dreary are precisely the feature of the region which first attracted notice of British kings. The moors made excellent breeding grounds for grouse, partridges and pheasants. Both George V and George VI

O Come Let Us Adore Him



passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and on the altar of St. Sebastian.



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were expert shots, and the last king introduced the Duke of Edinburgh to the delights of hunting. The duke has become an enthusiast, and some hunting is sure to be on the program of his Christmas season. The birds being hunted at present are partridges, and the estate staff hopes it has managed to chase out most of the poachers.

Bring Home The Bird!

So what the royal family eats in the Christmas season may depend in part on the Duke's skill with a shot gun. There will be game, more or less, and turkey is a traditional bird.

The family traveled to Sandringham some days before Christmas preceded by about 50 servants of Buckingham Palace to augment the royal mansion's permanent staff of a couple of dozen. The real observance of Christmas started on the eve. In recent years a Salvation army choir from the village of Dersingham has come over to serenade the family with a program of carols. The singers are invited in for refreshments.

Parcel opening time is after breakfast on Christmas Day, and this year, growing children being about, it is expected to be the noisiest moment of the day. Royal Christmas presents usually are simple objects, useful or of sentimental interest. Such gifts as automobiles, yachts and polo ponies are given on other occasions, although the Queen may have a suspicion that she will be getting some jewelry.

Church On The State

In the forenoon the family goes to the service in the church of St. Mary Magdalene, on the estate grounds, at which villagers and farmers may worship. It was in this little church that the body of King George VI first lay in state, last February.

At Sandringham, the chief Christmas meal comes at mid-day. At 3 p.m., the Queen makes her talk on the world-wide radio network. She is not afraid of a microphone. Her voice is high and clear and she is a lady of unusual poise.

After that—relaxation. Sandringham becomes a lonely, inaccessible spot in Norfolk. The accessible spot in Norfolk. The royal family becomes a private family. Head scarves, mackintoshes and flat heeled shoes for the women, while hunting clothes or most anything that's comfortable become the favorite attire of the men.

It is the custom to remain in this semi-retirement well into January.

Christmas Visit To Seven Fountains

In 1549 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have

Seasons Greetings

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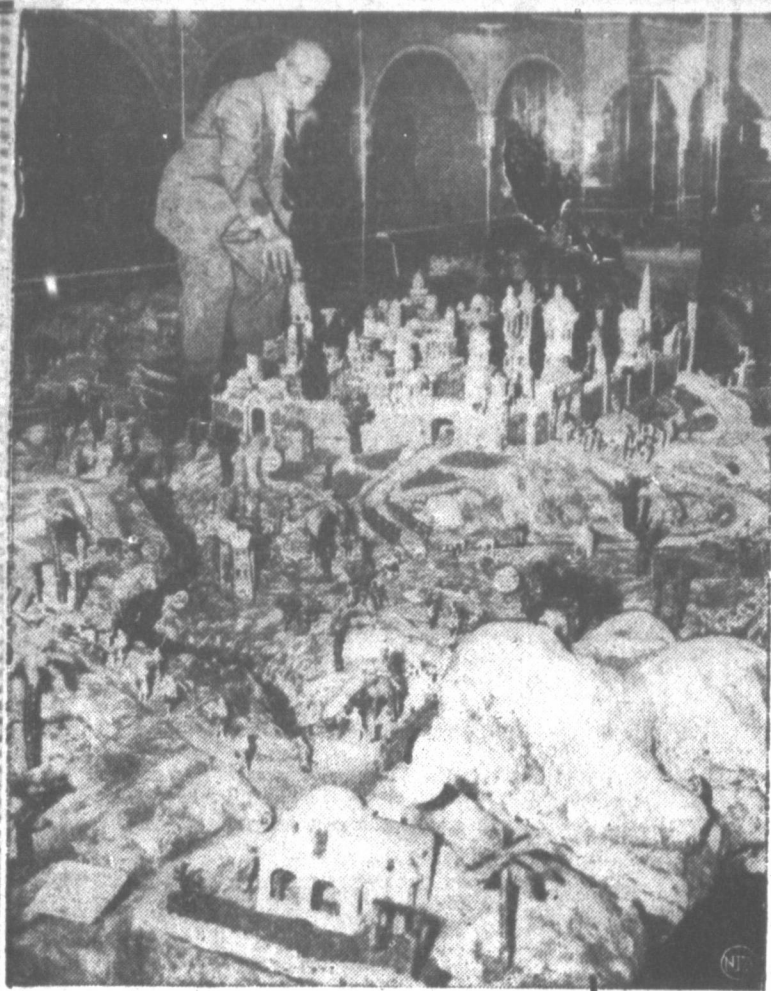
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PALESTINE OF CHRIST'S TIME RE-CREATED— Salvatore Giant points to features of his re-creation in miniature of Palestine as it is believed to have looked at the time of the Nativity. Giant and his brother built the huge model, which weighs 7 1/2 tons, and measures 18 x 48 feet. In addition to the re-creation of the scene in the stable at Bethlehem on the first Christmas night, there are several other presentations, with a total of 740 animated and 1200 stationary figures. The model is on display in New York.

