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by b. m. n.

At this season of the year, as we celebrate the birth of Christ, there should be no Democrats or Republicans, no conservatives or liberals, no blacks or whites, but only the brotherhood of man with malice toward none and charity for all as we say "Merry Christmas".

Let me suggest that you turn to page six of this issue of the Castro County News and scan the community Christmas greetings sponsored by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary as a community service. This greeting space is published as a public service by the Castro County News and all contributions to the Auxiliary fund will be used for improvements at the local hospital. This is not to say that you should start or stop reading the advertisements found only on page six, rather we suggest that you carefully read all of the commercials throughout the paper and remember that the Christmas Greetings published over the signatures of the various business firms of the city and county are sincere messages from the people you do business with throughout the year.

Dimmitt merchants report good Christmas business but stocks in local stores are by no means depleted. There is plenty of merchandise left for me and other late shoppers. Regardless of the nature of your needs you can find them in Dimmitt. Do your shopping at home, you will get a fair deal and quality merchandise. This is an entreaty as well as a command. Now do it.

Business should be good after the first of the year. Income from the sale of agricultural products should bolster the county's economy even more after January first than it has during the harvest season.

Our congratulations to Roy Taack, soil conservationist, Rayphard Smithson, outstanding young farmer, Pat Moran, Paralyln Render and Richard Connell, outstanding young homemakers and FFA members on the work that has entitled them to special recognition. Sponsoring organizations are also due much credit for conducting the programs that call attention to the excellent work being done by individuals in agricultural and home-making pursuits. Stories concerning the feats of all of these people will be on this and other pages of this issue of the News.

This will be the last of this effort until after Christmas, I must get my Christmas shopping done.

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Local Man's Father

Funeral services were held Tuesday for George Washington (Farmer) Schaeffer, 77, father of Stanley Schaeffer of Dimmitt.

Rites were at 2:30 p.m. in the LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Canyon. The Rev. Edgar Irvine of Ceta Glenn Methodist Camp and the Rev. Strauss Atkinson, pastor of Canyon Baptist Church, officiated.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery, Canyon. Mr. Schaeffer died at 1:50 a.m. Sunday in Neblett Hospital where he had been a patient 10 days. The old timer was well known for his "Letters To The Editor." Sometimes they were biting political attacks, sometimes a remittance note was struck and often they were poems.

A lifelong Democrat, Mr. Shaffer said that "nowadays it seems that people are not for any particular thing, they're against some thing."

He described himself as patriotic "but not a super-patriot." Survivors include his wife, Texie, of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Eva Mae Dunlap of Eugene, Oregon; sons, Dean of Canyon, Stanley of Dimmitt, Donald of Harrison, Ark. and George, Jr. of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Violet Bryan, Happy; brothers, Emil of Wayside and Louis of Amarillo, and 19 grandchildren.

Graveside Rites Held Monday For Kevin Randall Hall

Graveside rites were held Monday at 4 p.m. in Castro Memorial Gardens under direction of Dennis Funeral Home for Kevin Randall Hall, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hall of Dimmitt.

Rev. Bill Elswick, pastor of Assembly of God Church here officiated.

Kevin Randall was born Sunday, December 20 in Plains Memorial Hospital and passed away the same day. Survivors are the parents; one sister, Sharon of the home; one brother, Keith of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Young of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hall of Albuquerque, N.M.

Merry Christmas to All

The CASTRO COUNTY NEWS

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APPROXIMATELY 70 ATTEND AWARDS BANQUET, FRIDAY

"Agriculture is the basic of a sound, healthy national economy and it is the responsibility of every farmer, both old and young, to keep the American public informed of this. If not, under the present plan of reapportionment, it is possible that agriculture will be made step-child of our economy. If allowed to happen, this could lead to economic suicide", Johnnie Linn of Radio Station KDHN told approximately 70 persons attending the Young Farmers and Young Homemakers Annual Award Banquet last Friday night. Linn went on to stress that "Every member of our community, and for that matter, our nation is entirely dependent on agriculture."

The Awards Banquet, held at Billie Graham's Colonial Inn Restaurant, was the climax of a year's

activity they had provided the local organization. Richard Connell, Dimmitt High School Student, was presented a plaque in recognition of his having been selected the Outstanding FFA Student in Dimmitt High School. These awards were presented by Ben Holcomb, president of the Young Farmers Organization. Another highlight of the program was the presentation of a plaque to Rayphard Smithson, Castro County Outstanding Young Farmer. This award was presented by Dale Reeves.

The Dimmitt Young Homemakers presented awards to Pat Moran and Paralyln Render in recognition of their selection as Outstanding Future Homemakers Students in Dimmitt High School.

Dickie Holcomb, President of the Dimmitt Young Homemakers, was presented a silver tray in honor of her being chosen the Outstanding Young Homemaker.

Nelda Thomas of the Castro County News was presented a plaque of appreciation by the group for help given the organizations in publicity and news coverage.

Gifts were presented to the advisors of the chapters for their help during the year.

Officers for the Dimmitt Young Farmers are Ben Holcomb, president; Mory Boyer, vice president; Dale Reeves, secretary; Richard Hunter, treasurer; and Robert Benton, secretary. Elroy Otte and Jerry Mathes are advisors to the group.

Young Homemaker officers are Dickie Holcomb, president; Linda Minchew, first vice-president; Wilma Reeves, second vice president; Sandra Robb, secretary; Burt Jaaks, reporter; and Joyce Turner, historian. Joanne Snider and Estelle Hottel are advisors to the group.

The banquet was sponsored by Dimmitt Wheat Growers, Inc., The First State Bank, Robb Pump Co. Dimmitt 66, Inc., Billy Graham's Colonial Inn Restaurant, Hays Implement Co., Community Grain Inc, Rilcoet Seed Co., The North Gin Inc., and C. R. Anthony Co. Door Prizes were given by Cobb's and the Fabric Mart. These were won by Mrs. Johnnie (Aunt Thelma) Linn and Mrs. Pete Wright.

Special guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sinense, Amarillo Daily News; Harmon Springer, KDHN; Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Connell and Richard; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moran and Pat; Mrs. Render and Paralyln; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wright, Jaycees; B. M. Nelson, Castro County News; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett; Mrs. Bill Snider and Mrs. Charles Hottel, Young Homemakers Advisors; and Elroy Otte that Jerry Mathis, Young Farmers sponsors.

J. W. Webb's Funeral Set For Today

Funeral services for Jessie William (Bill) Webb, 65, longtime resident of here, will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the First Methodist Church here. The Rev. U. S. Sherill of Abernathy, retired Methodist minister, will officiate, assisted by Rev. Hugh Blaylock, pastor.

Burial will be in Castro Memorial Gardens under direction of Dennis Funeral Home.

Webb passed away at 1 p.m. Monday in his home.

Born in Young County, the well-known Dimmitt man was married to the former Miss Ruby Bell August 3, 1919 at Dimmitt. He had resided in Dimmitt for a total of 40 years and was well-liked here.

Webb was former manager of Federal Land Bank here and a former city manager. He was postmaster of Lelia Lake for 7 1/2 years and was in the motel business in Clarendon and Amarillo at one time.

At the time of his death, he was employed by Dimmitt Ready-Mix Cement Co. as bookkeeper. Webb was a member of the First Methodist Church here, past master of the Castro Lodge No. 879, AF and AM, and a past worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby of the home; a son, Calvin Lee, Amarillo; two brothers, George of Dimmitt and J. E. of Anthony, N.M.; two sisters, Mrs. J. S. Gore of Burkburnett and Mrs. Mary C. Hickman of Canoga Park, Calif. and two grandsons.



ROY TAACK Conservation Farmer of Year

Roy Taack Named Outstanding Conservation Farmer Of Year

Roy (Buck) Taack, who farms Southeast of Hart about 6 miles, has been selected the Outstanding Conservation Farmer of 1964, announces Wade Mills chairman of the Running Water Soil Conservation District.

Taack was selected on the basis of his own soil and water conservation program and for the assistance rendered the District in connection with the Watershed Project on Running Water Draw and for the part he has played in the promotion of the conversion of land not suitable for cultivation back to irrigated pastures.

Taack's farm is a showplace of conservation. He has used Midland Bermuda grass as a key in his operation. He has converted some 65 acres of steep chalky hillsides from cropland to this hardy pasture grass as a part of his program.

He has also developed one of the few sprinkler irrigation systems in use in Castro County. This system is being used to irrigate pastureland with water from both his underground irrigation wells and from water that runs off from neighboring farms and comes down the tributary to Running Water Draw.

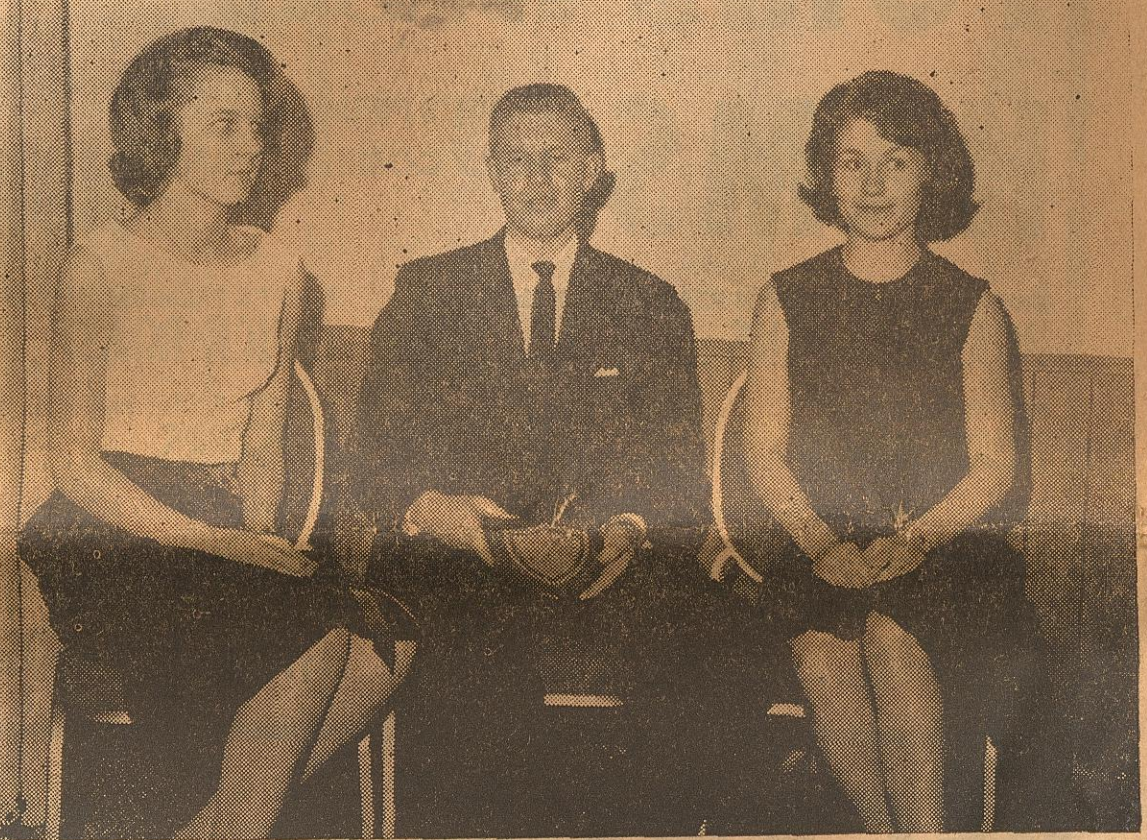
Taack's operation does not end with his pastureland. He has installed needed irrigation pipelines for transporting irrigation water to that portion of his farm that is flood irrigated. He has also instituted a cropping system that is continuing to build the productivity of his soil and carries on a residue management program that holds both the soil and rainfall during the winter months.

Taack has used numerous methods and means at his disposal to carry out his program. In addition to his own ideas, he has cooperated closely with the Running Water Soil Conservation District and the SCS Technicians assisting the District.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Taack on a job well done and hope that many more farmers will see the need for the conservation job that needs to be done as Mr. Taack has," added Mills in closing.

Permanent meeting date will be established at the first class meeting. Mrs. Jim Hamilton will be the instructor.

Public Notice Mothers of twin children in Dimmitt interested in forming a Twin Mothers Club are asked to contact Mrs. Carolyn Copeland at 647-3832.



LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS receiving awards at the Young Farmers-Young Homemakers Christmas Banquet Friday night were (left to right) Pat Moran, Richard Connell and Paralyln Render. The two girls were recognized as Outstanding Young Future Homemakers. Connell received a plaque for Outstanding FFA Student. See story for details.

Funeral Services Held Monday For Leonard Hyatt

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in the First Methodist Church here for Leonard (Skinner) Hyatt, 43-year-old Dimmitt drive-in restaurant operator.

The Rev. Carroll Jones, Lubbock, a brother-in-law officiated, assisted by the Rev. Hugh Blaylock, pastor. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under direction of Dennis Funeral Home.

Hyatt died Wednesday in Tijuana, Mexico. He was on a convalescent trip and was hospitalized at Tijuana, relatives said.

He is a native of Dimmitt. He was owner-operator of the Bobcat Drive-In. He had been ill for about two months.

The well-liked Hyatt was born in Dimmitt March 29, 1921. He had resided here most of his life. He had lived in Amarillo about five years before returning here about 18 months ago.

Hyatt was a veteran of World War II and a member of the First Methodist Church here. He was married to the former Miss Juanita Jones here, December 15, 1942.

Survivors include the wife; his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Mooney, Dimmitt; and two stepbrothers, Bob Mooney of Dimmitt, and Jack Mooney, Denver, Colorado.

Post Office To Close Dec. 24-25

Post Office windows will be closed Friday and Saturday announces Postmaster Ernest Davis. No city delivery will occur Friday and Saturday. There will be rural delivery Saturday according to the Postmaster.

C. W. Anthony Cites Need For Agricultural Building In Lions Talk

C. W. (Wes) Anthony was guest speaker at the regular Lions Club luncheon last Tuesday noon when he pointed up some of the needs, as well as the good fortune of the county as indicated in its material assets. After enumerating cash income to the county from the various agricultural products, Anthony stressed the need for a community building, or buildings, capable of taking care of the requirements of a growing population and county economy.

Among the activities, for which there is a dire need for building facilities, as pointed out by Anthony, are County Fair, various livestock and agricultural shows as well as literary and social events of a county-wide nature. He stated that initial planning for the proposed building program was being done by the County Activities Committee, composed of members from a number of county-wide organizations.

According to Anthony the Activities Committee has determined that two building would be required to meet the needs of the county. The main building is planned to provide 10,000 square feet of floor space, with seating capacity of about 1,600. A livestock building, with 9,600 square feet of floor space is planned to accommodate the county's numerous stock shows and animal exhibits.

Anthony further stated that although the building program, to be financed by a \$110,000 bond issue, was only in the planning stage, sponsors of the endeavor expect to have definite plans completed shortly after the first of the year.

In pointing up the need for a building to serve the requirements of county-wide shows and functions of various types Anthony quoted the following figures compiled by him with the help of various business executives and agricultural agencies:

There was planted this year: 86,250 a. Wheat estimated yield

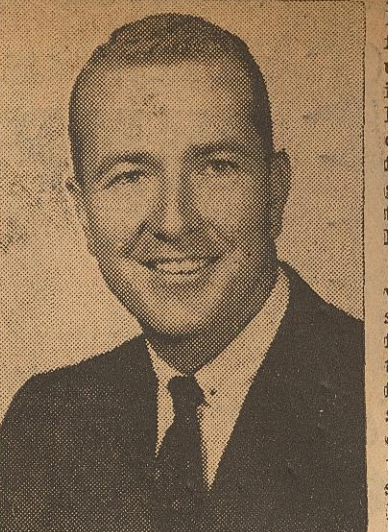
35 bu. \$1.75 per bu.	\$5,282,512	
164,823 a. maize estimated yield	4500 lb. \$1.86 per cwt.	13,795,685
57,551.6 a cotton estimated yield	70,000 bales avg. 26 cents	9,000,000
6521.2 a Beets - 20 T. per a.	\$12. per ton	1,625,808
Estimated Gross income for vegetables other than beets	2,000,000	
3,000 a. Soy Beans avg. 30 bu.	\$2.40 per bu.	216,000
6,000 A. Castro Beans estimated at \$90. per a.	540,000	
12,000 hogs estimated \$20 per head	240,000	
30,000 head cattle 20 per head	600,000	
Estimated 3500 lambs \$18. per head	63,000.	
1978 a. corn planted mostly used for ensilage, estimated value \$100 per acre	197,800	
1000 acres oats avg. 50 bu. 67 cents per bu.	33,500	
5581 acres Barley estimated yield 31 bu. 90 cents	155,710	
Estimated 5,500,000 lbs. milk \$4.10 per cwt.	225,000	
100,000 doz. eggs 34.4 cent per doz.	34,400	
Total	\$37,107,265	

"Operation Xmas Greetings" Gets Over \$1,000

"Operation Christmas Greetings" amounted to over \$1,000 according to a late report from the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

The money from the Christmas drive will be used for the purchase of Coleman Junior Photometer with Stryker flame, orthopedic equipment or surgical instruments for the Plains Memorial Hospital.

The Auxiliary wishes to give special thanks to Mrs. Faye Kenmore at the First State Bank, Dimmitt for the fine records she kept for the "Operation Christmas Greetings" fund.



REV. FRANK POLLARD

Dimmitt First Baptist Church Has New Pastor

First Baptist Church announces the acquisition of a new pastor, Rev. Frank Pollard of Graham.

He took up his duties here Wednesday December 9. Rev. Pollard, 30, and his wife, Jane, both list their home as Graham, Texas. They are both graduates from High School there. They have two children, Brent, 4 1/2 years old and a one-year old daughter.

The new pastor is a graduate of Texas A & M College and Southwestern Seminary. While at A & M HE was president of the BSU. He also played baseball on a baseball scholarship. He continued this interest in baseball by working with the Little League baseball program at Fort Worth.

Rev. Pollard's pastoral experience includes three fields of services. His first pastorate was at First Baptist Church, Lovng, Texas. Next he was Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Seagraves.

Civic responsibility is a part of Rev. Pollard's outlook. At Seagraves he has been an active member of a civic club serving as president of the Rotary Club. He has been called on frequently to speak at Chamber of Commerce and other such banquets in his area.

Mrs. Pollard is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth having attended there while Rev. Pollard was in Seminary. She has both Secondary and Elementary teaching certificates being qualified to teach Home Economics, Biology or in the Elementary grades. She was teaching in Seagraves at the time of their appointment here.

Mrs. Pollard's work in the church has been chiefly with Primaries and this with the Sunbeam groups.

Dimmitt-Earth City Councils Met Mon.

In a joint session Monday night in the Dimmitt City Hall, the City Councils of Dimmitt and Earth gave unanimous approval to the co-sponsorship by the two cities of a multi-purpose structure on Running Water Draw in connection with the Running Water Draw Watershed project.

This multi-purpose structure is intended for recreation and potential municipal water supply for the two towns involved.

A committee consisting of Mayor Marshal Kelly of Earth, Mayor George Bradford of Dimmitt, Elmer Youts of Dimmitt and Richard Stockstill of Earth were elected by the group to co-ordinate proposed project.

The City Councils expressed a hope that the city of Hart will join Dimmitt and Earth in this project.

Other business dismissed were possibilities of financing the project through use of FHA Assistance and progress of watershed project to date.

HERE FROM CALIF Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hyatt of California were here to attend the funeral services for Mr. Leonard Hyatt.



MRS. LEWIS NEAL (left), nurse at Plains Memorial Hospital presents happy mother with a Merry Christmas stocking filled to the overflowing. Babies will be taken to their mothers on Christmas Day in bright red stockings depicting Santa Claus and his reindeers.



BUTTER BONNEBELLE SWEET CREAM 1 LB. PKG. **59¢**

CREAM BORDEN'S CLOVERLAKE SEALTEST WHIPPING 1/2 PINT **2 FOR 35¢**

FOIL KAISER STANDARD ALUMINUM 25 FT. ROLL **25¢**

MIRACLE KRAFT, LIMIT 1, With \$5.00 Purchase Or More, WHIP 1 QT. JAR **28¢**

PURE VEG. SHORTENING
CRISCO
3 LB. CAN **39¢**
4¢ OFF LABEL. LIMIT 1, WITH \$5.00 PURCHASE OR MORE

DEL MONTE SOLID PACK
PUMPKIN
NO. 303 CAN **5¢**
LIMIT 2, WITH \$5.00 PURCHASE OR MORE

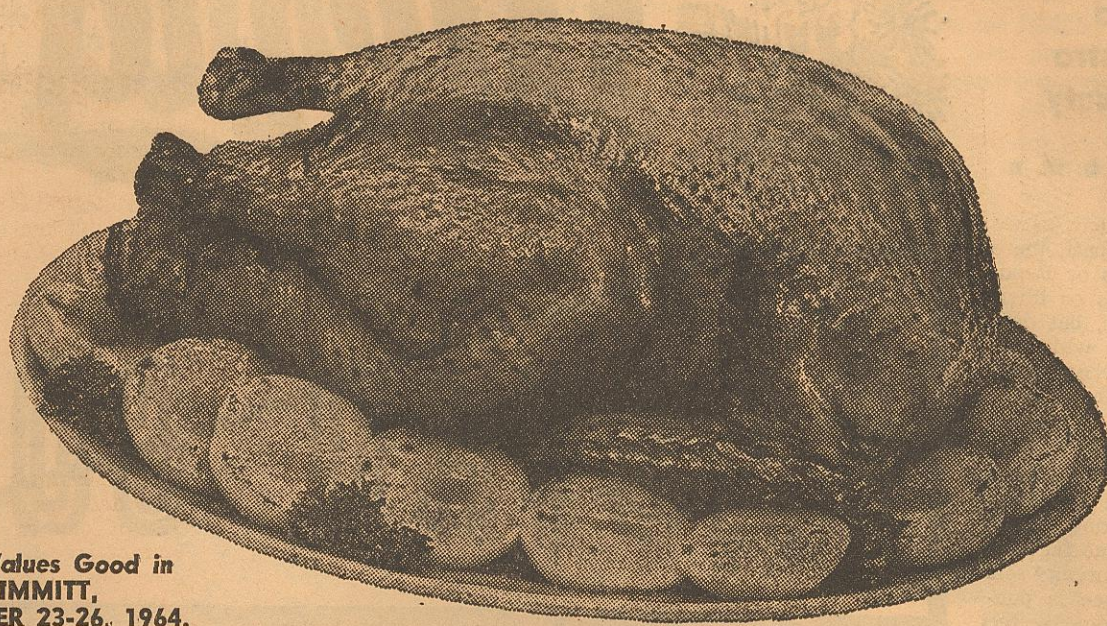
BANK NIGHT TICKETS WITH EACH DOLLAR PURCHASE!

ALKA SELTZER REG. 59¢ LG. SIZE **49¢**

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TOMS USDA GRADE "A" 20 TO 29 LB. AVG. LB. **35¢**

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SWIFT'S PREMIUM, OVEN READY, 5 to 7 Lb. Average **ROASTING HENS** Lb. **39¢**

BOSTON, BUTT CUT **PORK ROAST** Lb. **39¢**

KRAFT'S, PHILADELPHIA, 8 Oz. PKG. **CREAM CHEESE** **29¢**

HORMEL'S, HOT OR MILD **SAUSAGE** Lb. **35¢**

SWIFT'S PREMIUM, HEAVY, AGED, BLADE CUT **CHUCK ROAST** Lb. **45¢**

BOOTH, FRESH FROZEN, 10 OZ. PKG. **OYSTERS** **69¢**

BOOTH, PEELLED & DEVEINED, 12 OZ. PKG. **SHRIMP** **\$1.09**

FOR GIBLET GRAVY **FRYER GIZZARDS** **39¢**

PECANS BIG VALLEY SHELLED 10 OZ. BAG **69¢**

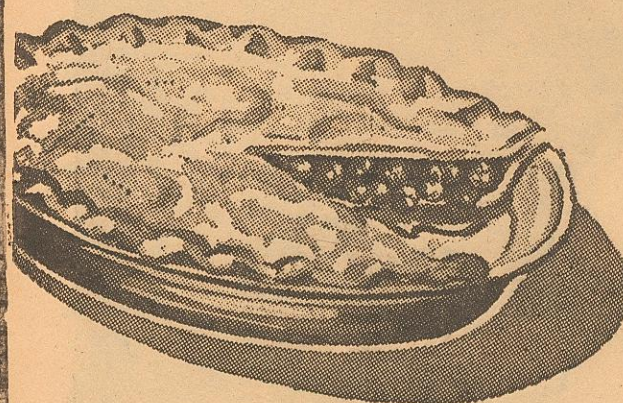
Fruit Cocktail STOKELY'S FINEST NO. 303 CAN **19¢**

SEALTEST DIPS **19¢**

EGGS NEST FRESH, GRADE "A" LARGE DOZEN **39¢**

POTATO CHIPS MEAD'S REG. 59¢ **49¢**

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FAMILY SIZE **4 FOR \$1**

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YELLOW, 6 OZ. CANS **HAWAIIAN PUNCH** 8 for \$1.
BUTTER BEANS SEABROOK 10 OZ. PKGS. 6 for \$1.

