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Court Rules School Financing In Texas Is Unconstitutional

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — A three-judge U.S. District court panel has ruled that the Texas system of financing public schools violates both the federal and Texas Constitutions.

One public affairs observer called it "the biggest school court decision in my lifetime."

The unanimous opinion, filed with the court clerk just before the office closed Thursday, strongly urges the defendants to restructure the state's school financing system to meet the panel's interpretation of constitutional guarantees of equal protection under the law.

The defendants are state Education Commissioner J. W. Edgar and the Texas Board of Education.

The court set a 2-year deadline for this restructuring. It warned that if the legislature fails to act, the court "will take such further steps as may be necessary to implement both the purpose and the spirit of this order."

Members of the panel are U.S. Circuit Court Judge Irving L. Goldberg of Dallas, Chief U.S. District Judge Adrian Spears of San Antonio and U.S. District Court Judge Jack Roberts of Austin.

The suit was filed as a class action July 30, 1968, by 15 parents and children who resided in the Edgewood Independent School District.

Early in the history of the litigation the court had found that the plaintiffs were representative of classes comprising Mexican-American school children in Edgewood and "all other children throughout Texas who live in districts with low property valuations."

San Antonio, add school re-districting; property valuations.

The plaintiffs' argument that the state school financing system should not be based on the wealth of individual school districts but rather on the wealth of the state as a whole found favor with the court.

In a judicially tempered blast at the state defendants' claim that plaintiffs sought equal dollar for dollar expenditures for each child, the court noted that the plaintiffs asked only the application "fiscal neutrality" in financing public education.

The judges also dismissed a state contention that a U.S. Supreme Court decision holding constitutional the substantially similar Illinois school financing system bound the court to a similar finding here.

The jurists said the plaintiffs here did not seek a court requirement that educational expenditures be made in a certain manner, unlike the Illinois case.

"On the contrary, the state may adopt a financial scheme desired so long as the variations in wealth among the governmentally chosen districts do not affect spending for the education of any child," the panel said.

'Saw It Coming,' Said Big Springer

Big Spring is going to have to find a new way to finance the school system, according to a ruling Thursday by a three-judge U.S. District court panel in San Antonio.

The court ruled that the Texas system of property taxes as a basis for financing public schools violates both the federal and Texas Constitutions. Texas has two years in which to find a new financing system. The new system will probably be a state system, not an individual school district system.

"Many of us thought this ruling was coming," said Roy E. Watkins, president of the Big Spring School Board.

"I feel the courts are right in saying the system is inequitable. It is antiquated and insufficient and an almost intolerable burden on the home owner. But it remains to be seen what replaces it, and what the appeals of the similar California decision show," said Watkins.

"There is some talk in the Texas Legislature of 100 per cent funding of schools by the state. I don't know what this would do to the quality of Texas education," said Watkins.

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The cellar of a Paris warehouse stuffed with more than 25 tons of letters and petitions is the graveyard for appeals on behalf of American prisoners in North Vietnam. See Page 6-A

Local Man Dies In Car Accident

A one-car accident about 3 a.m. today claimed the life of Steven Craig Powell, 20.

The one car rollover took place four miles north of Fairview on the Vealmoor Road. Powell apparently lost control of his automobile, according to Highway Patrolman John Ferguson, and ran off the road, where the car overturned and Powell was thrown out.

The accident was discovered shortly before 3 a.m. by Danny Heckler and reported to the police department, who con-

tacted the Highway Patrol and Alert Ambulance.

Justice of the Peace Jess Slaughter pronounced the man dead at the scene.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Claude Cravin, Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

He was born July 30, 1951, in Fort Worth. He moved with his family to Big Spring in 1959 from San Angelo, and attended the Big Spring schools, graduating from Big Spring High in 1970. He also attended HCJC and was employed at Webb AFB in special services. Mr. Powell was also a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Madry, of Big Spring; one brother, Mark Powell, of Big Spring; three sisters, Andra Madry, Paula Madry and Vonda Madry, all of Big Spring; and grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Richardson, of Colorado City.

CHEER FUND NEAR \$1,200

The Christmas Cheer Fund missed the \$1,200 mark by a hair from Santa's beard today. There may be others whose checks will come in during the holidays.

The Herald, which is working with the Salvation Army on this project, expresses its deepest thanks for all who so generously remembered others at Christmas time. May God bless you all, and may your gifts bring renewed hope to those who need help.

Latest donors are:
Mrs. J. J. Flores, Burleson ... \$10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Rex A. Greenwood 5.00
Previously acknowledged..... 1,184.25
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MILD
Partly cloudy to cloudy and mild today, tonight and Christmas Day. High today near 70, low tonight 43, high Christmas 67.



CHRISTMAS IS A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY — Santa is a newcomer on the Christmas scene. The religious observance is personified by Dana Mancill, 16, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mancill, 603 Colgate, and Connie Gary, 17, daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Gary, 1510 Nolan. See page 4-A for a complete listing of midnight Christmas Eve services.



DEFINITE SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS AT ROBERT NOYES HOME, 2402 CHEYENNE
Elfs, Disney characters, plus Snoopy, welcome Santa; figurines tell of Christ child



THE WINNAHS! PLUS THEIR PRIZES IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST
From left, Robert Beck, second; Robert Noyes, first; Kyle Choate, third

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All Waterway Discharges Are Illegal, Says Federal Judge

By STAN BENJAMIN
By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge here has declared all waste discharges into non-navigable waterways illegal and barred the federal government from legalizing them with discharge permits.

In addition, District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr., ruled that the government may not issue discharge permits even for navigable waters, unless it first prepares an environmental impact study on each permit application.

Some 20,000 applications have been filed by industries, many of which already dump wastes, treated and untreated, into waterways.

NO EXEMPTIONS
Robinson said no federal agency activity may be exempted from the legal requirement for an environmental impact study because the action itself is intended to protect the environment.

John R. Quarles, Jr., general counsel for the federal Environmental Protection Agency, said in an interview late Friday that he had not yet seen the judge's decision.

But, as described to him by a newsman, "the decision appears to raise serious questions regarding the basis on which a federal permit program for pollution control can be conducted," Quarles commented.

NOW PENDING
He said legislation now pending in Congress may clarify the permit program's legal basis, but this provides no immediate answer.

Robinson made it clear that industries and others discharging wastes into non-navigable waters are in violation of the law and open to prosecution.

Robinson's decision also ap

peared to enlarge the meaning of "non-navigable waters" to include many streams, rivers or lakes which the federal government would view as "navigable."

COMPLEX MATTER
Quarles said defining navigable waters was a complex matter "but one common rule of thumb is that any water that will float a log is considered navigable—it's a pretty far-reaching term."

Robinson, however, granted his injunction to protect—as a "non-navigable" waterway—the Grand River in Ohio which will certainly float a canoe, and, presumably, a log as well.

In fact the suit against the permit program was filed by two men, Jerome S. Kalur and Donald Large, who said their canoeing on the river gave them a stake in its fate.

CLASS ACTION
Kalur and Large brought a "class action" suit, on behalf of all recreational and conservation users of the river, against the Army Corps of Engineers, which administers the waste discharge permit program initiated last July.

The suit also named as defendants the Secretary of the Army and the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, which holds delegated authority over permit provisions.

The plaintiffs asked for a strict construction of the law, which prohibits discharges "into any navigable water of the United States, or into any tributary of any navigable water."

The law allows the Secretary of the Army to permit discharges "in navigable waters" but does not mention permits for non-navigable waters.

Robinson, in a decision signed Dec. 16 but filed officially only on Thursday, Dec. 13, said the law does not allow permits for discharging to non-navigable waters.

Robinson noted government arguments that without permits factories along non-navigable waters "would find themselves in violation of the 1899 Act without ability to bring them into compliance short of closing."

LAW CLEAR
"The law is clear," Robinson said. "The Secretary of the Army does not have that power

(to issue permits) under the Refuse Act."

Robinson added: "There can be no remorse for those companies who have since 1899 violated the criminal law who now find themselves in the position of being unable to comply with the law."

He said further: "There are many clean and still unspoiled rivers, streams, and lakes that do not fall within the expanding definition of 'navigable'... Such pure streams can be preserved as the Act absolutely prohibits deposits of refuse matter into them."

NO AUTHORITY
"Defendants the government may not go beyond their legal authority to issue permits that shield polluters and potential polluters where Congress has specifically prohibited such activity."

"It may be," Quarles added, "that this decision hastens the need for legislative revision of the legal foundation for a permit program; but there is no question in my judgment that continuation of a federal permit program is essential."

Quarles said the requirement of an environmental study for each permit would, if maintained, "certainly mean a lot more paperwork," but would probably not overwhelm the program.

Robinson ordered the Corps of Engineers to rewrite its regulations in order to provide for these environmental studies on permits.

In concluding language that could apply to actions of the Environmental Protection Agency as well as those of the Corps, Robinson wrote: "There is no exception from environmental impact studies... carved out

for those agencies that may be viewed as environmental improvement agencies."

Coahoma Light Winners Noted

COAHOMA — The Pat Shields home at 906 Culp was judged winner of the home decorating contest here last night.

The Shields family will receive a yard lamp from Texas Electric Service Company.

Second place went to Jerry Stout at 605 Saunders, meriting a \$15 cash prize from the Coahoma Lions Club.

The third prize of \$10 from the Lions went to Guy White, 204 South Avenue.

Two other yards were singled out for honorable mention — Dewayne Clawson, 303 Ramsey, and Johnny Justice, 301 Ramsey.

Conscience Works At Christmas

"Weird" is all Bill Hemby, 2501 Carleton, could say upon finding that a Christmas package under his tree had been stolen, re-wrapped, and returned.

Hemby reported to police Thursday night that someone had stolen a wrist watch present from under his tree, entering the house by forcing the back door open.

Officers reported later, however, that Hemby found the gift near the back door, re-wrapped, and apparently returned by the thief who either had a change of heart, or didn't like that brand of watch.

Oil Activity Winds Down

Oil activity in the Permian Basin wound down today for the holidays.

Borden County had two wells plugged and one completion. Dawson chalked up two completions.

Phillips Petroleum No. 7-A, 1,500 from the north and 1,110 from the west line section 55-25, H&TC, was a Vin Roeder completion in Borden. It bottomed at 6,827, set the 5 1/2-in. string one foot higher, perforated 6,814-17, acidized with 500 gallons; initial production was 11 barrels of 42.4-gravity oil and 254 barrels of water, gas-oil ratio 341-1.

Coquina Oil Corp. No. 1, 467 from the north and 2,173 from the west line section 323-97, H&TC, 12 miles northeast of Gail, was plugged at 8,166.

Tipeco No. 1 McDowell Trust, a prospector for the Reinecke (Pennsylvanian) pay, plugged at 6,944. It was 467 from the south and 1,931 from the east line section 83-25, H&TC.

In Dawson County, a Welch (San Andres) completion was Kewanee No. 4610 North Welch Unit, 10 feet from the south and 1,320 from the east line section 3-39, PSL; total depth 4,955, 5 1/2-in. on bottom, perforated 4,575-4,909, acidized with 1,500 gallons, raced 6,000 gallons and 6,000 pounds; initial pumping production 136 barrels oil plus 30 barrels water per day.

The eighth Dean producer and a three-eighths mile south extension to the Tex-Hamilton multipay field of Dawson County has been completed as Meridian Oil No. 1 Koehler. Production of 125 barrels of 37-gravity oil and six barrels water was through a 14-64th choke and perforations 8,886-9,072. Treatment was with 80,000 gallons and 160,000 pounds. Location is 1,320 from the north and east line section 39-36-4n, T&P, 13 miles south of Lamesa.

Bhutto Tightens Grip To Control Pakistanis

By The Associated Press
President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto tightened his grip on Pakistan today by naming an 11-member, leftist-oriented cabinet drawn mainly from his powerful Pakistan Peoples Party.

In India, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi warned that her government would not tolerate meddling by world powers in the India-Pakistan dispute. Although she mentioned no country by name, her remarks were widely interpreted as directed against the United States.

Bhutto, who took power five days ago from the military regime of Gen. Agha Mohammed Yahya Khan, retained the key portfolios of defense, foreign affairs, interior and intra-provincial affairs, indicating he would take day-to-day charge of his nation's campaign to win back East Pakistan, lost in the 14-day war with India.

The Pakistani president also announced he would appoint a commission of inquiry to look into the causes of the war. Five of the new cabinet ministers were drawn from the West Pakistani province of Punjab where Bhutto's party is strong and only three of the ministers, including Vice President Nurul Amin, did not belong to the Pakistan Peoples Party.

Amin, 78, is the only East Pakistani in the cabinet. However, Bhutto said he plans to name at least three more ministers, including an East Pakistani.

Mrs. Gandhi, speaking in the Indian state of Punjab, was quoted by the government radio as saying her country's victory had "upset the calculations of some powers."

"There have been attempts at interference by some powers and India will not tolerate it," Mrs. Gandhi said. She added that she was not making a threat, but that she would not accept threats from others either.

In Cairo, Pakistan was reported to have asked Egypt to use its good offices with India to resolve "urgent humanitarian problems" arising from the war.

Cairo's semi-official Al-Ahram newspaper said Pakistani Ambassador Muhamed Malik made the request in a meeting with Murad Ghaleb, Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs. Ghaleb later met with India's charge d'affaires, the newspaper said, and the Indian envoy raised the question of formal Egyptian recognition of Bangladesh, the newly proclaimed nation in East Pakistan.

Ghaleb was quoted as replying that such recognition at present would "complicate the situation" and jeopardize Egypt's mediatory role.

In other developments: President Bhutto, in a letter to the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, asked steps be taken to prevent revenge slaying in East Pakistan.

In Dacca, Syed Nazrul Islam, the acting president of Bangladesh, said his government would demand that India turn over Pakistani soldiers accused of killing Bengalis in the past nine months, United News of India reported. The agency said Islam told newsmen the soldiers would be tried as war criminals under international law.

Whoops!
Pardon us. In the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, we goofed. The section in today's Herald numbered Section D should be Section B.

How's Freedom For A Gift?

Christmas gifts come in all kinds of strange forms and manners, but one unique is the gift of freedom to misdemeanor offenders at the Big Spring city pokey.

Freedom is given them so that they can go to their homes for the holiday festivities, and their remaining jail terms are suspended.

According to Stanley Dogard, assistant police chief and Santa Claus in disguise, there are seven prisoners at the city jail who will be turned out tonight. Felony offenders are not granted the same Christmas privilege.

This seasonal amnesty makes Christmas a little more enjoyable, even around a police department, Bogard said.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office personnel also play the part of jolly old St. Nick, in that all felony and county court prisoners are served Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

UF LACKS OH SO LITTLE

The United Fund Drive is almost complete, with a total of \$109,542.30 of the \$110,000 goal.

The increase came from Paul Meek's out-of-town division with a \$410 contribution. The drive now lacks only \$457.70 of reaching the 1971-72 goal.

The response has been excellent in the past few days," said Morris Robertson, campaign chairman, "and I hope we will get enough today to close out the campaign."

South Vietnam Failure Is Cause Of Outlying Strikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State William P. Rogers says North Vietnamese forces are striking Laos and Cambodia because of "the failure of their military activity in South Vietnam."

And the U.S. response, he says, will be "to continue the President's policy of supporting the South Vietnamese in Cambodia, and to give air support in Laos."

Southeast Asia and the India-Pakistan conflict were main items at a year-end news conference Thursday by Rogers.

He credited the year as one with substantial accomplishments over-all, listing the U.S. troop withdrawal and Vietnamization program as the No. 1 success and the India-Pakistan war as the main disappointment.

Rogers said U.S. force pullouts from South Vietnam will continue in 1972. And the Vietnamization program of turning over the war to the South Vietnamese is working so well that Hanoi has turned toward Laos and Cambodia in hopes of greater military success, he said.

The North Vietnamese objective is still "to conquer South Vietnam," he said.

U.S. officials have been concerned over the recent scale of Communist activity in the two countries adjoining Vietnam, particularly the Communists' sudden conquest of Laos' Plain of Jars. Four U.S. Phantom jets were downed last weekend while operating over Laos.

Peace at Christmas

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BIG SPRING	72	48
Arlene	69	43
Amarillo	50	30
Chicago	51	42
Denver	69	31
Fort Worth	65	42
New York	40	37
St. Louis	59	40

Sun sets today at 5:47 p.m. Sun rises Saturday at 7:44 a.m. Highest temperature this date 76 in 1969; lowest temperature this date 4 in 1924. Maximum rainfall this date .70 in 1942.



Figures show low temperatures expected. Small Friday Morning. (AP WIREPHOTO MAP)

WEATHER FORECAST — Rain is forecast today for the Pacific coast. Snow flurries are expected in the northern Rockies, rain in the central Rockies. Snow or rain is forecast for the northern Plains. Colder air is forecast for most of the nation.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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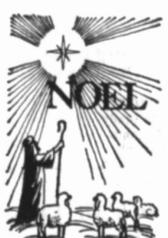
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Eve Services Set Tonight

Nine local churches will hold special Christmas Eve services tonight. The coming of Christ will be celebrated through song and candlelit worship.

CATHOLIC
Immaculate Heart of Mary — The Rev. Louis Moeller, pastor, will be celebrant at the traditional Christmas Eve mass beginning at 11:30 p.m. today. Singing of religious carols by the choir and congregation will be featured.

Sacred Heart — The traditional midnight Christmas Eve mass will be celebrated.

St. Thomas — A midnight mass honoring Christ's birth will be held.

EPISCOPALIAN
St. Mary's — Caroling will begin at 11 p.m. in the Parrish Hall instead of at 11:15 p.m. as previously announced, and refreshments will be served. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the sanctuary at 11:30 p.m., and traditional carols by the choir will be featured. The service will be broadcast over KBST Radio.

PRESBYTERIAN
St. Paul's — A candlelight worship service will be held at 7 p.m. today.

METHODIST
First United — A candlelight worship service featuring traditional carols sung by choir and congregation will begin at 11:30 p.m. today.

Wesley United — A candlelight Christmas Eve communion will be held today from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Traditional carols will be sung.

WEBB AFB
Catholic — A Christmas Eve vigil will begin at 9 p.m. today in the base chapel.

Protestant — A Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 7 p.m. today.

Students Do Mission Work

Three area students: Meliton Arriola Jr., Big Spring; Nancy Kidd, Lamesa; and Pedro Galvan, Lorraine; will be among the eighty Hardin-Simmons University students leaving on an El Paso Mission trip Jan. 14.

For the past several years, H-SU students have interrupted their Christmas holidays to spend time in the El Paso area working with churches and missions.

Students will stay at the Baptist Mission Center in El Paso, sleeping in beds on the floor and cooking their own meals. Mornings will be spent in manual labor: painting and doing repair work. At night teams will conduct revival services in Spanish.

Small crews will get up at 7 a.m. each day to pack lunches, with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and work crews to leave at 8 a.m. At 5 p.m., the crews will return to the Mission Center to clean up and eat supper at 6 p.m. From 7 to 10 p.m. the students will be at the churches. From 10:30 to 11:30 p.m., group sharing will be observed.



MUSIC ON CHRISTMAS EVE — Dan Shockey directs the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Choir as it prepares for Christmas Eve caroling and Holy Eucharist beginning at 11 p.m. today. The Rev. Harlan Birdwell, pastor, third row right, joins the choir. The service at St. Mary's is one of nine special services planned for tonight.

Evergreen Tree Has Been A Symbol Of Christmas Since Birth Of Christ

Christmas customs the world over are as varied as the patterns of light that shine from a beautiful ornament. But few legends are as diverse and abundant as those surrounding the origin of the Christmas tree.

Although evergreens, as symbols of survival, have a long association with Christmas festivities, the first decorated, gift-laden Christmas tree is believed to have been used 130 years ago.

Prince Albert and Queen Victoria had one with lights and gifts on it in Windsor Castle in 1841.

In the early decades of the 19th century, however, no useful presents were ever placed on the tree's branches; they went

on a table nearby or underneath. Only the shining ornaments adorned the tree. In Southern Europe, a custom was to place a creche beneath its branches.

From earliest times man is known to have used trees in worship. Ancient legend says that the tree of knowledge in the Garden of Eden was an evergreen. It is said that the tree blossomed and bore fruit, but that its foliage shrank to tiny leaves when Eve plucked its fruit.

On the night Christ was born, it is believed to have blossomed again; thus the evergreen tree became a symbol of Christmas.

Ayene E. and Cameron Cooke, in "Our Christmas Symbols," say that Christmas trees were first used in the medieval German paradise plays, held outdoors and portraying the creation of man.

The tree of life was a fir, hung with apples. Later other ornaments were placed on the branches as well.

One early legend about the origin of the Christmas tree, according to O. A. Battista, a Yardley, Pa., collector of Christmas legends and traditions, is based on the three trees said to have been near Christ's manger: the olive, the date, and the pine tree.

The olive gave its fruit to honor the newborn King, and the palm gave its dates as an offering. But the pine had nothing to give. Some stars above, says the legend, descended gently and rested on its boughs as a gift of light.

Another legend concerns St. Boniface, who completed the Christianization of Germany in the 8th century and dedicated the fir tree to the Christ Child.

to replace the sacred oak of Odin. On Christmas Eve, so the story goes, while the famed missionary was hewing down the oak that had become the object of idolatrous worship, a tornado blasted it. Just behind it stood a young fir tree with a green spire pointing to the stars.

Boniface turned to the pagans and said: "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree. It is the wood of peace, for your homes are built of it. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are always green. Let this be the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it, not in the wild woods, but in your own homes. There will be shelter no deed of blood, but loving gifts and acts of kindness."

Historians say that St. Boniface first used a star on top of a Christmas tree, and they trace the origin of illuminating the tree to Martin Luther, who placed lighted candles in an evergreen.

The story is that on one Christmas Eve Luther wandered outdoors and became enraptured with the starry sky. The beauty and brightness caused him to reflect on the glory of the first Christmas Eve in Bethlehem.

Wishing to share this with his wife and children, he felled an evergreen, glistening with snow, and took it home. Then he placed candles on it to represent the brilliance of the heavens outside.

The use of a candle-light tree spread, first through Europe, and then to America, where it came to be regarded as the fairest ornament of Christmas. Electric illumination

Refugee Figure Twice 1964 Total

NEW YORK (AP) — In the last six years, the total number of refugees in the world has more than doubled, climbing from 7,900,309 in 1964 to 17,318,320 in 1970, Church World Service reports.

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—TUESDAY—

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—WEDNESDAY—

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CATHOLIC

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This is Christ's birthday and we are celebrating, and, in a magical way, it seems to instill in all of us a special feeling of friendship and love for our fellowman. What a wonderful thing it would be if we could keep this Christmas spirit in our hearts all year long!