American Christmas Card - In Use More Than 75 Years

The American Christmas card, cheerful symbol of the holiday season, celebrates its Diamond Anniversary this year.

In 1875 a Boston lithographer, Louis Prang, hesitantly published the country's first Christmas cards — and wondered if anybody would buy them.

This year more than 1,500,000,000 Christmas greetings will sparkle from the nation's mantels — an average of better than 40 per family. In a brief 75 years, Christmas cards have become an inseparable part of our colorful Yuletide traditions.

The world's first Christmas card was actually engraved in 1842 in London by William Mav Egle, a 16-year-old apprentice. Offered for sale to his friends, it was a complete failure and soon forgotten.

Louis Prang arrived in New York City in 1850, just a century ago. A skilled calico printer from Germany, he was 28 and almost penniless. Working for six years as a wood-engraver and leather goods finisher, he saved \$300, and opened a small lithographing shop in Boston.

Prang loved Killarney roses, and he specialized in delicately tinted flower prints. But when the Civil War nearly ruined his trade, he switched hurriedly to war maps and portraits of generals. Meanwhile, he perfected the recently-invented processes of color lithography.

By 1870, Prang's "album cards" and reproductions of oil paintings were so fine they were being

ordered from England. A woman employee in his London office suggested that he print "Merry Christmas" on some of his floral cards in the space left blank for a signature. He tried it in 1871, but only on cards being shipped to England.

The cards sold well overseas. Encouraged, Prang offered them to the American public in 1875. They were an instant success, with their new combination of beauty and holiday sentiment.

Prang's early cards pictured Spring-like roses, daisies, scarlet geraniums, sprays of apple blossoms — but not today's familiar holly and poinsettia. In 1877 Prang added a humorous portrayal of Uncle Sam and John Bull shouting at one another over Alexander Graham Bell's new-fangled invention, the telephone.

That same year, Prang's printing plant burned to the ground, a \$100,000 loss. But he borrowed money and rebuilt. When his new cards appeared, they began to carry Christmas-like scenes — children romping in the snow; fir trees; glowing fireplaces; even Santa himself.

By 1881, Prang was printing 5,000,000 Christmas cards a year and they formed the major part of his business. He paid one artist, Dora Wheeler, \$2,000 — an unheard of price — for one prize design.