BEST PRODUCE IN TOWN! AT PIGGLY WIGGLY.

APPLES WASHINGTON STATE RED DELICIOUS

TANGARINES JUICY SWEET, EASY PEELING

ORANGES FANCY SUNKIST NAVELS

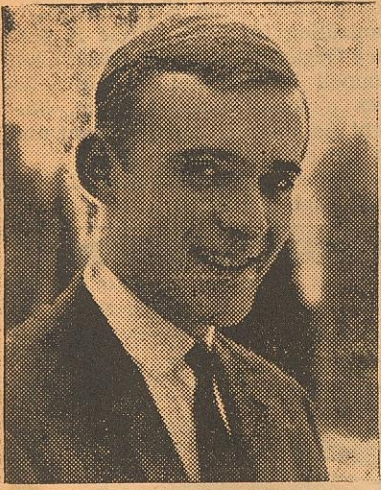
BANANAS YELLOW RIPE

6 LBS. FOR **\$1**

Libby's, No. 1/2 Cans **VIENNA SAUSAGE** 5 for \$1.
Austex, 24 Oz. Can **BEEF STEW** 49¢
Bakers, Angel Flake, 3 1/2 Oz. Can **COCONUT** 23¢
Betty Baker, 8 Oz. Package **DATES** 25¢
Libby's, Halves, No. 303 Can **PEARS** 33¢
Hipolite, Pint Jar **MARSHMALLOW CREAM** 21¢
Sugary Sam, No. 3 Squat Cans **YAMS** 2 for 39¢
Kellogg's, Seasoned, 7 Oz. Box **CROUTETTES** 37¢
Betty Crocker, 20 Oz. Box **PIE CRUST MIX** 41¢
Rose Dale, No. 2 1/2 Can **SPICED PEACHES** 25¢
Quaker, White or Yellow, 1 1/2 Pound Box **CORN MEAL** 23¢

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FRANK MOBERG
Pia's fiancé

PIA NASMAN
Exchange Student 1960-61

PIA NASMAN SAYS MERRY CHRISTMAS

(Editor's Note: Pia Nasman, foreign exchange student to Dimmitt in 1960-61 sent the following Christmas greeting letter and newsletter to the people of Dimmitt. Her in 1960-61 sent the following Christmas greeting letter and newsletter to the people of Dimmitt. Her American family was the G. I.

Clingingsmiths.)
Grankulla, December 13, 1964
Dear Everybody,
I have been planning to write to you all for a long time, but for the last month I have been so busy studying and working, that I have had absolutely no time at all. Through this letter I want to wish each and everyone of you a real HAPPY NEW YEAR. It is quite a long time since I wrote you through the Castro County News, but you can be sure I have not forgotten you. It is now over 3 years since I left Dimmitt, and a lot of things have happened since that. I shall try to tell you in a few words a little about those 3 years, and a little about my plans for the future.

After I left Dimmitt I took a trip through quite a few other states than Texas. This trip lasted over 3 weeks, and was rather exhausting. After a ten days stay in Massachusetts I finally left for Finland. I was just as happy to get back home at that time as I was sorry to have to leave Dimmitt only a few weeks earlier. Things had changed quite a bit here in Finland at that time, but most of all I think I had changed. I had grown up, I had become fatter (your steaks and hamburgers had made me gain at least 15 pounds) and I had forgotten so how to speak Swedish without a Texas accent.

In 1961-62 I worked for IBM Finland, and in the fall of 1962 I went to college. I am studying economics and languages, and should graduate in about a year if everything goes OK. The day after I started to college I met the boy that is now my fiancé, on September 12, which is also the day of my engagement, only the year is 1964. His name is Frank Moberg, and he goes to the same school I do, and should graduate in about a year, too. He is 25 years old, and at least I think he is quite a guy. He has spent 2 summers in England, 1 in Germany, 1 in France and one whole year in Switzerland, and speaks Finnish, Swedish, English and French fluently, and manages in German too. I do hope I will be able to show him 'good old Dimmitt' one of these days, and I would like for you all to meet him, too. We plan to get married as soon as we have finished our studies, or maybe even a little before that.

During the last year I have been working as an announcer for a TV company. I am announcing programs once a week, and I am really having a good time. I have been modelling at a few fashion-shows too, and that is even more fun. My family is doing just fine, and my 'little brother' has grown to be about 6' 3", and he is not too fond of being called 'little brother' any longer. My elder brother's wife has recently had her third child, a boy, and my brother is just as proud as a father can possibly be.

This fall Frank and I visited Norway together with a group of students from our college. Norway is the most beautiful country I have ever seen, and we really enjoyed our stay there.

Oh, I forgot to tell you that I spent this summer in Germany, in Stuttgart, working for IBM Germany. I lived with a real good friend of mine from the same school, and without her I would have been very lonely. We rented a room together, but had very little to do with the family it belonged to, and both of us were rather homesick. Of course one reason may have been that we missed both our families and our boy friends!

Well, this letter is sort of one big mess, but I wanted to reach all of you wishing you all a real

Six Students From Dimmitt Enrolled In Wayland College

Six students from Dimmitt are currently enrolled at Wayland Baptist College.

Billy Harrell Chavers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Chavers, is a sophomore religion major.
Miss Driscilla Dehtan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sheffy, is a sophomore English major. The 1963 graduate of Dimmitt High School is serving as secretary of the secretary of the sophomore class and as a staff member of the

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and this is the only way in which I can reach every one in Dimmitt.

Greetings to y'all from Pia Nasman, exchange student 1960-61

"Traveler", college yearbook. She was a finalist in the beauty pageant as a nominee from the sophomore class.

Miss Marvalynne Durham, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Durham, is a junior elementary education major. She is a 1962 graduate of Dimmitt High School and holds membership in Mission Band, Young Women's Auxiliary, French Club, Psychology Club and Women's Council.

Bill Myers is a 1964 graduate of Dimmitt High School. The freshman business administration major is the son of Mrs. Dean Myers.

Miss Patricia Karen Riels is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Riels. She is a 1962 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is a junior elementary education major. She serves as vice-president of Ferguson Hall, women's residence and hold membership in the Texas Student Education Association.

Mrs. Doris McDermitt Saul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester

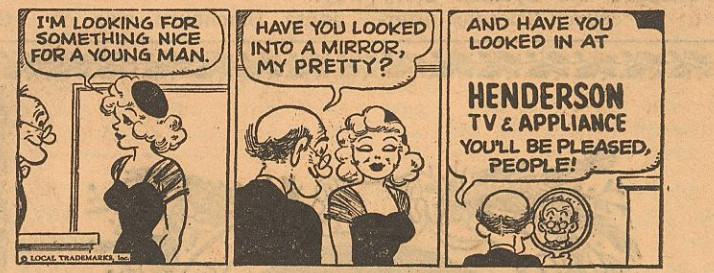
McDermitt, is a junior physical education major with a minor in business. She is a 1962 graduate of Dimmitt High School and holds membership in Delta Chi, German Club, and physical Education Majors and Minors Club.

FLY TO K.C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson flew to Kansas City Tuesday to visit their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brock.

JET PLANE TRIP

The P. L. Cunninghams flew by jet Tuesday to Santa Maria, California to visit with their daughter, Mrs. Laura Nagolski and children for the holidays.



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TOM DAVIS, MANAGER



Merry Christmas

To you and yours, our heartfelt thanks and a happy holiday!

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NEWS FROM SUNNYSIDE

Mr. Ray Axtell, Mr. John Gilbreath, and L. B. Bowden had charge of the cotton referendum election at the Morrison gin Tuesday. Cotton marketing quotas were approved 22 to 6.

25 attended the Spanish Story hour at the church Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the Christmas program.

Mr. Roy Phelan and Mr. Earl Phelan went to the Hale Center hospital Tuesday night to visit with their uncle, A. J. Morris of Halfway.

Janta Blackburn was on the

Springlake 10th grade "B" honor roll for the last six weeks. Sandra Crisp and Ivy Jean Carr were on the 12th grade "B" roll.

Delores Waggoner was one of the soloists in the Dimmitt fourth, fifth and sixth grade Christmas extravaganza Monday night giving an outstanding performance. Butch Holcomb was one of the 4th grade students who presented a musical drama. Bob Duke had charge of Santa's sleigh bells. Several others participated in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. John Graham left Wednesday for Ohio where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges returned home from Weatherford Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges and boys visited with them Wednesday night.

116 attended the Christmas program at the church Wednesday night. Mrs. Hershel Wilson had 116 attended the Christmas program of the church. After the program the pastor and wife were presented a transistor radio and a cash love gift. Bags of treats were presented to children following the program and refreshments of coffee, punch and pie were served to all. Mrs. Houston Carson, Mrs. Billy Cooper and Mrs. Ray Phelan had charge of the treats. Mrs. Charles Hedrick, Mrs. Johnnie B. Lilley, and Mrs. Duard Harris had charge of the refreshments.

Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner worked at the information desk at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt Thursday afternoon.

The WMS met for business Thursday afternoon with the president, Mrs. Troy Blackburn in charge.

The Primary Sunbeams with M. James Powell met Thursday afternoon for a make-up meeting.

Charles Axtell was home Friday evening from Tech for the Christmas holidays. Don Curtis was home Friday from WTSC. Marvalynne Durham was home Friday from Wayland, Kenneth Fincher was home from Levelland Junior College, for the holidays.

Approximately 60 attended the Spanish Story hour Christmas program Friday night. In addition to the Christmas story portrayed by the children, David McKenzie and Edgar Perry, Indian students in Wayland College, gave devotionals. David also brought special music and Edgar gave a chalk talk. Bags of treats were given to the children after the program by the same committee which had charge on Wednesday night and refreshments were also served by the same refreshment committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matlock and boys were honored with a going away party at the Community building Friday night.

Sleet, freezing rain and a light snow cover was received Friday night.

Mr. Houston Jones of Elkart, Kansas arrived Monday to spend an indeterminate period of time with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones, Wanda and James. He will

farm with Mr. Jones while here.

Roy West of Loss Cruces, New Mexico spend Monday night with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Holbrooks, Betty Sue and Marcie Johnston.

Mrs. Lowell Westmoreland, Gena and Zane spent the day Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Louder.

Mr. Curtis Jones and Charles of Texline visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones, Wanda, James and Mr. Houston Jones.

Betty Sue Holbrooks participated with the Dimmitt Bobbies in the tournament at Tulla this week. They won a first place trophy.

Kenny Akers arrived Saturday to spend the Tech Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer. Janice Blackburn came in Saturday from Hardin Simmons for the holidays and Carolin Holcomb arrived Saturday night from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Perry and family of Wayland spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer and family. They left Saturday morning for White River, Arizona to spend the Christmas holidays with their relatives. He is the Indian student who gave the chalk talk at the church Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan visited Saturday afternoon in Tulla with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. James Powell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hedrick and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gray and children attended the Christmas Party given to the children of employees of Western Ammonia in Dimmitt, Saturday.

Several attended the wedding of Sharon Lilley and Harley Don Wilke at the First Baptist church at Dimmitt Saturday night and the reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jordan of Tulla and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cleavenger of Dimmitt were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Axtell and Charles and also attended the Christmas Cantata at the Earth Methodist Church Sunday evening with them.

Lee Bradley, Carl Dean Carson, Mike Bell, Molly Bradley, Juanelle Conard, and Jimmy Waggoner participated with the Dimmitt band in the Christmas concert Sunday afternoon at the High School auditorium. Several attended.

The Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the church Sunday, and did some community missions also. Those present were Janet, Myrna, Patricia, and Teresa Elliott, Ann Spencer, Juanelle Conard, and Terry Crisp. Sponsors were Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Durham and Marvalynne, Mrs. Hershel Wilson, visitors were Butch Holcomb, and Lonnie and Bobbie Wilson.

Myles Sadler arrived Sunday evening from Dental school in Houston for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Phelan and family from Wapatchee, Washington arrived Sunday evening to visit

it with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelan and to spend the Christmas holidays with them and other relatives in Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley attended a 25th Anniversary Party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hestand n Dimmitt Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ott and Melody of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ott and family of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell of Springlake and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Louder all visited during the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ott.

Mrs. J. T. Wood and family and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wood.

Caroline Cummings was home Saturday from Jessie Lee's beauty school in Lubbock for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lilley of Baird visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lilley and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges and boys of Earth visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges. Bruce and Brad spent the night with them and visited Saturday.

Mrs. Dora Lilley of Baird visited Sunday afternoon and was a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges, she spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lilley.

85 attended Sunday School with 51 in Training Union Sunday. The Young People and Intermediates enjoyed a Youth Fellowship after the Sunday evening service. About 20 attended.

Tickets Available To WT Doubleheader Basketball Game

Three people are selling tickets in Dimmitt for annual West Texas State University doubleheader basketball game to be played the nights of Dec. 28 and 29 in Canyon.

They are James Bates, Mrs. Douglas Adams and N. F. Cleavinger.

The doubleheader this year promises to be outstanding sports entertainment.

Hardin-Simmons will play North Texas State and West Texas State will play Idaho State the first night.

The following night Idaho State will play Hardin-Simmons and West Texas State will play North Texas.

From 3 o'clock until 5:30 Dec. 28, there will be a holiday open house for WT ex-students. Coffee and cookies will be served at the student union building.

A door prize of \$50 will be awarded each night of the doubleheader.

Calvert Selected To Who's Who

Carlross Stanton Calvert of Dimmitt is one of 34 Abilene Christian College students named to appear in 1964-65 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Calvert is a 1961 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

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He is an active campus leader and a member of the Galaxy Mens Social Club, Blue Key Honor Organization for Men, Circle K Service Organization, Inter-Social Club Council Representative. He also was a Junior class favorite, Student Association vice-president and in the senate for two years.

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TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Burr Morris, Cindy and Arthur are spending the Christmas holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McGarvin in Lancaster, California. They are traveling by train.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wood of Saldia, Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. Al Wage and children, Juanita, Kenny, Al, Jr. and Christine of Medford, Oklahoma are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woods.

ILL IN HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis have been staying with their daughter, Mrs. Bob Swain who is seriously ill in a Lubbock hospital.

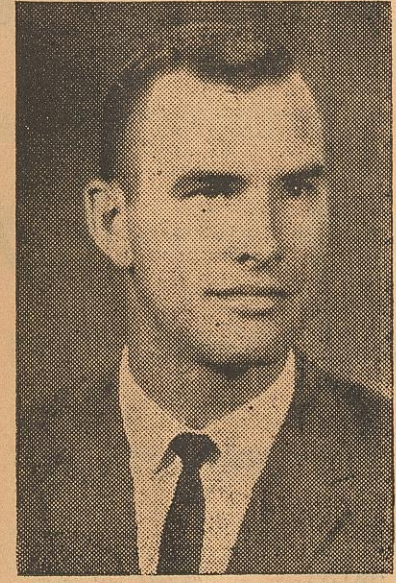
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Walter Rogers' WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

REFLECTIONS AT CHRISTMAS,

Each of us finds in his own heart the Spirit of Christmas. Although Christmas is the most wonderful of family holidays, Christmas is a day—a season—of great individual spiritual experience. As each of us reflects on the meaning of our Savior's birth and the inspiration of His life, our own

hearts bring rededication to ideals of service and good will. It is for each of us to decide, alone, how the Spirit of Christmas can remain manifest in our daily lives on through the coming New Year.

"—And on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men." This symbolic phrase of Christian idealism has inspired men on down through the ages. It has held through our history a special meaning for Americans because our nation, more than any other, has made "—On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men" a goal of our national purpose. It has become our purpose because so many individual Americans believe that a world at peace, with its people dedicated to relationships of honor and dignity, is

indeed an elusive goal but an ideal well worth unrelenting pursuit.

So long as Americans believe individually in the worthiness of the objective, so will our purpose remain fixed.

Yes, we can look about us on this Christmas, 1964, and find much to bring dismay. The forces of darkness and evil are as omnipresent as ever in their threats to progress. The world bristles with armaments of unbelievable destructiveness. Greed, selfishness and hate guide the conduct of some nations as of some men. The faithless among us can find much evidence on which to feed their pessimism.

And yet, does not Faith continue

to show us the light of Hope, just as the shepherds found their way by "thy perfect light" over Bethlehem?

Surely it does. My observation perhaps are more religious from government in character. And yet religion has to do with the conduct of individuals, of men and women convinced of the existence of a Supreme Being Who arouses in them reverence, love, gratitude, the will to obey and serve; and government has to do with the specific political form by which individuals agree to work together to achieve mutual and harmonious progress. When religious persons form a government, set the pattern by which it is to conduct its affairs, and remain true to its purposes, then the religious concepts held by the people become the concepts by which the government and its policies are conducted. From the beginnings of history, we Americans have offered fervent thanks to Divine Providence for His guidance and the blessings He has bestowed upon us. In his first inaugural address, George Washington said, "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency. . . ." And the late John F. Kennedy closed his inaugural address in 1961 by saying, "With good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own."

"—And on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men." Truly God's will and our work. Mrs. Rogers, the children, and I extend to each of you our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

Improved pine Christmas trees, adorned with their own ornaments of decorative cones, probably will be available in about eighty years. Scientists at the USDA's Institute of Forest Genetics at Placerville, California, are developing such a Christmas tree by crossing Sierra Nevada lodgepole with the grows pine. The resulting hybrid grows to 6 feet within 5 to 5 years. From its thick dark green foliage this made-to-order tree grows its own decorative cones at 5 years of age just as it reaches Christmas size, the scientists say. Growers are to get the trees for field testing in 1967.

AMMO NOTES



by Wm. F. (Bill) Bennett, Agronomist, Western Ammonia Corporation

During this past growing season, it was observed in many cases that 1964 sorghum and cotton crops following maize did better than where these crops were planted on summer fallow or layout ground. This is the reverse of what is normally expected.

There are several possible reasons as to why this could happen. One big reason would probably be the fertilizer - both nitrogen and phosphorus - which carries over each year in the maize stubble. Stubble from an acre of maize will contain about 100 lbs. N. This means that the 100 lbs N in the sorghum stubble will carryover and be a part of the nitrogen supply for the next year. Fallow land on the other hand will not have contained this additional nitrogen. Conditions were good this past year for breakdown and release of the nitrogen from the stubble.

A second possible explanation is that the organic acids are produced in the process of decomposing plant residue and organic matter. Organic acids are known to influence and increase the availability of soil phosphorus. With the large amount of stubble plowed under, it is conceivable that these organic acids may have increased availability of the soil phosphorus in maize ground as compared to the fallow ground.

Another minor factor might be that soils were generally very dry following wheat harvest in 1963, thus, organic matter decomposition and release of nitrogen did not proceed as it normally does. Hence, one of the usual benefits from following land did not take place.

Because of the added organic matter on maize ground, air and water relationships may have been improved thus resulting in better plant growth.

A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health

Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D. Commissioner of Health

If you give your youngster a bicycle this Christmas - or if he has already - don't send him off for a ride with a wave and a vague "be careful."

Chances are a bicycle is a youngster's first experience as a part of the traffic. Discuss the finer points of bike-riding safety with him - or her - and see that he practices them.

Make sure your youngster rides a sturdy, well-equipped bike, and teach him how to take care of it. Pass these admonitions on to him on having safe fun on a bike: Know and obey traffic laws. Traffic lights and signs are for bike riders, too. Ride with the traffic. A good bike-rider always rides on the right hand edge of the road.

Give the proper traffic signals before stopping or turning then take hold of the handle bars again. Ride single file. If your friend has a bike and you ride together, ride one in front of the other, with plenty of space between. When traffic is heavy at a corner get off your bike and push it across, following the crosswalks. Light up at night. Do all your riding in the daytime if you can. If you must be out at night, be sure you have your white light in front and your red reflector and tail light on the rear, just as automobiles do. Wear clothing that is light colored or that shines in the dark so you can be seen easily. Use a carrier or basket for books and packages. If you have to basket or carrier, tie your books and packages to the frame.

Ride one to a bike - unless you have a special bicycle - built-for-two. One of the most dangerous things

Nazareth News

Miss Christine Braddock arrived by plane from Philadelphia Saturday to spend a week visiting her mother Mrs. Catherine Braddock and other relatives.

Home for the two weeks Christmas vacation are Miss Linda Huseman and Miss Charlyn Braddock, Aspirants at St. Scholastica's Convent, Fort Smith, Ark. Miss Paulette Brockman and Miss The-

resa Pohlmeier students at St. Scholastica's Academy, Fort Smith, Ark. Miss Shirley Brockman, Miss Betty Book, Miss Jeanette Huseman, Philip Brockman and Sam Burt from Texas Tech.

Denis Gerber, Julian Birkenfeld, Lester and Kenzie Schulte and Tommy Wethington from Tarleton College, Stephenville.

Miss Molly Lupton, Greg Venhaus, Ralph Schulte and Art Albracht from West Texas University.

Flu and colds have been making the rounds through the community the past week.

Holy Family Parish will celebrate the beautiful Feast of Christmas, starting at 11:40 p.m. with Christmas Carols, at midnight a Solemn High Mass will be offered by Rev. Father Reichel with the whole congregation singing, the first English High Mass to be held here. Masses at nine and ten o'clock on Christmas morning will also be offered.

a bike rider can do is "hitch a ride" by a moving truck or car. You could be easily be thrown down perhaps in front of a car or squeezed against a truck or bus.

Playing games or racing on bikes should be done in empty lots or yards and not where people are walking or driving. Don't try hard stunts or you may hurt yourself.

We wish you a **FULL MEASURE** of the Season's Joy!

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it's Christmas... and we'd like to extend our sincere wishes to one and all for an old-fashioned holiday filled with joy and cheer. May the special happiness of the holiday season be reflected throughout the days to come.

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Christmas Greetings

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

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Dimmitt Bobbies Win Championship

Dimmitt Bobbies swept the Tulia Tournament by storm this past weekend as they cleaned up on the teams to win championship finals Saturday night. Outstanding features of the weekend tournament were the awarding of Linda McColum and Jane Cleavinger, All-Tournament trophies and honoring Linda McColum as Outstanding Player (girl) of the Tournament.

The Bobbies tackled Tulia "B" Thursday night for a 58-26 victory. Scoring by quarters was first, 19-8; second, 35-16; third, 45-23; and fourth, 58-26.

Linda McColum was high point with 22. Hitting in double figures were Danna Odom with 10 and Donna Summers with 17.

In Friday action, the Bobbies a 39-38 ball game. Plenty of excitement and action was order of day for the Bobbies.

Dimmitt took a 13-8 lead during the first quarter. At halftime, the Bobbies were ahead 21-19. Going into the last eight minutes, the Bobbies wert hanging tenaciously to a two-point lead. During the fourth period, Floydada pulled ahead of the Bobbies by five points but with that unconquerable spirit, the Bobbies forged ahead to win by one point.

Linda McColum was high point with 23. Danna Odom hit 13 for the Bobbies.

In the championship finals, Saturday night, the Bobbies squeaked.

Northedge Community "42" Club held an annual Christmas party Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crum.

Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations with a green trimmed tree decorating the living room. Christmas candlelight dinner was served from tables covered with red cloths.

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ed Tulia Hornettes, 47-39 to win a large silver trophy.

Scoring by quarters was first, 10-6; second, 16-16; third, 36-23; and fourth, 47-39.

Linda McColum sent 30 points through the nets for the Bobbies. Danna Odom hit 10 to aid the Bobbies.

Frosh Play In BB Tournament

Dimmitt Frosh attended the Springlake tournament last weekend.

The Frosh boys lost to Friona in the first game, 35-17. John Hays was high point with 7 points.

In action Saturday, Dimmitt defeated Amherst, 50-35. Jack Bradford and John Hays led Dimmitt scoring with 11 points each.

The boys are in consolation finals which will be played at a later date due to weather conditions on Saturday evening.

Currys Have New Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Curry are the proud parents of a baby son, Carl Don, born Friday, December 4 in All Saints Hospital of Fort Worth.