To do so would be perfection—and that is something none of us can quite attain. But through the Church we CAN keep faith and truth within us from one Christmas to the next. Try it, and see.



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CHRISTMAS GIFTS — Men of the Royal Scots who are stationed in Belfast during Christmas, deliver Christmas cakes and puddings to some of the elderly people in the area they patrol, Dec. 23.

No Christmas Let-Up In Irish Fighting

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — British troops, heartened by a morale-boosting visit from their prime minister, Edward Heath, maintained a full security alert across this troubled province today under sporadic terrorist harassment. Army spokesmen said there would be no letup over Christmas and gunmen fired on a military patrol in Belfast and an armored ambulance. There were no casualties. The troops, fighting guerrillas of the Irish Republican Army who are pledged to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, were given a lift by Heath's first trip to the province Thursday. Heath spent 10 hours on a whistle-stop tour of military units. Downtown Belfast stores were thronged with last-minute Christmas shoppers undeterred by a wave of explosions across the capital in a week-long offensive. The heads of the four main churches in Ireland issued a joint plea for peace and reconciliation between the feuding Protestant majority and the Roman Catholic minority. The appeal was signed by Cardinal Conway and the leaders of three Protestant denominations. In Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second city and a republican stronghold, the militant provisional wing of the IRA issued a Christmas message warning people that "they must be prepared to suffer inconvenience, trouble and nervous strain—perhaps death at the hands of English soldiers."



RETURN TO SENDER? — An employee examines part of 25 tons of appeals and petitions for American prisoners of war in Vietnam, which have piled up in a Paris warehouse because the Hanoi delegation to the peace talks refuse to accept them. The flood of mail, which started about two years ago, has slowed to a trickle now, but some five million letters, appeals and petitions lie mouldering in the cellar warehouse, unlikely ever to reach a prisoner.

No 'Short-Term Miracles' Warns Cancer Chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — The unprecedented attack "and a great crusade" against the disease which each year kills more Americans than died in combat during World War II. "I think it would be a great mistake to build up false hopes, to talk about crash programs or to put success in any time frame," said Benno C. Schmidt in an interview after he was named chairman of the President's Cancer Panel. "All we can promise the American people is that we will give them the very best program American science can provide." Nixon made the same point Thursday when he signed the National Cancer Act and launched what he called "an

Haegelin New Borden Agent

Tommy Haegelin, associate county agricultural agent at Seguin, has been named the Borden County agent at Gail, effective Feb. 1. The announcement was made by Borden County Judge Glenn Toombs and Bill Gunter, district agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Haegelin will replace J. W. Holmes, who will retire Jan. 31. Holmes has been in Borden County for 11 years. Haegelin was reared in Medina County and was graduated from Castroville High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in animal science from Texas A&M University in 1969. While in college, he was a member of the Saddle and Sirolo Club and served on the meats judging teams his junior and senior years. As a junior, he was also on the livestock judging team. He was listed as a Distinguished Student for his academic work as a senior. As a youth, Haegelin was a 4-H member for six years. While in college, he worked one summer on a ranch and another summer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The new agent and his wife, Rosalie, have one daughter, Stephanie, who is 15 months old.

POW Communications Die In Graveyard In Paris

PARIS (AP) — Just over a year ago, 10-year-old Mary Hendrix painted a pink-and-green Christmas card sprinkled with snowflakes and mailed it to "An American prisoner in North Vietnam." Her friends in the fifth grade of the Nellingen U.S. dependents' school in West Germany did likewise, hoping to bring a little Christmas cheer to a few prisoners. Today their handmade cards which moulder in the cellar of a Paris warehouse, unlikely ever to reach any prisoner. The cellar is stuffed with more than 25 tons of letters and petitions, mostly appealing for release or better treatment of the prisoners. The cellar is the graveyard of all such communications addressed to the North Vietnamese or Viet Cong delegations at the Paris peace talks. During the last two years some five million letters, appeals and petitions have been mailed here by individual Americans, or brought in by the crateload. As word spread that the Communist delegations refused to accept the appeals the flood of mail slowed to a trickle. No Christmas cards have come this year. The storage company which owns the cellar has dusted covered crates, sacks and bundles that fill more than 7,000 cubic feet of space. It all started early last year when an organization named Concern for Prisoners of War, Inc., of San Diego, Calif., was threatened with prosecution by French police for dumping several crates of petitions on the sidewalk at the North Vietnamese delegation offices. The organizers quickly rented space in the cellar to get the crates off the street—and they have been there ever since. Other organizations in turn brought in their crates. Buried among the stacks of organized petitions are boxes of shoes and books apparently mailed to the prisoners by well-wishers. And scattered on the floor are the Christmas cards from Nellingen, different from the other mail because they are addressed to the prisoners, not their jailers. "Dear friend," Mary Hendrix wrote to her unknown would-be pen pal in a North Vietnamese prison camp. "You are the first person I wrote to, not counting my grandparents." Mary promised that if she ever got an answer, she would send back a picture of herself. Gary Burger, in the same class, wrote "Merry Christmas to you and your friends." He sent four of his Christmas poems, reminding the prisoners in tropical Vietnam that "snow makes whiteness where it falls." His card on the cellar floor is covered with soot.

Ex-Husband Of Yoko Draws Jail Time

HOUSTON (AP) — Anthony D. Cox, 34, will spend Christmas in the Harris County jail for violating a court order granting his former wife Yoko Lennon visiting privileges with their daughter, Kyoko. Judge Peter S. Solito handed down the five-day sentence Wednesday after holding Cox in contempt of his domestic relations court. Cox won temporary custody of his daughter in a September hearing but the court order granted visiting privileges to Mrs. Lennon, now the wife of former Beatle John Lennon. Ed Murr, lawyer for the Lenons, testified that attempts to get Cox to turn the child over to the Lenons or their representatives were ignored by the girl's father.

Hoffa Reunited With His Family

By PAUL LEBAR
By The Associated Press
ST. LOUIS (AP) — James R. Hoffa, the former Teamsters union president, was reunited with his ailing wife and family today after being freed from federal prison by President Nixon. "I don't believe it, I just don't believe it," Josephine Hoffa exclaimed Thursday night as she warmly embraced her husband at the home of her daughter in suburban Glendale. "I'm going to be fine now, just fine," said Mrs. Hoffa, who suffered a heart attack 10 months ago and had a mild seizure Wednesday. "I don't believe we've ever had a nicer Christmas."

Santa Claus Myth Makes Liars Out Of Ma And Pa?

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — "The Santa Claus myth makes liars out of parents and helps destroy the real meaning of Christmas," The Rev. James H. B. Kenyon says. "It undercuts the loving trust children have in their parents," he adds. The Episcopal priest made the charge in the current issue of a newsletter published by his church, St. Michael's and All Angels, and its affiliate, Christ the King Center. The Rev. Mr. Kenyon asks: "Is not the Santa Claus lie one of the contributing factors to the degeneration of Christmas?" Speaking with newsmen at the airport and later at the Craner home, he said "there was nothing exceptional" in the commutation. "It was routine," he said. Asked if he was bitter about his time in prison, Hoffa replied, "A grudge won't solve anything." But he commented on "the question of incarceration, particularly of first offenders."

Scouts Inducted Into Troop 16

Three new scouts were inducted into Boy Scout Troop 16 at the tenderfoot investiture and Court of Honor Tuesday at the Elbow school cafeteria. New scouts were Ken Parker, Kim Long and Ricky Godfrey. Tim Parker got his first class badge; Mike Storen his Star badge, and Kelley Allen and Bruce Campbell their life badges. Eagle Scouts Joe Alexander, Wes Thixton and Gage Mims were in charge of the investiture, and assistant scoutmasters Bob Glass, Garner Thixton and Bill Alexander made the awards of rank. The troop is sponsored by Forsan Oil Well Service, Bob Wash institutional representative, Bill Mims scoutmaster. The honor court followed a campout at Sand Dunes in the Monahans State Park during the past weekend.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Ravine
5 Tale of heroes
9 Jolly time
13 Spring harbingers
15 Of ears
16 Girl's name
17 Reproduction
18 Wander
19 Mexican president 1884-1911
20 Beg
22 Mark over vowel
23 Struggle
24 Put out at interest
25 Taste
28 Purpose
29 Throe
30 Cabinet member
32 Man from Bergen
37 God of fire, Hindu
38 Harvest goddess
39 Erudition
40 Fuzzy-leaved flowers: 2 w.
42 Steel or such
43 Charged particles
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50 Signs
52 Dangles
53 Finagled politically
57 Duty
58 Instance
59 Ruth's mother-in-law; Bible
60 Hosiery shade
61 Stove part
62 Dwarf
63 On view
64 Defeat
65 Insect
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2 Broad-topped hill
3 Israeli premier
4 Darkness
5 Depravity
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7 Bestow upon
8 Hole in one
9 Wet thoroly
10 Foreigner
11 Toil
12 Badgered freshmen
14 Approached
21 Girl's nickname
22 Ulna or tibia
24 Rules
25 Insult
26 Shakespearean villain
27 Brooches
29 Flack: 2 w.
31 Dawn spectacle: 2 w.
33 Mine output
34 Tiny bit
35 Soviet sea
36 Dickens' heroine
38 Rabbit fur
41 Seoul soldiers
42 River of southeast Asia
45 Blunder
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53 Bathe
54 Diving bird
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ARRESTED — Michael James Brody Jr., who said in January, 1970, he would give away a \$26 million inheritance, was arrested in South Norwalk, Conn., Thursday, and charged with threatening President Nixon's life.

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Santa's Postal Helper Finish
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Sgt. and Mrs. Lowry are residing following their wedding in the Salt Lake Saints Temple, Salt Lake, Utah. Parents of the bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. Webb Air Force graduate of Tooele and his bride is Sgt. Lowry, who is a graduate of Big Spring High School. The bride was princess-style dress over taffeta style neckline and long-sleeved with Chantilly lace. Her veil was headpiece of net trimmed with pearls. The ceremony was held Dec. 17 in the Seventh Ward at...



206 N. Grey

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FAREWELL PARTY — Miss Jean Fannin, seated at left, was honored Wednesday evening at a farewell party held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lowe, 2407 Allendale. Cohosting the affair were Miss Linda Cross and Bob Publicover. Miss Fannin will leave Sunday for Michigan where she will be associated with the Ypsilante Press.

Casually Yours

By JO BRIGHT

It's been a delightful holiday season — so many pretty parties, lovely ladies and handsome hosts.

One of the sweetest and most enjoyable get-togethers was the small open house hosted by Bob and Susan Lewis to welcome friends to their new home on Canyon Drive.

I couldn't help but think this must be the handsomest group of young couples in town. (And, incidentally the men looked 10 years younger with their longer hair styles.) Among the guests were the Richard Aikins, Jackie Thomas, Walter Wheat, Robert Knights, Carl Marcums, Ray Torres, Loy Carrolls, Tommy Guins, Charles Kaufmanns, and of course, Jim and Clara Zaek, who had more fun than anyone.

Colorado Oil Company's Gene Reinke Meyer had a few helpers to pull together the company family party last week. Pretty Joyce Leuschner and Mrs. Roy Cederberg were among those assisting with the buffet, and Eli Guinn made a surprise appearance with his friend, Santa Claus.

Among those enjoying the party were the Reinke Meyer young people, Alice, Steve and Susy, whose guest was good-looking Bill Burchett, home from the University of Houston.

TIDBITS: It may be housewarming time soon, cause Mystery Man Ray Mize bought himself a nice Christmas

present — a new home in Highland South. Billy Fryar did even better than that, cause he's celebrating the holiday with his new bride, the former Claudette Clark of Midland.

They were married Nov. 5 in the Fryar home in Silver Heels. . . had an enjoyable dinner with Dick and Mary Simpson the other night at Lamar Green's Steak and Seafood House. The Simpsons were up from Zapata where they keep busy leading the good life and operating a hunting and fishing business. I'm going to head that way soon to see if the bass are as beautiful as Dick claims. . . my friend, A. M. Ripps is expecting his son and daughter-in-law, James and May Tom, here for the holiday, along with their sons, Jim, Mike and John. . . R. E. McKinney, who lives in the same Fort Worth apartment complex as former Big Springers, Roy and Helen Worley, is here to spend Christmas with his son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Tricia McKinney, and his grandson, Eric. . . had to miss the party hosted the other night by Bob and Deanna Rogers, but heard it was a good one (ended up with guests trying out the trampoline in the back yard). . . chatted a few minutes with John Lawrence's mother the other day and learned John is in Hammond, La., where he'll soon be a full-fledged Episcopal priest.

CHIT-CHAT: Guests of Capt. and Mrs. Ken Lord for Christmas are her parents, Col. and Mrs. John W. Keeler of Randolph AFB; her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gilbert of Lubbock; her grandmother, Mrs. J. George Keeler of Wyalusing, Penn.; and her cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Williams of Wichita Falls. Later, the Keelers will go to Mesa, Ariz., to spend New Year's with Col. and Mrs. Keeler's son and daughter-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. Jay Keeler. . . Warren Arrial III, whose dad is trainer for the Houston Oilers, is a houseguest of Tim Winn of Coahoma, Warren, 11, and Tim became friends when Tim was assistant trainer for the team last summer. . . the John Wadills will have as holiday guests their sons and families, the Larry Wadills and daughters, Sharon and Malinda of Denton, the Eddie Wadills and Edie of Houston, the Marshall Childers of Odessa and Doyce Wadill of Long Beach, Calif. Joining them will be Alex Steward and Juanita Rhodes, both of Abilene. . . the Jack Shelleys of San Angelo have received a royal welcome at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, the Edmin McMurrays, and family. . . Mr. Johnnie Morrison, Big Spring Country Club manager (who deserves a rest) will be entertaining her mother, Mrs. Nora Lakey, and brother, Parker White, both of Tenaha, and another brother and sister-in-law, the Leon Whites of Clinton.

Deadline. But one more thing. Don't forget reservations for the country club New Year's Eve Dance which will feature music by the Raiders of Lubbock. The \$5 per couple charge includes breakfast and party favors (a bargain) and if you're going to be counted among the merry-makers, contact the club now. Hosts will be the Harold Davises, M. A. Snells, Morris Pattersons and Rip Pattersons. Last big one for a while, better not miss it. Merry Christmas! Call me?

Gives Hints On Interior Decorating

"The craft of interior decoration depends almost exclusively on fabric and paint to make the desired effect," said Mrs. Joe Schalk to members of Phi Zeta Omega Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Gary Huckabay.

"Cloth is so easy to handle that it is the prime material for planning a decor," continued Mrs. Schalk. She listed the four important design elements as texture, color, pattern and value. Mrs. Schalk said fabric gives a feeling of luxury to a room. She also said color plays an important part in obtaining a certain decor. Blue gives a soft and warm effect; green offers a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere, and red has a stimulating effect. According to Mrs. Schalk, a person is more apt to tire of bright colors faster.

Mrs. Wayne Stroup presided, and Mrs. Jimmy Branch was chosen city council representative to replace Mrs. Byron Hedges who is taking a leave of absence. Alternate representative is Mrs. Huckabay. Mrs. David Wilson was presented a gift from the chapter. She is moving to Alabama. Mrs. Stroup is chapter chairman for the BSP Valentine Ball scheduled in February. Members were reminded that the state convention is June 23-25 in Amarillo. Gifts were exchanged. The next meeting is at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 3 in the home of Mrs. Branch, 605 W. 17th.

Shows Slides Of Washington, D.C.

Joan Crawford showed slides of her recent trip to the National 4-H Citizenship Conference in Washington, D.C. when she presented a program for the Gay Hill 4-H Club last week at Bethel Baptist Church. The pledge was led by Tricia Jackson and the 4-H motto by Dana Westbrook. Annette Couch, secretary, read a letter of appreciation from Jim Allison, former assistant county agent. Members reported on the sale of note cards. Troy Hyden was welcomed as a new member, and Reba Hyden, who gave the devotion, served refreshments.

Birthday Party Held Recently

KNOTT (SC) — Mrs. E. G. Newcomer was honored recently for her birthday at a party in the home of the Porter Motleys. Cohostesses were Mrs. P. E. Little, Mrs. Herman Jeffcoat, Mrs. Earl Newcomer and Mrs. John McGregor. Out-of-town guests among the 38 people attending were the T. A. Crestmans, Lubbock; the Clarence Hancock, Midland; the Lambert Misesks, Earl Reed and the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Lee, all of Big Spring.

Jaunty 'In' Belts

Leather belts are getting bigger with more hardware for the winter. In leathers and suedes these belts can grasp snugly at the slim waistline or hang jauntily on the well-shaped hips.

Pinatas Set Mood Of 'Feliz Navidad Cafe'

Pinatas and poinsettias set the mood for "Feliz Navidad Cafe," an open house hosted by Mrs. Akin Simpson recently in her home at 1600 Indian Hills.

About 85 people attended the affair which featured the atmosphere of a Mexican Christmas. Refreshments included Pandulce, a Mexican sweet bread; and Mexican coffee made with cinnamon sticks, rum sugar cubes and whipped cream.

The serving table was centered with a bouquet of red carnations and white poinsettias, as a reminder that the use of the poinsettia at Christmas originated in Mexico. The legend is that a young Mexican child had no gift to honor Christ as other worshippers did. An angel appeared

and told her to carry the weeds and as she laid them on the altar, they turned into flaming red poinsettias. Since that night, the flower has been known as the Flor de Noche Buena (flower of the good or holy night).

Members of the house party were Mrs. Kimball Guttrick, Mrs. Henry Butler, Mrs. M. A. Porter and Mrs. June McDaniel. Frank Wharton, pianist, provided background music.

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Nuptial Rites For Local Couple Held In Latter Day Saints Temple

Sgt. and Mrs. Dean Chris Lowry are residing at 1505 Main following their wedding Dec. 14 in the Salt Lake Latter Day Saints Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy C. Mills, 2411 Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lowry of Tooele, Utah. Sgt. Lowry, who is stationed at Webb Air Force Base, is a graduate of Tooele High School, and his bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School.

The bride was attired in a princess-style dress of nylon over taffeta styled with high neckline and long sleeves accented with Chantilly lace appliques. Her veil was held by a headpiece of nylon flowers trimmed with pearls.

The ceremony was performed by Elder F. L. Hunsaker, after which the bridegroom's parents hosted a luncheon for 17 guests.

The traditional reception was held Dec. 17 in the Third and Seventh Ward at Tooele. Participating in the reception were the matron of honor, Mrs. Craig Wexels of Salt Lake City; the bridesmaid, Miss Mary Lou

Prez; the junior bridesmaids, Nancy Johnson and Janell Johnson; and the best man, Greg Solberg. Ushers were Glen Lowry, brother of the bridegroom; and Mike Lowry and Mike Fallows, cousins of the bridegroom. Guests were registered by Mrs. David Lowry, of Norwalk, Calif., sister-in-law of the bridegroom.

The bride's bouquet of white gladioli and yellow mums was centered with an orange rosebud, and the attendants each carried a long-stemmed orange rose tied with yellow ribbon.

The refreshment tables were covered with white cloths and accented with orange candles in gold holders circled with yellow and white daisies. The bride's table was laid with a yellow nylon cover over white and was trimmed with a large orange and yellow bow. The tiered cake was topped with lovebirds.

Serving at the table were Vickie Solberg, Kemberly Lowry, cousin of the bridegroom; Carol Azellia, Sarah Jo Carson and Lessie McKeller.



MRS. DEAN LOWRY

B&PW Has Gift Party

The annual Christmas party and gift exchange for members of Business and Professional Womens Club, and their guests, was held Tuesday evening at Coker's Restaurant.

"The Little Star that Lost His Way," and "What Christmas Means" were read by Mrs. Bert Affleck, and David Wrinkle, dressed as Santa Claus, distributed gifts.

Mrs. J. B. Apple presided and introduced Mrs. Laura Erhardt as a new member. Guests were Mrs. J. W. Carter, Mrs. Grady Subberry and Mrs. B. N. Ralph.

A gift was presented to a former member of the club in appreciation for her services. Refreshments were served from tables decorated with arrangements of white candles and Madonnas.

Members of the Hospitality Committee were hostesses. They are Mrs. Mamie Roberts, chairman; Mrs. Affleck, Mrs. E. W. Alexander, Miss Oma Buchanan, Mrs. Jimmie Mason, Mrs. Rip Smith, and Mrs. W. B. Sullivan. Invocation was by Mrs. Sullivan.

Holiday Guests Entertained By Knott Residents

KNOTT (SC) — Recent guests of the J. D. McGregors were his sister and brother-in-law, the R. O. Armstrongs of Albuquerque, N.M., their daughter and family, the Jim Albuquerque, N.M., their son, Johnnie McGregor who is a student at Texas A&M.

Mrs. Vie Presley of Australia was a recent guest of the Joe Myers, as was their daughter, Mrs. Clay Alexander of Dallas. Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Myers hosted a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Alexander's daughter, Janice Ashley.

The L. D. Shortes' have returned from Tulsa where they visited his sister and family, the Ray Carltons; and his nephew, Jimmie Carlton who is on leave from the military.

Herschall Romine of Gravette, La., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Thomas Romine.

Merry Christmas. Cheery as a poinsettia, enduring as an evergreen are our wishes for you and yours. Nancy Hanks 206 N. Gregg Ph. 267-5054

May each of us carry the spirit of Christmas all year long, helping to make world peace and understanding a reality. RIVER-WELCH Funeral Home 410 S CURRY

COMING EVENTS. MONDAY: EAGLES AUXILIARY - Settles Hotel, 7:30 p.m.; ELBOW ELEMENTARY PTA - School, 7:30 p.m.; SOCIAL ORDER OF BEAUCANT - Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.; TOPS SALAD MIXERS - Knott Community Center, 7 p.m. TUESDAY: BAPTIST WOMEN - Westside Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.; BIG SPRING REBEKAH LODGE 284 - IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.; COAHOMA CHAPTER 499, OES - Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.; FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - Library conference room, 1:30 p.m.; JOHN & KES REBEKAH LODGE 152 - Spring Country Club, all day; IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.; LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION - Big Spring Country Club, all day; LADIES HOME LEAGUE - Salvation Army Citadel, 1:30 p.m.; NCO WIVES CLUB - Webb AFB NCO Open Mess, 7:30 p.m.; ORDER OF RAINBOW for Girls - Masonic Temple, 7 p.m.; SPRING CITY Chapter, ABWA - Holiday Inn, 7:30 p.m.; TOPS SLENDER BENDERS - Rick's Store, Coahoma, 9:45 a.m.; WEBB LGA - Webb AFB golf course 9 a.m.; First Assembly of God Church, 9:30 a.m.; WMS - Baptist Temple, 9:30 a.m.; WSCS - Wesley United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m.; WSCS - Kentwood United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m.; WCSI - Wesley United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: DUPLICATE BRIDGE - Big Spring Country Club, 10:30 a.m.; THURSDAY: TOPS PLATE PUSHERS - YMCA, 9:30 a.m.; FRIDAY: LA GALLINA BRIDGE - Big Spring Country Club, 10 a.m.; DUPLICATE BRIDGE - Big Spring Country Club, 1 p.m.