Prang's cards are still famous among collectors because of their appealing art work and painstaking craftsmanship. Designs were printed in as many as 20 dif-

Christmas Don'ts

- To keep your Christmas a truly merry one, keep these don'ts in mind:
- DON'T** give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use.
- DON'T** decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable.
- DON'T** place the tree near a stove or fireplace.
- DON'T** leave lighted tree unguarded at any time.
- DON'T** use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.
- DON'T** place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.
- DON'T** overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant.
- DON'T** leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.
- DON'T** allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather.
- DON'T** drive recklessly.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR... Junior members of a church choir lift their voices in song during the annual Christmas candlelight service. Truly, they represent the spirit of Christmas.

Santa Wonders If He Is Still Wanted

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Claus watched her husband try on the new presents she gave him.

He stood in front of the mirror in his shining black boots and slipped on the long red coat, the one that comes down to the knees.

He tried to button the coat. Then he tugged at it. Puffing out his chest he drew in his stomach and tugged at the coat again.

"You're getting pretty bumpy around the middle, grandpa," Mrs. Claus told her husband. "I wish somebody could see you when you're not all covered up in the coat. I wish they could see you in your pants and suspenders."

Santa Claus didn't look at her. "Oh, I don't know," he said. "If I cut out the pies and potatoes I'd be all right."

Mrs. Claus picked up her sewing again. "You and your eternal youth," she said. "Why don't you act your age?"

Very slowly Santa Claus folded his coat and put it across the back of a chair. He sat down rather heavily and stared at the floor.

Mrs. Claus pretended to be sewing but she was watching him. He was in one of those moods again.

Year by year now, for many years, more years than she liked to remember, he had been growing moodier but he had never seemed as depressed as now.

"You know what?" he said. "Something's wrong," he said. "Maybe it's just that I'm getting old and don't want to admit it."

Mrs. Claus tried to make her

voice sound casual as she said: "Well, who isn't?" Then she said: "Now, don't be serious. I was only kidding about your getting bumpy. You haven't changed a bit in years and you know it. I think it's amazing how you get around."

But Santa Claus was still looking vacantly at the floor, his mind a thousand miles away.

"No," he said. "It's more than getting old. I'm getting out of date and I know it. I feel foolish."

Mrs. Claus put down her sewing. He had been getting gloomy for a long time but not this gloomy.

"You know as well as I do," he said, "that I've been called a lot of things, some good, some bad; some kind, some cruel. I think what I liked best was when they said I came from goodwill. I really liked that. And if anyone ever asked me what goodwill was or where it was I always had a ready answer: 'It's just a kind of bright place in the country of the mind.'"

He stopped and got out of the chair. Mrs. Claus was watching him steadily. She had never seen him so unhappy. She thought it might do him good if he got it all out of his system. "So?" she said.

"There isn't much I can say," he told her, "except that I work hard all year, trying to put a shine on my goodwill items, and then at Christmas time I hurry around, trying to hand them around."

"But there doesn't seem much market for them any more, with the world split down the middle, each half hating the other half."

For a minute he said nothing.

Christmas Eve

The frost is bright,
The lamps shine white
Along the city streets tonight;
The people throng
Those streets along,
With here a jest and there a song.
Can they not hear
Where faint yet clear,
Across the night-winds, drawing near
Strange music swells

Then he said: "after all, goodwill is the only item I have in stock and it seems to be out of date. That's why I feel so foolish, trying to get people interested. I guess I don't have many customers left."

He very slowly began brushing the new red coat. White hairs from the fur collar had come loose and fallen on the sleeves. It wasn't a very good grade of fur. But then the Claus hadn't been doing very well lately.

Of camel-bells,
While rich and deep the incense
smells?
Too blind they are
To watch from far
The rising of the Sacred Star;
Too quick and loud,
The hastening crowd,
To pause before a Manger, bowed,
O hearts of men,

Grow soft again!
Miracles happen now as when
On Mary mild
The Savior smiled;
Christ lives in every new-born
child!

Napoleon gave a medal to Benjamin Dellessert when he obtained sugar from beets in 1811.