The young son weighed 8 lbs. and 4 ozs. He was born at 12:43 pm. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curry of Dimmitt and Mrs. Amanda Perlich of Chicureo.

HOLIDAYS IN DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bearden are spending the holidays in Dallas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Finneran, and also Mrs. Bearden's sister.



MRS. DICKIE HOLCOMB (center) was awarded this silver tray for Outstanding Young Home-maker. Presenting the award were advisors Joanne Snider (left) and Estelle Hottel. See story.

Bobcats Win Consolation Trophy

Dimmitt Bobcats did not come home empty-handed from the Tulia Tournament last weekend as they won Consolation Trophy.

Bob Bradford was awarded All-Tournament trophy for his outstanding work on Bobcat team.

The Bobcats met tough Springlake in first game of tournament Thursday. The 'Cats fell by a mere four points to the Wolverines. Final score was 59-55.

The Bobcats trailed by four point at end of first period. Putting on the push, they forged ahead of Springlake with a two-point lead at half. The 'Cats held onto a one-point lead, 40-39 going into last eight minutes.

Bob Bradford led the Bobcat scoring with 21. Dickie Dyer hit 14 and Robert Lindsey, 11 for the Bobcats. The Bobcats hit 21 out of 26 free shots for a good average of 81 per cent. They hit 19 out of 60 field goals for 31 per cent.

In action Friday, the Bobcats played in consolation bracket and defeated Canyon, 76-62. Scoring by quarters was first, 13-12; second, 34-27; third, 55-42; and fourth, 76-62.

Bob Bradford led Dimmitt with 22 points. Hitting in double figures were Steve Hutton with 16 and Dickie Dyer with 12.

The 'Cats made 23 out of 28 free throws for a rousing 82 per cent. They hit 27 out of 63 field goals for 43 per cent.

In the consolation finals Saturday afternoon, the Bobcats defeated Littlefield, 65-55, to win consolation trophy. Scoring by quarters went

Junior High Choir Presents Program

The 60-voice Junior High choir under the direction of Dick Lowry presented a Christmas program at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 22 in the Junior High auditorium.

The choir opened the program with the following numbers: Christmas Story, "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas", "O Come All Ye Faithful", and "Deck the Halls."

Duke Chapman sang "My Two Front Teeth." Joan Braafadt Cindy Morris presented a duet "Lullaby Jesus Child."

Janice Mooney played a special "Christmas Rhapsody" on the piano.

A quartet composed of Debra Pharis, Jane Buchanan, Kathy Massengale and Jeanette Sealy rendered "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Carolyn Daniels and Doris Willson sang "O Holy Night!" A sextet consisting of Imelda Cordova, Magdalena Falcon, Mary Lou Garcia, Nila Fuentes, Mar Munoz and

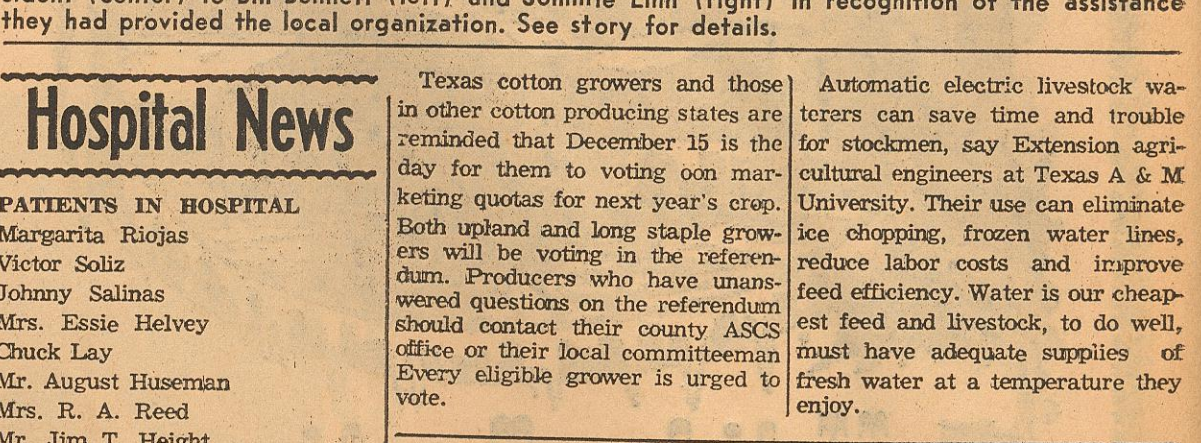
Hanging Stockings

Story of the first Christmas stocking is associated with the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop known for his many kind deeds. Wishing to present an anonymous gift to help the daughters of an impoverished merchant, he a bag of gold down the chimney, where it fell into a stocking hung up to dry.

The legend is reflected in to an impoverished merchant, he threw a bag of gold down the chimney, where it fell into a stocking hung up to dry.

RETURN TO ALBUQUERQUE Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Farris returned to Albuquerque, N.M., last week end where he is receiving further treatment in the veterans Hospital.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS in the Dimmitt Young Farmers were presented by Ben Holcomb, president (center) to Bill Bennett (left) and Johnnie Linn (right) in recognition of the assistance they had provided the local organization. See story for details.



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Hospital News

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

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- Victor Soliz
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New Development May Be Boon For Home Furnishings

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Accelerated production through the use of molded cotton fabrics and the elimination of a great portion of the costly hand labor required in present upholstery methods may mean that tomorrow's furniture buyer may be able to stretch her furniture dollar further than ever before.

These predictions are based on the outcomes of research currently being done on stretch cottons by the Southern Utilization Research Laboratory in New Orleans, Mrs. Berry Explained. Scientists have developed a method for molding cotton fabrics into three dimensional shapes by treating cotton stretch fabric with chemicals which cause the fabric to retain the contour of the mold used.
Molded cotton fabrics will offer a number of advantages to both manufacturers and to consumers. The molding process is almost certain to eliminate many hand operations necessary in stitching several pieces of fabric together to fit different contours in both upholstery and apparel industries.

Production will definitely be much faster in both fields. It is assumed that savings in the cost of production will be passed on to consumers in the form of quality goods at lower prices, the specialist said. Though it is still in the experimental testing stage, homemakers in the future will be able to take advantage of this new textile development in both the apparel and home furnishings purchases she makes.

KILLINGSWORTHS VISIT
Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Killingsworth and sons were in Wellington last week end to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Killingsworth's Golden Wedding Anniversary December 20, Mr. and Mrs. Killingsworth will left Tuesday for Iowa to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Fessler on their Golden wedding celebration Dec. 23, also for the Christmas Holidays.

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It is with grateful hearts that we lovingly acknowledge every act of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one, Skimmy.
For the food prepared and brought in, phone calls and visits made, to the ones who sat up and those who made trips to pick up members of the family. For every prayer and expression made in any way we say "Thank You." May God bless you bountifully during this Christmas season and may you find the love and peace you have helped us to find at this time.
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SALE issued out of the Honorable District Court, 69th Judicial District of Texas, in and for Moore County, Texas, on the 25th day of November, 1964, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Municipal Assessment Co. vs. Alton McLain, and being numbered 4244, on the docket of said court, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell the hereinafter described tract of land to the highest bidder, for cash, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 p.m. on January 5, 1965, it being the first Tuesday of said month at the Courthouse door of Castro County, Texas, in the City of Dimmitt, Texas; said tract of land having been levied on by me on the 1 day of December, 1964, and to be sold to satisfy a Judgment rendered in the above described cause on the 7th day of August, 1964, and recorded in the Minutes of said court in Volume 12, page 80: Said Judgment was in favor of Plaintiff, Municipal Assessment Co., establishing its debt in the sum of One Thousand Seventy-Eight and 70-100 Dollars (\$1,078.70) thereof, together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent (8 per cent) per annum, and interest on all costs at the rate of six per cent (6 per cent) per annum from August 7, 1964, until paid, together with foreclosure against Alton McLain to foreclose a certain lien securing plaintiff's debt upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot Number Seventy-Four (74) Unit Number Thirteen (13), Western Heights Addition to the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.
Said Judgment and Order of Sale direct that the above described property be seized and sold as under execution and satisfaction of said Judgment and that said lot be sold, and the proceeds of sale applied as follows: From the proceeds of the same of Lot Number Seventy-Four (74), Unit Number Thirteen (13), Western Heights Addition to the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, to the satisfaction of costs of suit and sale; then to the payment of the Judgment rendered in favor of plaintiff secured by the lien foreclosed against Lot Number Seventy-Four (74), Unit Number Thirteen (13) Western Heights Addition to the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, together with interest on One Thousand Seventy Eight and 70-100 Dollars (\$1,078.70) at the

rate of eight per cent (8 per cent) per annum from August 7, 1964, and with interest on all costs thereof at the rate of six per cent (6 per cent) per annum from August 7, 1964.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 1st day of December, A. D. 1964.
Jack Cartwright
Sheriff, Castro County, Texas.
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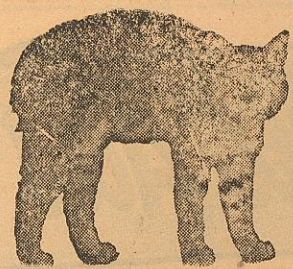
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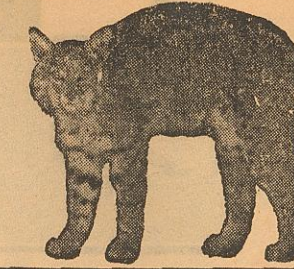
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Frosh Enjoy Xmas Party

On December 17, 1964 the Freshman Class of Dimmitt High School had a Christmas Party in the high school gym. Admission to the party, which began at 7:30 and ended at 10:00 was an article or a can of food for a needy family.

A heaping pile of cookies and refreshing punch were served as refreshments. Among the many games enjoyed by the underclassmen were: Do You Like Your Neighbor, Streets and Alleys, Wink'em and Three Deep!

Close president, Tommy Martin reported everyone had a fine time and took part in the games. However, he stated that three couples sat in the bleachers during the party. Those reported to have stayed in the bleachers are: Kita Struss and J. R. Hargrove, Keith Gross and Betsy Simpson, and Juanelle Conard and Ronald Johnson.

Spotlight Shines On Doris Lindsey

Our spotlight this week shines on Mrs. Doris Lindsey. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Silwell of Memphis, Texas. She was born and raised in Memphis, where she attended Memphis High School and later on July 21, 1946, married Bob Lindsey. She is now kept busy with her four children-Robby, Kent, Kim, and Jeff.

Mrs. Lindsey received her education at Texas Technological College where she received her training in business.

Before moving to Dimmitt, Mrs. Lindsey worked as a clerk for two years at the War Price and Rationing Office in Memphis, as a billing clerk for two years at the Royal Typewriter Company in Dallas, and as an assistant cashier and teller at the State Bank for five years.

Mrs. Lindsey has worked for Dimmitt High School's superintendent's secretary since March 13, 1966.

Letters To Santa Claus

We have tried so hard to be good girls, but you know how hard that is to do. We are sorry about painting Tommy's pick-up when the boys went to Lake Altus and putting bowling pins around the drag, and all the other bad things we have thought of and done.

We three would like to have special ordered dolls, made to our specifications, and new red tricycles to drag main and a great big doll house so we can play with our dolls in our own little home.

Please bring all our little friends what they deserve. Please don't bring them cigars, they are too young to play with fire.

See you Christmas Eve,
 Your admirers,
 W.A.P.

Dear Santa,
 I have been a fairly good girl this year, and I thought I'd write to let you know what to bring for Christmas. First, I want a cute 6' 3" young man that I've had my eye on for quite some time. Then I would like for you to bring Mrs. Cleveland a little more patience for our Bookkeeping class-I realize we are a rough bunch. Then please bring my younger brother a new name for me. I'm tired of his old one. Then, be good to my little sister because she never tells on me.

Thank you.
 See you Christmas Eve and I'll bake some cookies for you.
 Mergatrolid

Dear Santa,.....
 We have been very nice for quite a while now, and so, we are making our Christmas list:

The thing needed immediately is a plunger for Lynda Hrabal.
 Donna Waggoner needs her engagement ring to match the wedding band she has.

Charles Summers needs a room on the left side of his house so he can look next door.

Jo Lynn Harman needs some Love Potion No. 9 so she can make up with Charles Bruton.

I think Richard Connell could use a few more brains if you have them to spare.

Smith would sure appreciate one, just one good Baritone player.

I bet Janis Davis could use another freshman or two.

Please supply Mr. Newman with another Texas Tech buckle and some new boots. Just bring us anything you can, and we will leave you lots of refreshments.

We love you,

Senior Boy Of Week

Anthony Lee Kirby Names Baby Blue As His Favorite Color

Santa Claus came early, December 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Vaden Kirby in the year of 1944. On this

day he left a bouncing baby boy, Anthony Lee, at their home on Purvell, Oklahoma.

Students See Films

Thursday, December 17, the students of the Dimmitt Public School were presented an assembly in which they saw two films. The assembly was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ginger Kemp. After the pledge, she introduced the first film which was the one made of the Bobcat Band at contest. The Band kept the tradition of D.H.S. by earning a one at the contest. Every student of D.H.S. should be proud of the Band and give it full support. The second film was on dropouts. From the film, we learned that with a high school diploma one's life income is greatly increased, and that he will Army presented this film, and we should be thankful that they are interested in the youth of today.

1965 Looks Good

Consumer and state and local government spending should help our country have another year of high economic activity.

"Such spending is expected to provide the major economic stimulus in 1965 with consumer purchases centering primarily on nondurable goods and services," reports John G. McHaney, Extension economist, Texas A & M University. "The outlook, however, is not as clear as the '64 picture appeared at this time last year."

Prospects point to further increases in total output, employment and consumer incomes. The civilian labor force is expected to be somewhat larger than in the past several years, and the advance in total economic activity may not be large enough to absorb this increase. As a result, the rate of unemployment will remain high, he says.

"Consumer purchases of nondurable goods and services will increase," McHaney says, "while sales of such durable goods as automobiles are not expected to contribute to expanding the economy over 1964, it is likely to have a prosperous year."

A downward trend in housing starts could have a dampening effect on purchases of such durables as house furnishings and equipment. Little or no additional economic stimulus is thus foreseen from this source.

An increase of more than \$5 billion in state and local government purchases is in view for the coming year. This increase would be at a faster rate than in 1964 and would definitely spur the economy he adds.

Federal purchase of goods and services, however, are anticipated to show little variation, due mainly to the holding down of defense expenditures. Nevertheless, some drastic economic shift could bring about a change in government policy in this area, points out the economist.

Helping to determine the country's pace of economic expansion are investment expenditures of new plants and equipment. This year's investments will probably run about 13 percent above 1963, one of the largest annual increases in post-war years, predicts the economist.

Such investments in 1965 however, are expected to fall short of a similar substantial increase," McHaney adds. "This source, therefore, is not likely to add to the gross national product."

Who's Who

DHS Students Met Tuesday For All School Xmas Party



This young lady has been chosen because of her many talents as our last 'Who's Who' of the year. She was born right here in Dimmitt on March 5, 1947. She attended Hart High School until 1960, when she came over to dear old DHS. This year she is taking English IV, Geometry, Health Ed., Typing I, and Homemaking IV. She is known among her fellow classmates for her friendly, but quiet disposition. She is a proud member of the senior class: who could she be?

Aunt Mahitabel

Dear Students,
 It's Christmas once more and like they say, "The joy of living is in the giving." In all the hustle and bustle of cheerful greetings, Christmas parties, and gift buying, let's keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas. It's the time of year when we celebrate the long awaited birth of the Saviour. The giving of gifts is only to signify the gifts which the wise men brought to the Holy Child so long ago.

As we get ready for this festive occasion, let's remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of Christ. Keep this Christmas a happy one by making others happy and remember to keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
 Aunt Mahitabel

Personality of the Week

On December 28, 1947, Donna Dehtan came into this world. Today she is the proud daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sheffy. Donna enjoys many things and among her favorites are: color - pink, food - broiled steak and French

Senior Girl Of Week

Linda Sue Morrison Makes Definite Plans For Future

Home decoration was the main idea on August 12, 1947 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Morrison. Many new ideas were considered and many new additions were made. The loudest decoration of all was Linda Sue. This home decoration project was carried out in the town of Bowie, Texas.

As the years went by, people who thought they were better than others found it very hard to get along with Linda. And why not? It's her pet peeve.

Linda grew into a very pretty young lady by eating her favorite food—steak. Linda's favorite color is blue. The movie, "The Ten Commandments" caught her eye. Her favorite actor and actress are Jack Lemmon and Shirley McLain. Linda enjoys her favorite song "Abilene" and her favorite vocalist

Jim Reeves. What could her hobby be? You've guessed it, collecting record albums. But you can't top her past time—playing around with Bill. What else could be better than that?

Linda has attended the Dimmitt Public Schools since the first grade. She has been in FHA four years, choir her freshman and sophomore years, including all-regional choir her freshman year, and a member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior years. During her junior year, Linda received the Business Math award.

Linda has very definite plans about the future. She is getting married to Bill Kirkland in June and she plans to raise a large family. Linda, we can only say we hope your home decorating project will be as successful as your parents'.

Around The Campus

There must be a new fad going around. Four girls in school have special rings. Judy Mooney is to be married December 29, Linda Morrison has a beautiful engagement ring and is planning Matrimony for June next year, Donna Kay Waggoner has a wedding ring by mistake (that is it was supposed to be an engagement ring), and Cynthia Byrd will soon possess one.

Our band, the Junior High band, and the sixth grade band gave a wonderful Christmas concert last Sunday in the High School auditorium.

It seems that Miss Britt and Mr. Hughtel have had quite a bit of trouble keeping up with faucets, answer books, and staplers. The members of the bookkeeping class would really appreciate it if that book was returned. Our grades are suffering.

Since tomorrow is Christmas Day there is nothing around the campus today but the spirit of this season and wishes for a happy new year.

Paul Catoe's Ideal Girl

Most Beautiful - Alice Acker
 Tutest - Anita Cameron
 Nose - Greta Nelson
 Hair - Linda Bruton
 Eyes - Anita Cameron
 Teeth - Janice Baldrige
 Smile - Janis Moore
 Hands - Anita Cameron
 Laugh - Jane Cleavinger
 Walk - Patty Catoe
 Figure - Alice Acker
 Best Dressed - Valeria Millsap
 Friendliest - Connie McKinney
 Most Athletic - Linda McColum
 Height - Linda Land
 Meanest - Janis Davis
 I.Q. - Paralynd Render
 Best All Around - Francoise Sturbelle
 Personality - Genita Aldridge
 Most Likely to Succeed - Arlene Reid

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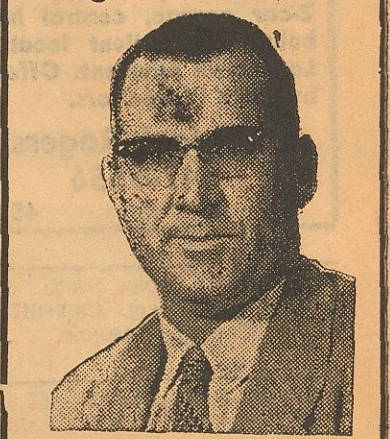
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Anita Cameron's Ideal Boy

Most Handsome - Steve Hutton
 Cutest - Robbie Klindsey
 Nose - Kenneth Oldham
 Hair - Anthony Stanford
 Eyes - Bruce Fuller
 Teeth - Stanley Byrnes
 Smile - Anthony Mays
 Hands - Craig Fuller
 Laugh - Beelee Goodwin
 Walk - Tommy Stafford
 Physique - Steve Hutton
 Best Dressed - Paul Easterwood
 Friendliest - Paul Catoe
 Most Athletic - Steve Hutton
 Height - Dickie Dyer
 Meanest - Charles Bruton
 I.Q. - Johnnie B. Linn
 Personality - Paul Easterwood
 Best All Around - Paul Catoe
 Most Likely to Succeed - Scott Moran

fries, song - "A Summer Song", and singer - Roy Orbison. Donna enjoys running around and if she could, she would like riding in a baby blue Impala. Of course she would park her car at the show sometime so she might see her favorite actors, Sandra Dee and Richard Chamberland, star in a great show. Out of all the shows, Donna tells us that she likes "Rome Adventure" best of all. Donna can get along with everyone, but she does not like people who think they are better than everyone else. Thank you, Donna, for letting us make you the personality of this week.

YOU SHOULD KNOW Eugene Hochstein



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Chess Club Organized

Sixteen members of the Chess Club had their first meeting at Mr. Newman's house at 7:00 on Monday night, December 14. The members who knew the game spent most of the evening trying to teach the other members the basic rules. Loud moans were heard from George Froehner and J. F. Latimer when they were defeated by a couple of "dumb" girls.

The FHA girls had a carolling party on December 21 at 7:00. Afternoon Christmas carols at several homes, the girls came back to the Homemaking Department and were served refreshments. A gold boucle-chain charm bracelet and a FHA charm were presented as a Christmas present to Francoise Sturbelle, our foreign exchange student from Belgium.

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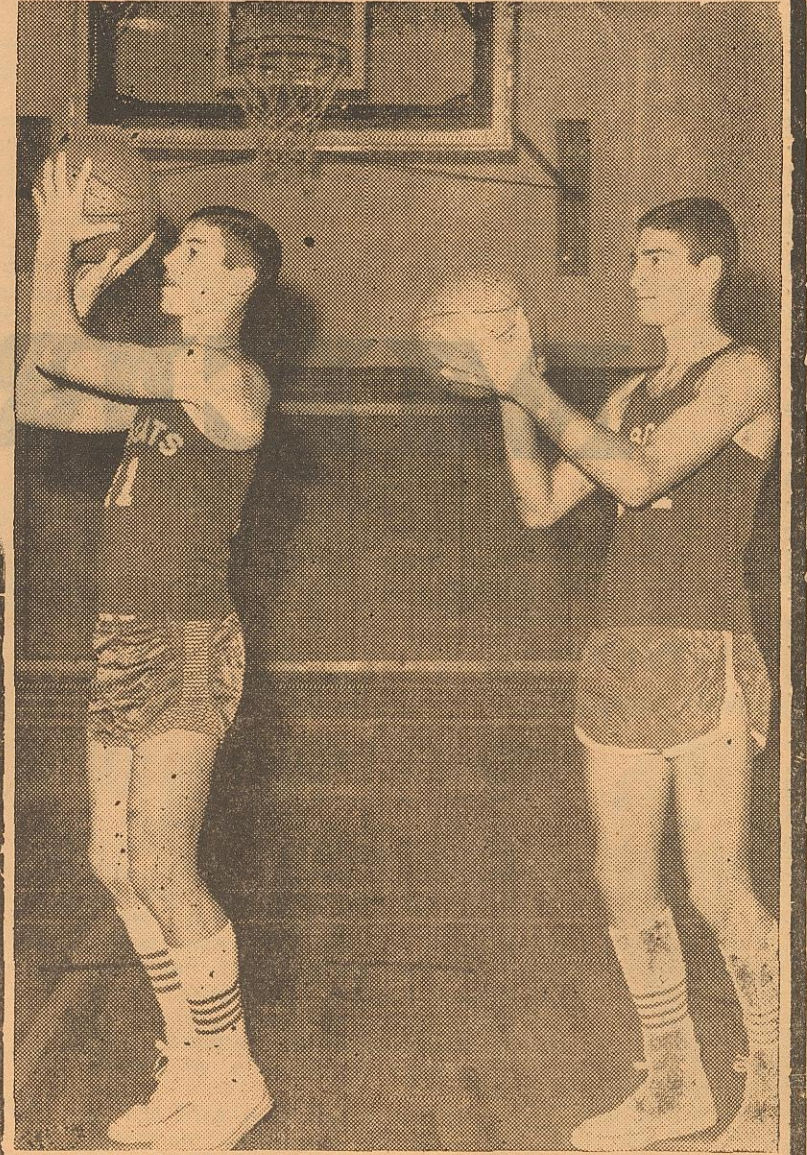
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Fri. --- Dimmitt 76, Canyon 62
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Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a toy gun and a slinky I want a B.B. gun that looks like a pistol. I football to play with. I want a Jonny 7 O.M.A.
Your friend
Brian Clark

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 years old. For Christmas I would like a tractor that I can ride. Also lots of candy and fruits. Please remember all the little boys and girls
Love
Brian Huffines

Dear Santa:
Please Bring me a cloths line and some cloths pins so I can help my mommie. Also I want a baby brite doll and some furniture.
Thank you.
Cynthia Easterwood

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl almost 3 years old. For Christmas I would like a Tony Tears doll and a tractor to ride. Also lots of candy and fruits. I live in Dimmitt Texas. Please remember all the other litt boys and girls.
Love,
Keri Huffines

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. My little sister has been a good girl, too. I want a big bruiser, and a pick up that goes with the big bruiser. I want a road grater, and skip loader. My sister wants a doll. Bring toys to all good girls and boys.
Love, Greg Gamblin

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. I would like to have a Vacu from and a camera and tape-Recorder. Please remember all of the other children. Thank you.
Your friend
Ray Earl Shannon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Johnny Seven Gun and helmet. My brother Russell, wants

a Playmobile dashboard. My brother and I have been real good boys. Bring toys to other boys and girls.
Love,
Randy and Russell Pharis

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Tears doll, new Barbe hoes a new queen barbe and a palyhouses. My mother would like a colored T.V. my father would like a new car.
Your friend,
Sherri Vaughan

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a skipper, Allan or Midge doll. I would also like an Organ, electric corn-pepper and a slinky. I am 8 years old. My name is Ronda Jackson. I live at Dimmitt, Texas.
Yours, Truly
Rhonda Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big doll for Christmas and a typewriter, for my mother, I want some dishes, for my father I want a suit, for my brother I want a B. B. gun and for my sister I want big dolls.
Your friend
Silvia Aldaca

Dear Santa Claus,
We are four sisters. My name is Karen Polimeier. I am nine years old. For Christmas I would like a Barbie Doll and cloths. And the Match Game.
I am Jolene Pohlmeier. I am seven years old. I would like a walking doll. And I would like a cake mix set.
I am Rochelle Polmeier. I am five years old. I would like a table and chairs set. And I would like a doll with pretty hair and a coat.
I am Lisa Pohlmeier. I am three years old. I want a Chatty Baby and a ttrain you pull with a string.
Karen, Jolene, Rochelle, Lisa Pohlmeier.