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Peace, Good Will

In accordance with a Christmas Eve custom of many years' standing, The Herald carries the glorious story of peace on earth and good will toward men as contained in the first 14 verses of the Gospel, according to St. Luke:

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went from Galilee, out of the city of David which is Bethlehem.

To be taxed with Mary his espoused

wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them; and they were

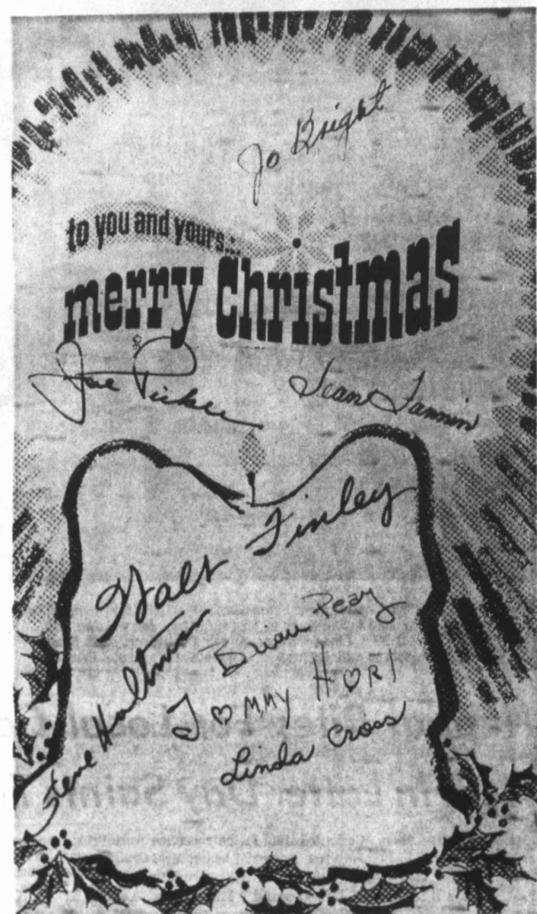
sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people.

For unto you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



Last-Minute Ideas

Robert E. Ford

It doesn't matter whether this is being read before or after Dec. 25. There is a lot of action under way whether it is buying before Christmas, or rushing to the stores to exchange everything, or hurrying to the emporiums to snap up stuff in the post-Yule sales.

Busy! Busy!

IT IS THE experience of males that wives, long before Christmas, have everything bought, wrapped, labelled and, if necessary, delivered.

But if these same wives were to follow their husbands on Dec. 23 or Dec. 24, they might break into tears and give Santa Claus a dirty look out of sympathy with their ever-loving and harried mates.

You can see the husbands wandering through department stores on Christmas Eve, each trying to buy something for his lovely lady.

Don't know how it is everywhere, but in one city, you can bet that the shelves are bare of whatever he wants to buy. Just great yawning caverns of virtually nothing.

SO HE TURNS to the cosmetic counter, which always seems to have a supply of this and that. He buys some perfume. If he has very young children, he may have to buy several bottles of perfume.

Then he tries to wrap them all, find tags to identify which children presumably bought each gift for their sweet mother, and dump the whole mess under the Yule tree.

Or he might turn to the electrical appliance counters, and there he can find dozens of picked-over items that will work provided that missing part can be obtained from the manufacturer sometime or other.

While crying great tears about the husband's problem, may we also suffer a small heart pang for a wife trying to decide on Christmas presents for her master.

If he is a heavy drinker, she can

dump a case of bourbon under the tree and declaim, "Have at it, Mac." Bet that isn't returned to the store Monday.

IF HE IS A hunter or a fisherman, anything she buys him will be superfluous because you can bet he has pawed the family jewels already to buy the best tools obtainable for his hobby. Same is true of golfers.

Read in the paper the other day that wives can give their husbands what is called "the executive survival kit."

This is for executives too busy to go home and change shirts before going to some social affair. Therefore they must touch up their manly appearance between office and party.

This kit includes an electric razor, a toothbrush, some perfume to substitute for a shower, a pocket comb, a can of spot remover, shoe polish, and even a sewing kit in case the business wares have left his suit torn and tattered.

Since very few business executives know how to sew, the kit should include a blondish secretary to do the needle and thread work.

A GOOD MANY men are the object of certain small Christmas bulletins which we presume are designed to be passed on to wives.

The catalogue includes such things as an electric boot drier for \$10.

Or you can buy a clock for hubby that has no numbers — only the faces of dice which conveniently add up to 12. Only \$35.

In fact, the book contains a number of clocks. One is two-faced. Presumably you sit this on the desk to face the caller to remind him or her that he or she has stayed too long. This one cost \$50, cheap at that price if it gets rid of bores.

ALSO ADVERTISED is a champagne glass weighing one pound four ounces. Your husband would wear out his arm lifting them before he could get enough of the bubbly down his gullet to become tipsy. Cheap at \$2.50.



OUR ETERNAL PRAYER!

Seasonal Thanksgiving



John Cuniff

NEW YORK (AP) — Here is a last-minute Christmas list, a reminder for those people who, in the rush of events, might have overlooked something. It isn't a shopping list.

Things to be thankful for: Consumers — That prices leveled off after one of the scariest encounters with inflation in modern times. True, the problem isn't licked, but the rate of inflation dropped to less than 2 per cent, at least temporarily.

Taxpayers — That some relief, however small, was granted. The personal exemption rose to \$675 from \$625. The standard deduction rose to \$1,500 from \$1,000.

Borrowers — That interest rates began sliding off from their historic highs. While they are still high, compared with

other years, the trend still appears to be down.

Lenders — That they had the money to lend. Banks and savings and loan associations which not long ago couldn't make a mortgage loan were able to begin advertising again.

Investors — That values appeared all over the stock market. And while many blue chip stocks continue to lag, the Dow Jones Industrial Average did rise more than 50 points from last New Year's \$30.57.

Workers — That the rise in unemployment was halted and that the number of jobs continued to increase, although not sufficiently faster than the job seekers to bring down the jobless rate.

Employers — That productivity, after falling so badly that fears arose about the United

States' competitiveness, began rising once again, meaning higher profits to come.

Retirees — That Social Security benefits were raised. While this still leaves many Americans with barely adequate financial strength, it offers hope that this poorly treated group will have a brighter future.

Graduates — That the job market for young men and women improved again after the first major contraction in a decade. Recruiters will again be seeking the talents of the senior class.

All Americans — That they were able to forget their differences and support some of the most daring, drastic changes in their economy in 40 years, thereby lessening the chances of a worldwide economic downturn.

Clearing The Cloud



David Lawrence

WASHINGTON — Clearing away a cloud doesn't always produce sunshine, but it does generate an expectation of a brighter scene. Thus, in international business, the removal of the 10 per cent surcharge and the fixing of the future value of the dollar in relation to the monetary units of the principal countries of the world make it possible for trade to be continued without the uncertainties that have prevailed heretofore.

FAVORABLE effects will be felt in our domestic as well as foreign trade, because planning can be tackled now with a definiteness that had not existed in the past few months.

It is not possible to measure the full impact of the readjustment made over the weekend in the currencies of the world, but certainly within the next year or more businesses of all countries will have fitted into their operations the advantages of an abandoned surcharge and a devalued dollar. America is expected to expand substantially its international trade. This cannot but give stimulus to domestic business and lead to the creation of more jobs. In a nutshell, recovery should accelerate.

EVEN THE experts, however, are reluctant to guess whether the new setup will mean a full recovery within 1972 or 1973. All they are willing to say is that the United States is headed for an extensive business expansion, and this is assured provided prices and wages are controlled so that inflation doesn't take away the advantages of the improvement in business that is expected.

WHAT IS MOST surprising is that all the countries taking part in the negotiations were willing to agree to the plans for devaluation and the set-

ting of levels for the currencies of various nations when the United States revealed that it was ready to remove the 10 per cent surcharge on imports. International trade is expected to benefit by the whole change in monetary affairs and by the willingness of the United States to give up its levy.

THE ONLY place where there is worry is in the Far East. Japanese producers think that the yen has been given a higher revaluation than it deserved. But the fact remains that Japan probably will sell more goods in some parts of the Western Hemisphere, and there are other markets besides the United States to which it will have access for many of the products it exports. The belief here is that Japanese trade will not be diminished by the readjustment in currencies.

One thing that has not been analyzed is the effect on American enterprises abroad. A vast amount of capital from this country has been sent overseas either to build new companies or expand existing plants. The recent currency realignment makes it possible for American capital to resume its flow to various countries which lag in industrial facilities.

IT WOULD seem that the new currency arrangements would enable Americans to increase some of their investments in the areas of the world which are in need of modernized equipment and production facilities. While the dollar has been devalued and will buy less abroad, the U.S. investments overseas will be increased because the foreign enterprises are now worth more in dollars. (Copyright, 1971, Publishers-Mail Syndicate)



Hal Boyle

Santa Is On His Way

Editor's Note: "Where is Santa Claus right now? Millions of children are asking. Here is the reassuring answer to their question — to be read aloud by parents to their kids just before bedtime."

NEW YORK (AP) — He's off!

Santa Claus is on his way at last! The jolly old saint and his famous reindeer are zooming through the arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.

The Northern Lights switched on to a clear steady green — the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Police sent Santa this message:

"We are clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good luck!"

And Santa Claus needed that wide, clear road in the sky. For his big, red sled was packed so full of gifts it overflowed.

"Oh, dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff. "I hope none of those presents fall out and hit some poor innocent down there. I believe this must be the heaviest load I've had in 20 years."

"What is he fretting about?" whispered Donder to Vixen. "He's only riding in the sled. We have to pull it."

Vixen laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed, too.

cause he has gained some weight this winter, three black and white penguins waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.

"Here, here, get out of the way please," said Santa Claus importantly. Then he said, surprised: "Why, what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."

"We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"

"Climb aboard, climb aboard!" boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there."

Just then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waying a long piece of paper.

"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said. "Never mind," said Santa. "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. I'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."

Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air — the signal to be off. But then he heard a small voice crying:

"Wait, please wait."

It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He

liked her because she had a good heart.

"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small shiny figure. "What's this?" he grumbled. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded."

"It is only my present to the world. I made it at night in my room — all by myself."

Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.

"It is the Angel of Peace," explained Cluny.

"Why, Cluny," said Santa, "this is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waxes her wand for one day at least over every home on earth."

And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-ticky kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again — it had a feather on the end — and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho, here we go!"

The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster, faster — and then they were off the ground and into the air.

Brandt's Deft Hand



Marquis Ch.

BONN — For Chancellor Willy Brandt Christmas came early this year. His present was the Nobel prize for peace, awarded for his leadership in relaxing tensions between East and West in treaties with Moscow and Warsaw, signed after persistent, long-drawn-out negotiation. As he goes to meet President Nixon in Key Biscayne next week Brandt has behind him achievements that would have seemed impossible two years ago.

TALKING IN his spacious sunny office in the chancellery he reflects the quiet satisfaction of a man who has overcome obstacles that appeared in the recent past insurmountable. The East-West treaties, the Berlin accord giving West Berliners new access rights to East Berlin, the two-billion-dollar U.S.-German agreement providing for direct compensation for the cost of American troops stationed here — in all this Brandt and the remarkable younger men around him had a leading part.

The Nixon agreement with French President Georges Pompidou to devalue the dollar, opening the way to European concessions on American exports, comes as a climax to strenuous efforts to straighten out the money-trade tangle. Brandt has a close working relationship with Pompidou. In their recent meeting in Paris he argued the case for compromise in the face of French intransigence. Prolonged delay would have meant, as he put it, that all of us would have a difficult 1972.

GERMANY CAN live, he says, with a rather impressive rate of American

devaluation far more easily than the French, the British and the Italians. This would raise problems for industries exporting to the United States. But more important would be the widened gap between the German mark and other European currencies and particularly the French franc, since the French devaluation in 1969 and the German upward revaluation. This has already given the French a competitive advantage of 20 per cent.

That may create a problem but Brandt is not daunted by problems. He suggests that another general ground on tariffs like the Kennedy round may be essential. With a gleam in his eye he says it might be called "Ronde de Pompidou."

"THERE IS no part of the world with which the general trade of the United States has increased as much as it has with the area of the European Economic Community," Brandt points out. "It has increased threefold since 1958 and with other areas it has only doubled on the average. Even if you take agriculture, American exports to the EEC, in money value, have increased and not decreased, although the products have changed."

WITH A majority for the Socialist-Free Democrat coalition of only six and with constitutional provisions requiring the presence in some circumstances of 249 of the 251 elected coalition members, it will be a close thing. (Copyright, 1971, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)



Billy Graham

My Answer

There are certain Scriptures which intimate that women are inferior. For example, in I Corinthians 14:34 it says: "Let your women keep silence in the church..." What place do women have in today's world, according to the Bible?

I.P. Women were an important part of the early Christian church. The same Paul who wrote the words above which you quote also wrote: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Jesus Christ... Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord... and, 'I commend unto you Phebe, our sister, which is a servant of the church at Cenchrea.'" Romans 16.

In Paul's letter to the church at Corinth, he admonished the women to "keep silent." Since this statement is not consistent with most of Paul's other statements regarding the place

of women in the church, we must assume that this was addressed to a situation which existed in Corinth exclusively. In those days the women sat apart from the men, and since they did not participate in the service due to Jewish custom, they might have engaged in disruptive conversation during the course of the worship service. Hence the admonition: "Let the women be quiet."

Paul's epistles contain the names of Lydia, Dorcas, Persis, Julia, Euodia, Syntyche, and those mentioned above. It is clear that he considered them an important part of the church.

In today's world the women's role is an important one. Her influence is needed in the church, in education, in the arts, and most of all, in the home.

A Devotion For Today...

"Will God indeed dwell on the earth. (I Kings 8:27, RV) PRAYER: Father in heaven, we would welcome Your Son, our brother, in the center of our lives and in the midst of our home. Help us remove what is unclean and make room for the Savior that He may affect our everyday activities. We thank You for the reality of Your down-to-earth Christmas gift. Amen. (From the 'Upper Room')

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Cow Trip

MINNEAPOLIS — (AP) — The Dallas and Minnesota teams each try to prove the big ones when at 12 noon (CST) Saturday the National Football League's semifinal playoff game will be played at the Arrowhead Stadium. The winner of the Day game will advance to the NFC championship.



WHO S... Certain

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HCJC

Team Totals (won 13)	Points
Krueger	100
Miller	95
Goetz	90
Young	85
Lea	80
Frontz	75
McCain	70
Goetz	65
Cunningham	60
Cummings	55
Wetkins	50
Goetz	45
Bulford	40
Haxton	35
Florence	30
Player	25
Results:	
HCJC 116, Sw Christian	
HCJC 99, Mt. View 75	
HCJC 85, Lubbock CC 65	
HCJC 117, Schreiner 100	
South Plains 180, HCJC	
HCJC 99, Odessa 90	
HCJC 94, Midlery 80	
HCJC 75, Gordon City 70	
N.E. Cole 69, HCJC 70	
South Plains 84, HCJC 70	
HCJC 90, Western Texas	
HCJC 81, ACC 78	
Texas Tech 87, HCJC 80	
HCJC 74, HSU 70	
HCJC 120, NWMI 91	
HCJC 101, Western Texas	
HCJC 81, HSU 76	

Cowboys, Vikings Eye Trip To Super Bowl

MINNEAPOLIS—ST. PAUL (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys and Minnesota Vikings will each try to prove they can win the big ones when they collide at 12 noon (CST) Saturday in a National Football Conference semifinal playoff game at Metropolitan Stadium.

The winner of the Christmas Day game will advance to the NFC championship Jan. 2 at Minnesota or Dallas and, from there, one team will go to the biggest game of all, the Jan. 16 Super Bowl.

Dallas, in the playoffs for the sixth consecutive season, first got the "they-can't-win-the-big-ones" label after losing two straight NFL title games to the Green Bay Packers in 1967 and 1968.

The Cowboys finally reached the Super Bowl last year—and they bowed to the Baltimore Colts 16-13.

How about the Vikings? Coach Bud Grant has brought his team into the playoffs for the fourth straight year, still looking for the first Super Bowl championship.

The latest weather forecast predicted a high of 26 degrees with a slight chance of snow for the game that matches the team with the best offensive record, the Cowboys, against the NFL's most successful defense, the Vikings.

The Vikings, their rush led by Carl Eller and Alan Page and their secondary keyed by Paul Krause and Charlie West, allowed the fewest points among the 26 NFL teams for the third straight season, 139.

But Dallas coach Tom Landry feels the Cowboy offense, which produced 406 points, will be able to produce.

The Cowboys have not lost since Landry made Roger Staubach the No. 1 quarterback after a 23-19 loss to the Chicago Bears Oct. 31.

Staubach passed for 1,853 yards and 15 touchdowns, and scrambled for 341 more yards. Running backs Duane Thomas, Calvin Hill and Walt Garrison ground out the yardage, Thomas leading a rushing attack that produced 2,249 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The Dallas defense was second behind Minnesota in NFL statistics. The rush, led by Bob Lilly, dumped quarterbacks 43 times, and Cowboy defensive backs intercepted 25 passes.

If the Vikings have a weakness, it is in their offense.

Dallas, Chiefs Are Given Nod

By MIKE RATHET
NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League playoffs begin this weekend and the Baltimore Colts begin defense of their Super Bowl crown after having had to defend their integrity for their second-place finish in American Conference East.

So look for the Colts to blast the Browns off the field in answer to their critics. In the other playoffs, it looks from here like Dallas can topple Minnesota, Kansas City handle Miami and Washington stung San Francisco.

The Dallas-Minnesota and Miami-Kansas City games are scheduled for 12 noon and 3 p.m., CST, Saturday with national television coverage by CBS and NBC, respectively. The Baltimore-Cleveland and Washington - San Francisco games are scheduled for 12 noon and 3 p.m., CST, Sunday with television coverage by NBC and CBS, respectively.

Here's a rundown of each game, noting that last week's predictions produced a best-of-the-season 10-3 record: SATURDAY'S GAMES

Dallas 24, Minnesota 17—The Cowboys have been amazing since Roger Staubach took over at quarterback, reeling off seven consecutive victories. They led the NFL in scoring during the regular season with 406 points and should be able to move the ball despite the fact the Vikings allowed a league low of 139 points.

Kansas City 34, Miami 24—The Chiefs and Dolphins have met six times previously and the score is 6-0 Kansas City. With Otis Taylor as the key weapon, the Chiefs should make it seven in succession. But Kansas City will have to shut down Miami's Larry Csonka-Jim Kiick running combination.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Baltimore 31, Cleveland 10—Washington 27, San Francisco

Tempers Boil Over In Minnesota Game

By The Associated Press

Tony Johnson and Dennis Bell were mad. Clyde Turner was very mad. And Bill Musselman, ooh, was he mad.

It was just a mad, mad, mad world Thursday night at the Minnesota-Drake basketball game.

Johnson and Bell, two of Drake's players, were hit with technicals, as was Minnesota's Turner in a hot-tempered and foul-punctuated game won by the Gophers, 70-56.

Musselman, the Minnesota coach, decided it was best not to talk about officials James Bain and Jack Savidge, who called 51 fouls between them.

"I'd rather not say publicly what I think," Musselman said, or rather didn't say.

While Musselman was quiet, the 13,112 fans in Minneapolis had plenty to say.

NOT CALLED
The demonstrative crowd screamed blue murder and littered the basketball court with paper, coins and metal soda cans to protest when Drake apparently changed players while the game was in progress and was not called for the violation.

It held the game up seven minutes. Things were decidedly more quiet in other college basketball action, although explosive, top-ranked UCLA and power-studded South Carolina, the No. 3 club, blasted their respective opponents.

UCLA crunched Texas Christian 119-81 and South Carolina breezed by Pitt 69-59.

Sixth-ranked Ohio State topped Wisconsin-Milwaukee 78-63, No. 9 Long Beach State overwhelmed Valley State 103-60 and 10th-ranked St. John's, N.Y., edged New Mexico 95-92 to win the Lobo Classic tournament in Albuquerque, N.M.

Bill Walton scored 31 points and got 16 rebounds to lead unbeaten UCLA to its sixth straight triumph this year.

BIG NIGHT
Kevin Joyce and Tok Tiker scored 42 points between them to lead undefeated South Carolina to its fifth straight victory. Joyce scored 14 of his 24 points in the first half to help the Gamecocks take a 34-24 lead at intermission. Riker dumped in 18 points and helped the winners own the board.

Luke Wittie scored 20 points and grabbed 20 rebounds and Alan Hornyak, making his first start of the season after an injury, had 14 points to pace Ohio State.

Penn., the country's No. 13

team, clubbed Western Kentucky 88-79 as Bob Morse scored 30 points and Cincinnati upset No. 17 Ohio University 104-67 behind Lloyd Batts' 30 points.

Cincinnati Coach Tay Baker was elated over the victory.

"I was thoroughly enjoying myself, just sitting there and watching them. My team was just great," he said.

Ohio Coach Jim Snyder disagreed with the definition of greatness.

"They are not outstanding," he said. "They're good. But there are a lot of good teams. I'll say this, though. Batts is a great basketball player."

Two 5-4A Clubs In Tournament

BROWNWOOD — The 29th annual Howard Payne schoolboy basketball tournament scheduled for Dec. 27-29 in Brownwood Coliseum is shaping up as a rerun of 1970 when Odessa Permian and Ballinger won team crowns.

Both champs are expected back with exceptional teams and once again their chief opposition should come from the 1970 runners-up Midland Lee in Division II and Coleman in Division I.

Ballinger held off Coleman 60-58 to win last year's Division I crown while Permian outscored Midland Lee, 70-60, in the Division II finale.

It was Midland Lee's fourth straight appearance in the finals and Permian's second crown in three years.

Joining Coleman and Ballinger in Division I are Brady, McCamey, Millsap, Comanche, Goldthwaite and San Saba. All but Millsap, which is replacing Jacksboro, appeared here last season.

Dropouts by Cleburne, San Angelo and Abilene left powerful Division II with just five teams—Permian, Kerrville Tivy, Midland Lee, Mineral Wells and Brownwood.

Division II pairings for Monday Dec. 27 feature Tivy against Permian at 4 p.m. and Midland Lee against Mineral Wells at 6:30.