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MANY PEOPLES, ONE GOD— Men and women of many nations pause for a moment in the midst of war to re-create in spirit the scene which first occurred in a stable at Bethlehem nearly two centuries ago. Before a Buddhist temple in war-torn Korea the Nativity is portrayed by, left to right, front row: Charles L. Baumgartner, USMC, South Bend, Ind.; Pvt. Suraj Parsad, India Lt. Mary A. Daly, ANC, Drexel Hill, Pa.; the infant is Margarita Lee, of Korea; Cpl. Frank Walton, England, and Cpl. Donald J. Fister, Lexington, Ky. Rear row, from left: Pfc. Pak Chin Hong, KSC, Korea; Cpl. Charles P. Conway, MP, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Sgt. Jean Bourdeau, Canada; Yuo Chin Chur and Lee Ok Sun, Korea, and Geoff L. Brissen, Australia.

Christmas Day Menu Gives A Hint To Person's Personality

Christmas means good things to eat. To Americans the very word "Christmas" is a synonym for roast gobbler and chestnut dressing, giblet gravy and cranberry sauce, mince pie, ambrosia and fruit cake. Feasting is a part of the holiday observance around the world, only the menus are different. Each country has its own specialties for the season. The Lithuanians, for example, eat no meat. The day before Christmas an evergreen tree is placed in one corner of the dining room. Beneath the linen on the decorated table is a layer of straw, suggestive of the manger in which Christ was born. Before the meal, unleavened bread, blessed by a priest, is served. Beef soup, thick with mushrooms, is the first course. This is followed by broiled her-

ring which in turn is followed by a more elaborate fish dish, accompanied with "kose" (mashed) potatoes. Next comes a compote of vegetables, then sweetened water and tiny squares of thinly rolled dough sprinkled with poppy seed. Cranberry pudding and oatmeal pudding complete the meal. The children receive presents, but Santa Claus is not included in their traditions. On Christmas Eve, the Italians serve as the main dish a sort of fried "devil fish." With them, Christmas Day is merely an afterthought of Christmas Eve. Perhaps an eel, baked and fried, will be substituted for the fish. On Christmas Day, a young pig or chicken may be served, with macaroni. Caraway seed, broccoli, artichokes, and other fresh vegetables accompany the fish feast and the dinner, as do black olives and anchovies. In the homes the festivities center about the "presepio," a small representation of the birthplace of Christ, instead of around a Christmas tree. No evergreens are used, but flowers adorn the tables, and in many shops small olive trees are hung with oranges.

Santa's Little Helper Scandinavian Elf

Where did Santa's Little Helper come from? In the Viking age in Scandinavia, long before Leif Erikson discovered America, the little North Children believed that a little elf with long white whiskers — Jul Tomten — lived in the stable. He saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of. After the pagan Vikings became Christianized, little Jul Tomten became the giver of presents — like our Santa Claus today.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

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



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



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



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



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



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maligayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



The children left a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for which Jul Tomten would exchange gifts for the good boys and girls. Travelers brought back the legend of Tomten and he has come down to us as the busy jolly, good little elf who works in Santa's workshop.

Nativity Theme Dominates Cards

Modern Christmas cards feature literally hundreds of interpretations of the popular Nativity theme. Many of these are reproductions of old masters, while many others have been created especially for the Christmas card industry. The Nativity theme, which naturally lends itself to an almost endless variety of interpretations and a wealth of detail, long has been a favorite subject of Christian artists. Many of the details, based upon certain Bible texts, have fostered various legends—such as those concerning the Magi—which grew until the Wise Men were identified and given kingdoms.

The Annunciation is among the earliest subjects represented in Christian art, antedating the Madonna and Child theme by several centuries, and it is interesting to note that the fathers of the Church determined how the Madonna should be portrayed: her dress and mantle are usually blue and red.

Soap Flake Snow

Trimming the Christmas tree with fluffy snow is easy if you use soap flakes. It won't melt either.