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. Would you please bring me a magnetic board

and a cleaning set for Christmas? I am trying to be a good girl.
Rita Pohlmeier.

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a two gun set, Lupe a two set, Mary Lusie a set of play dishes, David a two little gun set, Richard a one little gun set, Mother a clock, and daddy a shaver.
Your friend,
Gilbert

I want a doll, a bed, a piano play house, bicycle, a desk and a watch.
Your friend
Mary Esther

Dear Santa Claus,
I wonder if you would bring me two gums, and a B.B. gum for my mother dishes, for my father trampoline, Johnny 7 was a pair a desk and some school clothes.
Your friend
Ramrio Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring my a b. b. gun, slinky, bike, pair of boots, football, trampoline, Jhhny 7 owa, a pair of gloves, moose trap game, watch, and a scout shirt.
Your friend,
Butch Hester

I wonder if you can bring me a talking doll?
Your friend
Estella Aranda

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and some dishes please, Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Debbie Henderson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a doll and some dishes, a little comb and brush of my own, a slinky toy and a piano.
Your friend,
Joanie Salinos

Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a doll and a piano for Christmas. I have some toys but I do not like them. Ohh yes I like skates too I like you.
Your friend,
Ester Perkins

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a type writer, and bring me 4 play girl wigs and bring me Penny Bright with a powder set.
Yours truly
Mary Straskulic

Dear Santa Claus,
You are a great man I wish to see you soon and here is what I want. I want a slinky and a puppy.
Yours truly,
Jerry Baldrige

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring my mother some new clothes and new

dishes? Please bring my brothers a play house are bring my sisters a piano to all three of them Bring me a slinky, a football, and a bicycle for one and my brother and sisters.
Your friend,
David Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a basketball. Well I guess this is all.
Your friend,
Kenneth

Dear Santa Claus,
I am writing you this letter to say hello to you. Would you like to send me a doll that walks and cries and her a set of clothes? I want a comb and a watch that tells time.
Your friend
Modesta Graza

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me 3 dolls a skate board, and wire haired terrier.
Your friend
Holly Layman

I want a truck for Christmas and a slinky please.
Your friend
Paul Langford

I would like a doll and Ann an Allen. Mother would like a T.V.

and my daddy would like a new desk to go in the office.
Your friend,
Nancy Vardell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun for Christmas and I want a pair of gloves and I want a slinky.
Your friend
Larry Shugart

I want a speedometer, two racing cars a v-o farm. For Raymond I want a timex watch and a tractor.
Your friend,
Barton Proffitt

Please bring me a rifle range, G. I. Joe, Pogo stick, and trampoline.
Yours truly
Dean

Dear Santa,
I am three years old. Would you please bring me a baby doll and some dishes for Christmas? I am trying to be a good girl and mind mother and daddy.

Don't forget the other good little boys and girls.
Germaine Pohlmeier

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, would you please

bring me a rocking horse, truck, and some cows? I am two years old and I'm trying to be good.
Robert Pohlmeier

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you, I am fine. I want a dog, a new watch band, a rifle that will shoot pellets, and most of all a new scout shirt and a scout knife. I want a Johnny - 7 OMA and a cowboy hat with some cowboy boots and I hope everybody has a very Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Terry Brooks

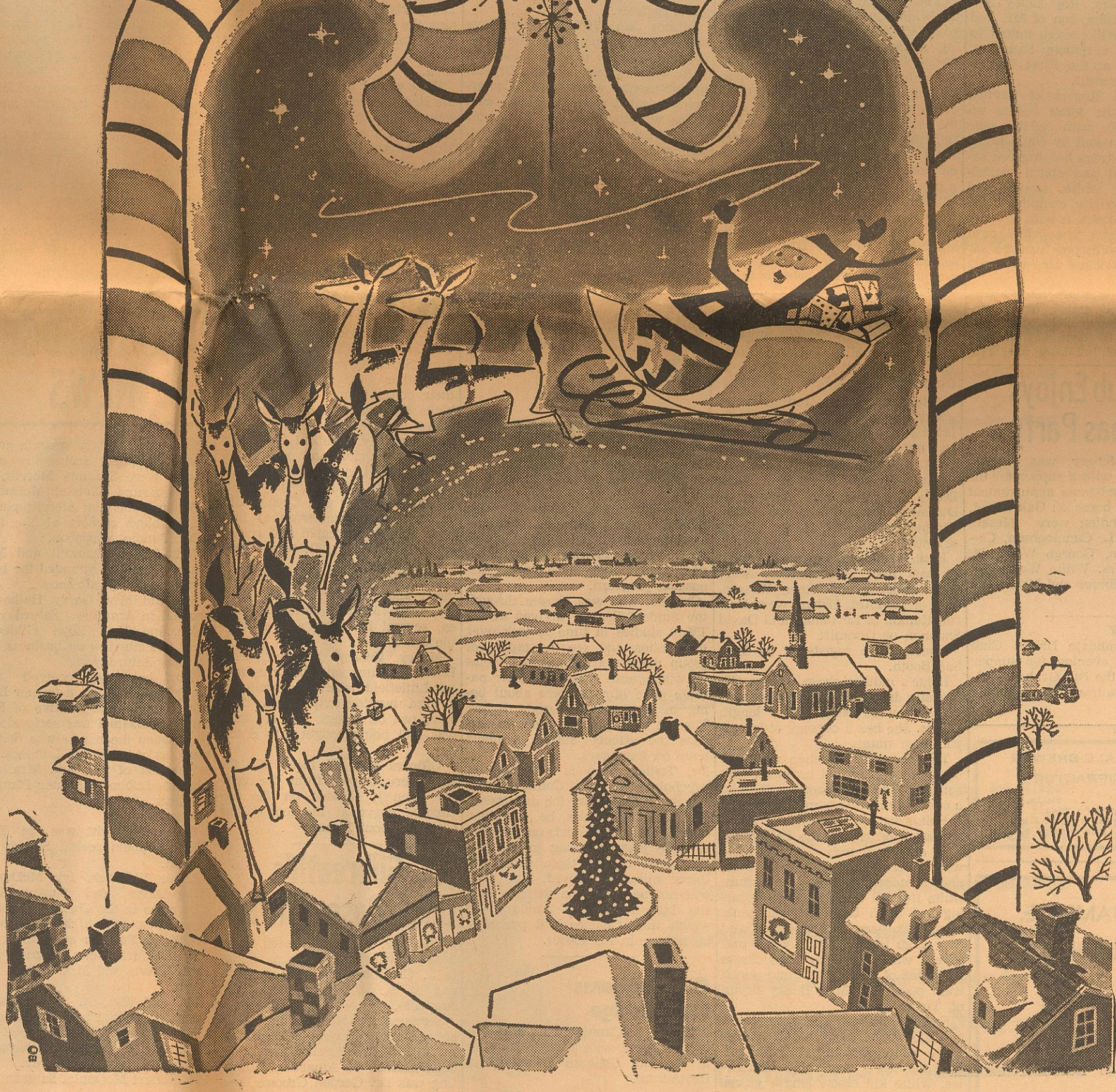
Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Chris and I am 6 yrs. old. I have been a pretty good boy. For Christmas I want a Big Bruiser by Marx, Big Aircraft carrier, Playdough factory, Magnatel, Johnny Seven Gun, Racing set, Gaylord, Clancy The Great, Tiger Jo, Super Crane, Record, Player, puppet, Mighty Mo- Garage.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Stevie and I am 4 years old. I have been a pretty good boy. For Christmas I want a: Big spot, carnival shooting Gal lery, Army set, musical bear, va-room motor, tunnel crawler, rocket, construction set, nutty mad car, Johnny Seven Gun.

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Sharon Lilley -- Harley Wilke Exchange Double Ring Vows

Sharon Delores Lilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lilley and Harley Don Wilke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilke were united in a double ring ceremony Saturday, December 19 at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Rev. Murlie Rogers of Cactus, Texas read the vows before an altar trimmed with white pine boughs and flanked by white flocked Christmas trees bearing red satin balls and spiral candelabra bearing white tapers and white pine boughs completed the church decorations. A path of white led to the altar. The bridal path was marked with pew candles set in boughs of flocked pine with red satin bows.

Mrs. Marie Winders played traditional wedding music at the organ. She accompanied Miss Billene Cannon of Hale Center who sang "Because," "I Love You Truly," and "The Wedding Prayer".

"42" Club Enjoys Christmas Party

Mrs. Ann Singer was hostess Monday night with a supper for the "42" Club. Christmas arrangements decorated the home on Oak Street. Guests attending were Messrs Sid Shiffy, P. L. Cunningham, Clarence Bearden, George Webb, H. H. Carille, Mrs. Willie Waggoner, Mrs. Leola Haberer and Mrs. Faun Welker.

HAVE PARTY

Dimmitt Duplicate Bridge Club met Saturday evening for supper and bridge at the Bill Graham Colonial Inn Restaurant. Seven tables were served.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Pam and I am 3 yrs. old. I have been a pretty good girl. For Christmas I want a Baby doll and clothes, baby bed, dishes, table and chairs, jewelry, vacuum, Iron and Ironing board.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Vroom motor, a sled, some stuff for my train, a vacuum, a firemans helmet. A spy detector game, and a movie slide projector and a king of the Hill. Stevie Harpole

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would a dump, truck, tractor, a little bail of cotton, a cotton trailer, guns and a holster, bulldozer, fire engine, knife with a holder and belt.
I love you very much
Scott Higdon
P.S. From Scottie to Santa Claus. Please write me soon.

Dear Santa,
I am sorry I couldn't see you so I will tell you what I want. I want a Johnny jump-o-leen and a silly cycle.
Love
Sandra Duke

Bridal Shower Given In Honor Of Judy Mooney

Miss Judy Mooney, bride-elect of Gary Moore, was honored with a bridal shower and tea Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Larry Gambin.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Bob Mooney, mother of bride-elect; Mrs. Moore, prospective groom's mother; and Mrs. Elmer Youts, maternal grandmother of honoree.

Evelyn Waggoner presided at the guest register.
Misses Jan Willis, Penny Hays and Donna Dehtan served the white cake and coffee from a table laid with blue organdy cloth. Crystal appointments were used. Center-piece: boasted white gladioli with white wedding bells as the center of interest. A large white Christmas tree with blue balls was part of the shower decorations. Blue and white are the colors of the honoree.

Many lovely gifts were shown by co-hostesses Mesdames V. C. Hopson, Harold Stephens, Larry Gambin, Jim Hays, W. E. Thompson, Lester Dowell, E. L. Carpenter, James Autry, Troy Kirby, H. L. Crum, Woodrow Nelson, Gene Ivey, Noel Gollehon, W. R. McLeroy, C. W. George, Jr., A. B. Barnes, A. G. Jarvis, Odis Hastings, Lon Boothe, Sandy Parsons and Woodie George.

Local Teenager Appears On TV

Charles Harris, a Dimmitt High School senior, made his first acquaintance with a television studio on December 19 when KFDD-TV video taped the weekly Teenage Discussion program.

Charles, who was chosen through the Student Senate, arrived at the TV-10 studios in time to look over the station and see the taping of group discussion of teenage views on what you expect of their parents gave him pointers about being in front of the bright lights. Then it was Charles' turn to discuss the affects status symbols have on teenagers.

Dr. Trilley, who is professor of psychology at Price College, acted as moderator during the discussion.

According to Charles, he, the other boy, and the three girls on the panel were just beginning to get into the heart of the topic when the thirty minutes elapsed. The tape will not be shown on the air until the last Sunday in January, at which time Charles will probably be hidden in his closet.

Cunninghams Host Bridge

The P. L. Cunninghams hosted a bridge party with dinner Tuesday at the Bill Graham Colonial Inn Restaurant.

Guests attending were Messers and Mesdames H. H. Carille, Swain Burkett, Goodwin Miller, Ray Riley, and R. E. Wilson.

Dinner Bridge Met

Dinner Bridge Club met in the Bill Graham Colonial Inn restaurant Thursday night for a turkey dinner and games.

Attending were Messrs and Mesdames J. C. Gilbreath, Ray Riley, Raymond Wilson, Swain Burkett, C. G. Miller, H. H. Carille, Edgar Ramey, Mrs. Fahn Welker and Mrs. Maurine Bice.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Western Ammonia Corp. entertained their employees with steak dinners and bonus parties last week.

HERE FROM ALBUQUERQUE

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burnham and sons, Michael and Rex of Albuquerque, N.M. arrived here Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Nelson, Mr. Burnham went to Roswell on business Sunday and will return to Dimmitt Thursday.

Dear Santa,
I will like to you sent my two brother and 4 sister. My brother of 7 want a jacket and a set of guns to 1 year brother want a wagon and my sister 9 want a doll that talk and with dress. My sister baby 1 month will like baby toys. My sister of 13 want 3 games, my mother perfume, my father after shave lotion, me I want a records player with records. Thank you Santa, my family names, Anita, Little Joe, Mrs. Manuel Yolanda, Teresa, Estrella, Mr. Domingo.

Campbells Give Christmas Coffee

Christmas coffee was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Campbell, 709 Oak at 7:30 Saturday night honoring the Farm Bureau directors and their wives.

Crystal and silver appointments were used in serving Christmas goodies, red punch and coffee. The house featured Christmas decorations throughout.
Attending were Messrs. and Mesdames Cyril Brockman, John C. Little, Richard Bills, Rayphard Smithson, Jasper Proffitt, Dale Maxwell, Guy Walsler, O. A. Odum, Jack Flynt, Noble Howard, Eugene Hochstein and the host and hostess.

Christmas Toy Party Enjoyed

A Christmas Toy party for the fourth of the high school class of Christ and their guests was held Sunday night in the fellowship hall. After several games, refreshments of punch, cupcakes, and cookies were served to the twenty-three members and sponsors of the class. The party was climaxed by wrapping the gifts brought by each person. These were toys to be distributed to needy children of our area.

High school and college youth of the Bedford Street Church of Christ were honored with a Christmas Dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gambin on Monday night, December 21. Approximately twenty five attended the party.

Mrs. Murphy's Son Injured In Motor Accident

Dr. Bill D. Murphy, son of Mrs. Ola Murphy of Dimmitt was injured Saturday morning along with two other Littlefield men when their compact four-wheel drive vehicle skidded off an ice-covered curve in the Caprock foothills on U.S. Highway 70, about 10 miles west of Matador, and overturned. Hospitalized in Matador was Dr. Murphy, 31, Littlefield physician. Seriously injured was Cephas Glover who was transferred to Lubbock Hospital. Treated and released E. D. Bingham, 31, who received lacerations.

Officials said Glover received chest and possible internal injuries, while Murphy suffered bruises, several fractures and a possible concussion.

Motley County deputy sheriff Bobby Williams said the three men left Littlefield Saturday morning on a bird hunting trip. With them were two bird dogs, one of which was still being sought late Saturday.

Officers said all three of the men were thrown from the vehicle when it skidded on the ice-covered curve at the foot of the Caprock about 10 a.m.

J. C. Gilbreath's Uncle Passes Away

The Rev. R. R. Gilbreath, uncle passed away at 5:45 a.m. Saturday to J. C. Gilbreath of Dimmitt, day in St. Anthony's Hospita in Amarillo.

Services for Rev. Gilbreath, a retired minister were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Polk Street Methodist Church of Amarillo. Officiating was Dr. Gordon Grooms, pastor, assisted by Dr. J. C. Haymes and Dr. Ray Johnson. Burial was in Hereford Cemetery.

The 77-year-old retired minister had been pastor of South Plains churches including Olton, Happy, Amherst and Hale Center, and for several years was assistant pastor at the First Methodist Church in Plainview.

A pioneer resident of Dimmitt, Gilbreath, once operated a hardware store here.
Survivors include the wife of the home in Amarillo; a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Cave of Hereford; three brothers and two sisters.

GUEST IN KEMP HOME

Miss Melba Swinley of Angleton is a house guest of LaDawn Kemp this week. The girls are students of Baylor University, Waco.

ATTENDS ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. George Webb attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary of his cousin at Wellington last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Beyer have returned home from a business trip to Nevada.



RAYPHARD SMITHSON (left) receives plaque from Dale Reeves in recognition of his being chosen Outstanding Young Farmer of Castro County. This award was made at the Young Farmer-Young Homemaker Awards banquet Friday night. See story.

Highlights Given About Outstanding Young Farmer

The following highlights concerning Castro County's Outstanding Young Farmer for 1964 Rayphard Smithson were presented by Dale Reeves, Master of Ceremonies at the Young Farmers-Young Homemakers Awards Banquet held Friday night in the Billy Graham Colonial Inn restaurant.

These facts were given before the presentation of a plaque to the outstanding Young Farmer.

Smithson started farming with his father in 1951. His returns were from 40 acres of milo, quarter interest in the bogs on the farm and a salary of \$140 per month.

In July, 1952, he rented 630 acres not subject to irrigation and in 1962 rented an additional 640 acres. His early years at farming coincide with some of the worst drought years in Texas.

The young farmer completely lost a wheat crop due to hail in 1959 and the same adverse weather conditions in 1961 caused the loss of half of his wheat crop and all of cotton.

Smithson developed the irrigation system on the land he rents and was one of the first farmers to start using anhydrous ammonia.

He receives the credit for introduction of the lister method of planting wheat in this county.

In 1955, Smithson was one of the first farmers to plant sesame on the High Plains. This has turned into a rather profitable crop.

In his search for better crops, Smithson has co-operated in tests of new varieties of crops for the area, testing 12 varieties of milo in 1960 and four varieties of wheat in 1961.

Smithson has built up a fine herd of registered Angus cattle and now has 69 of the blacks grazing his winter wheat pastures and forage sorghums.

Today, Smithson has a farm operation of 1,600 acres of which he rents 1,280 acres. He farms with irrigation wells and includes livestock as well as crops in his farming operation. He produces 46 acres of cotton, 500 acres of grain sorghum, 350 acres of wheat, 40 acres of soybeans, 10 acres of sesame, 10 acres of barley, 30 acres of oats, 10 acres of corn and 130 acres of grass.

In addition to outstanding farming, Smithson has been active in following operations: State director of Texas Jaycees; director vice-president and charter member of Dimmitt Jaycees; charter member and publicity chairman of Dimmitt Young Farmers; President and past vice-president of Castro County Fair Association; and president and past vice-president of Castro County Program building committee.

Also treasurer of West Texas Labor Association of Muleshoe, treasurer of Castro County Farm Bureau, president of Flagg Community Club, charter member of Texas Angus Association, charter member of National Angus Association; member of County Activities committee; Junior Board of Directors of Dimmitt Wheat Growers, and official Board member of Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

Smithson attended West Texas State University for one year.

Also sharing the honors with Smithson are his wife, Mary Lou, who is well known for her activities in various organizations, his four children, Teddy, 12, Janet, 9, Dean, 8 and Randy, 6.

Smithson was selected five weeks ago in competition with 14 other nominees covering Castro County. The selection was made by a five-man committee composed of Pete Wright, Dimmitt Jaycees; Dale Reeves, Dimmitt Young Farmers; Ray Joe Riley, Dale Maxwell and George Sides, former winners of Castro County Outstanding Young Farmer.

The award is limited to young farmers between ages of 21 and 35. Selection is based on progress in chosen career, development and conservation of natural resources, contributions to the community, state and nation.

Smithson was selected December 5 at the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce Convention in Houston as the Outstanding Young Farmer from the state of Texas. He was selected from 26 contestants entered from across Texas. This award was sponsored by Texas L-P Gas Dealers Association and The Texas Jaycees.

Stay Alert And Alive In '65

Local County highway patrol join the Texas Safety Association today in issuing a "last minute" appeal to motorists and pedestrians to use extreme caution on streets and highways during the holidays.

"Plans for a merry and bright Christmas can be rudely shattered for your family and friends if you become a holiday casualty," Quincy V. Tuma of Houston, TSA President, said.

He reminded pedestrians that one out of four traffic accidents at Christmastime involve pedestrians. And, almost 40 percent of the fatalities occur between 6 pm. and midnight Christmas Eve.

Last year in Texas, 41 pedestrians were killed and 351 injured in traffic during the month of December. On Christmas Eve, 14 persons were killed in motor vehicle accidents. There were 13 motor vehicle fatalities on Christmas Day and 13 on New Year's Day.

Tuma noted that for hundreds of traffic law enforcement men, a few precious hours of Christmas celebration with their loved ones will be squeezed into off-duty time or be postponed.

"These officers know Death takes no holidays," he said, "And, from their experience, they are well aware that Christmas Eve often proves the most disastrous time of the entire year. Many of the tragedies can be traced to excessive speed and the use of intoxicants".

In closing Tuma said: "Put your best foot forward and use extreme caution when driving. Stay alert and alive in '65!"

ATTENDS DINNER

Mrs. Carolyn Copeland attended the Palo Duro Chapter of the National Secretary Association of the Coronado Inn in Amarillo Thursday evening for dinner and business.

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"Let us go even unto Bethlehem."
 So spoke the shepherds, one to another as they went to seek and find the Holy Child of whom the angels sang. This Christmas, let us return in heart and spirit to Bethlehem and the sacred manger. Let the miracle of His birth and the joy of His message ever be our blessing and inspiration.



As the radiance of that Holy Night shines across the years and the world rejoices, our thoughts turn to His words, urging all to brotherhood, and we feel it is especially fitting at this Christmastide to express anew our cordial greetings and good wishes to our many valued friends. May your Christmas be a wonderful one.