Brownwood isn't scheduled for action until Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. when the Lions go against the Lee-Mineral Wells winners.

All eight Division I teams will hit the hardwoods Dec. 27, with Brady facing McCamey at 11 a.m., Millsap challenging Ballinger at 1 p.m., Comanche going against Goldthwaite at 2:30 and San Saba meeting Coleman at 8.



WHO SAYS THEY'RE NOT BITING? Certainly not James Reynaud (above)

Black Bass Are Striking At Lake Colorado City

Boasting a 15-pound stringer of black bass, James Reynaud, park attendant at the state park at Colorado City Lake, came barreling into town Thursday to show off the prize stringer.

Six fish dangled from the stringer, the largest weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces, and will probably be the biggest catch of the month for the Big Spring Bass Club. Reynaud is a member of the local organization and the San Angelo club.

Last week Jim caught a string of bass from the lake, the biggest weighing 5 pounds 7 ounces. He fishes in the shallow water of the lake and says that contrary to popular belief, the fish at this time of the year are in the shallow water.

This week the bass were striking white-haired jigs and

white spring lizards in about 18 inches of water. The angler was fishing from a small fiber glass kayak.

"I caught the fish from 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday. It doesn't matter what time you fish for them though, unless the wind starts blowing," Reynaud said.

"To be frank, catching the fish is a lot of work, and you've got to know a little about what you are doing to make your trip pay off," he said, adding he learns a little more about catching bass each time one strikes.

"Most people around this area think the bass are in deep water, and waste all their time fishing with plastic worms in about 40 feet of water. But this is the time of year you catch the big bass and they are in the shallows," he said.

Grant Teaff Leaves Rams For Baylor Coaching Job

WACO, Tex. (AP)—Baylor University, which fired head coach Bill Beall after three dismal seasons, has drafted a successful mentor of two smaller colleges to lead it from the football wilderness.

Grant Teaff, 38, most recently at Angelo State, was hired by the Waco school Thursday night.

"Baylor University offers a great opportunity as well as a tremendous challenge," Teaff said shortly after his selection was announced. "The future looks bright, and it is my desire to do everything in my power to make that bright future a reality."

Baylor's director of athletics, Jack Patterson, said Teaff already has picked some members of his staff and will start recruiting as soon as possible.

Teaff's team posted a 7-3 record at Angelo State the past



GRANT TEAFF

season after two straight 6-4 campaigns at the San Angelo, Tex., college.

Previously he was offensive end coach and head of recruiting at Texas Tech for nearly two and one-half years, taking that job after eight years as head coach at McMurry College in Abilene, Tex.



LOOKING 'EM OVER

With Tommy Hart

Two of the better football players in Coahoma's history, who turned to coaching and who have been in Spike Dykes' staff at Auld, would like to relocate somewhere "in God's country."

They are Eddie McHugh, a backfield mentor; and Eddie Wolski, who was Dykes' defensive coordinator.

Both are head coaching material. Pounded for pound, McHugh was perhaps the finest back in Coahoma history. He's been a coach three years now.

More than ever, sports writers are being pilloried by big time athletes who are prone to blame the scribes for all their problems.

Sports journalism now demands that all press-box poets look for the angle. There was a juicy story about one of our greatest football heroes during World War II that never did get into the papers. Had the man been active today, chances are his problem would have become a cause celebre.

Athletes today are under enormous pressure, even as are you and I, and when their anxieties build up they lash out at some one close, likely as not a writer.

One of those critical of wordsmiths is Marty Domres, second string quarterback for the San Diego Chargers. He says that writers are the biggest problems for the Chargers.

In other words, woe like unhappy marriages and financial shortcomings don't worry the Chargers.

Then Marty himself becomes a critic of sports personalities. He lays the lumber to Charley Waller, who spelled Sid Gillman for a time as coach of the Chargers. (Waller was once a coaching aide at Texas. From all indications, Domres takes a dim view of his coaching talents).

The relationship between athletes and writers has always been shaky, at best. When the athletes are playing well, they read all the nice things being said about them and heartily agree.

It's a case of one group evaluating the performance of another group. The writer who merely shells for the team and the individuals he covers isn't doing his job. Invariably, he must be critical at times. Criticism invariably stings. Amateur athletes playing for the love of the game probably shouldn't have the spurs dug into them like the pros.

The smart athletes shrug off the brickbats because they know all mention of them helps.

Others, and that kind often are fringe players who rarely are bathed by the spotlight, not only are hostile to uncomplimentary mention but sometimes take vows not to even say "hello" to offending writers.

Domres, and men of his stripe, store up their venom and sometimes get a chance to bare their fangs in a book. Unless your son has the hide of a rhino and can roll with the punch, don't raise him to be a sports writer. Better to train him to be a first-team quarterback with the San Diego Chargers.

Lee Trevino played in 32 golf tournaments the past year and won \$231,000. That averages out to \$7,200 a tournament.

Jack Nicklaus appeared in 18 tournaments and finished as the year's leading money money — averaging \$13,500 in financial gains per meet.

Lee dearly loves to play, although he was admittedly tired at the end.

Nicklaus is the best of the breed, perhaps because he doesn't permit demands on his time like Arnold Palmer, who never stops going, or Trevino, who never stops playing.

Midland High is a unanimous choice to win basketball honors in 5-AAAA, as well it should be.

Midland destroyed Ralph Tasker's Hobbs, N.M., team recently, winning by 46 points. No opponent ever did that to one of Tasker's team before.

Ralph has influenced the play of practically every high school team and some colleges in this area, either directly or indirectly. His full-court press and fast break are widely imitated.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep.

ROBERT FROST

HCJC CAGE STATISTICS

Team Totals	(Wen 13, Last 4)	4-6 of home, 9-4 on the road	372	1574	92.7							
Millers	17	213	447	117	180	450	127	35	59	543	33.9	
Kreier	17	194	223	68	117	48	141	82	26	225	13.8	
Young	17	91	214	421	45	69	163	161	18	47	227	13.4
Miller	17	174	402	35	64	516	198	12	36	173	16.2	
Lee	17	89	443	62	33	72	44	64	34	119	7.2	
Frontz	17	41	97	423	33	41	895	104	6	35	115	6.8
McCullister	17	29	518	19	31	72	59	67	48	72	4.8	
Goy	17	26	78	333	2	5	400	46	5	26	54	3.2
Cummings	5	6	15	462	0	2	000	11	1	2	12	2.0
Werkins	13	4	17	225	2	7	229	7	8	13	11	1.9
Conk	6	0	6	000	1	6	600	8	0	1	8	1.5
Buttard	1	0	1	000	1	2	500	3	0	0	1	1.0
Hoxton	1	0	1	000	0	0	000	3	0	0	0	0.3
Florence	1	0	1	000	0	0	000	3	0	0	0	0.3
Player Results:												
HCJC 116, Sw Christian 108												
HCJC 98, Mt. View 75												
HCJC 84, Lubbock CC 67												
HCJC 117, Schreiner 106												
South Plains 180, HCJC 95												
HCJC 99, Odessa 88												
HCJC 94, McMurry 88												
HCJC 78, Gordon City 72												
N.E. Cole 69, HCJC 75												
HCJC 81, ACC 78												
HCJC 96, Western Texas 76												
HCJC 81, ACC 78												
HCJC 74, HCU 73												
HCJC 120, NWMI 91												
HCJC 71, Western Texas 79												
HCJC 81, HSU 76												

Pairings Drawn For ABC Meet

Pairings for the Jan. 6-8 second annual American Business Club Olympic Classic Basketball Tournament here have been drawn.

Two games are on tap nightly and each team will play the other three during the meet.

Opening night's schedule sends Schreiner Institute against Jacksonville Baptist at 7 p.m. and HCJC against the ACC Freshmen at 9 p.m.

Friday's lineup of games finds ACC tending with Schreiner at 7 p.m., and Howard County trying Jacksonville at 9 p.m.

The final night of activity sends Jacksonville against ACC in the first game and the resident Jayhawks against Schreiner at 9 o'clock.

All games will be played in the Jayhawk Gymnasium.

No team trophies will be given, although a champion will be declared. However, individual awards will be presented to members of the winning team. Watches will go to the coaches and to the all-tournament team.

In event there is a tie for first place, and that sometimes happens in a tournament such as this, the winner will be determined by the total points scored by each team in the meet.

Rice Prexy Wants To Hold Coach Peterson To Pact

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers apparently have won a tug-of-war with the Denver Broncos and Rice University for Bill Peterson's coaching services.

Peterson is committed to him by a provisional contract to become head coach of the Oilers.

Rice University President Norman Hackerman says Peterson still has four years to go on a five-year contract with Rice and he's going to hold him to it.

And the Denver Broncos apparently are out in the cold after offering Peterson the head job when they thought Peterson would be released from his commitment to the Oilers. Lou Saban stepped down at Denver to become head coach at Buffalo.

Peterson became the center of a confusing controversy Thursday night when he said he had agreed to an "almost lifetime" contract to become head coach of the Oilers.

Peterson declined to disclose terms of the contract offered him by the Oilers.

"I wouldn't have the right to say," he said.

But it was a long-term contract—the sort that "doesn't come along often in a man's life," he added.

Peterson said the contract was not offered until late Thursday afternoon.

Concerning his contract with Rice, Peterson said, "I don't think there will be any problem."

The whole thing started Wednesday when Ed Hughes was fired as Houston's head coach in a dispute with Adams and General Manager John Breen.

"My deal with Peterson was if Ed Hughes agreed to stay, I'd release him," Adams said. "Ed chose not to resolve our one obstacle. Peterson is still committed to me, to coach the Oilers. I would guess he will have to get his release (from Rice)."

Peterson, contacted in Montgomery, Ala., where he is a coach in the Blue-Gray All-Star football game, said he had made the commitment to the Oilers.

But Peterson said he also talked with Denver concerning the Broncos job.

"I talked to Denver because I was convinced that Ed Hughes was going to remain with the Oilers," Peterson said. "It seems that those at Denver had

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About 95 Per Cent Of Lots Are Cleaned Off

By BRIAN PEAY

Action concerning the enforcement of the city ordinance governing the trashy and weedy lots in the city is tapering off, however, some parties have been issued citations for non-compliance.

Gene Patton, fire marshal in charge of the city inspection, said Wednesday that 400 notification letters asking compliance on lot cleanup, have been sent to local and out-of-town lot owners.

He said that approximately 375 of the lots have been cleaned, marking a 95 per cent compliance figure.

So far five lot owners have been fined, one in the process of being served, and three pending.

"Most of the trashy areas left in the city are in acreage, rather than in lots, and I am having problems finding the owners of the land," said Patton. "But most of the city lots have been cleaned."

The cleanup program has been conducted for two months. During the peak period of complaints, Patton was getting seven to eight calls per day, but now the complaints, mainly from interested citizens, have slowed down considerably.

"I was surprised at the

operation we had from the people notified," the marshal said, as he pointed out that the cooperation was appreciably good with the out-of-town owners.

"Most of these owners did not know what shape their property was in and were only too glad to have them cleaned," Patton noted.

On each notification letter, there was a list of five large mowing contractors and numerous other smaller mowing businesses.

In the cases of the out-of-town owners not complying, James Gregg, city attorney, said that there is not much the city can do to enforce the citations.

However, in the city the fire marshal delivered most of the notices personally, and this is the reason he feels most of the

local owners were so willing to comply with the law.

Patton said that work on the inspection program will slow down until spring, because other routine inspections of hospitals, businesses and schools must be made at the first of each year.

"This program will be carried out each year to keep the problem from getting to the state it was before initiation of the cleanup," said Patton.

Another program which was a major factor in the city-wide cleanup was initiated by the city street and sanitation departments and the Chamber of Commerce Pride Committee, "Company's Coming, Let's Clean Up for the Holidays."

Patton credited that program with a major portion of cleaning large junk and trash off city lots.

Renal Rosson Seeks Post As State Representative

Renal B. Rosson announced today he will seek the Democratic nomination for election to the office of state representative for the newly constituted 63rd district. In the district will be Borden, Coke,

Dawson, Howard, Scurry and Sterling Counties.

Born in Breckenridge, Rosson has lived in Snyder since 1928, graduated from school there, entered the Army Air Force after 3 1/2 years in Texas Tech, served in the 15th Air Force in Italy and put in 46 missions during World War II, earning the Air Medal, DFC and the Purple Heart. He is a captain in Air Force Reserve, retired.

After discharge from military service, he earned his LL.B. degree from the University of Texas school of law in June 1949. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Murphree, and family have made their home in Snyder since then. The Rossons have one son, Kyle, 15. Rosson was in the private practice of law until he became district attorney of the 132nd district for two terms. Since 1959 he has been a member of the legislature being one of its senior members.

Rosson is a Baptist, member of the Lions Club, past president of the Scurry County Bar Association, member of the American Legion, VFW, Farm Bureau, active in civic affairs and has livestock and farming interests, reflecting his boyhood rearing.

Currently, Rosson is chairman of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation committee, vice chairman of the Judiciary committee and member of the conservation and reclamation, criminal jurisprudence and public education committees. He also is a member of the Texas Civil Judicial Council and has served on other committees, including appropriations.

"I appreciate deeply the opportunity to represent an area of West Texas in the legislature," he said. "I am grateful for past cooperation which has enabled me to gain experience in the House and a general knowledge and understanding of the mechanics of government as well as the area I ask to represent. I will work to the best of my ability in the interest of sound and better state government."



RENAL B. ROSSON

Is Wayne Morris Another Pruitt?

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — According to the Orlando Sentinel, Dallas, Tex., schoolboy football is producing another Greg Pruitt, the University of Oklahoma running back from Houston, who has starred this season.

That would be 200-pound sprinter Wayne Morris of South Oak Cliff High in Dallas, who is among 60 players named to the 12-state prep All-Southern football team by the Florida, newspaper.

Other Texans on the squad include Ronnie Littleton, quarterback, Wichita Falls; Richard Osborne, end, San Antonio Lee; Joe Washington, halfback, Port Arthur Lincoln, and Earnest Bean, halfback, Kirbyville.

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Yesterday's Jumble: SHINY LINER FUTILE PARISH

Answers: "When does Christmas come?" — "PRESENT-LY"

She Hates It

Jean Adams' TEEN FORUM

SHE "HATES" IT: (Q.) I hate school! I really hate it! I am 14 and in the sixth grade and I've never failed. I make good grades. I just hate going to school and I hate being there and I hate doing homework. I hate school all the way around.

Is there any way to keep from going besides having a private teacher? My family can't afford anything like that — School (Ugh!) Girl in Alabama!

(A.) Take another look at school. You meet friends there. Without school you might have no friends. You might be very lonely. You might have no one to talk to. That would be a life much more to be hated than going to school.

In school you are learning the patterns you will use all your life: How to discipline yourself, how to meet schedules, how to make friends, how to mix work with pleasure, how to get along with people, how to carry out orders (give them, too, in a number of student activities), how to find solutions to problems big or little.

Please do not let a temporary negative attitude ruin your life.

Area Students Earn Degrees

Marcos Paul Swatt, Big Spring, with a BS in sociology, is a December graduate of Sul Ross State University.

Others in this area who earned degrees, which will be presented formally in the May commencement, are: Jacqueline Cecilia Dennis, Gail, BS in physical education; Don Howard Duke, Lamesa, BBA; L. E. Ann Cummings Lamesa, BS in elementary education; and Don Howard Smith, Colorado City, BS in range animal science.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF MAXIMINO CAMPOS, AND WIFE, MANUELA CAMPOS, BOTH DECEASED.

GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition of A. before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of January, A.D. 1972, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 99th District Court in Lubbock, Texas, of the Court House in Lubbock, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 24th day of November 1971.

The file number of said suit being No. 4528.

The names of the parties in said suit are: MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION, Plaintiff, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF MAXIMINO CAMPOS AND WIFE, MANUELA CAMPOS, BOTH DECEASED, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: This is A SUIT FOR PAVING LIEN.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 29th day of November A.D. 1971.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Lubbock, Texas, this 29th day of November A.D. 1971.

SIGNED: R. DEVER, District Clerk, 99th District Court, Lubbock County, Texas.

By SHELIA NICHOLSON, Deputy (SEAL)

Irish Offer Rare Books

DUBLIN (AP) — A museum in the Irish town of Tuam has been offered a gift of rare books by a Texas foundation but doesn't know if it can afford it.

The International Belleek Foundation of Houston has offered up to \$6,500 worth of rare books for a museum to be built soon in the County Galway town. But Tuam businessmen say they might have to pay several hundred dollars in Irish customs on the books. They're writing to the customs department to see if the museum can be exempted from the law taxing imported books.

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not only to protect property but to prevent possible personal injuries. It was decided that the \$2,500 would be supplemental to the \$400 authorized by a city ordinance to be paid to persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for setting fires. A total of \$1,400 had been raised by Thursday afternoon. Fire Chief C. D. Musick said that since Nov. 15, there have been 16 fires in Abilene and that half were definitely arson and the remainder was suspected arson. The fifth case of suspected arson in four days occurred shortly after midnight Wednesday at a building which housed a rummage sale sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



SANTA'S HELPER TO STAND TRIAL — James L. Pruitt, 58, a dime store Santa, has been ordered to stand trial, after Christmas on charges of wearing a mask in public and soliciting funds without a permit. Here Pruitt gets some moral support from a group of youngsters who carry signs asking for his freedom after his hearing in Atlanta City Court Thursday.

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Advertisement for Lawman, featuring a picture of Burt Lancaster and the movie title.

VANDALISM Charles L. Bogart, 1300 Barnes, reported that the windshield of his car had been broken out with a rock. No damage value was assessed. Also an unknown caller reported to police Thursday that subjects in a late model white car were shooting at his home. Officers went to the scene on Douglas Street, but were unable to locate the subjects.

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CONCERN Formed To Help American POWs

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — For the families of prisoners of war, Christmas is a season of poignant memories, nagging worries, and carefully nurtured hope. In Albuquerque, 10 relatives of POWs and men missing in action have formed a group called CONCERN to do everything possible for Americans held by the North Vietnamese. In 1972, members hope to get New Mexicans to write 100,000 letters to the president of North Vietnam, asking that his country observe the conditions of the Geneva Convention and treat the prisoners humanely. One active member of CONCERN is Theresa Runyon. Her husband, an Air Force pilot, was shot down over North Vietnam and captured April 26, 1966. She said the first letter from her husband reached her on Christmas Eve in 1969. "Since then, I've received 13 letters," she said. "The last one arrived last December." Each year since his capture, Mrs. Runyon has sent her husband a Christmas package. "The first one—in 1966—was returned, but he has received the others," she said. "This year, I included dried beef jerky, canned pudding, canned powdered milk, real coffee, a

pair of red long johns, a red shirt and some white socks. It weighed 11 pounds." The Runyons have four children, ranging from seven to 19 years old. Another member of CONCERN is Jeanette Shivley. Her nephew from Spokane, Wash., also was captured in North Vietnam in 1966. "The main thing we're trying to get across," she said, "is that these men need help and cannot survive without American people helping them. . . . We don't want people to forget these men . . ."

MISHAPS 100 block of East Second: Leon Byrd, 804 NW 6th, and Walter A. Wilson Jr., 1202 Nolan: 11:38 a.m. Thursday. 500 block of Main: Anne Irma Ross, 616 State, and Clayton R. Carlton, 4202 Dakota, Odessa: 2:58 p.m. Thursday. Fifth and Gregg: Bobby Ray Newton, 800 1/2 S. Nolan, and Sue Michelle Read, Box 136, Coahoma: 4:24 p.m. Thursday.

FIRES The local fire department made two runs Thursday. One was to a grass fire on Second Street, but the fire was quickly put out before any damage was done. Also Yellow Cab Co. reported that a car was on fire at Fourth and Runnels, but the fire was out on firemen's arrival.

Horoscope TOMORROW — CARROLL RIGHTER GENERAL TENDENCIES: "The daytime is beautiful for communications, family gatherings, with thoughts on how to attain the concord typified by the Prince of Peace, whose principles we may follow if we wish. The evening can bring interesting changes with the prospect of greater progress in the future. Be happy." ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You are inspired today to achieve goals that have been impossible in the past. Make this a most Merry and happy Christmas with kin. Show that your heart is in the right place. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Make this the most delightful celebration you've had in a long while. You are able to gain far more devotion from others than you have had in the past. Drink and dine sensibly. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) The prevailing Christmas Spirit can help smooth out relationships with others. Anything of a social nature is likely to turn out in your favor. Spend only what you can afford. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get into the hustle and bustle of this delightful day and enjoy yourself! Family must come first, but don't forget your good friends. Bring out your true nature. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) New friends can give inspiring ideas that will enhance your future. Listen carefully to what they have to say. Concentrate upon the meaning of this day and live up to its spirit. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Follow your intuition and you find new ways to become more efficient in the future. You can have true harmony with male after a hectic morning. Try to make children happy. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) Understand what it is that motivates your associate to greater activity and be more cooperative. Try to improve relationships with others. Become a more outgoing person. SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 21) You can now make new arrangements for the future that are more ideal and bring desired results. Show particular thoughtfulness to others. Stay within your budget. Show wisdom. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Getting together with people you truly like makes this a most happy day and evening. Engage in recreation that everybody enjoys. Make sure all the youngsters have a good time. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) By getting together with relatives greater harmony will reign in the future with everyone. Your home should be the center of your activities. Make it as beautiful as you can. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can get into practical activities that improve your position in life considerably. Elevate your consciousness to greater things. Show that you have confidence. PISCES (Feb. 20 to March. 20) Use your mentality for planning how to achieve more effluence. Be sure to take steps along ethical lines. Become a more dynamic citizen. This could be a most wonderful evening.