Here's how it's done: Use three or four cups of soap flakes to one cup of warm water. Beat with electric beater or hand beater until smooth and fluffy. Then spread immediately over branches of tree, scattering it on with hands.

For sparkle, spread on some artificial glistening snow.

Currier and Ives Cards

Commercial production of Christmas cards in the United States began about 1835 with the founding and developing of the partnership of Currier and Ives in New York.

For more than a century American painters have aided the industry by painting Christmas scenes on order or by selling reproduction rights to the art which is now conservatively estimated as worth \$10,000,000 annually.

The favorite Nativity theme is represented by hundreds of interpretations. Winter scenes are next in popularity, some of them dating back to the Puritans of New England, the German forests whence St. Nicholas emerged, and even to the Druids of pre-Christian England.

For the past 11 years church membership in the United States has increased about 2 per cent a year.

Letters to 'Santa Claus' Come From World Over

Postoffice officials in Santa Claus, Ind., are accustomed to overloaded sacks of mail during the pre-Christmas rush. Senders want their cards and gifts stamped with the famous Santa Claus postmark, plus thousands of wistful letters addressed in childish scrawl to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind." And then there is the annual crop of "Santa Claus" letters written by youngsters in far-away places who haven't heard about Santa's permanent address in Indiana, U.S.A. At least a dozen versions of the time honored note-in-the-bottle story find their way into metropolitan newspapers every year.

The notes, sealed in small bottles and securely tied to Christmas trees, are discovered by Christmas tree dealers, housewives; and even enlisted men at naval centers and military barracks: they come from places like Renous, a village in New Brunswick, Canada, boasting a total population of 85 inhabitants.

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mamma doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of overboots.

A living "East London Fish" caught near South Africa recently belongs to a species which had been believed to be extinct for the past 50 million years.

Greetings

It is so heartwarming to remember at Christmastime, friends whose faith and loyalty have always meant so much to us! Along with our greetings we send you every good wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Peggie Starr
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James Schaub
John Whelchel
Henry Kolb
Bud Darley
Gorden Miller
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Max Gibson
Burt Lewter
T. G. Clement
Dick Stowers
Neal Miller
Archie Sullard
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Bethlehem Rites Slated For Three Christmas Dates

Christmas is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians.

All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 4 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem — Cardinal of the Holy Land — who each year brings an ancient effigy of the infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.

Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses followed and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high.

The Patriarch in his cardinal's ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robed acolytes — swinging golden censers — precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and finally, American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church — built above the Cave of the Nativity — is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church. The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a stable; in Biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges — thus, the Stable of Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve, members of all denominations assemble to sing carols above the birthplace of the Holy Child before midnight mass and solemnized in the Church of the Nativity.

More than 200,000 U. S. farms were electrified from June, 1951 to June, 1952.



In 1908, a Waukegan, Ill., minister and the residents of one city block decided to do something about the disposal of the family Christmas tree. Nothing is more forlorn than worn out Christmas trees. They deserve better fates than being dumped in alleys and vacant lots; and they constitute fire hazards on back porches and in basement areas.

So, Waukegan held its first annual Twelfth Night observances, committing the trees to a community bonfire amid the chorusing of carols.

And the custom has waxed. Residents of several communities, choruses, soloists, etc., participating as the spirits of the Christmas trees are dispatched to some fir Valhalla to return to bless a future Yuletide.



Legends Associate Mule, Gentle Camel of Jesus With Gift-Giving Custom

Syrian legends have associated the Magic Mule and the Gentle Camel of Jesus with gift-giving, for reasons that are at once different, and yet similar in their association with the Christ Child.

It seems a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree when he went into an inn for refreshment on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy infant, the mule was caught up on the rebound and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning master.

The youngest camel of the three ridden by the Wise Men was exhausted by the pressing journey and was blessed with immortality by the baby Jesus as it lay moaning near the Nativity scene.