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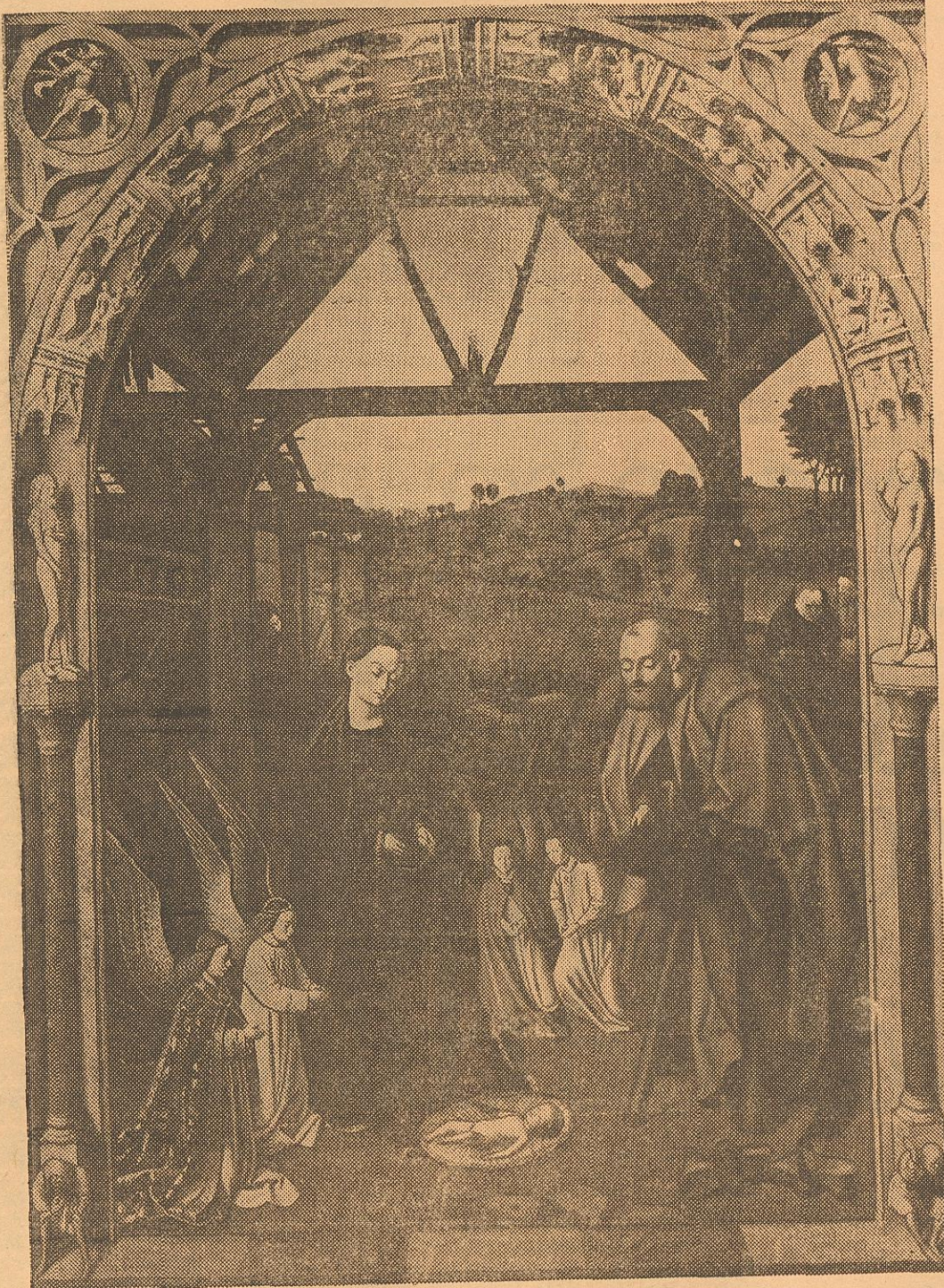
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'O HOLY NIGHT' IN ART



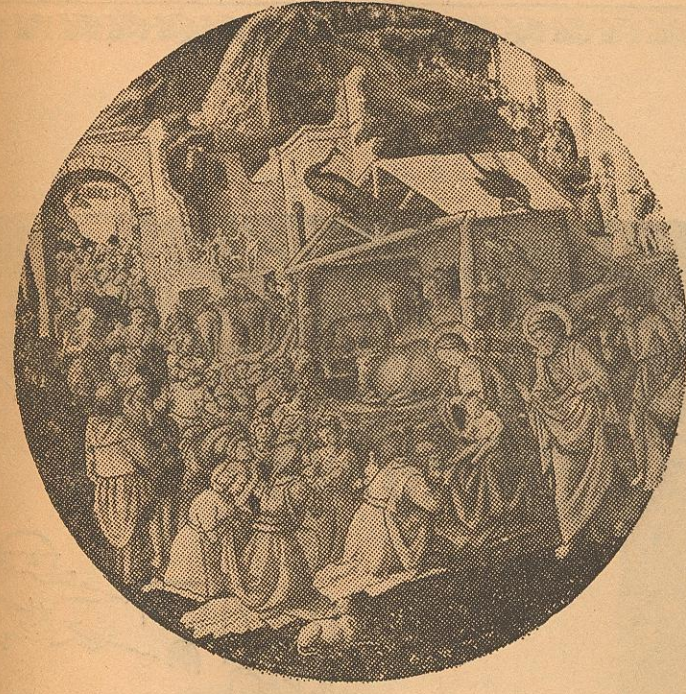
From 'Nativity' To 'Adoration'

As these paintings tell the story of the first Christmas, they also reflect the world of the early Renaissance, in advanced techniques and a newly-lifelike mode of art. All are from the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

something of the times in which they were painted. As the Middle Ages drew to a close and the Renaissance dawned, new light was spreading over the world.

Mid-15th century artists were turning from theories of painting which depicted more stylized poses and ornate detail, liberally touched with gilt, to an approach which emphasized more realistic, lifelike figures and landscapes, as seen in paintings of humble peasants adoring the Christ Child, true to life stable animals and even blacksmiths working in the background of the manger.

In "Adoration of the Magi," a painting by Giovanni di Paolo which is now in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C. The Three Kings are depicted in an elaborate, decorative style. The



background of the painting, now, ever, shows a more lifelike interpretation. The landscape of fields dotted with crops, criss-crossed with roads and bathed in sunlight is refreshing—and a treatment new to the times. Another "The Adoration of the Magi" at the National Gallery is even more indicative of a world in transition. This ton-do (Circular) painting was begun by one artist, Fra Angelico and finished by another, Fra Filippo Lippi. The principal part of the painting, attributed to Fra Angelico, has an idealized, other-worldly atmosphere.

ly atmosphere. Realism appears in the solid, substantial figures of the foreground—typical Renaissance forms the work of Fra Filippo.

Both of these "Adorations" were painted in tempera on wood. Tempera, a mixture of pigments and dyes with egg yolk to produce a dull finish on a surface prepared with egg white for adhesion, was a common medium for medieval Italian artists.

In "The Nativity," also in the National Gallery, the Flemish artist Petrus Christus used oil paints on wood, thus marking another advance of the early Renaissance. Flemish artists were the first to use oil extensively in painting; formerly, it had been used only in glazes for tempera paintings.

A study of the "The Nativity" shows that the figures of Petrus' painting are very natural and realistic. Joseph is an ordinary Flemish peasant, the Christ Child a lifelike newborn Baby. Space perspective, too, begins to show a more realistic treatment.

To achieve greater realism, these 15th century artists became the technicians and scientists of their age. They ground and mixed their own pigments to achieve the colors they wanted. And they carefully observed nature, even under-

Why A Tree?

Why a tree at Christmas? One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born.

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an infant with a halo. The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles, people good and bad; and the Infant, the Baby Jesus.

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

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

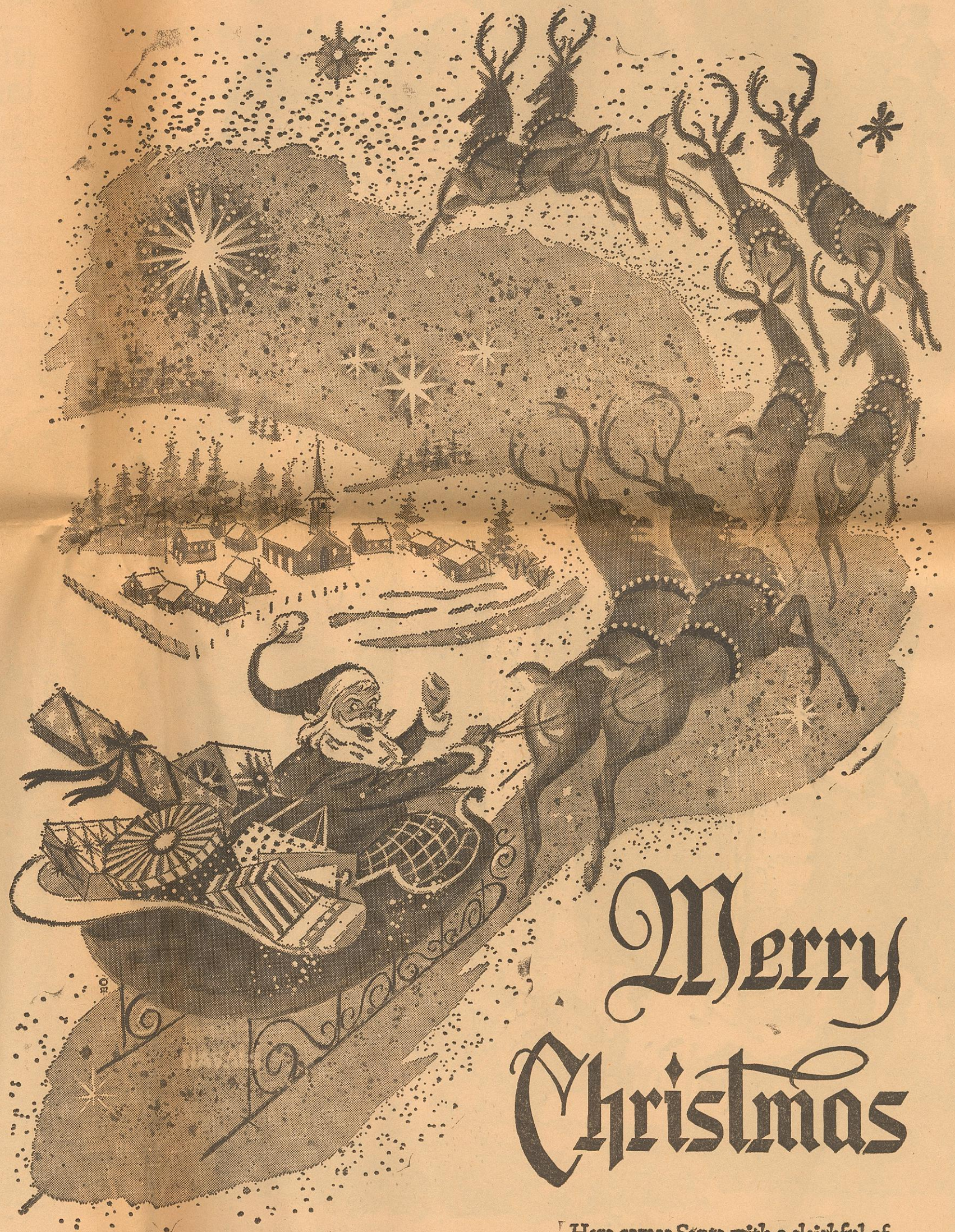
Many are the legends, but one thing is certain. Nowadays Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the tree.

taking anatomical studies.

Thus, as the darkness of the Middle Ages faded, artists, in more than one way, spread the light of the Renaissance.

Early Paintings Tell The Christmas Story ---And The Story Of Changing Times

From earliest times, artists found their talents. The Madonna and Child, the Holy Family, the Magi, the manger scene—these are the events surrounding it, a source of inspiration and a challenge to some of the world's most famous paintings. And, as students of both art and history know, such paintings not only portray a scene, they also tell



Merry Christmas

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Silent Night, Holy night,
 Shepherds quake at the sight,
 Glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
 Christ, the Saviour is born,
 Christ, the Saviour is born.

Lighting Candles

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

of an evergreen—a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

By lighting the candles and decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

Tribute To A Friend



Robbie and Kerrie Whitaker, national poster children for Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, bring flowers to the grave of their great and good friend, the late President Kennedy, who personally welcomed them to the White House in the summer of 1963. The youngsters, whose home is in Cincinnati, Ohio, have been chosen to spearhead the March for Muscular Dystrophy for a second year. They were in Washington at the invitation of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, MDAA's honorary chairman.

Santa Gets His Garb From Poem, Cartoon

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

C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santeclaus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop, in "Friend," and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. Even Dr. Moore's poem did not,

apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

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

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST has, for centuries, been an inspiration to artists. The Nativity, the adoration of the shepherds, the journey of the Wise Men and the Madonna and Child have been the subjects of hundreds of beautiful paintings. "The Madonna and Child," shown here, is by Vincenzo Foppa, a Milanese painter of the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. It is painted in tempera on wood. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Theodore M. Davis Collection, Bequest of Theodore M. Davis, 1915.

Spirit Of Christmas Rules In Community Celebrations

It's Christmas time! Everywhere glad sights and sounds reflect the spirit of the season, as this community celebrates the joyous holiday.

The spirit of Christmas is seen, in gaily decorated streets and stores, in homes aglow with light and festive with evergreens, in churches where the manger scene tells anew the wonderful old story of a holy Babe who was born in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago.

As last minute preparations for the big celebration are made. There are always, it seems, some packages still to be wrapped, some final trimmings to be put on the tree, some part of the Christmas pageant or choral program that needs just one more rehearsal, some extra touches to make the Christmas feast absolutely perfect.

In the midst of the bustle and bustle, the spirit of Christmas shines through in all its many meanings.

The spirit of Christmas is heard, in bells ringing out from some extra touches to make the voices singing all the songs of the season, from old familiar carols to the more solemn, but at the same time joyful, anthems, cantatas and oratorios.

The spirit of Christmas means laughter and joy—best expressed, perhaps, by the faces of children, eager and smiling as they wait for Santa, full of reverent wonder as they hear the Christmas story and see the manger scene.

The spirit of Christmas is felt, giving, with love wrapped into

every package. And it means sharing—the riches of thoughtful consideration and genuine interest, as well as time and money—with the aged, the ill, the needy and unfortunate.

The spirit of Christmas means a warm renewal of family ties and close friendships, and an enjoyment of traditions treasured through the years—the special customs each family creates for itself, as well as the traditions garnered from the lore and legends of Christmas.

Naming The Day

As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both prayerful worship and festive merrymaking. The holy meaning of the day is expressed in its name.

The Latin name for Christmas translates as the Feast or Birthday of Our Lord. The English Christmas means the Mass of Christ, a meaning which is closely paralleled by the Dutch "Kermis," sacred night.

The French "Noel" has several possible meanings—news, birthday or a shout of joy. Whatever the exact origin, there's no question that Noel now means Christmas.

How The Tree Grew

When the German prince Alfred married Queen Victoria, he carried the custom of the Yule tree to England, and from there it spread by imitation and immigration to the United States and Canada.

The German origin is appropriate, since it was in Germany that the English missionary St. Boniface, formerly a monk named Winrid, first instituted the decorated fir tree, a tribute to the Christ Child, as a replacement for the sacrifices made to the oak, which was sacred to the pagan god Odin.

When Caroling Began

With the joyful strains of "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and other beloved carols, today's carolers carry on a meaningful Christmas custom that originated centuries ago.

As early as the fourth century A.D., a musical poem was sung in honor of St. Basil and his victory in the fight for Christianity over the Byzantine emperor Julian. In Greece, legends of St. Basil were later put to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.

The first real Christmas carols, probably sung in the Italian however, were mountain village of Greccio when St. Francis of Assisi created the first manger scene in 1223. He and his brethren led the villagers in singing hymns of praise to the Christ Child.

Source Of Giving

Giving gifts at the Yuletide season has many precedents. In the years before Christ, Romans gave branches of laurel, olive and myrtle to each other at the Saturnalia, a pagan festival that occurred about the same time as the present date of Christmas. In England and Northern Europe, Druid worshippers tied gifts on trees during the Yule festival held at the winter solstice.

Roman emperors often demanded Yule gifts of clothing, gold and silver from their subjects, and so did the kings and queen of medieval England. It is said that Queen Elizabeth I gained most of her wardrobe through these compulsory gifts.

In later years the idea of giving in a spirit of kind-hearted generosity developed.

For Kissing

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "kissing bunch." This evergreen ball had mistletoe, for kissing, hung from the center.

But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.



HERE'S nothing so tempting, so colorful, so tantalizing as a real English plum pudding. For a Christmas celebration they are as much a part of the scene as holly and the Christmas tree. They're not made as often as they were in our grandfather's time, but here is one you'll like to make.

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| 1 pound seeded raisins | 1 pound currants |
| 1/2 pound minced orange peel | 1/4 pound flour |
| 5 eggs | 1 pound stale bread crumbs |
| 1/2 pound brown sugar | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 pound suet chopped fine | 1 teaspoon allspice |
| 1 teaspoon nutmeg | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1/2 teaspoon cloves | Grated rind 1 lemon |
| 1/2 teaspoon mace | Salt to taste |
| 1 cup Cognac brandy | |

Clean, wash, and dry currants. Add raisins. Mix all dry ingredients well. Beat eggs, add Cognac brandy, pour over dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pack into greased pudding mold and steam for 6 hours. When wanted for use, steam another 6 hours. Serve with Cognac or Hard Sauce and bring to the table flaming. (Makes 6 pounds, serves 24 people.) Keeps for weeks in cool, dry place.

Merry Christmas

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MANNING'S FASHIONS

Greeting Cards Chronicle Manners, Customs, Events

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

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

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

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

In an English card of 1882," said Miss Mooncey, "formality exists in that Victorian era is quite clearly expressed by the artist. He depicts a little girl on bended knee at her mother's feet solemnly offering her a Christmas bouquet. Just 40 years later, a Christmas card of 1930 shows how relaxed filial relations had become with its breezy greeting that says, '3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!'"

Christmas card artists have always been quick to pick on innovations as subjects.

The advent of the horseless carriage was duly recognized in a card of 1910. Cut out in the shape of a car of that vintage, it cheerfully puns:

"You Auto' be Happy
As you, on Pleasure's
Motor-Car
Steer merrily thro' Christmas-

side—
Speed gaily as fun always
Auto!"

And in 1950, the early days of television were noted in a Christmas greeting which shows Santa tuning in TV.

An historic event is frequently the inspiration for a Christmas card. When Lindberg flew the Atlantic, the artist drew his "Spirit of St. Louis" flying over New York on a 1927 Christmas card.

During World Wars One and Two Christmas cards became unblushingly patriotic. Verses like "On Christmas Night—With Holly Ber-thoughts fly true O'er Ocean Blue and take a Christmas "Wish to you" on a 1917 card brought balm to homesick doughboys.

Personalities who were household words of their times often popped up in Christmas cards. A topical card of 1934 offered five famous faces for the price of one. It showed the Duke of Windsor (then the Prince of Wales), Mussolini, Garbo, Chevalier and Mae West all wishing the lucky recipient seasonal greetings in their own particular style.

In 1959 Christmas cards entered the space age when Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov decorated his season's greeting with pictures of three Lunik satellites. And after John Glenn's space

flight, American card companies came out with a spate of cards that featured space ships, orbiting Santas and rockets.

In the prosperous 1960's Christmas cards have blossomed forth with a rash of current status symbols. Victorian cards showed the magic lantern or the piano every well-to-do Victorian home possessed.

On Christmas greetings of today, it's the transistor radio and the stereo hi-fi, the set of golf clubs or the scooter, elegant ladies in furs and golden Cadillacs that mingle with the holly and mistletoe.

For Christmas Enjoyment, Traditional Recipes Featured Plum Pudding As Finale

For centuries, plum pudding has provided a flaming finale to the traditional Christmas feast.

Early in the 18th century, English cooks used the following quaintly worded recipe in making their holiday dessert:

"Take a quarter of a Peck of Flower and dry it, three Pounds of Currans, wash'd and pick'd clean, set them before a Fire to dry, half a Pound of Raisins of the Sun, wash'd and stoned and shred small, half a Pound of blanched Almonds, beat very fine with Rose-Water, a Pound of Butter melted with a Pint of Cream, but not put in hot, a Pint of Ale-Yeast, P emny-worth at Saffron steep'd in a Pint of Sack, ten or twelve eggs, but half the Whites of them, a quarter of an ounce of Cloves and Mace, one large Nutmeg grated, a few Caraway-Seed, Citron, Candied Orange and lemon Peel slic'd; you must make it thin, or there must be more Butter and Cream; You may perfume it with Amber-greece ty'd in a Muslin Bag, and steep'd in the Sack all Night.



"If you ice it, take half a Pound of Double-refin'd Sugar sifted; ... then put some of the Sugar, and beat it up with the White of an Egg, and beat it with a Whisk, and a little Orange flower-water, but do not over-wet it, then throw in all Sugar by Degrees, then beat it all near an Hour; the Cake will take so long a baking; then draw it, and wait it over with a Brush, and put it in again for half a quarter of an Hour."

A 19th century recipe for plum pudding suggests that just before serving, the holiday hostess turn it out of the bowl and put on top of it a few squares of oat sugar. Then she should pour on a little brandy, set it afire and proudly present it to her guests.

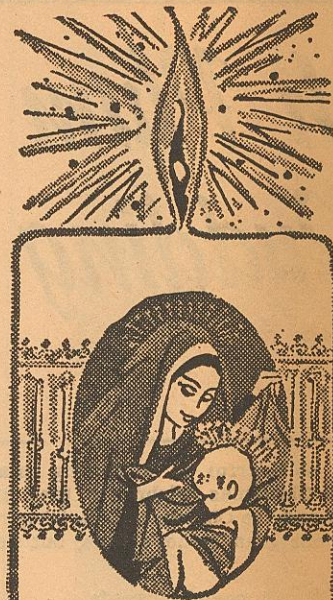
The author of this same Victorian recipe cautiously urges hat "only a little be given to the young people, as it might affect them."

Today, plum pudding, rom Mother's modern kitchen or the neighborhood bakery, still retains its position among the traditional Christmas time treats.

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

IN HOLLAND
Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh.

The great horse is named Sleipner, and the Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.



Candles Glow At Christmas

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations.

From Ireland comes the custom of putting a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve to light the Holy Family's way. The candle burns a house where the Holy Family would have been welcomed, not turned away as they were at the inn in Bethlehem.

In Germany, too, candles are placed in windows to provide a glowing welcome for the Virgin Mary and a host of angels who the Germans believe pass over the countryside each Christmas.

In many countries, such as Germany, beautifully decorated candles are an important part of Christmas celebrations. Enlaced with religious and other figures, they add an artistic and reverent touch to holiday festivities.

Similarly, many still celebrate the medieval custom of lighting a giant Christmas candle that burns brightly until Twelfth Night.

IN SOUTH PACIFIC

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

FROSTED AND FRINGED

Christmas cards of 1870 were frosted and fringed with heavy silk. The folder-type card, so much in evidence today, was not popular during the 19th century, when single cards were more frequently seen.

Ideas Vary On Customs Of Yule

Some people enjoy a White Christmas, while some people go swimming or picnicking on December 25. Some people say it's traditional to serve turkey at the holiday feast while some people favor a Christmas goose, and still others contend that carp or fried eel is the very thing for a tasty Yuletide dish.

Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all are agreed. It's a season to celebrate.

In the United States and Canada the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over Americans and Canadians from Central Europe still prepare their traditional Yuletide foods with carp while those from Italy might hanker for some Christmas captoni, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the Northern U. S. and Canada would be glad to change places, or at least change weather with those Australians, South Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas.

On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas and other Yule gift givers in many countries.

In Greece

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

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

In Japan

December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store de-

What's In A Name? Shakespeare Called Play 'Twelfth Night', But He Chose Different Subject

After dinner to the Duke's House, and there saw Twelfth Night' acted well, though it be but a silly play and not related at all to the name."

So wrote the English diarist, Samuel Pepys, in recording the events of January 6, 1663.

Later critics have taken a more enthusiastic view of William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night' than did Mr. Pepys, but they have to agree that the comic gambol bears no relationship to its title. Apparently the play was so named because it had been written to be performed on Twelfth Night.

Had Shakespeare chosen to do it, he had ample materials at hand to create a play that was really about Twelfth Night."

Epiphany, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, traditionally the night when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child, was a most important festival in Shakespeare's time, and many customs surrounded it.

Characters ready for Shakespeare's pen were such traditional folk as "Patrick O'Tater," Lady Bluestocking," Captain Blunderbuss," and others. At Twelfth Night frolics, the young people, especially Shakespeare, however, preferred to suggest these characters.

Shakespeare, however, preferred

decorations and the happy squeals of youngsters gifted by "Santa Claus San."

Department stores may have as many as 100 Santas.

In Germany

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

In Russia

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

to write of Sir Toby Belch, Malvolio, Olivia and others and critics can only speculate upon what

might have been if he had taken 'Twelfth Night' for his theme as well as his title.

Rudolph Of The Red Nose Adds To Fame Of Santa's Reindeer

'Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid on, Donner and Blitzen!'

Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the 'eight tiny reindeer' who drew his 'miniature sleigh,' according to Clement C. Moore in his poem, 'A Visit from St. Nicholas.'

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added

some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem—the red-nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,' with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the team through a dark, overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.

Youngsters Told Where Santa Is 'Right At Home'

Along with Why is the sky blue? and Why can't I see the wind? The favorite question of children everywhere is very often, Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzler needn't get involved in explanations of just what and where is the North Pole. They can answer, with a straight face and a map to back them up, Why Santa Claus, Indiana, of course!"