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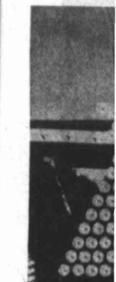
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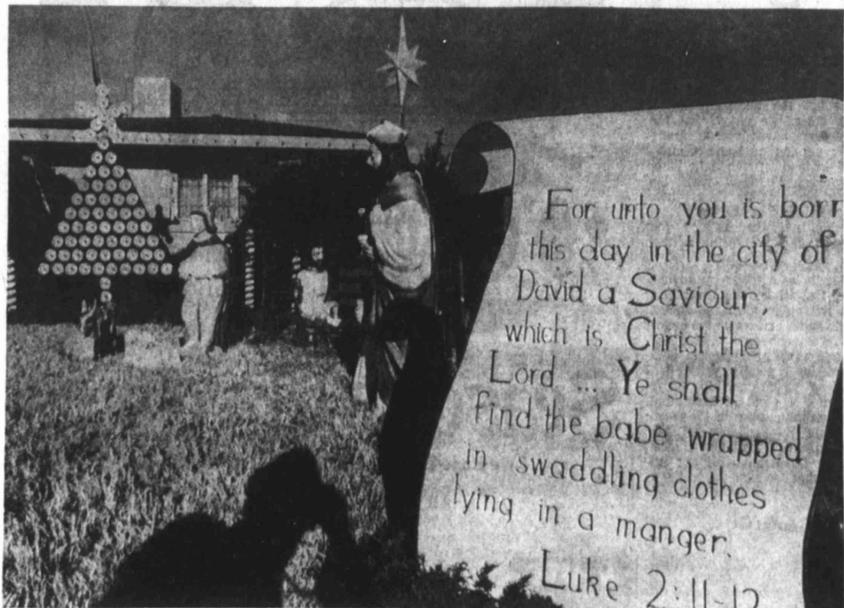
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FOR MANY CHRISTMAS IS RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY
... local residents pay homage to Christ child

Celebration Of Christmas Was Once Outlawed In America

Celebration of Christmas—the most widely observed religious holiday of the modern world—was at one time illegal in early American history.

Colonial New England did not celebrate Christmas, according to researchers, because the stern Puritan colonists believed that such activities were wholly pagan and forbade them by law. Christmas came to the American colonies while it was the subject of strenuous controversy in England. English Puritans condemned it as "popish."

Opposition of the English Puritans to festivals culminated in an act of Parliament in 1647 which abolished the observance of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. This was echoed in the American colonies in 1659 when Puritans enacted a law in the general court of Massachusetts to punish those who "kept Christmas."

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

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

of two centuries in parts of New England.

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

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

The fact that English and Hessian troops celebrated Christmas during the Revolutionary War may have added a patriotic note to the denominational controversy.

General Washington crossed the Delaware River on the night

of Dec. 25, 1776, to surprise and defeat the Hessian troops stationed at Trenton, N. J. In the opinion of one writer, Washington's bold venture succeeded because the Hessians were enjoying their customary Christmas revels and failed to maintain the usual watch and patrols.

However, denominational opposition to the ecclesiastical observance of Christmas continued into the second half of the 19th century. An account in the New York Daily Times for Dec. 26, 1855, read:

"The churches of the Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists were not open on Dec. 25 except where some Mission Schools had a celebration. They do not accept the day as a Holy One, but the Episcopalian, Catholic

and German Churches were all open. Inside they were decked with evergreens."

In the 20th century, all denominations have embraced Christmas widely both as a religion and as a social celebration. Today, men, women and children in every Christian land crowd into churches to give their thanks. More than one fourth of the world's population—about 800 million people—profess some form of Christian faith.

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



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Would He Face Death Again Today?

By SIDNEY J. HARRIS

If there should be, on Christmas night, a second coming, would there not be soon a second crucifixion?

And this time, not by the Romans or the Jews, but by those who probably call themselves Christians?

I wonder. I wonder how we today would regard and treat this man with His strange and frightening and "impractical" doctrines of human behavior and relationships. Would we believe and follow, any more than the masses of people in His day believed and followed?

Would not the militarists among us assail Him as a cowardly pacifist because He urges us not to resist evil?

Would not the nationalists among us attack Him as a dangerous internationalist because He tells us we are all of one flesh?

Would not the wealthy among us castigate Him as a trouble-making radical because He bars the rich from entering the kingdom of heaven?

Would not the liberals among us dismiss Him as a dreamy vagabond because He advises us to take no thought for the morrow, to lay up no treasures upon earth?

Would not the ecclesiastics among us denounce Him as a ranting heretic because He cuts through the cords of ritual and command us only to love God and our neighbors?

Would not the sentimentalists among us deride Him as a cynic because He warns us that the way to salvation is narrow and difficult?

Would not the Puritans among us despise and reject Him because He eats and drinks with publicans and sinners, preferring the company of winebibbers and harlots to that of "respectable" church members?

Would not the sensual among us scorn Him because He fasts for 40 days in the desert, neglecting the needs of the body?

Would not the proud and important among us laugh at Him when He instructs the disciples that he who would be "first" should be the one to take the role of the least and serve all?

Would not the worldly-wise and educated among us be aghast to hear that we cannot be saved except we come as children, and that a little child shall lead us?

Would not each of us in his own way find some part of this man's saying and doing to be so threatening to our ways of life, so much at odds with our rooted beliefs, that we could not tolerate Him for long?

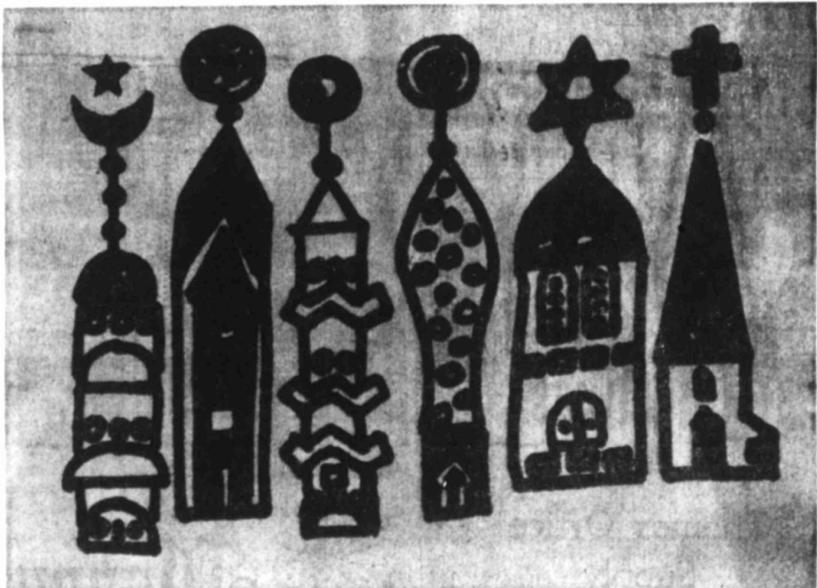
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U. S. Observance Is Youngest

In terms of age, the United States is the youngest of the Christian nations that celebrates Christmas.

As a result, it is easy to understand that this country has borrowed its Christmas customs from many parts of the world—the celebration of the holy season being as old as it is.

However, the greatest contributors to our customs at the Yuletide have been England, Germany, Italy, Holland, Switzerland and Bavaria. But the "romantic" Americans have done their own thing by having their children stand blindfolded before the burning log and recite a digenous to our country, with some of the trimmings not picked up at all.

In England, they have a "Boxing Day," and why it is called "Boxing" is not known. Some theorists ascribe the name to the fact that the day after Christmas, gifts are left for the postman. This has spread to include the milkman and others who have performed services for the household.

The business of the sleigh and six reindeer has been borrowed from the Swiss. But instead of our version of Santa Claus directing his team across the sky, they have an angel in the

comes to passing out Christmas gifts. They put small gifts into enormous packages, hide large gifts in remote parts of the house, and use other more ingenious devices for hiding the gifts including the imbedding of them in sausages. The fun of course is not only in the finding of the presents but also in guessing what they might be.

GERMANY
The Germans have a similar game, but with a different twist. They wrap a gift and put a person's name on it. Then they wrap it again with another person's name on it. This goes on until the package is quite large. Then when it comes to the unwrapping ceremony, each person expectantly unwraps, until finally there are no more "addresses" and the gift reaches its intended destination.

MEXICO
Mexican children do not hang stockings at fireplaces, as there are few in this tropical country. Thus the giving of gifts and goodies for children is surrounded by the custom of breaking the pinata (pronounced pi-nyata). The pinata is a large earthenware pot, around which paper figures of birds, animals and even boats are filled with gifts, cakes, candy and other good things. The filled pinata is hung by a rope from a rafter, and the children gather beneath it blindfolded. At a signal the children, armed with sticks, strike out at where they think the pinata is, break it and the goodies come tumbling down; at which point the scrabble begins.

THE PHILIPPINES
The Philippines, predominantly Catholic, start their Christmas on Dec. 16 and climax eight days of Mass worship at 3 a.m. with midnight services held at Christmas Eve. That is the signal for the fireworks, the exchanging of gifts, caroling and general merry-making to begin. The final Christmas festivities come to a conclusion Jan. 6,

which is the date of the visit of the three kings of the East.

SWEDEN
Christmas in Sweden is actually the celebration of St. Lucia—and held on Dec. 13. On this day the oldest girl in each family rises early, dons a long white dress and crowns herself with lighted candles. Then she wakes the family and serves coffee and cake.

The Scandinavian countries also have a delightful custom at Christmas time. In Sweden, Denmark and Norway, a tree is loaded with a sheaf of wheat for the birds on Christmas Eve. Beneath the tree, the children sprinkle pieces of suet.

RUSSIA
Believe it or not, Russia celebrates Christmas much as we do in the United States, with one exception. They do not make any reference to anything holy or religious about the day. But they do have a "Father Frost" and "Winter Trees."

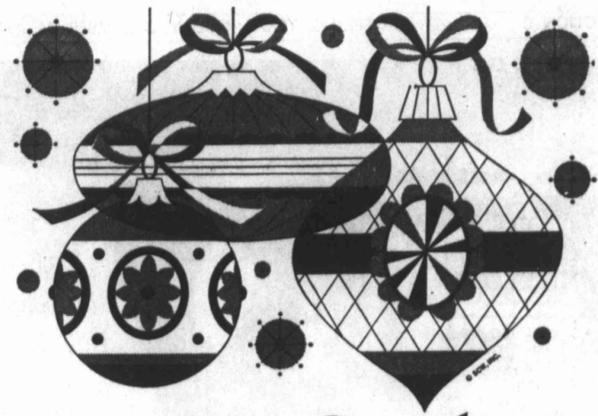
CHINA
The Chinese do not believe in the meaning of Christmas, yet they follow our customs closely without any religious themes. That doesn't stop them from having a merry time.

JAPAN
When the G.I.'s were in Japan they brought with them many State-side ideas, not the last of which was Christmas. The Japanese were quick to adopt the custom and now have their Kusunamasu (Christmas), but it's more like wild New Year celebrations we express in the United States. Their New Year is

celebrated much as we do Christmas. The traditional festival colors in Japan are red and green and white, so it was easy for them to adopt the accepted Christmas colors we enjoy. But the Japanese have "modernized" their version of Santa Claus—and instead of the fat, jolly, rosy-cheeked fellow with the white beard, they dress their prettiest girls in the traditional regalia and the shorter the dresses they wear, the better.

HAWAII
Not to be outdone by anyone else, Hawaii has its Christmas too. But no reindeer, no sleigh. Their Santa arrives on the beach riding an outrigger canoe, and to top it all off, "Santa" is a hula-skirted girl!

All of which goes to prove that it's a point of view that dictates the custom of the country. But no matter what the geographical position, Christmas is Christmas—and it's the spirit that counts.



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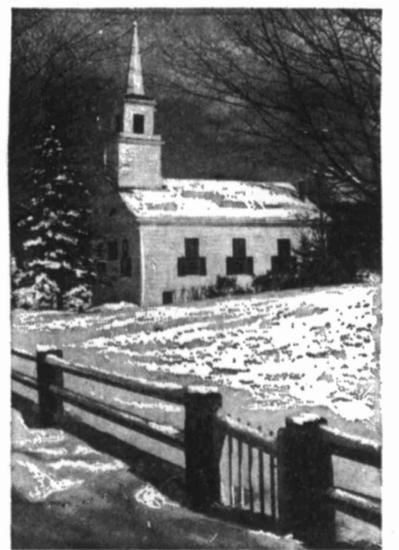


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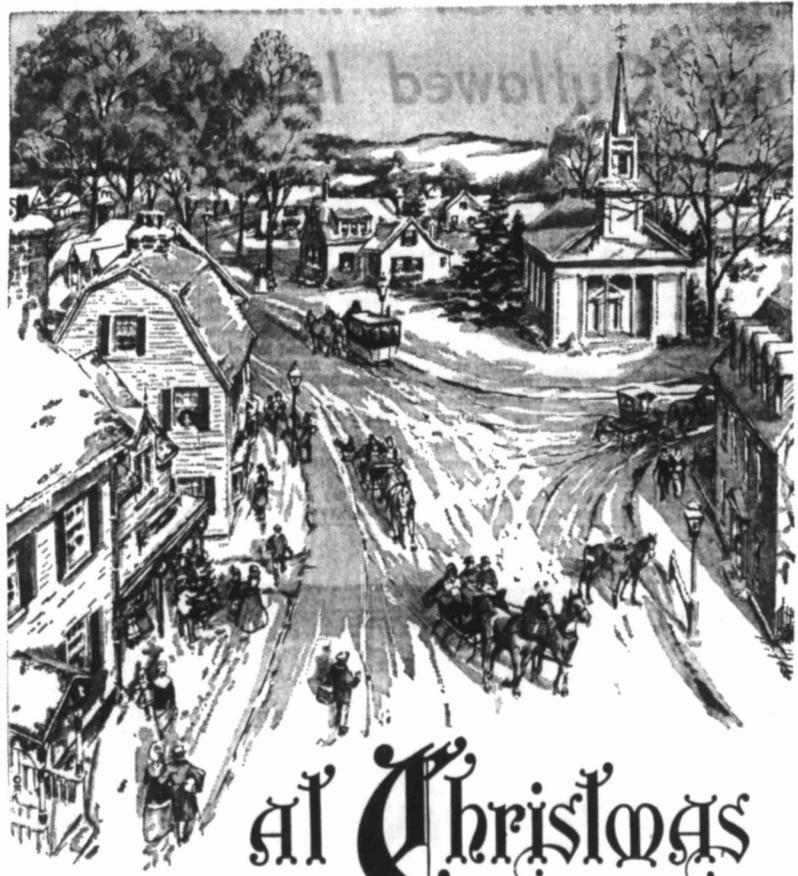
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WHICH TRADITION WAS FIRST?

Pagan Legends Are Origins

Who was the first child to hang his stockings on the mantel in anticipation of a visit from St. Nick? Who sent the first Christmas card? Sang the first carol? Tossed tinsel on the first tree? Shared the first kiss under the mistletoe? Enjoyed the first sip of wassail? The answers lie in the centuries-old legends of Christmas.

First to gather about the wassail bowl — today, the traditional Christ punch bowl — were the ancient Saxons. The word "wassail" is a Saxon toast meaning "be whole" or "have health." Through the years, the word came to mean any liquor used to toast health — especially the spiced drinks served at Christmas celebrations in the Middle Ages.

The basis of the mistletoe legend is an old Scandinavian myth which tells of the god Balder's narrow escape from death.

Loki, a malicious giant and menace to peace in the kingdom of Odin, ruler of the Norse gods, sought a way to destroy the beloved Balder.

Aware of the danger to her son, Frigga, Balder's mother, secured a charm which made him immune to injury from fire, water, air, or anything on earth. The only thing she overlooked was an unimportant, harmless plant — mistletoe.

Learning this, Loki made an arrow of mistletoe and mortally wounded Balder. In desperation, Frigga begged the gods to intercede and save her son — which they did. The grateful mother decreed that, from that moment on, the plant would be a symbol of love.

The mistletoe kiss is thought to be a survival of an ancient Norse marriage rite associated with the legend.

Not as old, but even more complex, is the legend of the Christmas stocking. There are many different versions in the Esquire Socks Library of Footlore. And the only fact we can clearly establish is that the first Christmas stocking was fashioned of woolen shreds — long before the days of Dacron blends.

One of the versions tells of the Bishop of Myra, a kindly clergyman who lived in 4th Century Asia Minor and later became St. Nicholas.

One Christmas, the Bishop learned of an impoverished merchant in his city who had two lovely daughters — both unmarried because their father couldn't afford dowries.

The compassionate Bishop determined to help, dropped two bags of gold coins down the merchant's chimney on Christmas Eve. Coincidentally, the family stockings were hanging on the mantel to dry and the gold landed in the ho'sery. St. Nick, the legend goes on, has been dropping gifts in stockings ever since.

The story, though plausible, has one loophole. Further research in the Esquire Socks Library uncovered the fact that these were not made with feet until the 11th Century, some 700 years after the Bishop's bounty. Did St. Nick go around dropping gifts into bottomless stockings for 700 years?

A much more likely legend is the one crediting St. Francis of Assisi with the introduction of community carol singing. The word "carol" means "to dance in a ring." It is said that St. Francis staged a manager scene one Christmas with real people and animals. The onlookers were so delighted with what they saw that they burst into happy song. Those first carolers became as important to St. Francis' Christmas celebrations as modern carolers are to ours.

The origin of the Christmas tree can be traced back to the deeds of another good Saint — Winifred. It is said he hewed down a giant oak to prevent a human sacrifice a group of heathens were holding in its shadow.

A tall, young fir suddenly appeared in the oak's place and St. Winifred proclaimed it a miracle and said that from that day forward, families would gather about a fir tree — not for wicked deeds — but to glorify God.

And if St. Winifred gave us the Christmas tree, Martin Luther gave us the custom of decorating the countryside one orating them. On a drive Christmas Eve, Luther was awed by the sight of the snow-tipped evergreens sparkling in the moonlight. At home, he tried to recreate the scene for his family by placing candles on their Christmas tree . . . and we've been decorating our evergreen boughs at Christmastime ever since.

Our Christmas card custom is of relatively recent origin. The first was sent in 1843 by Henry Cole, English educator and art patron. It bore the now-classic greeting, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You!"

Handel's 'Messiah' Most Sung Work

George Friedrich Handel was born in Halle, Saxony, Feb. 23, 1685. He composed "The Messiah" in 1741 in 24 days. His fertility was extraordinary, even for an epoch in which composers were expected to toss off music for any occasion at a moment's notice.

The work had its first performance in Dublin in 1742. It was written and performed for charity, the \$400 received being divided among the prisoners, the Charitable Infirmary, and Mercer's Hospital. The following year it was given in London but it met with such a storm of protest from the clergy that Handel was forced to advertise its name as "A Sacred Oratorio."

It was not until 1750 that "The Messiah" was accepted by Londoners. Since that date it has been sung more often than any other choral work.

"The Messiah" represents Handel's genius and among all of its oratorios, it retains its original freshness, vigor and beauty based upon the most harmonious, symmetrical and enduring forms of art.

The custom, which still prevails, of standing during the Hallelujah Chorus dates back to the first performance in London, when its effect was so overwhelming that at the phrase, "For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth," the whole audience, with the King, who was present, started to their feet as if by one simultaneous impulse, and remained standing until the end.

HOW TO SAY IT

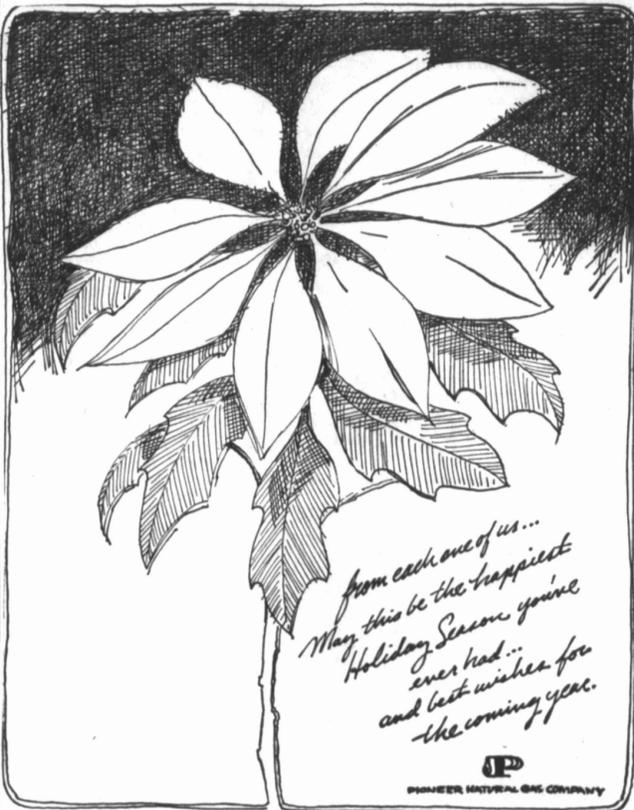
CHICAGO — If you're expecting foreign visitors over Christmas the Museum of Science and Industry has come up with the following translations for "Merry Christmas":

- Joyeux Noel — French.
- Srtan Bozic — Croatian.
- Glad Yul — Swedish.
- Wesloych Swalt — Polish.
- Felz Navidad — Spanish.
- Chystos Rozdzjetsia, Slawyte Jeho — Ukrainian.
- Gledelig Jul — Norwegian.
- Vesele Vanoce — Czechoslovakian.
- Kala Christougene — Greek.
- Linksmu Kaledu — Lithuanian.
- Boldgo Karacsony — Hungarian.
- Frohliche Weihnachten — German.
- Zalig Kerstfeest — Dutch.
- Buon Notale — Italian.
- Schorohavor Dzenount — Armenian.
- Nodlaig Nait Cugat — Irish.

'Kissing Bunch'

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.

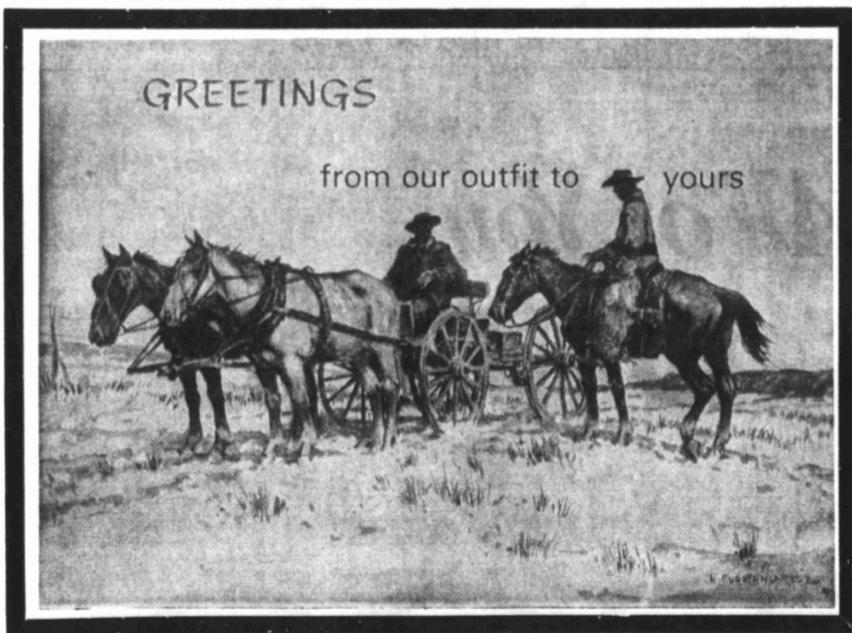


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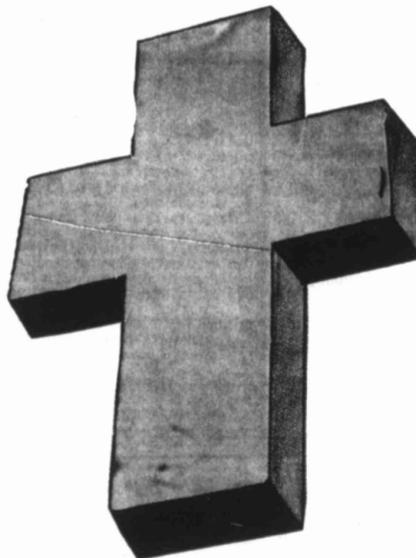
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Christmas Began In Ancient Little Town Of Bethlehem

Christmas had its beginning in an ancient little town high on a mountain plateau, where few birds sing.