Christmas Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Greeting
2. Star
3. Manger
4. Babe
5. Child
6. Color
7. Christmas (Pl.)
8. Child
9. Stable
10. Birthplace
11. Star
12. Babe
13. Child
14. Manger
15. Star
16. Child
17. Birthplace
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60. Manger

America Has Provided World With Poinsettia

WHILE IT SEEMS rather odd, it certainly is interesting that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. This plant, like so many others of our best flowers, is native to tropical America. The florist has been able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, so that, with its flaming red bracts or leaves, it makes a most desirable Christmas plant.

There is a sentiment that goes with most Christmas plants — we hate to throw them away. What can be done with the poinsettia? Most of us figure that it is easier and cheaper to throw it away. However, if properly handled, it will bloom for you a second or even a third or fourth year. You can even propagate it, if you wish, and have more plants.

Give the plant a resting period around the middle of February. The florist simply lays it under the benches, but you will probably put it in your basement. Water it occasionally — enough to keep the wood from wilting, but no more. Then, around the latter part of May or early in June, bring it out, cut it back rather severely, and re-pot it. You can then put it outside if you wish in the shade of a tree or shrub, and water it enough to keep it growing. Of course, if you have a nice, warm, sandy spot, you might plant it right in the ground, but most of us prefer to leave it in the pot.

The United States consumed 476 million tons of bituminous coal in 1951, which was nearly 300 million tons more than in 1939.

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Texas Newsman, Wife Collaborate On Religious Novel For Teen-Agers, Adults

By MAC ROY RASOR
Associated Press Staff

Both teen-agers and adults with any question in their minds about practical, every-day-of-the-week religion will find some thought-provoking answers in a new novel by a Texas newspaperman and his wife.

David and Alice Cheavens fashioned "As Love Knows How" primarily to indoctrinate adolescents in Baptist history and philosophies. Had it done that alone, the novel's Baptist publisher would undoubtedly have been highly pleased.

But the Cheavens' first novel also presents in the sugar coating of suspenseful fiction a mature, easily-digested approach to the questions of what, how and why of Christian living both within and beyond the doors of the church. The results are no more exclusively for teen-agers than a high school football game.

The Cheavens had a full quota of qualifications for writing the book. Sheavens is the Associated Press correspondent at Austin and head of the AP capitol bureau. Son of a Baptist missionary family, he literally cut his teeth on an old hand printing press his father used in mission work in Mexico. Mrs. Cheavens, a former school teacher and free-lance writer, is the daughter of Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., and former pastor of churches at Hillsboro, Waco and Temple.

Four other qualifications — to whom the book is dedicated — are their children, Kathy, 16; Alice, 13; Joe, 12; and Martha, 8. "As Love Knows How" centers in the mythical north Texas town of Morton's Mills and is backgrounded in religious conflicts, racial prejudices and small town gossip.

The plot revolves around the struggles of school teacher, Nancy Carver, and the town's weekly newspaper editor, Hank Wor-

tham, drawn closely together through their respective battles on the side of socially outcast Manos Ochoa, a young and capable Latin-American high school student.

A religious casualty of World War II, Hank's embittered attitude clashes with Nancy's firm religious faith to stand as a barrier to the love that develops between them. To dissolve that barrier, Nancy builds a formidable campaign, the success of which is disclosed in a climactic tornado that sweeps away not only much of the little town of Morton's Mills but also the mental curtain that has kept Hank's religious faith and love obscured.

The type size selected by the publisher is too small for easy reading, particularly unfortunate in a book aimed primarily at young eyes but not too disturbing if reading is done in shorter sittings.

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The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:8

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

U. S. honey production is expected to equal 1 3-4 pounds per person in 1952.

Greetings for Christmas

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With best wishes for the Holiday Season

May this Christmas be one of resounding joy and good cheer for you and all those dear to you... and may your Holiday happiness continue through every day of the New Year.

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