Or how about Bells, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama, Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will and cheer of this happy season all year.

There's only one disadvantage to living in one of these towns. Local parents, faced with the question, Where does Santa live?" certainly can't say, Why, right here in Christmas, Arizona, son," or the next logical question would be, much to Dad's consternation, Yip-ee! Why don't we go visit him?"

'IESOUS'

'Iesous athonhia!'

These words of joy and exultation come from Canada's first Christmas carol.

If they seem somewhat incomprehensible, the explanation is simple. They are written in the language of the Huron Indians. The meaning is, Jesus is born!"

The carol of the Huron nation was written by Father Jean Brebeuf, Jesuit missionary who came to the land of the Hurons in 1626.

Father Brebeuf worked with the Hurons in the Canadian wilderness for 23 years, helping them and composing for them a poem in their own language. Then, during an attack by the Iroquois, he was captured and tortured to death.

In his martyrdom, his words live on, for the Hurons remembered their carol, 'Iesous athonhia!'

IT'S A HOLIDAY

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

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May your Christmas

be richly filled with the spiritual blessings that come as our thoughts turn to a Holy Night when herald angels sang in triumphant joy, and a Star shown with radiance that endures eternally. May you find, in the miracle of the manger, a deep Christmas happiness and contentment that surpasses all others.

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Jingle Bells

What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh,
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh,
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh,
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.

"Jingle, Bells" Sings Of Snow And Sleigh

"Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh;
O'er the field we go, laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!
'A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride;
And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side.
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot;
He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upsot.
'Now the ground is white; go it while you're young;
Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song;
Just get a bobtailed bay, two-forty for his speed;
Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take the lead.'
REFRAIN:
'Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way!
O! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh'
Although it says not a word about Christmas, the song, 'Jingle, Bells' is now a familiar part of the holiday season. The spirited description of "Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh" conjures up visions of the old-fashioned Yuletide nearly everyone remembers—or likes to think he remembers.
Usually it is thought of as 'Jingle Bells,' but early copies of the song show that the title was really meant to be "Jingle, Bells"—with a comma added to make it a command to the bells to go into action.
Both the melody and lyrics were written by James Pierpont, who was the son of a minister and who ran away to sea at the age of 14. Pierpont wrote the song in the

late 1850's, according to Encyclopedia Americana. He was then living in the Boston suburb of Medford where, at the time, the only piano in the entire village was located in the parlor of Simpson's Tavern. It was there Pierpont picked out the 'Jingle, Bells' melody.

Holy Tree Blooms Every Christmas

Ever Christmas, the phenomenon of the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D. C.
Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn blooms in the ancient English town of Glastonbury. Sometime during the same month, an off-shoot of the same tree bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close.
According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea, near Glastonbury, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.
While pausing to rest at the top of a hill overlooking the town, he drove his staff in the ground, where it immediately took root. The next day, Christmas Eve, it had turned into a thorn tree covered with blossoms.
TALLEST TREE
Tallest Christmas tree? In the U. S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind. tree—the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.
George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a 'merry Christmas' for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.
Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ices, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.
Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the white House in 1856.
Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old fashioned Christmas including a Christmas tree" for his family, and urged them to join him in observing the custom.
Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.
First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

Dolls Play Dual Role



Used Today As Christmas Toys And For Figures In Creche

On Christmas morning, little girls throughout the land will lovingly cuddle new dolls and declare to one and all how wonderful a gift they have received. At the same time, beautiful creche dolls will be displayed in churches and homes as part of the Christmas setting.
This dual role—as toy and as religious symbol—is a function that dolls have filled for centuries, according to Encyclopedia Americana. And it is generally believed that the first use of dolls was religious, rather than for entertainment.
Historians report the doll originally was used as a representation of human figures in religious sanctuaries. The word "doll" itself, in fact, is derived from the Greek word "eidolon," meaning idol.
Archaeologists have unearthed dolls in the ruins of tombs thousands of years old. And their presence in the tombs is assumed by some historians to mean the objects were included as idols.
Among some ancient societies, dolls were thought to possess mystical powers. Many primitive tribes included such figures in burials as a spirit to keep the deceased company in another world. Today, in addition to the creche dolls of Christendom, dolls hold a religious importance in the Orient, where annual doll festivals are held to celebrate the birthday of Buddha.
As toys, dolls have existed for centuries. The earliest toy dolls known were discovered in the Near East and Greece. These primitive dolls were made of clay, stone or bone.
Typical was the legless paddle doll of ancient Egypt which was made from a single, flat piece of pottery or wood.
Although dolls today may be extremely complex and filled with electrical gadgets, dolls of the 17th and 18th centuries frequently were even more elaborate.
They became so elaborate, in fact, that they were sent to court, and in times of war special dispensations were made to assure their safe transport to a peaceful refuge, like works of art.

Carolers Were Once Dancers

The first Christmas carols were danced to, according to Encyclopedia International. Carolers took hands and formed a ring, singing as they went round.
Oldest of all carols, it has been said, was that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of the Saviour was announced to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Probably, the practice of singing carols at Christmas arose in imitation of this, as the majority of carols declared the good tidings of great joy, and the title of Noel, nowell or novelle, applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.
Birthday News . . .
"Nowell" or Noel" means birthday news or a shout of joy" for the birth of Christ.
The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity, the Incarnation and the Annunciation. Later, ones on shepherd themes and the Epiphany were composed, and there were also many of folk origin on the festivities of the Christmas season.
These latter included such songs as 'The Holly and The Ivy.' Many of the surviving old carols were originally part of the medieval mysteries and miracle plays.
First In Latin . . .
Christmas carols first were written in scholar's Latin. The Blessed Jacopone of Todi, of the Franciscan order, led the way to a wider enjoyment and appreciation of joyous Christmas songs by writing musical poems in the language of the common people.
The saint, who lived from about 1230 to 1306 A.D., had a good pre-

cedent for his interest in carols in St. Francis himself. To St. Francis is traced the creation of the first creche or manger scene, in 1223 A. D. Villagers gathered around the scene and sang hymns to the Christ Child.
"The Boar's Head" . . .
The boar's head in hand bear I, Bedecked with bays and rosemary."
"The Boar's Head Carol," source of this quotation, appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queen's College, Oxford.
Other colleges of Oxford had their own versions of the same song. "The boar is dead; lo, here is his head," remarked the carol sung at St. John's, while The boar's head in hand I bring, With garlands gay and birds singing" was the version heard at Balliol.
Even in early times the boar" romantically referred to as traditional as the feast was probably a pig. The wild boar is believed to have been extinct in Britain early in the 12th century.
Feast of Stephen . . .
"Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen"
This familiar carol commemorates two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who ruled in Bohemia in the 10th century A. D. He was noted for his generosity to the poor, and practiced this generosity on Christmas and on St. Stephen's Day, December 26.
St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, noted in legend as a follower of Christ who at the time of the Nativity had been in the service of King Herod. When he was permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.
Today the "feast of Stephen" is remembered primarily because of



Stocking Up Starts With Santa

Santa Claus, envisioned today as a jolly, cheerful man with an affinity for children, was a romanticist too, according to legend.
The first Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, started the custom of hanging stockings by the chimney when his romantic heart was touched, and he gifted a bankrupt merchant's three marriageable daughters with gold for their dowries.
Desiring anonymity, he tossed the three bags of gold through window, or, as some tell it, down the chimney. One of the bags landed in a stocking which had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece.
Hanging up stockin thus became part of the holiday ritual.
FINDING THE BEAN
"Twelfth Cake" was a highlight of 16th century celebrations of Epiphany, January 6. From the finding of a bean and a pea baked into the cake, a king and queen of the day were chosen.
the carol, 'Good King Wenceslas.' His day is now more commonly observed, especially in England and Canada, as Boxing Day, when presents are given to servants and others who have rendered services throughout the year.



Greetings

Happily, we welcome the opportunity to come into your homes at this joyous time, with our thanks for your patronage, our greetings and wishes that you may enjoy the very best the holidays can hold.



GOOD WISHES FOR Christmas

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

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit-tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma-ry, And gath-ered all a-bove,
 3. O ho-ly Child of Beth-le-hem, Tell us, we pray,

A-bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The sil-lent stars go by,
 While mor-tals sleep the an-gels keep their watch of-won-dering love,
 Cast out our sin, and en-ter in, Be born in-us to-day!

Yet in thy dark street shin-eth The or-er-last-ing Light,
 O mor-n-ing stars, to-gath-er Pro-claim the ho-ly birth,
 We hear the Christ-mas an-gels The great glad tid-ings tell.

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night,
 And pra-is-es sing to God our King, And peace to man on earth!
 O come to us, O-bide with us, Our Lord Is-man-u-el!

For an attractive holiday centerpiece, arrange long-needle pines in plastic foam with gilded green leaves and ball ornaments in the center. Place pillar candles behind the greens.

Rose pinks, blue green, chartreuse and other pastel colors instead of holly red and ivy green will add variety to holiday decorations in your home.

Season's Greetings

Please accept our sincere thanks for your friendly good-will and patronage, and our best wishes for the Christmas season for you and yours.

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Message Of Christmas Lives Anew

"And lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was," Matthew 2:9.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger," Luke 2:16.

From two who became His disciples come the words that tell the story of that Holy Night, the first Christmas. Matthew the tax collector wrote of the Star that shone in the east, and of wise men who followed it to find and worship Him.

Luke the physician wrote of shepherds watching in the fields and herald angels singing in the heavens.

As church services during the Christmas season the words of the tax collector and physician will be read and studied once again, with ever-deepening meaning.

And as the story is told anew, it is also reflected in the many observances of Christmas, both in churches and in homes.

The joyful sound of carols harkens back to the first of all carols, the words of the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The glow of candles symbolizes the birth of Christ as the Light of the World, and it also mirrors the eternal gleam of the Star of Bethlehem.

The spirit of giving takes guidance from the gifts of the Wise Men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him.

Above all, at Christmas, mankind experiences once again the reverence, wonder and rejoicing of the wise men of whom Matthew says,

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."

Homemade Food Gifts Delight To Receive

The Christmas season is traditionally marked by tasty things to eat. And food gifts made in your kitchen add a personal note to the celebration. Such gifts say "Merry Christmas" with an especially warm touch. From a practical standpoint, they're easy on the pocketbook, too.

Perhaps your family has some special recipe for cookies, cakes or puddings. Whatever it is, homemade food gifts are easy to make and delightful to receive.

When wrapping food gifts, let your imagination have a free rein. Clever packages can be made from plastic refrigerator dishes, wicker bread and cracker baskets, cookie sheets, or a wooden cutting board.



CHRISTMAS PACKAGES—It took a lot of time, care and patience to produce these beautiful Christmas packages. The ribbon and paper that went into the wrapping was first started in production three years ago. Most companies that produce this type of gift material must work several years in advance.

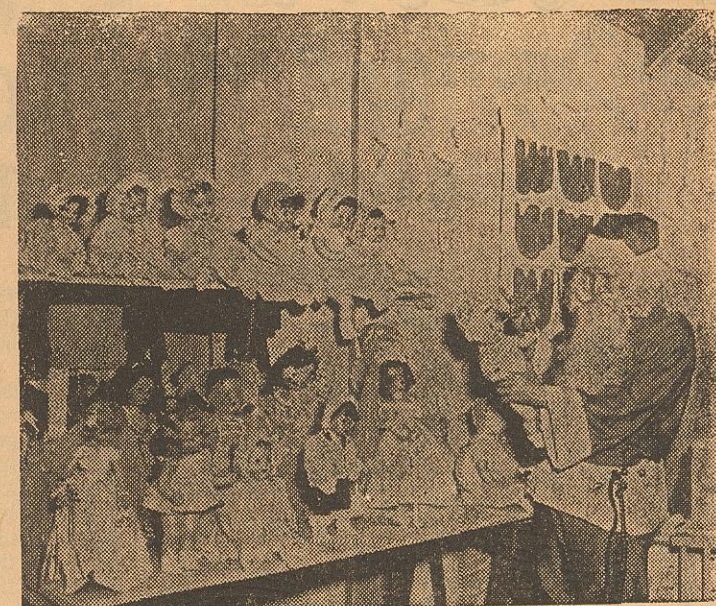


Naming Santa

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

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

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



DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS—For every little girl in all the world there will be a doll this Christmas. Here Santa puts the finishing touches to a group that will make many children happy during the Yule season.



Christmastime Greetings

Out of the East the Wise Men came to seek and find a Holy Child. In the same spirit of reverence and wonder, joy and gratitude, mankind turns each year to the Christmas story, to seek and find new inspiration and guidance. Let us, this Christmastime, rededicate ourselves to the meaning and message of His birth, that we may achieve "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men."

Joe Cowen Agency

Humbly Grateful For His Friends

And Thankful For Them



May the Prince of Peace gladden your hearts and minds at this holy season of the year.

May the Joys of Christmas glow brightly in your lives each day of the New Year.



Holy Meaning Of Christmas Expressed In Church Services

'And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.'

Like the shepherds who left their flocks to seek the Babe of Bethlehem, men, women and children of this community will put aside not only their everyday concerns but the more immediate interest in tree-trimming and package wrapping and go to find once again the holy meaning of Christmas, in special services held by local churches.

Catholic churches will proclaim the birth of the King of Christendom by solemn midnight masses. To commemorate the Nativity, Protestant churches will hold candlelight and communion services and children's program.

The custom of saying mass at midnight derives from an old belief that Christ was born at that hour. Actually, mass may be said at any hour during the night before Christmas, and in some countries the first Christmas mass is said at four or five in the morning.

According to early Roman regulations, Christmas mass was celebrated "when the cock crows"—about three o'clock in the morning. Spanish speaking people still call midnight mass "Misa de Gallo," while the Portuguese term is "Misa do Galo"—in both cases, mass of the cock.

Candlelight services held in Protestant churches symbolize Christ as the light of the world and the

shining beams of the candle call to mind the Star that shone to guide the Wise Men.

Exemplifying the spiritual side of Christmas are programs which include special sermons, reading the Christmas story, prayers, carols and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Easy-Care Tips Insure Gift Plants Live Long

Your Christmas and holiday gift plants will live better and provide longer-lasting beauty and enjoyment if you observe a few easy care tips to insure their health.

To guard them against over-watering and over-heating, it's essential to keep them in porous clay pots, used by leading professional growers and florists to insure that you receive plants of the highest quality, well fertilized and well-rooted.

If some have been shipped in light-thin-walled, non-porous containers, these should be switched to clay pots, in order to provide more satisfactory growing conditions.

SOUTHERN PLANT

The poinsettia which has to be so carefully potted and protected in colder climates, will thrive in moist, shady areas of the southern United States, Mexico and parts of South America. Red is the most common color, but there are white, pink, and yellow varieties.



Seeking Log Was Family Affair

The traditional Yule log survives today more in art, song and story than as an actual blazing Yule. After all, not every home has a fireplace nowadays, and even when a fireplace exists its proportions are usually far from sufficient to accommodate the Yule logs of yesteryear.

During ancient times in England however, it was a solemn family ritual to select the log, dry it and burn it according to custom. Logs from fruit-bearing trees were preferred.

The whole family went along to select the log, as this was thought to bring good luck for the coming year, and to frighten away any witches.

If the log burst out quickly, or did not burn brightly, it meant bad luck ahead.

On Christmas morning, the children of the household beat upon the log and called for gifts to come forth. They were scolded by their parents, sent outside and, after a time, called in to open the gifts, which had been set near the log.

When Christmas Groups Gather, It's Game Time

Everyone's a child at Christmas time, and that's why there's nothing as much fun when family and friends gather as game-playing. Since Christmas groups usually include both children and adults, games that both can enjoy are best. The following games can be played with no special equipment, other than that on hand.

Charades . . .

Christmas charades is a lively game that the whole family will enjoy.

Divide the group into two teams. Individual members of teams are then called upon to act out a word, character, phrase, scene or situation—and since it's Christmas, all the charades should have Christmas overtones.

Subjects are supplied on a slip of paper by the opposing team and then passed on to the "actor." From here on, it's his job to see how quickly he can get his teammates to guess what he is acting out.

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In other words, words made from "Merry Christmas to All" can include no more than one e, "i" or o" while they could contain as many as two 'm's' or three 'r's'.

Since word play involves competition among its players, it's advisable to allow the children to compete against one another, while the adults battle it out among themselves.

Santa's Sleigh . . .

"Santa's Packing His Sleigh" is a quiet Christmas game that provides fun and hearty laughter. It starts easy enough with one member of the group saying, "Santa's packing his sleigh, and he's bringing in a toy dog."

Then each person repeats the sentence, adding another gift to Santa's sleigh. The object of the game is to repeat correctly, in order, the complete list of gifts in Santa's sleigh—and it's harder than it sounds.

As the list gets longer and longer more and more players just can't seem to remember the whole list and its order, so consequently they drop out, until only one is left.

ROASTING PEACOCK

Roast peacock was a Yule delicacy in medieval England. An early recipe directs careful removal of the peacock's head and skin so that the roast bird can be sewn back into it before serving.



Season's Greetings

Thank you for making this such a wonderful year

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Little Towns Of Bethlehem Celebrate

Several states, all over the United States, can boast of having their very own little town of Bethlehem.

In New England, for example, there's a place named Bethlehem in New Hampshire, and another in Connecticut.

Moving across country, Bethlehems are found in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana and Iowa.

People from nearby communities and neighboring states flock to Bethlehem, Conn., every Christmas to have their greeting card envelopes imprinted with a special seasonal message, then mailed from the town post office.

Last year, due to the demand, there were ten different greeting designs available for Christmas card senders.

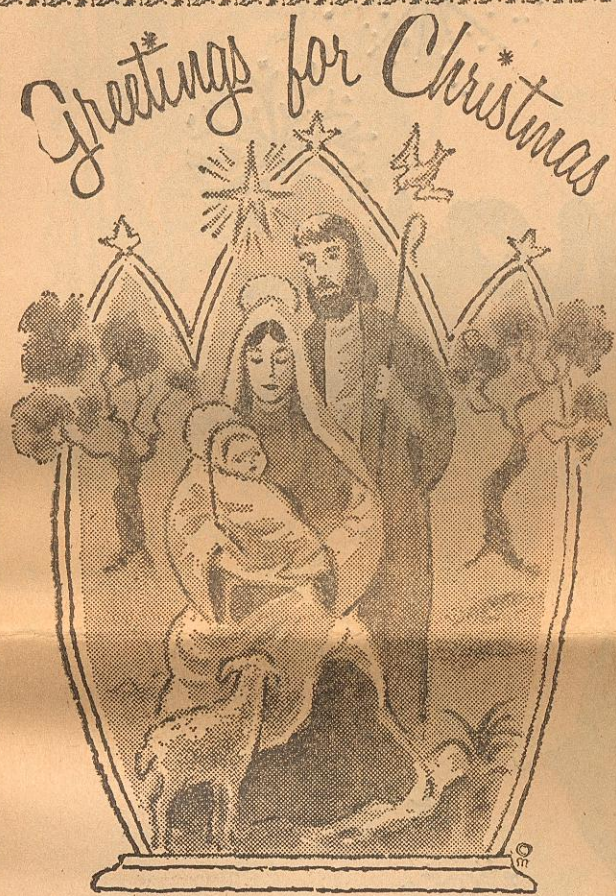
Also contributing to the holiday atmosphere in Connecticut's semi-official Christmas town, is the creche constructed by nuns at a nearby Benedictine monastery.

In the creche, which emphasizes the primitive simplicity of the Nativity, are blessed figures of the Virgin and Joseph, dressed in peasant garb and a crib with the Christ Child, covered by a bright patchwork quilt.

At Christmas, the nuns, also make, and offer for sale, liturgically-inspired tree ornaments.

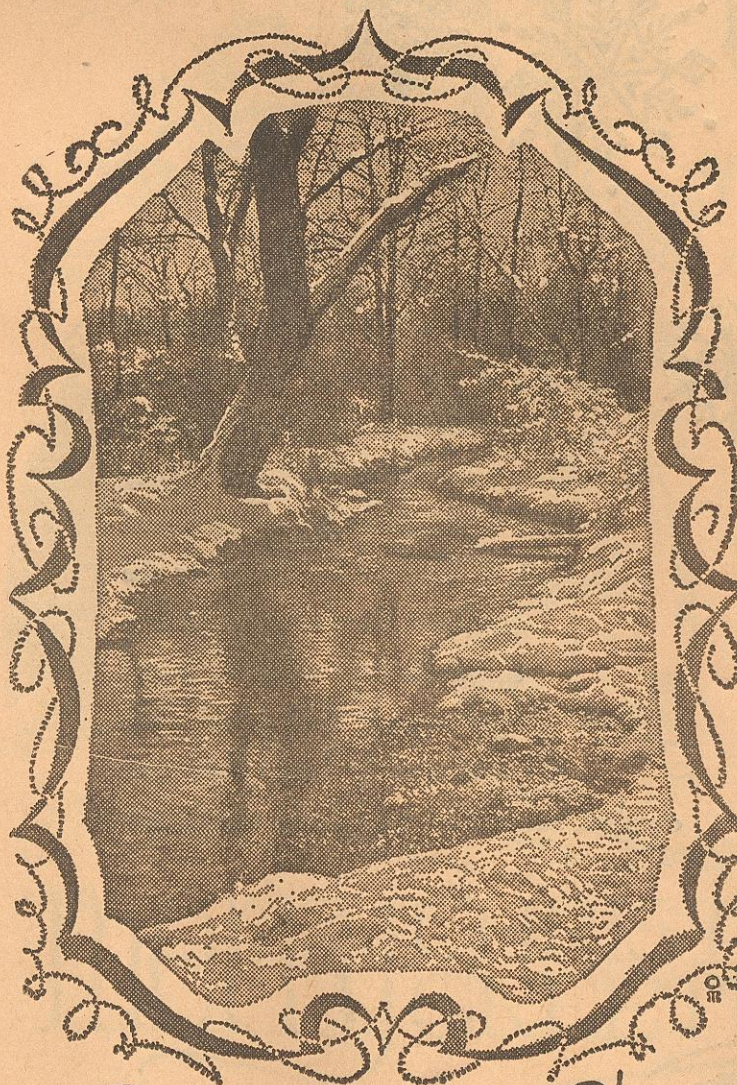
Each Christmas, Bethlehem, Pa. is the scene of an impressive candlelight carol and communion service.

Celebrated, complete with organ



May the spiritual blessings of the Christmas season be with you and yours.

TRIMBLE'S BARBER SHOP



Our good wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday to all our friends.

We thank you for your most kind support.