Bethlehem, which is only 14 miles from the Dead Sea, is almost as high above those waters as Denver is above sea

level, that shepherds who still roam the countryside take their flocks into sheepfolds or caves at night.

When Jesus was born, Bethlehem was still devoted to a large extent to a combination of buildings and caves. Prof. J. Alexander Findlay of Manchester, England, in his contribution to the monumental Abingdon Bible Commentary, described the type of stable in which Jesus and Mary took refuge where there was no room for them in the inn.

"By the 'stable,'" This scholar explained, "is meant the entrance to one of the village houses, in which the animals are tethered in rough weather. On each side of the steps leading up a higher level and further inside, a pit dug in the floor contains the animals' food. 'These are the mangers; we must think of Mary as giving birth to Jesus in a narrow space near the cottage door, while up the steps the people to whom the house belonged were living as usual.'"

Bethlehem today is a prosperous town in the center of a fertile district. It is known for its wine which is considered among the best in Palestine. Most of the people are Christians. The Church of the Nativity contains the Grotto of the Nativity to level. The area is so intensely cold at the end of December

that they occupied Bethlehem at the invitation of the inhabitants. But when Jesus was born, Bethlehem was best known as the City of David. It had been the early home of David and his nephews Joab, Abishai and Asahel. The town had figured in history from the time it was garrisoned by the Philistines in the time of Saul. It is just five miles south of Jerusalem in the district which was the scene of the story of Ruth.

The birth of Jesus lifted Bethlehem from temporary obscurity. It became a place so sacred that invaders respected it for centuries. Justinian built a wall around the town in 521 A.D. The Persians spared the city and the Arabs accorded it similar respect in 636. However, when the crusaders made their advance on Jerusalem in 1099,

Sheep Are Closely Linked With Yule

Sheep and shepherding are closely linked with the Christmas story, and they also serve as a symbol of the kindness and loving care that was part of Christ's message to mankind.

When darkness falls on Christmas Eve, today's shepherd is watching his flocks by night and, probably, looking at the stars in the heavens, just as the shepherds of old did.

There are some differences — for instance, the shepherd on the Western ranges of the U. S. has changed the shepherd's robe for levis, and the flocks he watches are much larger, numbering sheep by the thousands. But the meaning of shepherd — "to herd, guard, lead," says a dictionary definition — hasn't changed.

Sheep still must be watched by night, because, for some reason known only to the sheep, night is the time they are most likely to decide to roam to faraway places. In sudden storms, the shepherd, his horse and dog must guide the flock to shelter.

The ailing sheep or the newborn lamb are sure of the herder's gentle care, and when part searches with a diligence that recalls the parable of Jesus:

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4).



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Beeswax Candles Spread Light

Using centuries old methods, members of the First Moravian Church in York, Pa., make beeswax candles that spread the light of Christmas throughout the world.

Last year the 208-year-old church distributed 7,000 candles to Moravian churches and missions in the state and abroad. Three dozen church members began making the candles in July, and work until the Christmas season using molds that are two or more centuries old.

The church buys about 500 pounds of beeswax yearly from a New York firm. "The old custom was to gather the wax from bee trees during the summer, but it just isn't practical for us to do that," says the Rev. James Gross. "But in some instances the candles are trimmed in red ribbon to remind the faithful that Christ died on the cross for the sins of man."

Candles Have Long Cast Festive Glow

Candles have cast a glow over Christmas festivities for centuries.

One of the very earliest legends tells of the Christ Child wandering the streets of the world in search of shelter on Christmas Eve. Lighted candles are placed in windows to welcome Him.

From Germany comes a similar belief that the Virgin Mary and a host of angels pass over the countryside each Christmas Eve. Candles are put in the windows of German homes as an invitation and guide to the food that is traditionally left for them.

Many of the Christmas traditions that have sprung up around the use of candles had their origin in pagan rites.

The pagan Yule, nearly coinciding with today's date for Christmas, was accompanied by the burning of a giant log during the twelve days in which it was thought that the sun stood still. From this stems Yule log tradition.

In medieval Europe the custom arose of also lighting a giant Christmas candle that would burn brightly till Twelfth Night.

During their Saturnalia Romans fastened candles to trees

to dispel the darkness, thus indicating the sun's return.

There is an old story that Martin Luther brought a fir tree into the nursery one Christmas Eve for his wife and children. To show them the glory of the night when Christ was born, he decorated the tree with lighted candles, representing stars.

Today, electric lights have taken the place of candles on Christmas trees, but candles still burn brightly in churches and homes throughout the world.

One of the most impressive holiday uses of candles is in the candlelight carol and communion services held in many churches at Christmas time.

Appropriately enough, one of the loveliest of candlelight ceremonies takes place each year in the Central Moravian church at Bethlehem, Pa. Complete with traditional organ and orchestral music, the program includes reading of the Christmas story, prayers and carols.



Although times have changed, one thing never changes: the feeling of good cheer and friendship during the Yuletide season. We wish you a merry Christmas!

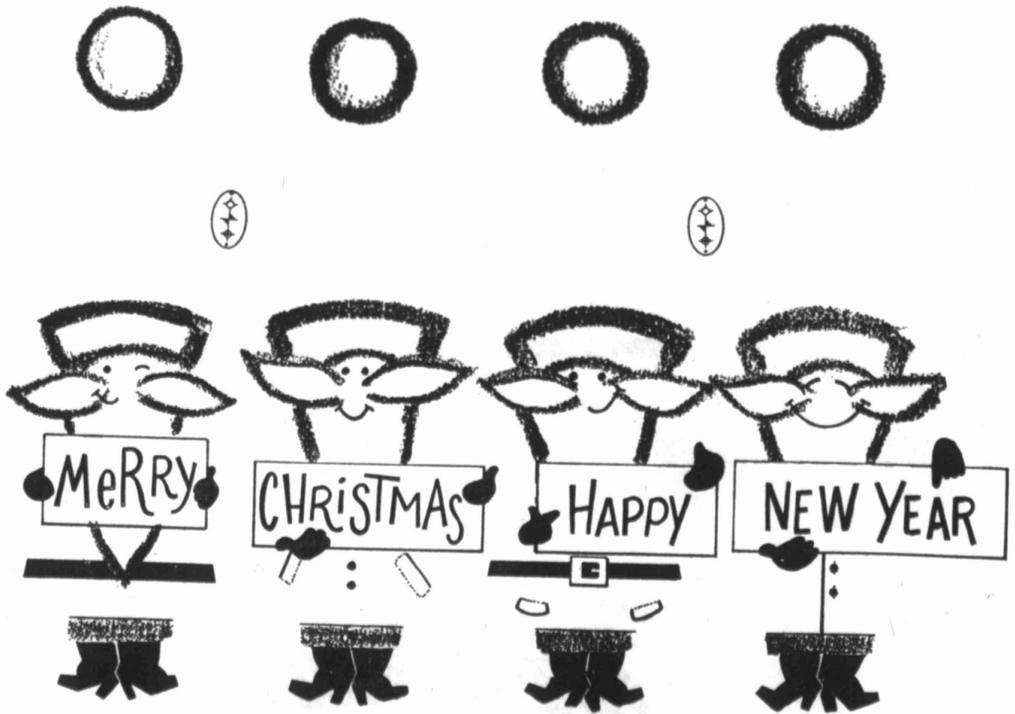
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Story Of Cross Told In Old Book

CHICAGO (AP) — An ancient prayer book, which says Christ will bring his cross to the Last Judgment, has been dug up in the ruins of a monastery in Egypt.

The University of Chicago, in announcing the find, said, "It tells what appears to be an unpublished story from the oral tradition of early Christianity."

It relates that, four days before Christ's ascension to Heaven, he and his Apostles gathered on the Mount of Olives.

AND PETER said: "We desire that you will tell us concerning the mystery of the Cross — why you will bring it with you on the day on which you will judge in righteousness, so that we may hear about it from you and we shall preach it to the whole world."

And Christ answered: "O my chosen one, Peter, and you, my brethren, you know the lies which were told against me on the Cross, and the spitting at me . . . and the great contempt which was spoken against me. This is why I will bring the Cross with me, so that I may reveal their shame and shall put their sin upon their heads."

THE BOOK is divided into two parts.

The second part, the university said, presumably refers to another gathering of the Apostles

on the Mount of Olives before the crucifixion, at which Christ recited this hymn:

"Rise up, rise up, O Holy Cross.

"And lift Me, O Cross.

"I shall mount upon you, O Cross.

"They shall hang Me upon you as a witness to them.

"Receive Me to yourself, O Cross.

"Amen.

"Do not weep, O Cross

"But be joyful, O Cross

"Amen.

"I have put on the Crown of THE Kingdom. . ."

GEORGE SCANLON of the university's oriental institute headed a work force which recovered the prayer book in a monk's cell on an abandoned Coptic monastery near the border of Sudan.

The force of 80 natives raced for six weeks against time — against the Nile waters rising behind the new high dam downstream at Aswan.

These waters, the university said, "soon would have destroyed the thousand-year-old manuscript."

Scanlon figured the structure had been built in the 8th or 9th century and rebuilt in the late 10th century or later.

The text was written in the Coptic language.



WALLACE PLAYS SANTA — The jolly old gent in the Santa Claus suit is Gov. George C. Wallace. The governor put on the red suit and white whiskers to play Santa for the children of Alabama's prisoners of war.

Many Names, Many Faces

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

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C. Moore in 1822. Earlier, "Santa Claus" had been dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's 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 cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb.



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Poet Will Be Remembered As Long As Children Live

Although he has been dead for almost 10 years, the memory of Clement Clarke Moore lives on. It will be remembered as long as there are children to enjoy Christmas.

Moore, in case you've forgotten, was the author of the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," more popularly known as, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

He wrote it in 1822 for his own children, Charity, Clement and Emily. It didn't receive popular acclaim until about 2 years later when it appeared in a Troy, N. Y., newspaper. Since then it has become as much a part of Christmas as the decorated tree.

Moore was born in 1779 and died in 1863. He was buried in the graveyard which then existed in St. Luke's Chapel, Trinity Parish, in downtown New York. In 1889 his body was re-

moved uptown to Trinity Church Cemetery.

On Christmas Eve, children, their parents and other adults gather in the Chapel of the Intercession, Trinity Parish, for symbolic lighting of candles to signify the life of Christ and the spreading of his gospel throughout the world.

This ritual has been carried

out every year since 1911 and it grows more popular with the passing of time.

When the service has been completed, the children and adults leave the quiet cemetery and once more enter the hustle and bustle of the great city. But their hearts are aglow with the great expectations of what the new day will bring.



O, HOLY NIGHT...

As the Star shone on that hallowed night, long ago, when our Saviour was born, so may it shine this Christmas, blessing you and yours with the light of peace, happiness and contentment. May the spirit of Christmas dwell in your heart, forever.

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Greeting Cards New In Tradition

Many of today's Christmas traditions began somewhere in the dim past, but the practice of exchanging greeting cards is just a little over a century old. In 1848 William Maw Egley, a "starving" young English artist, came up with the idea of designing a Christmas card and reproducing it on pieces of pasteboard for the public to buy. Egley's card showed a family Christmas dinner, formal dance, skating, carolers, almsgiving, a Punch and Judy show and other aspects of a celebration resembling the one in Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol," published a few years previously. Unfortunately, Egley's friends were not enthusiastic about his idea. The "daddy" of all holiday cards was designed and etched by J. A. Boerner, a young Londoner, who wanted to apologize to friends for his failure to pay a New Year's Day visit. Mr. Boerner's card made it clear he was tied to his home by depicting him with his coat caught in the locked doorway of his house. In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, a busy English "missionary" of

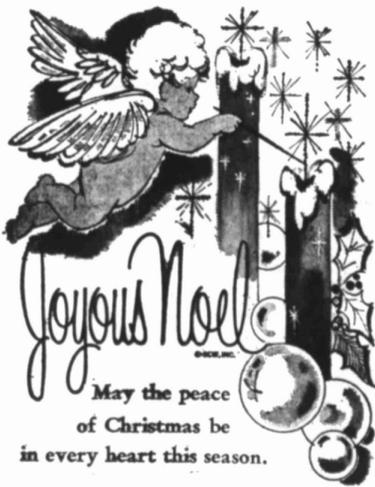
culture, hit upon the idea of sending out little missives at Christmas. John Calcott Horsley of the Royal Academy, famous for his campaign against nude art, designed the cards and Sir Henry sent out 1,000 to friends. It wasn't until the early 1860's that cards were issued for general distribution by a large English publishing company. Christmas greetings were introduced into the United States by the Marcus Card company of London. They became popular immediately, and in 1874 Louis Prang, a German immigrant, started a Christmas card business at Roxbury, Mass. **CUSTOM LOST FASHION** At the turn of the century, he ceased publishing rather than compete with imports flooding the market. For the next decade or so the custom of exchanging cards fell out of fashion. Only after World War One did American manufacturers begin to achieve success in the card business. Then inexpensive printing and lithographing processes brought Christmas cards within everyone's reach. Despite its relatively recent start in this country, the custom has caught the fancy of the American public to the extent that it sends billions of Christmas cards every year.

Carry-Over

Some scholars believe caroling is a carry-over from the Roman songs of the Saturnalia. The first songs of the Nativity date from the Fourth Century and German lieder from the 11th. Some 200 years later, carols found their way into France and Britain. One quaint belief of Northern England was that on Christmas Eve the bees gathered and hummed carols.

Wreath Symbol

The Christmas wreath was first used in the 6th Century when the Roman Catholic Church set apart the four Sundays preceding Christmas as Advent Season and hung green wreaths on doors of houses and churches throughout Epiphany.



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HE'S A BORN LEADER, AND WE GOT HIM FOR A SONG — British Prime Minister Edward Heath leads a choir and orchestra at the annual Christmas carol concert in his hometown of Broadstairs. Heath has taken up the baton to lead in the concert every Christmas, except during the war years, since 1936.

Cards' Colorful Designs Add Festive Look To Home

Been wondering what to do with those Christmas cards you have been receiving so that their colorful designs will continue to delight you all during the holidays?

They can be used in a number of exciting ways to supplement your Christmas decorations at home, particularly the big, bold modern designs covered with heavy leafing and sparkle.

Using cards as decorations has become popular in recent years.

DIMENSIONAL ELEMENT

A dimensional element to many cards — elegant, die-cut lanterns, ornaments, bells, candy jars, snowmen and many more — which in addition to carrying friendly holiday greetings, are designed to become an integral part of a home's holiday decorations.

Besides decorating your mantels and tree, these other little "extras" create a real holiday-at-home atmosphere in any home or apartment.

All you need is a pair of scissors, some cellophane tape, a

ball of colored yarn or ribbon, the Christmas mail — and a little ingenuity.

If you have a large wall mirror, perhaps in your hall, give it a flowing border of Christmas cards held in place with cellophane tape.

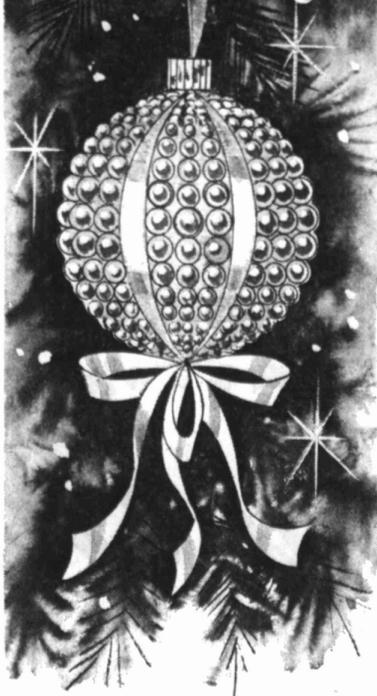
Pin cards with distinctive designs to your living room drapes.

If you want the air to be literally filled with Christmas cards, just run crepe paper streamers across the room and attach them with short strands

Original Saint

The original St. Nicholas lived in Asia Minor during the 4th century, and was the patron saint of maidens, children, merchants and sailors, according to Encyclopedia Americana. Our present-day Santa Claus comes by way of Holland, where he was known as Sant Nikolaas, traveled on a gray horse, and left presents in children's shoes on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Greetings



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Wise Men's Visit Legend

Many legends have developed around the visit of the three wise men to adore the Infant Jesus. Even their number is legendary.

St. Matthew, the only book in the New Testament that refers to the visit, reports that wise men came from the east, without stating how many there were.

It was not until later, in a legend which can be traced back to the second century, that they were called "kings," according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

In even later times, they were distinguished as Melchior, Gaspar, or Caspar, and Balthasar.

The magi originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices and derived a strong interest in astrology, demonology and magic.



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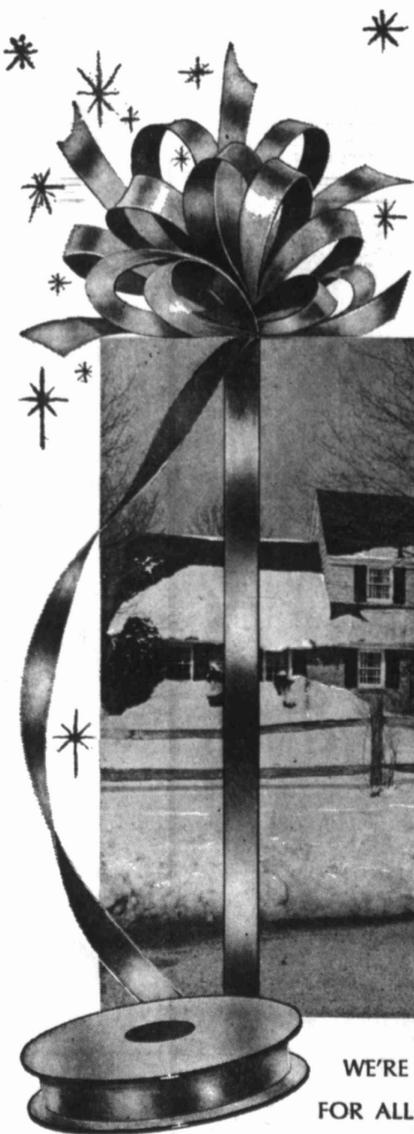
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Scholars Attempt To Learn More About Christ's Birth

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No second guesses are needed to identify this word-picture as the first Christmas. Yet, when was it, exactly?

Saint Matthew tells us Jesus was born when Herod was King of Judea. Scholars have established that Herod reigned from 37 B.C. until his death in 4 B.C. Matthew also relates the story of Herod's plan to kill the infant king and remove any threat to the pagan throne.

STORY REPEAT?

Each year the story is repeated in Sunday schools throughout the Christian world: How Herod sent the Three Wise Men in search of the Child who the Wise Men were warned in a dream that Herod was up to no good... how Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt with their Child... how Herod tried desperately to eliminate Jesus by ordering the slaughter of all male children in and around Bethlehem.

In the words of Saint Matthew, Herod called for the death of all boys "from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the Wise Men."

According to this passage, the Wise Men told Herod they had first seen the Star of Bethlehem two years before the tyrant had ordered the "slaughter of the innocents." Since Herod died in 4 B.C., Jesus must have been born at least two years earlier. Some say Jesus was born B.C.—before the Christian Era—because of calendar changes in the Sixth Century.

LEARN MORE

Many scholars believe they can get a better idea of the time of Nativity by learning more about the Star of Bethlehem and the Wise Men.

Fundamental mathematical laws govern the motion of the planets. Astronomers are able to predict the appearances of comets, stars and eclipses by applying complicated mathematical time formulas. Scientists note that one of the most interesting speculations of the origin of the Star of Bethlehem was made in 1937 by the Rev.

W. Burke-Gaffney, S.J.

Writing in the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Father Burke-Gaffney suggests the Star might have been a nova. Novae are stars which flare up suddenly and then fade after a few months. Astronomers believed this is caused by tremendous explosions, similar to the ones which occur on our own sun, itself a small star.

BUDDING SCIENCES

Astronomy was a budding "science" long before Christ. Its center was in Babylonia, which is thought to have been the home of the Wise Men. They were known as "magi," the old Babylonian word for the scholarly, star-gazing priests of the Zoroastrian religion. Since comets, eclipses and the positions of the planets signified great changes in the affairs of men, there is little doubt a blazing star would have gone unheeded.

The great German astronomer Johann Kepler, who died in 1630, suggested that Christ had been born in 7 B.C., during a conjunction of the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. This phenomenon would have certainly interested the Magi. By calculating the unchanging journeys of these three planets, however, it has been learned that Mars, Jupiter and Saturn could not have been bright enough to be visible in 7 B.C. Seven B.C., however, is still regarded by many as to have been the year of the Birth. Why?

DURING CENSUS

According to the Bible, Christ was born during one of the great census takings of the Roman Empire. In addition, Rome's history records that an empire-wide taxation was begun in 8 B.C. It is not unlikely the census and taxing were held at the same time since one could have served as a check on the other.

Since Judea was on the frontier of the Roman Empire, it must have taken the tax and census takers about two years to work their way there. From Saint Matthew's account Jesus was at least two years old at the time of Herod's death in 4 B.C. Allowing a year and a half or two years for the Roman officials to reach Bethlehem, and subtracting at least two years from 4 B.C., the Nativity is nar-

rowed to 7 or 6 B.C. At this point even the experts differ.

IN SPRING

As for the etymology of the word "Spring," many believe there's no need to look further than the Bible itself. Saint Luke says in his description of the Holy Night: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

Since earliest days, it is only in the spring—when lambs are born—that the shepherds of Judea watch their flocks at night. December is the rainy season in the Holy Land, and shepherds are not likely to be out.

If Jesus was born in the spring, why do the major religions celebrate His birth in winter? Centuries before Christ, the last week of December had been a time of pagan festivals. It is the time of the winter solstice—when the sun stands farthest south in the sky. According to the old Julian Calendar, the solstice occurred on December 25. The Gregorian calendar marks it as Dec. 22.