Greetings for Christmas

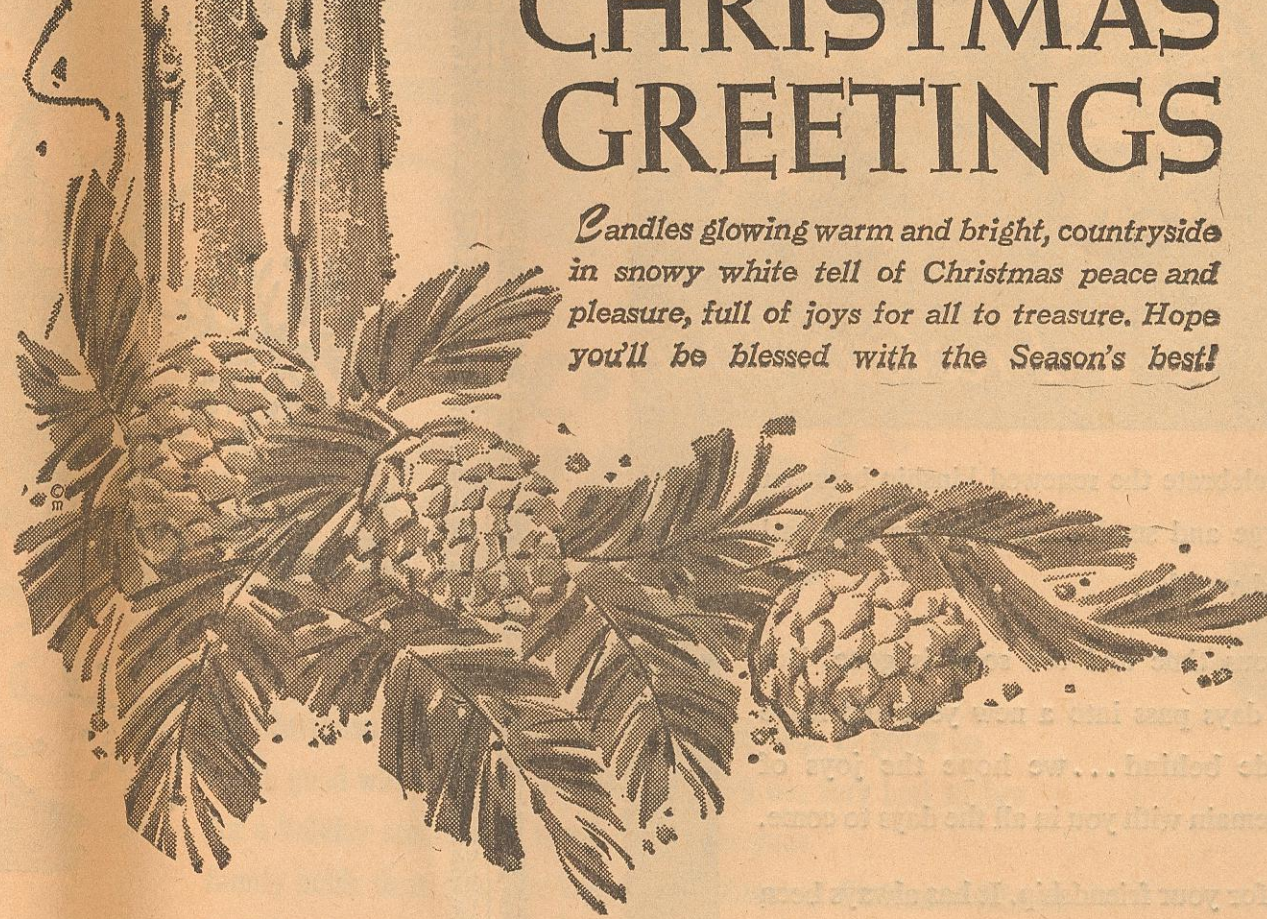
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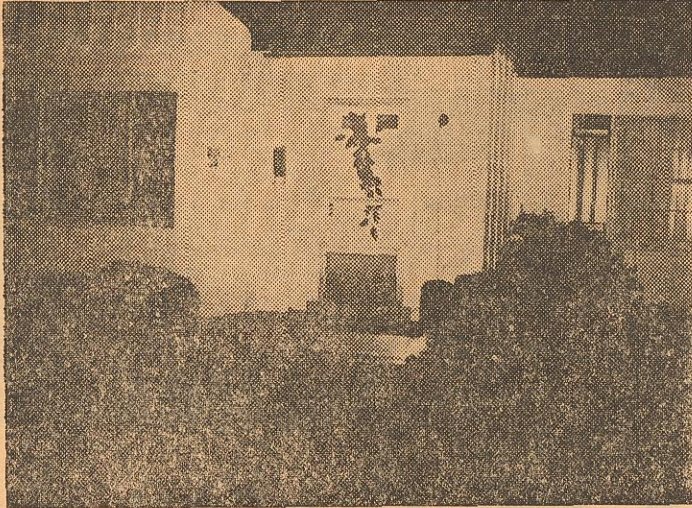


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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



Higginbotham - Bartlett Lumber Co.



HOLIDAY WELCOME . . . Outdoor decorations can be simply and effectively done, as shown here, with careful placement of string lights, a flood lamp to highlight doorway decorated with Christmas greenery.

Appliance Gift Should Please

To make a hit with an appliance gift, think first of the needs of the recipient. Too often, gift buyers make the mistake of selecting what they themselves would like or need. An electric fry pan is a practical gift—unless there is already one in the family. An electric can opener is usually a fine gift—but it's not too much appreciated by the family that uses little canned foods or has no place to put the appliance.

A portable stove may be a good gift for an apartment dweller, yet will have little value to the family which boasts a thermostatically controlled range.

BIRDS AND BEES

Cranberry growers know all about the birds and the bees. And, many of us might not enjoy this holiday fruit if such were not true.

Cranberry growers build homes for swallows near their cranberry bogs. The birds eat destructive insects which would harm the crop.

Bees perform another valuable service—pollination. Cranberry pollen is too heavy to be carried by the wind, so bees pollinate the flowers. Growers have found that the number of bees present per acre of berries has a direct bearing on the cranberry crop.

MYRRH LEGEND

According to an old legend, Adonis, a beautiful youth, originated from a myrrh tree.

Myrra, daughter of Theias, king of Syria, deceived her father and was exiled to the barren deserts of Arabia, where the gods transformed her into a myrrh tree.

After a time, the legend says, the tree burst asunder and Adonis sprang forth.

SAFE HOLIDAY

Christmas is a time to remember the happy things. Yet it is sometimes a time of tragedy.

More holiday accidents take place during the last 6 hours before Christmas Eve than during the remainder of the holiday. The hourly rate for fatal accidents is 5 times greater during this 6-hour period than during the rest of the holiday season.

These accidents happen on the highways and in the homes. If you are driving, don't get in too big a hurry. If you are at home, be sure your tree is a safe one, that your wiring is adequate. Turn off the Christmas tree lights if you leave the house.

HOLIDAY GREENERY

You may be able to gather all the yuletide greenery you need, without harm, by pruning the trees and shrubs around the house.

Holly, pine and hemlock can withstand heavy pruning. Every second or third branch of a pine, hemlock or spruce can be removed if the tree has not been thinned for some time. Sometimes a rather long "inside" branch of holly, fir or pine that does little for a tree's appearance can be removed.

Yew lends itself to artful decorations. Andromeda, magnolia, euonymus, puracantha, cotoneaster, ivy and abelia will provide a variety of Yule greens. Boxwood is excellent, but should be snipped gently.

Christmas time pruning, judiciously done, will improve health and appearance of tree or shrub. Best time to gather greenery is when the temperature is above 40 degrees.

Bells, Bells, Bells

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

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

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

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

IN DENMARK

the "ul-bock," a long pole with butt in when the children misbehave. A Danish Christmas custom is a goat's head, whose duty it is to have.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope every Christmas moment is aglow with a happiness

which will last throughout the year which lies ahead.

PINNER INSURANCE
300 SOUTH BROADWAY



A Quiet Moment

As this Christmas Season draws to a close, we wish, at this quiet moment to offer this simple, but heart-felt "Thank You" to all. May your fireside be one of contentment.

HI-PLAINS AUTO SUPPLY

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Powell

Mac and Cliff

Merry Christmas



We wish you merriment and the many joys of giving and receiving, at this happiest of holiday seasons. May this truly be a Christmas to remember! With our best wishes we want to express our warm appreciation of your kind patronage and good will. We sincerely hope that our cordial relations will long continue.



Christmas is a Precious Time

A time to celebrate the renewed kinship between families, large and small . . . a time for love and laughter and wonder.

It's a precious time and too soon is gone. But though the days pass into a new year and leave the Yuletide behind . . . we hope the joys of Christmas remain with you in all the days to come.

Thank you for your friendship. It has always been a pleasure to serve you!

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AUTHENTIC . . . Framed in entrance-way to simulated grotto, this Nativity scene at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows near Belleville, Illinois features life-like figures carved of linden wood. Only the animals are painted, and they are positioned to lend depth to this familiar Christmas scene.

Yule Log Is Thing Of Past

An old and honored Christmas tradition—the Yule log—has almost vanished from our holiday celebration. Logs and fireplaces are not as common as they were once but the tradition of the Yule log was carried on in England for centuries.

It was introduced into Great Britain by the Vikings who burned it to honor the God Thor. The custom was adopted by the English as part of the Christmas festivities.

With great pomp and ceremony, the very best log that could be found was brought into the house and placed in the great fireplace.

The fire was lit and the servants of the house gathered with the master and there was much singing and celebrating the coming of the Christmas holiday.

According to the custom of those days the holiday season lasted twelve full days and the log burned during the entire time.

At the end of the holiday, any fragments of the log that remained were carefully collected to be used again the following year to kindle the new Yule log.

Celebrating today does not last for twelve days, but the superstition that all decorations should be removed by the twelfth night to prevent bad luck in the New Year still survives.

Smiles Brighter And Hearts Lighter As Community Greet Christmas

By ANNA MAG

It's Christmas, time to greet a friend, wrap a gift, help the needy. It's Christmas, time to sing a carol light a candle, trim a tree. It's Christmas, time to send a card, surprise a neighbor, delight a child. It's Christmas, time to welcome visitors, spread the festive board, gather the family together for everything good from food to fellowship.

Most of all, it's Christmas, time to say a prayer, count many blessings, rejoice. It's Christmas, time to celebrate anew the very first Christmas of all, the Birthday of Christ.

It's Christmas, and throughout this community the sights and sounds of a joyful, festive season appear, all through the town, twinkling lights, fragrant flowers and greens and a myriad of other decorations show to every beholder the glad spirit of Christmas. Bells ring out and voices sing out, proclaiming the wonderful news.

Christmas is here, and because Christmas is here, steps are lighter smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there

may have been hours when everything seemed just too hectic—too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the glory of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

Most Memorable

No two Christmases are ever alike but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year it's true. Every Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past. Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

Happily, the wealth of legend

and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be welcomed than a deluge of precise factual detail, and Christmas customs is the hint of mystery surrounding them.

For Decoration

Candles, apples, colored papers—these were among the early tree ornaments.

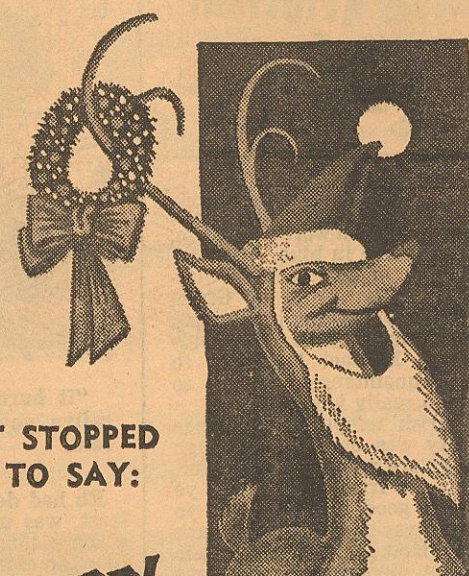
Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdcages appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons.

Tree decorations contributed by Scandinavian countries were as various as fish nets and miniature flags.

The modern array of tree ornaments is vast and imaginative, but even so many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned touch to the tree, with decorations such as paper chains and string of popcorn or cranberries.

IN GERMANY

For German children the Christmas season begins with the hanging of a calendar showing a painted house, on December 1. Doors and windows of the house often hide pieces of candy.



JUST STOPPED IN TO SAY:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and THANK YOU

AL TITTLE'S GARAGE

GROWING HOLLY

A holly tree grows 15 years before it produces, but its life may be as long as 125 years.



Thanks, and a very Merry Christmas to all our loyal friends

SHAW'S PLUMBING SERVICE
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GOOD WILL TO ALL—That Christmas message is rung out by the bells of tiny churches throughout Switzerland like this one at Valais almost buried under the accumulation of several snowfalls.

SIGHTING ROBINS

Popular motif on early Christmas cards was the English robin—possibly because English postmen, who delivered the cards, in those days wore red uniforms and were often called "Robin."



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

MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Greetings

As Christmas bells ring out the age-old message of peace on earth, good will to men... we chime in with our very best wishes for a holiday season rich in all the things your family holds dear. May the joy and happiness of Christmas echo in your hearts now and throughout all the days to come.

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Reluctant Santa

BY MIKE SMITH

THE TWO MEN were about the same size. Each wore a uniform, one in red, one in blue.

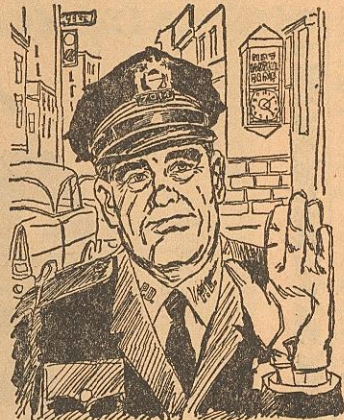
The man in blue: Officer Clarence Moriarity, pride of Green City Police Department. The man in red: Santa Claus, otherwise known as Michael Moriarity to casual acquaintances, "Dud" to folks who really knew him.

The Irish temper of Clarence Moriarity was obviously in high gear. "Ye are a dud, ye old gaffer. It burns me Irish soul to call ye 'uncle.' A good life it is and ye fritter it away in pubs and on park benches. How long since ye made an honest dime, eh? Answer me that, bucko. How long?"

"What's the worth of a dime to the heart at peace with the world, lad? Answer me that, if ye will."

Waiting

Ebenezer Parsons, founder and guiding light of Parsons Emporium, busied himself with a tie rack as the two men approached. He wished there could be some other way to repay Officer Moriarity a long-due favor. He'd tried to come up with something else, but Moriarity in truth, had said, "Tell me now, Eb, is there anything else in this world 'Dud' can do? Sure now, he can't make a sticky mess of the job of a department store Santa."



"It burns me Irish soul to call ye 'Uncle,'" Moriarity said.

Eb had doubts. Dub, to say the least, was unpredictable. He had a sharp tongue and with it a dislike for children. Why, he might even tell the children there just wasn't any Santa. Visions of crying children and irate mothers danced through Ebenezer Parsons' brain as he turned to greet newcomers.

"Welcome, gentlemen." "Merry Christmas, Eb," said Officer Moriarity. "Uh," grunted Dub Moriarity, with something of an effort. Eb winced. "Not 'Uh,' Eb, more like 'Ho, ho, ho!'"

"Ho, ho, ho," Dub responded, but you could tell his heart wasn't in it.

Eb turned to Officer Moriarity. "Like I said, Clarence, we'll give it a try."

It Happens

Green City's Christmas shoppers came out in full force. Things went smoothly at Parsons Emporium until some four-year-old pulled Santa's moustache — which happened to be the real thing.

Santa let out a howl. He jumped up so quickly the lad went off Santa's lap, sprawling across the floor, bellowing almost as loud as the man in the red suit.

It took time, but the man in blue restored order, then retired casually to a position across the street. From the window of Krinsky's Jewelers, Officer Moriarity could watch both entrances to Parsons Emporium without being seen.

Sooner than he expected, the door opened and Santa came cautiously onto the sidewalk, looking furtively to right and left. A group of young boys, perhaps ten of them, were the only ones who seemed to notice Santa. They surrounded him, yelling and shouting at the top of their lungs. The youngest was crying. Crying much to loud, officer Moriarity thought.

The policeman eased from his hiding place, crossed the street and came just close enough to be able to hear. For a moment, he wasn't sure whether he would have to protect the kids from Santa or vice versa.

Harmony

But, Santa wasn't mad. He was talking in a soft, melodious voice and the kids, suddenly quiet, were listening attentively. "You believe what old Santa says. Don't pay attention to anyone else if they hand ye a lot of hogwash. And, don't ye go giving any younger kids any guff about Santa, either."

And he was off, back into the store. Santa and Parsons Emporium were back in partnership.

Officer Moriarity was munching an apple in Peterson's Delicatessen when the boys surrounded him.

"How'd we do?" "Really worked, didn't it?" "Yeah, Santa can't stand to see a growing boy cry!"

Officer Moriarity reached into his pocket, handing a dollar to George Peterson. "Break it up, Pete, give 'em a ten-center apiece."

He reached into another pocket. "And, here's a dime for the apple. Looks like a good Christmas and a bright New Year."



SAY, NOW . . . Did you hear that? Sure did sound like reindeer clattering up on the roof. Could it be time for Santa yet?

FOLLOW RULES FOR SAFE OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Modern outdoor Christmas lights, with lacquered or rubber-jacketed cord, make it safer than in years past to decorate the trees and shrubs around a house, but there are still some important guidelines:

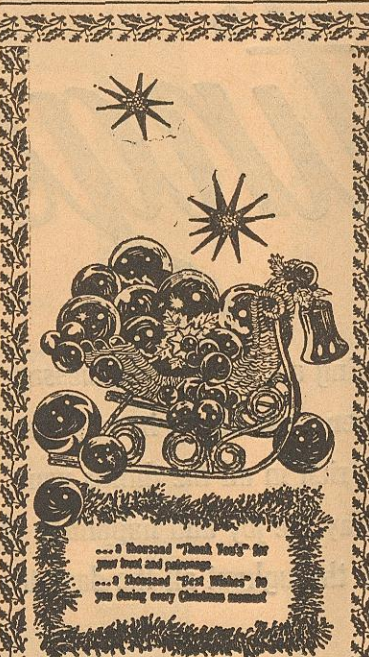
Never let the bulbs touch the needles. Bulbs of 15 wattage are sufficient. Needles of pine, fir, spruce, yew, chamaecyparis and hemlock are sensitive to heat. Excessive heat could scorch them.

Hang the sockets downward to keep out snow and water. And periodically check the position of the lights for winds may shift them.

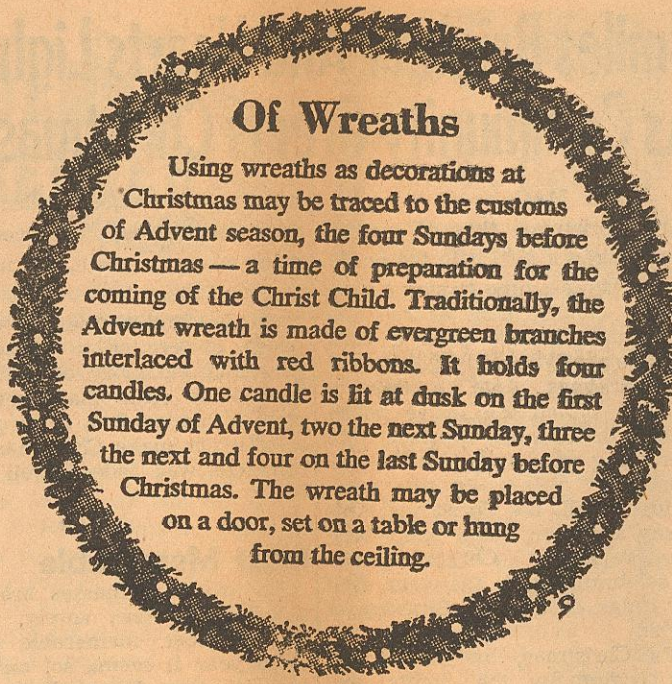
Indians Had Many Uses For Red Cranberry

Cranberries, a traditional part of our Christmas menus, were used in many ways by the American Indians. "Femmican" was a paste made from cranberries. Cranberry poultices were applied to cuts and wounds, and the juice of the berry yielded a red dye.

The Indians called cranberries the "bitter berry." Early American Pilgrims, noting the fruit to be the favorite of cranes, began referring to them as craneberries, and eventually cranberries.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
DIMMITT MOTEL
JACK and FAYE POWERS
Managers



Of Wreaths

Using wreaths as decorations at Christmas may be traced to the customs of Advent season, the four Sundays before Christmas — a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. Traditionally, the Advent wreath is made of evergreen branches interlaced with red ribbons. It holds four candles. One candle is lit at dusk on the first Sunday of Advent, two the next Sunday, three the next and four on the last Sunday before Christmas. The wreath may be placed on a door, set on a table or hung from the ceiling.



HO, HUM . . . Sometimes the long wait for Santa is too much, making it necessary for a fellow to take a few winks now and then and hope that he may just wake up in time to see the cheerful old gentleman loading a stocking with gifts and goodies.

Christmas Greetings

May your Christmas shine anew with the brightness of His love and may abundant joys come your way for a most joyous Christmas occasion.

DENNIS FLORAL & GIFTS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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CECIL — WADE — JIM — CHARLES — JOE

Festivity fills the air all about us... spirits soar and the mood is joyful as Christmas is greeted once more. Happily, we participate in the celebration to let each and every one of you know how wonderful a year you've made it possible for us to have... and how very much we appreciate your loyalty and friendship.

Greetings

In this season of joy and cheer, we welcome the opportunity to wish you, our friends and patrons, a very merry Yuletide. May you ever enjoy an abundance of life's best gifts... peace, health and happiness, and the blessings of love and friendship. We especially want to express our grateful appreciation for your loyalty and good will. We have greatly enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of serving you during the past year, and we hope that we may continue to do so for many a year to come.

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EARL CHANEY, MANAGER

CATCH A SANTA

BY T. C. POPE

"ME PLAY Santa Claus? Ward en, you are a funny man. You kill me, The rockheads in this place would laugh me to death. And, that's a fact."

Warden Sam Hawthorne chose a cigar from his pocket and lit it thoughtfully. "No one would know. They don't have to know. We disguise you as Santa, suit and whiskers."

"Look at my record, man. You don't want me. Blinky Smith, alias, Blinky Adamo, alias John Jones, alias—so many more even I am no longer sure what my real name is. And the rest of it—theft, arson, robbery. My record is as long as your arm, warden. I'm a hard case. You know that."

"That's why I selected you, Blinky."

Blinky inhaled a puff of cigar smoke that wafted his way. "What are you trying to pull on me, warden? Your own rehabilitation program? No dice. So I got thirty years, minus the week I been here. If I pull the whole stretch, I leave here as myself, not some imitation Santa Claus or anything else."

The buzzer on the warden's desk sounded three short times. He flicked a button with his finger and, without taking the cigar from his mouth, said, "O.K., send him in."



Without taking the cigar from his mouth, the warden said, "Send him in."

Blinky began to fidget. The warden eyed him curiously. "Relax, Blinky. This is an old friend of yours."

"Maxie!"

"Yeah, it's me, Blinky."

"I told 'em, I told 'em, Maxie. The boys said I could rot away for thirty years and never set eyes on you. I told 'em."

The big man smiled. "Probably not, Blinky. Not now, even, 'cept for the warden. And not for long. I'm on the way out, I'm a free man."

"You're kidding me, Maxie. Don't . . ."

"He's not kidding you, Blinky," Warden Hawthorne interposed. "I was there, Maxie, I know how long you got to go!"

Maxie just stood there smiling. The warden took advantage of the silence to grind his cigar into the ash tray on his desk. "Surely,

"Yeah, sure, but not Maxie. Don't tell me about Maxie. Me and Maxie grew up on the waterfront. This guy I know, believe me."

Old Santa

The warden chose another cigar, studied it thoughtfully, then put it back into his pocket. "You don't know it all, Blinky. Shake hands with our departing Santa."

"You're kidding me again."

"Ask him."

"It's true, Blinky," the big man said. "You rehabilitated, Maxie? They made you over?"

"Call it what you like, Blinky. I'm through with the old life. I'm not even going back. Got me a good job, downstate, repairing things in a cycle shop."

The big man walked over, gently placed his hands on Blinky's shoulders. "You don't understand, Blinky. I know. But, someday you will. I know you will. Won't he, warden?"

The warden had lit another cigar. With a ceremonial flourish, he placed it in the ash tray. "I'm sure of it. C'mon, Maxie, I'll walk you to the door. I have something in the outer office I want to give you."

Blinky stood up. "Can I go back to my cell and go to sleep? All this rehabilitation has worn me plumb out!"

Doubts

As the door closed behind Blinky and the guard, Warden Sam Hawthorne puffed thoughtfully on his cigar. Maybe this time I picked the wrong man, he mused.

Christmas came to the prison, just as it comes everywhere. Warden Hawthorne, making his late afternoon rounds stopped at Blinky's cell.

"You're right, warden, The job is fun."

"You said it was only a trial."

"I guess I found out something. It's fun to be a 'giver'—even if you're acting like you're somebody you ain't." Sign me up for the job—for life."

"For life, Blinky?"

"Naw, I didn't mean that. You know what I mean."

"I know, Blinky. Merry Christmas."

"You're kidding me, warden, same to you."

HOLIDAY SCRAPBOOK



Caught up in the excitement of the approaching holiday, children begin to get restless as Christmas day comes nearer. They need a "project" to keep them occupied.

Most children will enjoy making a Christmas scrapbook. Give them a place to work, in their own room or the family playroom.

Give them a scrapbook, scissors, paste container and a supply of December magazines that you have finished reading, or have saved from last year. Get them started by clipping out an illustration of Santa Claus or some Christmas scene—then show them how to paste the cut-out into the scrapbook. They'll get the idea quickly and they'll have hours of fun.

CHOOSE RIGHT TOYS



Toys are designed to please the hearts of children, and they do. But all toys are not always completely safe for children of all ages.

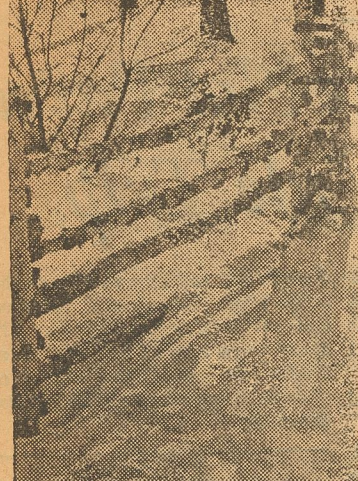
If you have youngsters of varying ages in the home, toys selected for an older child may be the source of an accident or illness in the hands of a toddler.

When you shop for toys this year, avoid toys made of lead or colored with lead-based paints. Small children sometimes chew off the lead paint and swallow it, and serious illness could result.

Be careful, too, about small toys that can be swallowed, flammable toys and toys with rough or sharp edges.

Electric toys are for older children—and be sure that these bear the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label on the cord and the toy itself.

Missile-throwing toys, particularly air rifles and sling shots, are dangerous, particularly to the eyes. Toy archery sets can also cause injury. If your child receives a missile-throwing toy for Christmas, for his own safety, and for the welfare of other children, set down rules for safe use and be sure they are enforced.



CHRISTMAS SCENE — December means winter . . . and winter means such picturesque scenes as this one made in northern Wisconsin. The handsome birch fence and the brilliant white snow combine to make a typically restful Christmas scene.

ITALY'S YULE

In Italy, the Yule log is burned in the family fireplace. Everyone gathers around and each child is blindfolded before the log is ignited. In turn, children recite Christmas verses and as their blindfolds are removed, they find Christmas gifts stacked on the floor.

Second Use

Broken Christmas tree decorations can still be useful. Cut cardboard into star shapes and apply fresh, white shellac. While the shellac is still wet, place the fragments securely on the cardboard. When dry, the shellac will hold them in place.



Silent Night

May the manger and its miracle live in your heart. And to you, Christmas joy.

HENDERSON TV & APPLIANCE

Plan Your Outdoor Decorations To Protect Evergreens

In decorating the shrubs around your home, which is becoming a more popular Christmas custom every year, plan your decorations carefully so you will not injure valuable evergreens.

Tree experts report that many home owners are giving their evergreens a hot foot with over-powerful Christmas lights.

These experts advise against using light bulbs stronger than 15-watts. They are bright, but do not generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.

Even when using small bulbs, however it is wise to inspect the lights every day or so. If the foliage is turning brown in the vicinity of the lights, then the lights should be moved.

It takes many years to grow beautiful shrubbery and even an outstanding light display at Christmas time is not worth marring valuable evergreens that can be a source of beauty all year long.



Merry Christmas to all . . .

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Christmas

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Christmas

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Merry Christmas

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It's An Old Custom

Festive wreaths and garlands made of evergreens, cones and herbs are, nowadays, closely linked to the celebration of Christmas.

The custom of making such garlands for gala occasions actually dates back to the ancient Egyptians, a thousand or more years before the birth of Christ.

ONE FINAL DETAIL



One of the most important details around our Christmas workshop is saying Thank You to the finest, friendliest folks in the world... our customers. It's always a pleasure to visit with you... always a privilege to serve you. Our heartiest best wishes to you at Christmas.

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"And they went up..."

Roads Were Not Paved For First Yule Trip

THERE were no modern highways leading from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph undertook their memorable journey nearly 2,000 years ago.

The way was rough and hard and dangerous.

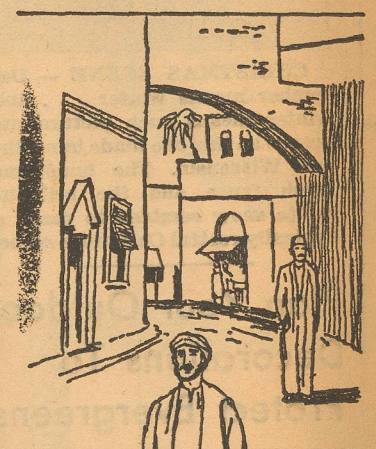
As far as routes were concerned, there were three. The western route led along the sea-coast and through the plain of Sharon. This route was unpopular with pious folk like Mary and Joseph who shunned the heathen cities rowdy travelers and the ungodly as much as possible.

The shortest route via the fruitful plains 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 the Passover and other religious events went down to Jerusalem at regular intervals and knew their way around as well as suburbanites know their way around modern metropolitan areas.

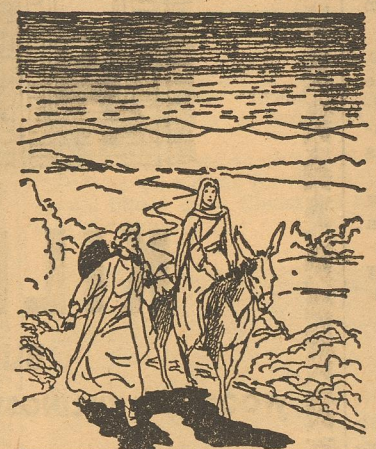
If the Jordan route was a little round-about, it was fairly level and steeped in Jewish history, from the shadow of Mount Tabor where

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 she might ride the little donkey which trudged faithfully at his side.

This was a hard journey and Mary appreciated 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.



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

IT'S CHRISTMAS WHEN

Elevator operators say good morning;
Bus drivers don't slam the door on your feet;
Jimmy's teacher says he's a perfect angel and oh so bright;
Your secretary limits her coffee break to one a day;
Your wife is the first to shut off the alarm clock;
Your son says that's okay Dad, you take the car tonight;
And your boss says here, try one of my pills.

When you water a Christmas tree, add a few tablespoons of sugar to bring out the fragrance of the pine.

Setting The Date

December 25 was first assigned as the date for the celebration of the Nativity in about the year 320 A.D. Since the New Testament was written as religious instruc-

tion rather than history, the exact date of Christ's birth is not known. The present day was selected as a means of unifying the observances of Christmas, "the mass of Christ."

DECORATIONS CAN BE FUN



Make your own holiday decorations—and enjoy them more—by letting the whole family get into the act.

Let the youngsters put their imagination to work bending pipe cleaners into various shapes. Dipped into a whipped soap mixture or sprayed with mica, they will make interesting and colorful tree decorations.

Small drinking cups (not the wax-coated variety, of course) can be colored with crayons or poster paint to make Christmas bells.

Pine cones are an old favorite. Painted or sprayed, they add color wherever used as decorations.

Walnuts, pecans or other nuts from a Christmas basket can be put to use as well. Let children wrap them in aluminum foil or scraps of colored foil to make tinsel balls.

NATIONAL TREE

In 1926, the U.S. Department of the Interior officially designated a "National Christmas Tree"—a giant Sequoia located in King's Canyon National Park, California.

A coniferous evergreen, the redwood trunk of the Sequoia rises 267 feet. It is estimated to be 4,000 years old, which means it was growing 2,000 years before the birth of Christ in Bethlehem.

CHRISTMAS TAMALES

A popular Christmas dish in Central America is tamales or nacatamales. Nacatamales are carefully prepared and cooked for several hours.

The "stuffing" is made from finely ground corn meal, turkey, vegetables, spices and seasonings. In quantities of about one pound, the stuffing is wrapped in banana leaves and then boiled or steamed for several hours.

Trimming Trees

Trimmed Christmas trees first appeared in the United States probably during the American Revolution. Hessian soldiers with the British forces started the practice to relieve their nostalgia for their homeland.

An early diary, written at Fort Dearborn, Ill., in 1804 relates the practice of trimming the Christmas tree with ornaments of the time.

WINTER SOLSTICE

Today's Yule Log, other Christmas fires, even our tree lights, are thought by some to hark back to the days when our remote ancestors built huge fires during the brief daylight of the Winter solstice because they feared the waning sun might darken forever. When the days began to grow longer, there were great celebrations by these ancient who felt that their earthly fire had helped revive the sun.

At The White House

First National Community Christmas Tree in the U.S. was placed on the White House lawn in 1923, while Calvin Coolidge was President. The tree was a spruce from Coolidge's native state, Vermont.

In the following year Coolidge presided at a ceremony under the sponsorship of the American Forestry association, to urge the use of living Christmas trees.

Cheery Greetings, Folks!

Folks, we hope Old Santa spends extra time unloading good things from his pack when he comes to your tree. Because we've had the pleasure of your friendship we say: "Christmas couldn't happen to nicer people!"

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GREETINGS

...and good wishes to all

At the Yuletide, one of our greatest pleasures is to greet our many good friends with warm wishes for a season rich in the quiet peace of a winter landscape... the jubilant joy of a ringing bell. And may all the happiness of Christmas be yours.

VARDELL FUELS, INC.



A Christmas Message

Reverently, we remember a night of awe and wonder, when angels sang, shepherds watched and a shining Star guided Wise Men to the manger where a Child was born. We celebrate this holy holiday with thoughts for all our good friends everywhere, and with the hope that for you, the meaning of Christmas may be ever deeper, its joys ever greater.

BIG T PUMP CO., INC.

George and Barbara Hudson

Joe Bill Howard Earl

ROAST GOOSE

With Potato and Nut Stuffing

Turkey is the traditional bird for Christmas in America. But if you have the desire to try something else, here is a good way to roast a goose.

Combine 3 cups lightly whipped potatoes with 2 cups of crumbs, 1 teaspoon rosemary, 1 cup finely diced onion, 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper and 3 tablespoons melted butter. Blend well and stuff the goose with the mixture.

Close up vent, place the goose on a rack and bake at 450 degrees for 30 minutes. Reduce the heat to 325 degrees and roast for another 1 or 1 1/2 hours or until the breast is tender and the skin crisp.

Basting is not altogether necessary. Pour off the goose fat as it accumulates in the pan and save for cooking. Salt and pepper the goose just before removing from oven. An 8 to 10 pound goose should take 2 or 2 1/2 hours.

Holly Holds Sway

The holly tree and its brightly berried branches hold an important place not only in holiday decorations but in the legends and lore of Christmas.

An old belief in England and Germany was that there are "he" and "she" hollies — the "he" hollies with spined leaves, the "she" hollies smooth-leaved. The varieties brought into the house at Christmas supposedly showed who would head the household for the coming year — "he" or "she."

A variation on this custom said that if the holly was brought into the house in fair weather, the wife would rule, but if the weather was bad, the husband would be master. Holly was credited with many magical and medical powers. It was believed to cure toothaches, banish rickets, and even foretell to girls the names of their future husbands.

For Sumptuous Meals Everywhere In World

SUMPTUOUS meals to celebrate Christmas, along with merry-making and the gathering of friends and relatives, is traditional in every country that celebrates the holiday.

The main dishes, of course, vary from country to country, but tradition remains and some of the dishes have not changed for hundreds of years—except to taste better as we get older.

Serving a boar's head was an old English custom. It was brought into the banquet hall on a large platter accompanied by trumpet flourishes. It has been replaced today by stuffed turkey and a wide assortment of pies, topped off with plum pudding covered with flaming sauce. All of it a banquet fit for a king.



The French also serve the traditional goose at their Christmas feast, along with buckwheat cakes with sour cream, roasted chestnuts with milk or wine, and all types of cakes and candies with which to end the meal.

The Swiss feature a pear cake called the "Birewegge" which resembles a shiny loaf of bread. It contains a spicy, flavorful concentrate from air dried pears mixed with raisins.

Here in America the Christmas turkey is the most popular dish. Served with a variety of vegetables. Followed, of course, with a variety of pies and cakes—most often the fruit cake.

Because of mixture of traditions and beliefs in the United States the Christmas feast varies more than in other countries.

Christmas Outlawed

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. Christmas customs and traditions were revived with the restoration of the Stuarts, but the holidays never regained its former prestige in England.

A pre-school child enjoys toys he can put together or build. Blocks are an all-time favorite.

Safe Toys

Be sure this year that all the toys you give children, or your children receive, are safe. If they are electrical be sure they carry an inspection label.

Also take care in giving and receiving toys requiring alcohol, kerosene, gasoline, or carbide lamps. They may be hazardous in juvenile hands.

HOLIDAY CANDLES

Don't deny yourself a candle-light atmosphere at Christmas if such is your desire. Just remember that the candle represents a potential fire hazard.

Never place lighted candles on a Christmas tree, or in the window. Do not use them in any manner with decorations that are flammable. Light them only in rooms where someone will be able to watch them closely.

Extinguish candles whenever you leave the room or the house.

Legends Vary About First Christmas Tree

There are many legends about decorating the Christmas tree. One dates back to Boniface, who as England's missionary to Germany in the 8th century, "replaced the sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak to a fir tree adorned in tribute to the Christ child".

Others say that the tree and its candies should be attributed to Luther. Another says the practice dates to the Teutonic practice of bringing trees into homes to appease the god-like spirits that were believed to inhabit forest timbers.

But there is a legend more beautiful than all the rest. According to it, when Christ was born a group of stars looked down upon an olive tree, a date palm and a pine tree which stood over the manger.

Seeing that the pine had nothing to offer in His honor while the others gave fruit and dates, they descended from the heavens to rest upon the pine's boughs as an offering—and that was the first Christmas tree.

Saint Nicholas

The remaining bones of Saint Nicholas are preserved today in the museum of Antalya in South-west Turkey. Most of them were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. Those that remain are carefully preserved.

Yule Was Not Always Celebrated On Dec. 25

Like Easter, Christmas was once a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

In 337 A. D. St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, with the permission of Pope Junius I, appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.



TO WISH YOU Christmas Blessings

May your family be blessed with a truly joyous holiday, filled with all the peace and happiness of that first Christmas Day.



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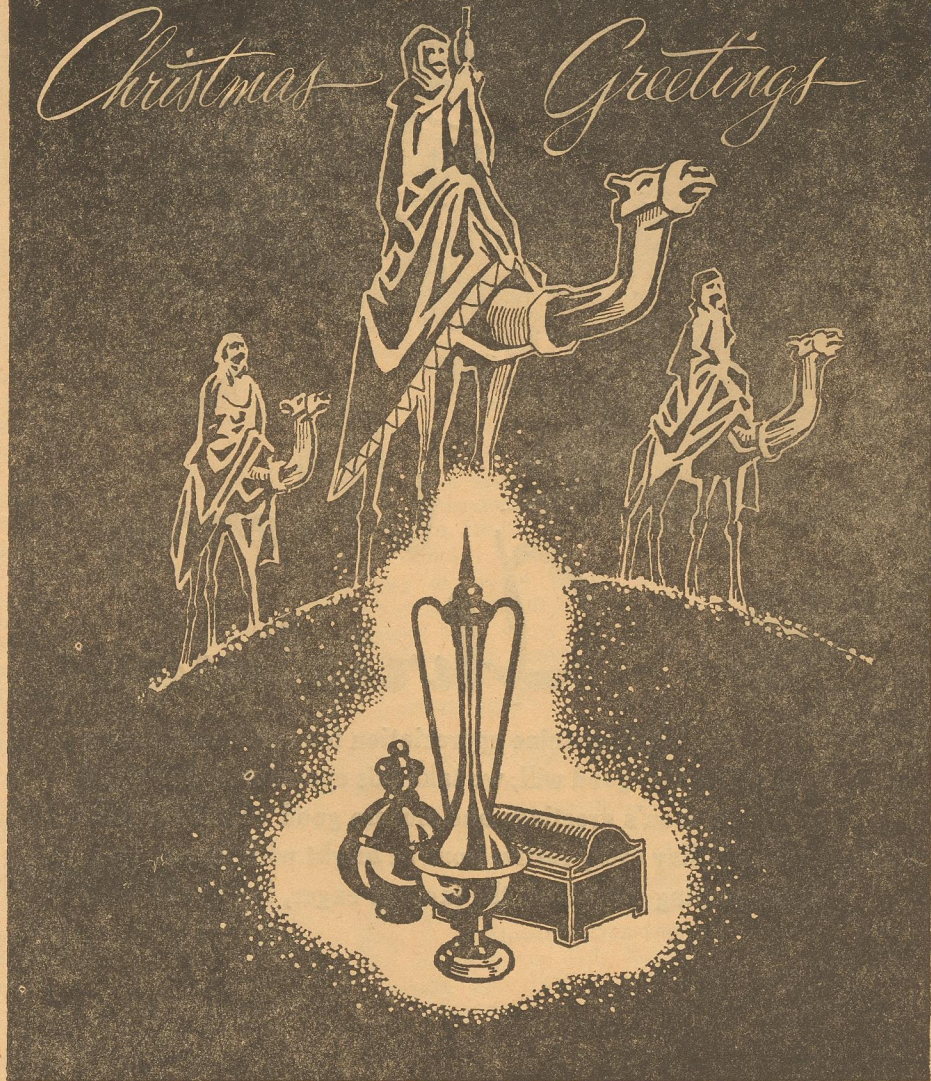
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Christmas Greetings



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While none can deny that there are commercial aspects to our modern-day celebration of Christmas, it must be remembered that each of us observe Christmas in our own way.

Gift-giving is in keeping with the spirit of Christmas—if it is done with emphasis on giving and sharing, rather than on being sure that we give each individual a gift that is as good or better than the one we receive from them. It is even more in the spirit of Christmas if we give to the less fortunate, with no expectation of receiving something in return.

Let us enjoy the practice of gift-giving by keeping it in its proper place. We'll enjoy the holiday if we give wisely. We will give with pleasure if we give no more than we can afford.



NOW SEE HERE . . . Santa Claus, togged in his Christmas day dress, captures full attention of the younger set. They listen, patiently, for each wants his or her turn to tell Santa about the things most wanted under the Christmas tree.

Handel's "Messiah," often heard at the Christmas season, was begun in August, finished in September and first performed in April.

New Joy To Young Hearts

You can bring happiness this Christmas to children in hospitals, orphanages and in the families of the unemployed by refurbishing the toys your own children have outgrown or no longer enjoy. In many communities, civic and fraternal groups have organized programs for this purpose.

The easiest way to make old toys in basically good condition look like new again is with colorful quality enamels, and here are some tips to help you do the job.

First and most important of all be sure you use only suitable enamels, particularly those that contain less than 1 per cent of lead. While most enamels meant for interior use contain no harmful ingredients, be sure to tell your paint dealer that you will be painting toys. He will sell you the right product. Under no circumstances use outside paint on toys or children's furniture.

Kids Like Color

Bear in mind that children prefer strong, bold colors, the primaries; red, yellow and blue, the bright secondaries; orange, green, purple. It takes a more sophisticated taste to enjoy pastel and less lively darker shades. They also like the shininess of gloss enamel.

Wash the toy with detergent to remove finger marks and other soil. If old finish is glossy, it should be dulled with sandpaper, so new finish will adhere better. Any cracks or holes should be filled with water putty or plastic wood which should be permitted to dry before sanding smooth.

Easy To Use

For small articles, you'll find self-spraying enamels in aerosol cans easiest and most practical to use. If more than one color is to be applied, protect the already painted areas with masking tape.

Eggnog Is Most Popular Yule Drink In U. S.

The most popular Christmas beverage in America is eggnog, a stepchild of the old English sack-posset.

In early colonial days hot beverages and punches were very popular in America, as they were in England at that time. The English have continued to enjoy them through the years but they became less popular in America. It is only recently that their use in America has increased.

Sack-posset, from which came American eggnog, was served hot from a hand-made copper kettle. The drink was served in England for four or five centuries.



Eggnog and sack-posset contain the same milk, eggs, sugar and nutmeg. It changed, however, from hot to cold and from a mild sack-flavored drink to a more hearty one with rum and brandy. The colonists preferred their drinks stronger and cold.

There are of course, many varieties of this drink. There is Old-English Sack Posset with sherry and nutmeg and Colonial Eggnog with brandy, light rum and heavy whipped cream.

Velvet Eggnog contains vanilla and nutmeg and White Ermine Eggnog uses rum extract and nutmeg. Pink Angel Eggnog is made with vanilla extract, peppermint extract and crushed peppermint candy.

There are many more versions of this American drink, but whichever you like will enhance your Christmas festivities.

When Organ Broke

"Silent Night" was first sung at Christmas 1818.

The church organ in an Austrian village had broken down—impair- ed by mice, so the story goes. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the poem and his organist, Franz Gruber, composed the music.

The congregation, which had been saddened because there would be no music for Christmas, sang "Silent Night" to a guitar accompaniment.

PROPER TOYS

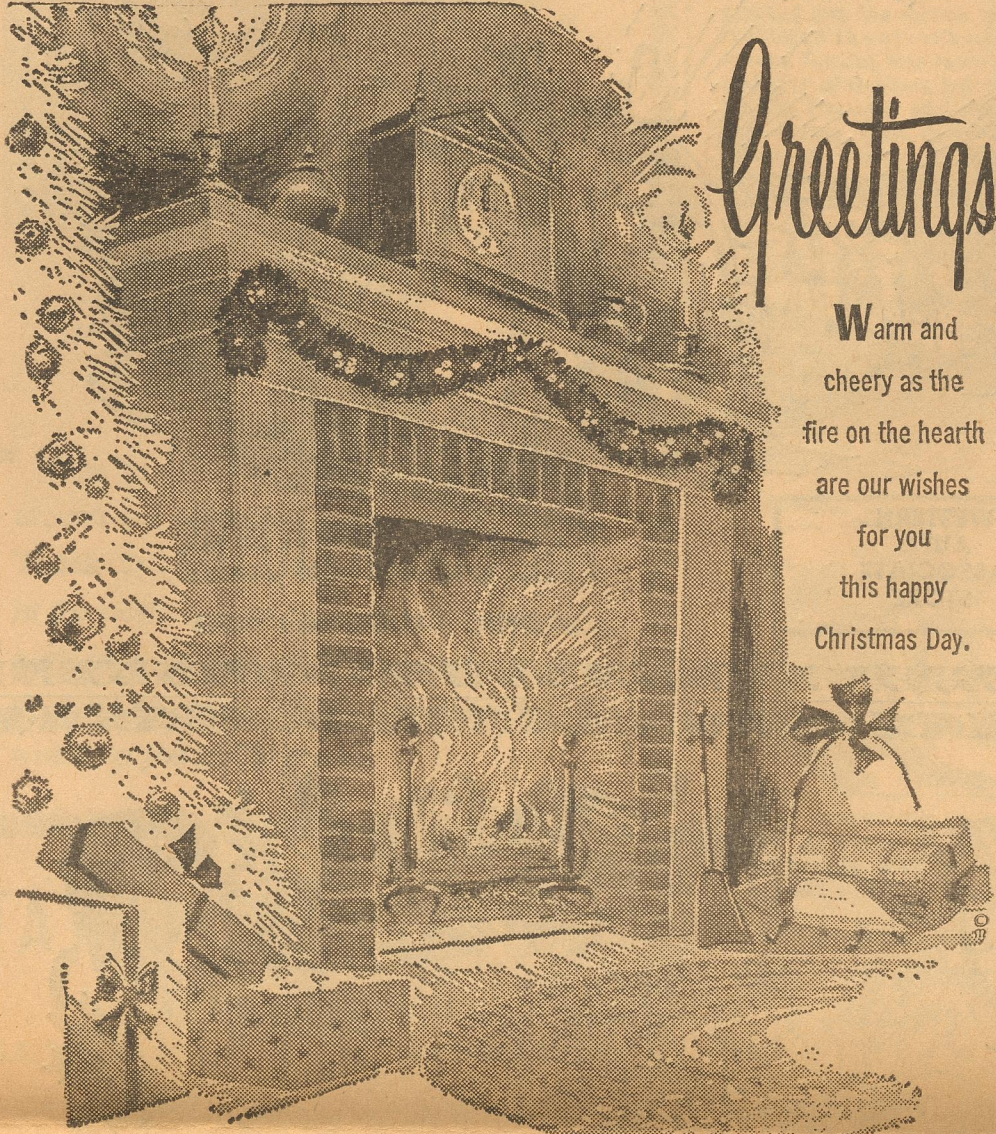
The fact you wanted a certain toy when you were a child is no indication your child would like to have one for Christmas. He might just as soon play with the box and the wrappings.

Toys are for children. They represent wasted money if the child has no interest in them, if they are too "old" for the child, or so complicated only an older child or an adult can manipulate them.

Warding Of Witches

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with colored candles to distract evil witches.

Belief was that the evil ones become so interested in sorting the candles that casting of evil spells was forgotten, reports the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute.



Greetings

Warm and cheery as the fire on the hearth are our wishes for you this happy Christmas Day.

DIMMITT ENGINE SERVICE

In the Spirit of Christmas

Let us turn our thoughts to the first Christmas and capture in our hearts all the peace, love and understanding of that Day.

In the true spirit of Christmas, we wish you a happy and holy Day and pray that the blessings of the season will truly be yours.



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LUTHER FOLLIS



With genuine appreciation for your many favors and friendly good will, we take this opportunity to extend season's greetings and sincere good wishes for your holiday pleasure. May every festive hour be bright with joys as fresh as the smiling wonder on the faces of eager, happy children.

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