The boisterous Kalends celebrations of the Romans were held at this time. Since the early Christians were outlaws in Rome and forbidden to worship, they used the Kalends as a disguise for their own solemn rites.

Bayberry Candle Mystic Meaning

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

Branches from bayberry trees dipped in wax were used instead of candles in Colonial days, when animal fat for making the candles was in short supply. Even when tallow candles were more plentiful, the bayberry candle remained as a traditional part of the Christmas observance in early days.

Beasts, Birds Have Christmas Share

In lore and legends of Christmas, the beast of the fields and the birds of the air play their part—and appropriately so, for the oldest and holiest Christmas story of all tells of shepherds with their flocks—shepherds who went to seek and find a Holy Babe lying in a manger.

Animals of the manger in the time of Christ were likely to be the sheep and goats, cattle, horses, donkeys and pigs. All of these figure in Yuletide songs and stories—even the pig, who has held the place of honor at many a Christmas feast.

Telling of the First Christmas Eve, the famous carol, "Away in a Manger," says, "The cattle were lowing," and religious paintings through the ages have depicted both the cattle and the other animals in the manger, as well as the flocks of the shepherds.

FEEDING BIRDS

In Scandinavian countries people place sheaves of grain and bits of suet on trees and rooftops, so birds can feast.

THEY FEAST

Because an ancient tradition holds that animals helped to

spread the glad tidings of the birth of Christ, barnyard animals in many countries are still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

CATTLE SPEAK

An old German legend has it that cattle kneel in their stalls at midnight on Christmas Eve. Then, for a moment, they have the power of speech.

Other legends broaden this to include all animals.

FROM SPANISH LORE

On the first Christmas, says a Spanish legend, a cow in the manger breathed on the Baby Jesus to warm him.

KNEELING DEER

Early French-Canadian settlers in Quebec bewildered the Huron Indians by their strange—to the Indians—preparations for the celebration of Christmas. As a result, many legends about the day developed among the Indians.

On Christmas Eve, the Indians believed, the deer knelt to the "Great Spirit." In the hope of seeing this wondrous sight, the Hurons would hide in the cold winter night of the forest for hours.



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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.

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Santa Claus Is St. Nick

The "Santa Claus" of so many children in Europe is Saint Nicholas.

Saint Nicholas, reputed to be the hardest working Saint of all — was born in Petras, city in Asia Minor. His history tells of many great miracles, great deeds to help the poor and the needy.

He is patron saint to bankers, pawn-brokers, unmarried girls, children, mariners, scholars, and even thieves. He is said to have lived in the Third Century after the birth of Christ.

Over 600 years later, Saint Nicholas was adopted as the patron saint of old Russia and later by the Laplanders and Samoyeds. (From whom he probably acquired his sleigh and reindeer.)

Some Have Christmas Twice

Christmas comes twice a year to lucky children in Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland. On St. Nicholas' Day, Dec. 6, good children received candy, nuts, oranges and some toys. The bad ones, supposedly, are put into St. Nick's sack and spirited away.

If the family can afford it, toys and candy are distributed again on Dec. 25, perhaps tucked in a shoe placed under a window or near the fireplace. However, this custom is fairly recent; it dates back to World War II and was introduced by American GI's.

Saint Nicholas is also revered in Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland and Luxembourg — and it is in these countries that he appears traditionally riding his white horse, carrying gifts for good children and whipping rods for the bad ones. His gifts are bestowed on December 6th.

When the Dutch settled in the American colonies, they brought with them the tradition of Saint Nicholas or "Santeklas," as he was affectionately called.

From the tall, lean and spiritual looking character in long robes, he was gradually transformed into the image we know now.

Roman Feast

Starting December 17 and continuing for seven days, the ancient Romans feasted and made merry celebrating their Saturnalia in halls and banquet rooms decorated with laurel and greens.



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Sources of some carols are lost in the past, but many can be traced to interesting origins.

'SILENT NIGHT'
A broken organ inspired "Silent Night." So that the people of the parish might have a song at Christmas, Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote the carol, and his organist composed the music. It was sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar accompaniment.

'DECK THE HALLS'
Expressing the merriment of Christmas, "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly" is an English carol set to an old Welsh air. It refers to such ancient traditions as the "blazing Yule" log.

'FIRST NOWELL'
First published in English, "The First Nowell" is believed to be primarily a French carol. The French word "Noel" comes from the Latin word meaning

birth; "Nowell" is the anglicized version. Both mean Christmas or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ. Tune is a medieval shepherd song.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fidelis" may have been written by the 13th Century writer and teacher, Saint Bonaventure, but its exact origin is a mystery. There's no secret about its popularity today. It has been translated into 120 languages, and there are more than 40 English versions.

'O TANNENBAUM'
Most familiar of many Christmas carols originating in Germany, "O Tannenbaum," or "O Christmas Tree," celebrates the evergreen as an emblem of immortality. It has added familiarity in the U. S., since the tune

is used for several college songs and for the state song, "Maryland, My Maryland."

'MERRY, GENTLEMEN'
An old English carol that sometimes suffers from a comma out of place in "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen." The meaning is not "God rest you, merry gentlemen" but "God keep you merry, gentlemen."

'HERALD ANGELS SING'
Charles Wesley, who during his lifetime (1707-1788) wrote hundreds of hymns, was inspired to write "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" as he walked to church on Christmas Day and heard the London church bells chime.

Ancient Cults

The festive symbolism of mistletoe goes back to ancient cults common to the Celts, according to Encyclopedia Americana. Mistletoe once was universally associated with fertility, and is still associated with kissing and courting at winter festivals.



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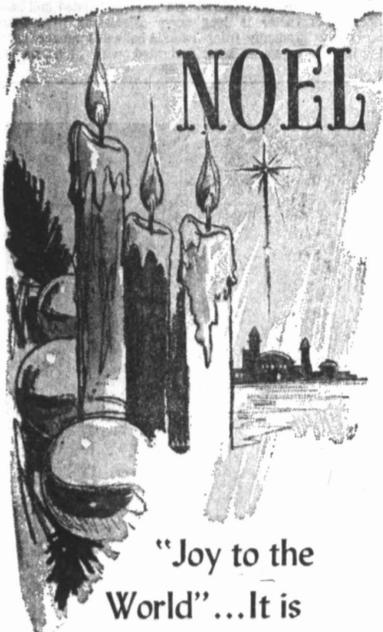
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HISTORY, CULTURE INSPIRE Many Ways To Celebrate Christmas Throughout Land

Though Christmas comes but once a year, there is certainly no one and only way to celebrate it. In addition to the many customs that are generally shared—lights, bells, trees, gifts, Santa, prayer and feasting—the special ways of observing the holiday are as varied and numerous as the communities and families involved.

Often the history and culture of a community is the inspiration for the way it celebrates Christmas. In other cases the "customs" are consciously developed, in an effort to express the spirit of the season. It doesn't take long for these community projects to become well-loved, even "old-fashioned" traditions.

Volumes could be filled with an account of interesting community Christmases, each of them different. A few are summarized below.

SANTA'S LAND

Feature of the Christmas season at Putney, Vt., is "Santa's Land, U.S.A." Santa greets his friends here in one of his homes. North Pole must be considered his official residence.

The building is set against a background of pine trees, in the foothills of Vermont's green mountains. The large letters "S.C." on the chimney identify it as Santa's residence.

NEW ORLEANS

Carol sings are a traditional part of the holiday season in New Orleans. Many of them are held across the street from St. Louis cathedral. This historic cathedral in the French Quarter is a focal point for the community's religious observances of Christmas.

TREE LANE

Here youthful carolers from a private elementary school, La Petite Ecole, convene to sing the familiar songs, in both French and English.

Important part of the holiday season in California is the famous ceremony of "Christmas Tree Lane" at Altadena.

Huge deodar cedars border a public thoroughfare in this city, and at Christmas it is transformed into "Christmas Tree Lane." The trees are lit with thousands of bulbs, turned on at dusk on Christmas Eve, and motorists celebrate the spectacle by driving slowly along the lane.

The tall, graceful deodars were brought to California by Captain Frederick J. Woodbury who, while visiting in India, saw them growing on the slopes of the Himalayas. He returned with deodar seeds, which he planted on his ranch.

In 1885 his sons transplanted the young trees along what was then the principal roadway to the Woodbury ranch.

CITY OF CANDLELIGHT
"Richmond — City of Candlelight" has been the Christmas theme for Richmond Va., for the past five years.

Taking the cue from Colonial Williamsburg, Richmond sought to initiate the rebirth of an old-fashioned Christmas tradition by urging residents and organizations to "place an electric candle in every window."

The shopping area presents triple candles in evergreen bases set in the median strip; from the windows of the governor's mansion and the capitol glow electric candles; incoming planes are greeted with candles at the airport; virtually every building in the city cooperates.

FRENCH CANADA

In French-Canadian homes, one of the highlights of Christmas is the "Reveillon," a middle-of-the-night family feast, for adults. The meal is served after the return from midnight mass but the preparations start many weeks ahead.

Much of the food for the feast, nowadays, centers around tur-

key and trimmings. But the traditional dishes, including goose with nut stuffing, and such specialties as "tourtières," or spicy pork pies, are still prepared for the Reveillon.

A-CAROLING
Community caroling in Hanover, Va., for the past 10 years has been provided by a group of actors from Barksdale Theatre and friends.

Moving about the town in red costumes and carrying lighted candles, the carolers concentrate on houses with children and elderly people.

They approach the houses singing "Jingle Bells," render two more carols, and move away singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

NEW MEXICO
Indian, Spanish and American cultures all contribute to the ways of celebrating Christmas in New Mexico.

"Prayer dances" performed by the Indians unite their ancient ceremonies with their present Christianity. Following midnight mass on Christmas Eve, they hold four days of prayer dances. At Taos Pueblo, Indians conduct a "procession of torches" during Christmas week.

The candles known as luminaries are a Spanish contribution. Put up early in December,

they are used to outline walls of houses and stores, as well as curbs and driveways.

Then there is the ceremony of the posada. For nine days, the story of the Nativity and the holy family's search for shelter is acted out by churches, hotels, social groups and families.

And, along with all the festive and religious observances of Christmas in New Mexico, it's certain that the American contribution, jolly old Santa Claus, is well remembered.

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Jacques Cartier, French explorer, and his band of 110 settlers were beset by cold and hunger, as well as fear of the nearby Indians, whose friendly attitude seemed to have changed. More than half the members of the colony suffered from scurvy.

Bravely, the men celebrated Christmas. Mass was said in a log cabin, at an altar made the god Thor and to defy the Frost King. The medieval English considered it bad luck if a squint-eyed person entered the great hall while the traditional worst was if a barefooted or flatfooted woman appeared.

Candle Use

The first use of candles for Christmas is not recorded anywhere. But according to an old legend, the "Christ Child Candle" was burned in windows to light His way if He made an earthly visitation. It was also lighted in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.



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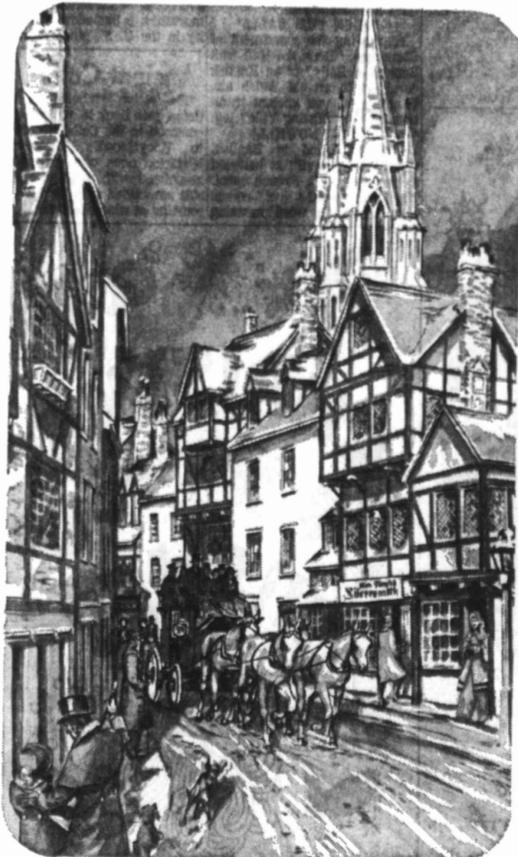
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First American Card Was An Ad

The first American Christmas card was printed and mailed by a dry goods merchant in Albany, N.Y., in 1843.

The businessman, R. J. Pease, used the card as an advertisement for his goods.

American Christmas cards

were not launched on a commercial scale, however, until 22 years later. The father of an industry that now sells 300 million cards a year was Louis Prang, a Boston lithographer. The very first Christmas card had been issued in England in 1843, but the custom developed slowly. Prang stimulated the card idea on both sides of the Atlantic.

He displayed color prints, or "chromes" as he called them, at the International Exposition in Vienna in 1873. He also offered small cards bearing floral designs, each with an open white band to be filled in with the exhibitor's name.

Toward the close of that year, Prang said later, his English agent suggested a white band be filled with a Christmas greeting and the cards offered in quantities as Christmas cards. This was done and they became a rage in England as "the American Christmas card."

Prang offered them for sale in the United States for the first time in 1875. An excellent craftsman, he printed pictures in multi-colors, as many as 32 different shades. Within five years, Prang was producing five million cards a year. He used a few of the motifs that are standard today. Prang's favorites were illustrations of spring flowers, harvest scenes, children playing, and the Killarney rose.

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LAWFUL THANKS — For the eighth consecutive year Cecil (Cy) Nabors presented the Sheriff's department with a hand-painted Christmas card "signed" by 104 area residents. Sheriff A. N. Standard accepts the three-by-four-foot card.

Magi Visit Is Familiar To Everyone

Familiar to all is the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem—and yet little is known about it. In the books of the New Testament, only St. Matthew reports the visit.

St. Matthew called them "wise men from the East." In the legends that have developed, they are sometimes called "Magi" because this word, meaning "august," was the name given the priest of the ancient Medes and Persians.

Tradition says they had heard that a bright new star would announce the coming of a Savior to the world. After years of watching, they saw the star and set out from Babylon to find Him.

In Bethlehem, they gave the Christ Child gold in a shrine-shaped casket, a sign that they accepted Him as their King; frankincense, a symbol of His deity; and myrrh in a golden horn, a prophecy of His death.



Miss Royale

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Musical Art Has Survived

In the Dark Ages of history, long before most modern musical instruments were invented, music like most other arts managed to survive the barbarian invasions of Europe behind the protection of convent and monastery walls.

Plain chant or Gregorian chant, and later the Ambrosian chant, laid the basis for most modern musical compositions, and church music in almost every form dominated the works of most major composers from Palestrina down through Bach, Mozart and into the modern era of opera and oratorio. Music and song still ring from dens and recreation rooms, just as they always have down through the centuries, but only lately have they attracted the attention of the record buying public.

Was Star A Miracle Or Can It Be Easily Explained

Since St. Matthew first described the star of Bethlehem, its mystery has fascinated mankind. Was it a miracle? Or was it a brighter-than-usual star or other celestial object?

Astronomers, while seeking to identify the star, emphasize that it may have been indeed a miracle that can't be explained in terms of natural phenomena. However, research has provided material for conjecture that the star may have been a natural occurrence.

ONE DISCOVERY

A Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, discovered a new and brilliant star in the constellation Cassiopeia in 1572, according to the Encyclopedia Americana.

Since that discovery, The Americana says, it has been suggested that this might be an especially brilliant star visible only at long intervals.

A reported appearance of a bright star in that part of the heavens about the middle of the 13th century, coupled with a vague account of a similar appearance a little more than 300 years earlier, led to the thought that these might be former appearances of the star of 1572.

If, as this might indicate, the star appeared at intervals of 310 to 315 years, three intervals of 300-odd years from the time it was first reported would carry it back to about the time of the birth of Christ.

ANOTHER THEORY

Johannes Kepler, a German astronomer, made discoveries

Some Foodstuffs Are Traditional

Many foods for Christmas feasting have been traditional since early days of Yule merrymaking, although roast peacock, the feature of the feast in medieval England, is rarely, if ever, seen today!

Mince pie, with its spices and fruits, is said to symbolize the riches of the East, from which the wise men came.

Legend says plum pudding began when an English king and his men were lost in a forest on Christmas Eve. The cook used foods he had on hand, including part of a stag, plums, eggs, flour, to make a single dish all could share.

Christmas



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... Mrs. Johnny Johansen's Bible class displays this one

Irish Custom Started Candles

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

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



May old-fashioned joys be yours!

Fashion Pants
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'Burning Bush'

Holly, a most popular Christmas symbol everywhere, is surrounded by hundreds of legends. The "burning bush" from which

God spoke to Moses was said to be Lolly. In Germany, it is believed that Christ's crown of thorns was made of holly and that this is recalled in the Christmas wreath.

Traditional Santa Claus Is Due To Clement Moore Ode

NEW YORK (AP) — The traditional image of Santa Claus as a plump and jolly elf dressed in red fur and riding over rooftops in a toy-packed, reindeer-drawn sleigh will be 140 years old this Christmas Eve.

The cherished legend was born in a poem written by Clement Clarke Moore, a father of nine.

His fantasy, "A Visit From Saint Nicholas," has now become better known from its opening line, "Twas the night before Christmas."

It was in 1822 that Saint Nick emerged from a generous phantom without standard appearance into the rotund, jocular portrait that children have come instinctively to love.

Legend has it that late on the afternoon of Christmas Eve, 1822, Dr. Moore, a distinguished graduate of Kings College (now Columbia University), left his snow-covered farm in what is now the Chelsea section of New York City for Greenwich Village to deliver some Christmas presents.

As Moore was returning home, he remembered a promise to write a Christmas poem for his children. He got his inspiration from the sleigh driver's face and figure silhouetted in the light of a full moon:

SPREAD OVER WORLD
"His eyes how they twinkled;
His dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
His nose like a cherry."

The poem not only delighted his children, but has spread joy and happiness around the world on every Christmas Eve.

However, the poem might have been confined to Moore's family had it not been for Harriet Butler, of Troy, N. M., who visited the home later and heard the poem read. She was so delighted that she asked and was granted permission to make copies.

She mailed one of these copies to The Troy Sentinel, with no note.

Editor Orville Holley printed the verse in the paper just before Christmas of 1823, with this editor's note:

"We do not know to whom we are indebted for the follow-

ing description of the unwearied patron of children... but from whosever it may have come, we give thanks for it."

In 1830, The Troy Sentinel employed a wood engraver named Myron King to draw the first picture of Saint Nick and his eight tiny reindeer.

Like his engraving, the poem etched its anonymous way into various newspapers and eventually, in 1837, the author's name

was attached to it. Moore died at Newport, R. I., of his 84th birthday.

But each Christmas Eve there is a service in the Chapel of the Intercession, at 153rd Street and Broadway in New York. The children gather at 4 p.m., and sing carols and the poem is read to them: "Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house."



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Meaning Of Word 'Carol' Is Obscure

"Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant"
"Silent night, holy night"
"God rest you merry, gentlemen"

"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old"

"Oh, little town of Bethlehem"
"Deck the halls with boughs of holly"
"On the first day of Christmas"

Wherever people gather, the glad sounds of hymns and carols ring out at Christmas time, as they have for centuries.

MEANING OBSCURE
Although the words and music of favorite carols are well known, the meaning of the word "carol" itself is obscure. One explanation holds that it comes from the old French word, "caroler," meaning "to dance." The first carols were often sung by worshippers dancing in a circle.

There is also the belief that "carol" comes from the Greek word for flute player, in compliment to the musicians who played for the Christmas ring-dances. Still another thought is that carols originated with the songs of the Roman Saturnalia.

The name, "Father of the Christmas Carol," is often given to St. Francis of Assisi at Greccio in 1224, he arranged a Nativity scene and led the sing-

ing of praise to the Christ Child. Although carols had been sung earlier, this act by St. Francis gave impetus to the idea of happy singing at the Christmas season.

EARLY CAROLS
Early carols were in Latin. As carols gained popularity during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, many people preferred to sing in their own languages, and new carols were developed.

The growth of carols was helped along by "wassailing" or "gooding" expeditions. Children went from house to house, singing songs and receiving treats.

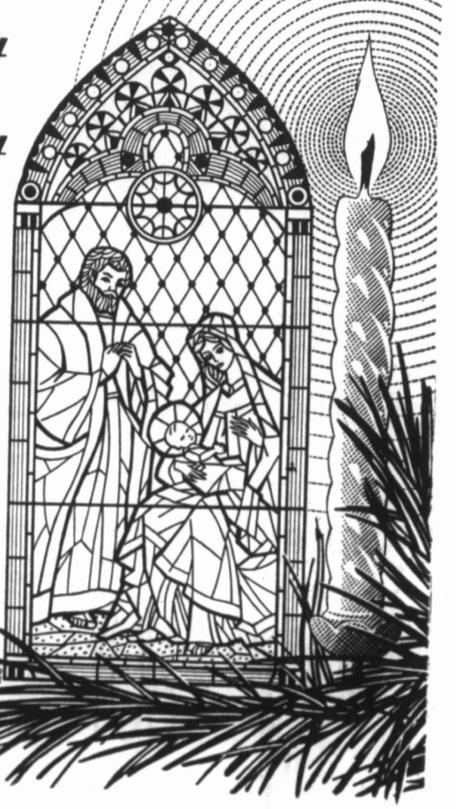
Wynkyn de Word, apprentice to the famous English printer, Caxton, issued the first printed book of carols in 1521.

ENGLISH LEARNED
Later, English people learned carols from printed "broadsides" which sold for a penny. When the Puritans abolished holiday observances in the seventeenth century, the broadsides were still printed and "bootlegged" to the public.

Students of Christmas stories might be puzzled whether it was a case of carol singing or carol stinging in an English legend. According to the legend, bees used to gather on Christmas eve to hum carols.

Silent Night

"All is calm, all is bright."
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This Christmas

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- Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy.
- Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy.
- Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else.
- Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.
- Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency.
- Express your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.
- Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again.

Joe



Pauline

And Entire Personnel

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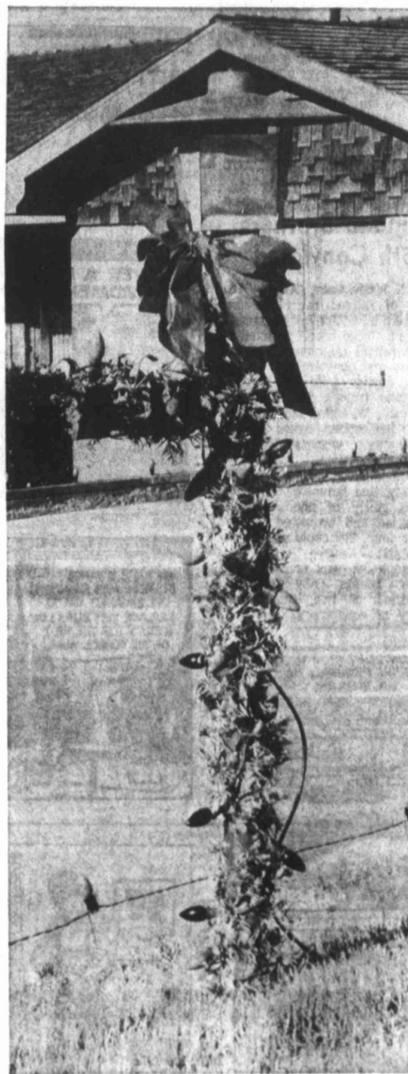
TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS

It's always a pleasure to greet you and wish you the best of the season!

Mary Jo

DRESS SHOPPE

901 1/2 Johnson St.



(Photo by Danny Valdes)

CHRISTMAS LIGHT — From the time of Christ's birth and the appearance of the Christmas Star, lights have been associated with Christmas. Herald photographer Danny Valdes sighted this decorated outside light among the many Christmas decorations in Big Spring.

First Greeting Was German

There's quite a story behind those Christmas greetings you received this holiday season.

The earliest known holiday greeting was actually a crude woodcut printed in 1450 in the Rhine Valley, Germany.

The card shows the Christmas Child standing in the bow of an ancient galley manned by angels, with the Holy Mother seated at the mast. The inscription reads: "Here I come from Alexandria and bring many good years to give generously. I will give them for almost no money and have only God's love for my reward."

FIRST ENGLISH CARD

Sir Henry Cole, an Englishman, is credited with publishing the first "mass produced" Christmas greeting. In 1843, he had an artist, John Horsley, design a Christmas greeting for him because he was "too busy to write to his friends at Christmas." The card carried the message: "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To You."

Cole had 1,000 copies of the card printed which showed a friendly family party in progress, the oldsters with raised wine glasses in a toast to the person receiving the card.

Although Cole was hailed for his idea of inventing the Christmas card, his greeting met with severe criticism because it showed children at the same table with wine drinkers.

UNFOLDED PASTEBOARDS
The first cards were unfolded pasteboards printed in color. Late in the 1850's and 60's, cards were die-stamped with designs combining ornaments and let-

tering. Larger cards became more popular in the 1880's.

By then, the idea had been introduced into the United States. Louis Prang, a prominent Boston lithographer, looking for ways to increase his business, began making Christmas cards in 1875.

Prang was an expert in the art of what he called "chromolithography" and his work and reputation was well established throughout Europe. By using slabs of a particular limestone found only in Bavaria, he printed pictures in multi-colors, as many as 32 different shades at times. He reproduced them so perfectly that you could scarcely tell them from the original paintings.

SPONSORED ART CONTESTS

Prang sponsored an art competition to obtain his card designs. Within five years he was turning out five million cards a year, and it wasn't long before Prang cards trimmed with silk fringe and lace, also became known worldwide.

Although Prang gave up printing Christmas cards in the 1890's, he is credited with establishing in America the joy of sending and receiving Christmas cards, and is known as the "father" of the American Christmas card.

FIRST AMERICAN CARD

The first American Christmas card, however, had been printed in 1853, when R. J. Pease, an Albany, N.Y. dry goods merchant, designed, printed and mailed a Christmas card which also served as an advertisement for his products.

'Adeste Fidelis' Favorite Carol

We probably never will know the story behind the carol which — according to statistically-minded authorities — is sung more than any other single carol throughout the world: "O Come, All Ye Faithful." It is lost in the mists of time.

Certainly it is one of the earliest forms of carols, taken from a Latin canticle, either by medieval British or French monks. The tune to which it is sung today was first published in 1751 in a collection known as "Cantus Diversi."

From its original Latin, the carol has been translated into 120 languages, among them all the European, Scandinavian, and Slav tongues, Chinese, Jap-Urdu, Korean, Melanesian and Polynesian.

Fir Is 'Holy Tree'

Nowadays Christmas trees are made out of almost everything, from aluminum to plastic—but the world's favorite Christmas tree is still the evergreen.

Many legends explain how the evergreen became associated with Christianity and Christmas. One is the story of St. Wilfred, according to The Book of Knowledge.

Speaking to a group of converts, the saint sought to illustrate how they had broken away from the heathen worship of the Druids.

He chopped down a giant tree—an oak, since this kind of tree was one of the chief objects of Druid worship. As it fell with a crash, it split into four pieces. From the center a young fir tree sprouted.

St. Wilfred told the converts that the fir should from then on serve as their "holy tree."

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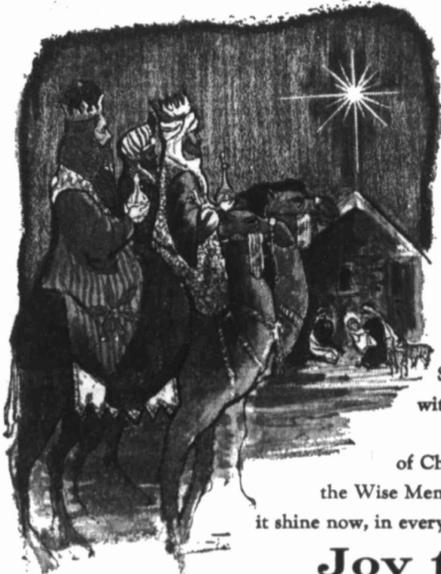
Santa's making a list of all our friends so that he can be especially good to each of you.

Best wishes to all.

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"And, lo, the Star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." As the light of Christmas shone for the Wise Men long ago, so may it shine now, in every heart and home.

Joy to You this Christmas

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Season's Greetings

The wondrous Holiday Season is here, time to wish all people on earth happiness and joy. We join in to wish a Merry Christmas to all.





Male Secretary

Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: To answer the lady who wanted to know what kind of "man" would become a secretary, let me tell you one kind. A man who was once a self-respecting mathematician at The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Tex. He was told that due to cutbacks he would no longer have a job unless he would accept a secretarial position. Due to the present economy and its lack of jobs, he accepted. Now just sign me "FLO IN TIGHT PANTS"

DEAR ABBY: Tell ANONYMOUS that male secretaries, although scarce and costly, are in demand because they are superior. Males excel at deft exactness. All diamond cleavers are men.

notch business executive for 17 years. During that time I have never missed a day's work because of periods, pregnancy or menopause depression. Neither did I have to quit because my spouse was being transferred to another city. And if the boss asked me to work late, or go to lunch with him to discuss business matters, I never worried about what my spouse (or his) or anybody else might think. I have also accompanied my boss on many out-of-town business trips without fear of gossip.

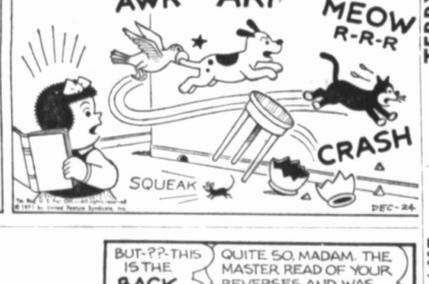
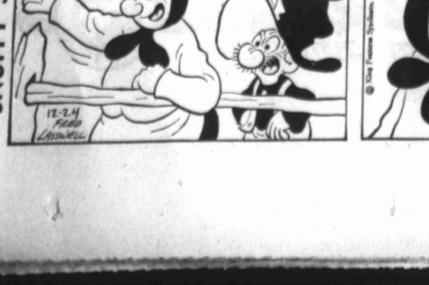
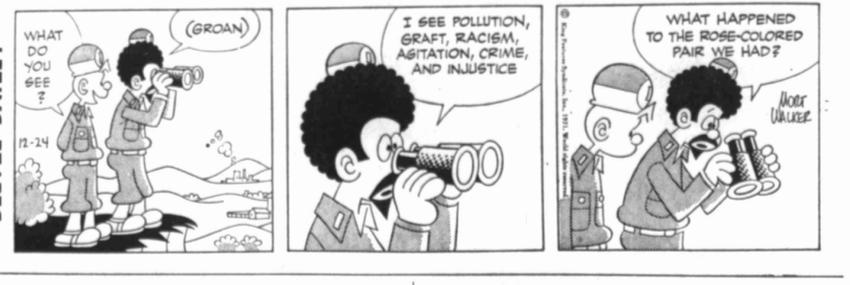
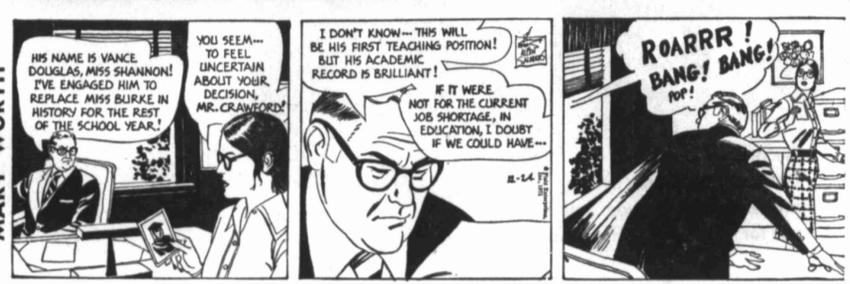
DEAR ABBY: Wow! The things I don't learn from reading your column. Now, you've given me a brilliant idea. A male secretary! How stupid of me to have not thought of it myself. That could very well be the answer to one of my problems. FEMALE BOSS

DEAR ABBY: Until I read your column about MALE secretaries, it didn't occur to me that if I had a male secretary I could eliminate a lot of hassling with my wife. You see, she is the jealous

type, although I assure you she has no reason to be jealous of any secretary I ever employed. Now, if, as a matter of policy, I were to hire only MALE secretaries, that would put an end to all her foolish accusations. Right?

Bonano Brothers Both Convicted

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Two sons of retired racketeer Joseph "Joe" Bonanno have been convicted in their retrial on charges of extortion and conspiracy. An earlier trial for Joseph Bonanno Jr., 26, and Salvatore Bonanno, 38, ended in a mistrial last September when a key government witness took the Fifth Amendment. Both were convicted of conspiracy, and Salvatore also was found guilty of one count of extortion and acquitted on the other four. He could get up to 15 years. Joseph Jr. was convicted on three counts of extortion, acquitted of two, and found guilty of conspiracy.



German Measles

Your Good Health
Dr. G. C. Thosteson

Dear Dr. Thosteson: How long should pregnancy be avoided after German measles vaccination? Our daughter had not had German measles when she took her college physical, and the doctor gave her a vaccination. She married later that year, and had a baby 13 months after the vaccination. I haven't mentioned it to anyone but it seems to me the baby doesn't react to noises as my babies did. At what age can definite hearing tests be made? — E.A.

First question: pregnancy should be avoided for at least two months, and preferably three, after a German measles vaccination — but this baby was born 13 months after the vaccination. That would mean a wait of four months before pregnancy, so I doubt that the vaccination had anything to do with the baby's hearing — if indeed there is an impairment. About 2 per cent of children of preschool or early school age are found to have hearing defects (of varying severity). This can be due to infection of ears, sinuses, tonsils or adenoids. Or, of course, there are other less common causes. Since you are concerned about the baby, I don't think it would be out of line for you to mention it to your daughter casually, so she can alert the pediatrician to watch the problem, if there is one. He can readily enough check ears, tonsils and adenoids for infection, that being the commonest factor. Beyond that, it is too early to expect any reliable hearing tests now. I would suggest waiting until the baby is at least a year old, preferably longer. I'm very much in favor of parents being alerted to possible hearing defects in children. That's something that, untended, can play havoc with school and other activities later on.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: About three years ago I had surgery for trigeminal neuritis. Since then I have had a swelling of the lower lip and it seems to be getting worse. Changes in temperature seem to aggravate it. I have not had relief from the surgeon or other physicians. Have you any suggestions? — C.H.G.

Not knowing what treatment you have had other than the surgery in the first place, I have only two suggestions. One is to have your dentist check for malocclusion of your teeth, which can cause the sort of distress you are experiencing. The other is the use of Tegr-

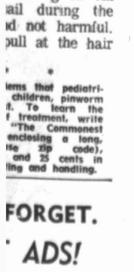
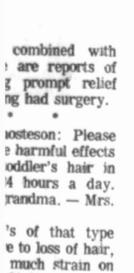
sol, alone or combined with Dilantin. There are reports of patients having prompt relief even after having had surgery.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: Please advise about the harmful effects of keeping a toddler's hair in tight pigtails 24 hours a day. I'm a worried grandma. — Mrs. R.S.

Tight hair-do's of that type can be conducive to loss of hair, by keeping too much strain on the roots. And 24 hours a day is definitely overdoing it. An occasional pigtail during the day is cute and not harmful. Avoid a tight pull at the hair roots.

Of all the problems that pediatricians encounter in children, sinusitis is the commonest. To learn the newest methods of treatment, write for the booklet, "The Commonest Pest, Pinworm," enclosing a 10-cent, self-addressed (use ZIP code), stamped envelope, and 25 cents in coin to cover printing and handling.

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Merry Christmas

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Minister Wrote Joyful Carol

An enchanting, joyful little Christmas song written for some Ohio children in a time of sadness and tragedy of the Civil War, is still a top favorite of the Yuletide season.

The song, "Up on the Housetops," was written by Benjamin Hanby, a minister, in the winter of 1864. First entitled "Santa Claus" when it emerged from the Chicago publishing house of George F. Root in 1866, the tune had humble beginnings.

Hanby presented it to a singing class that winter. And for all the years since its ilk has preserved some of the traditional joy of the Christmas season.

The song was sort of a labor of love for Hanby. As a minister in the United Brethren Church, he believed music was a vital part of religion. He had argued the point so strongly he lost one pastorate at Lewisburg, Ohio. Elders had balked at his mild progressiveness. Strict followers of the church creed opposed installation of an organ in the church. It was sinful, they ruled.

So strong was Hanby's belief that music and religion belonged together, he rented a storeroom in New Paris, Ohio, moved in an organ, blackboard and some crude benches. Children came once a week for a songfest, after which Bible readings and prayer sessions were held.

Like most ministers, Hanby had little money. Hence, when he needed a "fresh" song for his weekly class, he would write one. That's how "Up on the Housetops" had its origin.

Root's Chicago music house

Japan's St. Nick

Although Santa Claus doesn't visit Japanese homes, the native god Hoteiosho, the kind old gentleman who carries a pack on his back and has eyes in the back of his head, makes a realistic substitute gifts bearer. Boys and girls are warmed to be good because the all-seeing Hoteiosho knows everything they are doing.

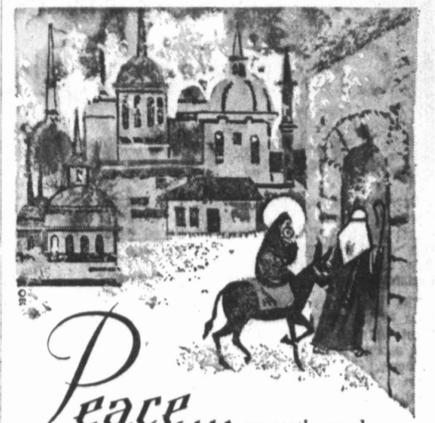
burned to the ground and with all records of Hanby's song. People continued to sing "Up on the Housetops" but the song usually carried the credit "author unknown." After Hanby's death in March, 1867, his family gathered proper credit for their husband and father.

"Oh, oh, oh, who wouldn't go!"

"Oh, oh, oh, who wouldn't go!"

"Up on the housetops, click, click, click, click, click, click, "Down through the chimney with good Saint Nick." Hanby taught this portion of the song first, and then the children learned four verses. New Paris fairly rocked in song as the children went home. The song "Santa Claus" was firmly established locally. Root's publication brought national acceptance.

Hanby wrote 68 songs during his lifetime of 38 years, including "Darling Nellie Gray" and the hymn, "Who Is He in Yonder Stall?" Hanby's home at Westerville,



Peace ... on earth, good will toward men ... may this Christmas bring you and your family a time of lasting peace, joy and multiple blessings. Merry Christmas.

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Ghosts Take Traditional Walks At Christmas Time

The Christmas season seems hardly the time to discuss ghosts, or even to consider them. Yet in Britain, folks get a delightful case of the shivers in the midst of the feasting, merrymaking and the exchanging of gifts.

It's the traditional time for ghosts from the past to rise and walk again. Perhaps, after all, it was through no caprice that Dickens introduced four spirits into "A Christmas Carol."

Take, for example, Hampton Court Palace gatehouse on Christmas Eve, each midnight. Lady Jane Grey and Catherine Howard, Henry VIII's third wife, are said to wander about the courtyard uttering laments. One can scarcely blame them. Even austere Windsor Castle has its own ghost, recognized by her red hair and olive complexion: it's Queen Elizabeth I appearing on the battlements.

Nearby, in the castle park, she has a ghostly friend, Herne, the hunter, who stalks around a tree named for him. You'll recognize Herne because he's wearing a set of antlers.

One of the most famous of all stately old British homes, Longleat House in Wiltshire, has a ghostly lady in green who often appears on Christmas Eve. She's the former Countess of Weymouth, whose lover was killed several centuries ago in a duel with her jealous husband.

The theater, long a stage for those nurturing superstition, also enjoys ghostlike activity during the holiday season. The famed Drury Lane Theater has a friendly and handsome 18th century ghost who is a regular patron — but only during successful plays.

Sadler's Wells Theater, also in London, is haunted by the ghost of Grimaldi, that famous 19th century clown who originated the British Christmas custom of pantomime. He sits on the apron of the stage with a frown on his face, fully costumed, sadly watching an endless performance of ballet and opera.

One of the more spectacular Christmas ghosts is Lady Lightfoot of Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire. She rides in a coach with four fiery horses and drives wildly through the cold town to plunge into the moat, not to return again until Christmas Eve next year.

Ghostly harmony can be heard — or so swear Yorkshire-

men — near Coxwold in the Hambleton Hills. The world's only carol-singing ghosts sing in harmony from the ruins of ancient Byland Abbey every Christmas Eve.

Dover, in the south of England, has a headless soldier boy who appears at Dover Castle to beat out an eerie tattoo. He's known locally as "Drumming Peter."

However, perhaps the most spectacular ghost story of all takes place at Edgheill, site of a famous battle during the British civil war, 331 years ago. As the battle ended, there appeared in the sky a three-day long re-staging of the entire conflict, replete with trumpets, guns, music and other sound effects. A king's commissioner saw it and duly reported it to his majesty. And ever since 1642 small portions of the battle have been reappearing in the sky toward the end of each year.

If you're inclined to be a skeptic, don't be. Just ask any Englishman. He'll tell you that you'll be hard put to find a British family which, at Christmas time, doesn't have a slight case of ghostly nerves.

Adults Need Santa Claus Year-Round

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A Santa Claus at a department store says there's a need for someone adults can talk to year-round, like a Santa Claus.

"There are a lot of people who would really like to talk," said Santa Claus at Hink's, commenting as he sat in his green and gilt chair flanked by tubs of candy suckers.

He said many who come up just to talk are adults.

"There are people who come up and say, 'God, it's terrible at home. What should I do?' I had some person come by and talk about her divorce—and guys with problems about their girl friends," Santa said. He declined to give his name because it might jeopardize a job he has after Christmas.

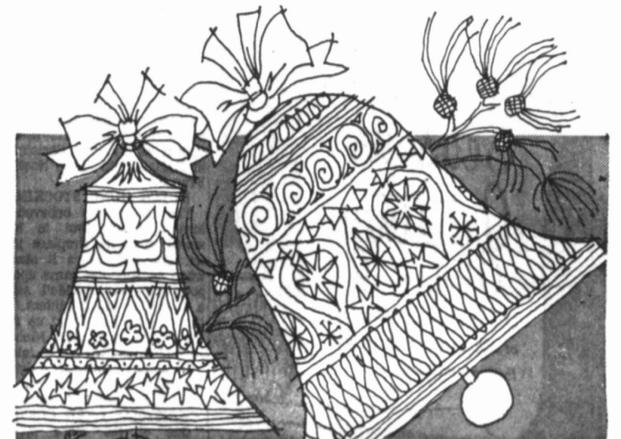
He said other adults just like to talk about the weather or the news.

"It would really be great if we could substitute this on a year-around basis and give the people someone they could really talk to, not a shrink or anything having a heavy connotation," he said.

Santa Claus, who is 27 and says he has a university degree in history, said he may present the idea at a Berkeley City Council meeting.

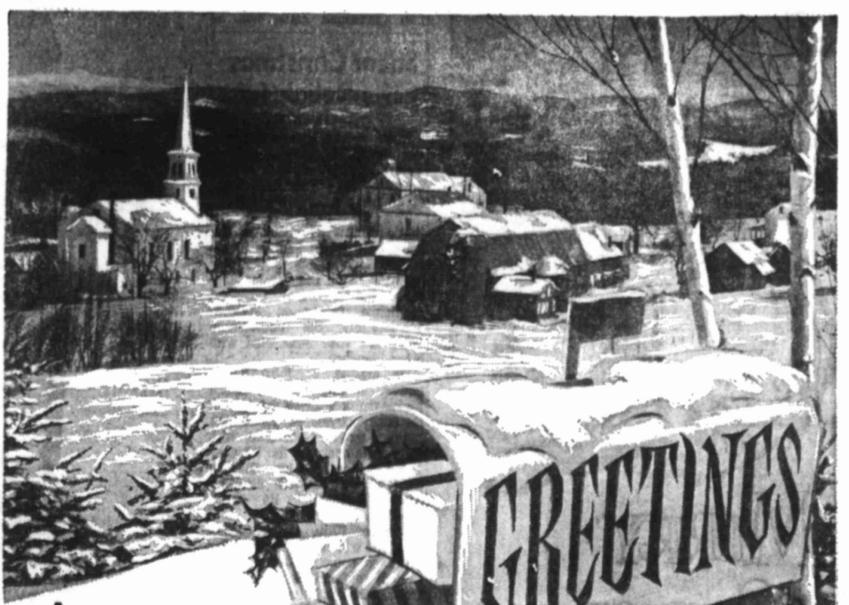
First Envelopes

The first "enveloped" greeting card was a Christmas card. Greeting cards were not placed in envelopes until 1906.



Christmas Greetings

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FORGET ADS!

HOW DID CUSTOMS START

Christmas Trees, Carolling Date Back Many Centuries

Decorating an evergreen tree. Martin Luther decorated the first tree in the 16th century. Carolling through the streets on Christmas Eve. Hanging stockings on the fireplace mantel. Evergreen to symbolize the stars. How did these and other old Christmas customs get started?

The Christmas tree dates back to the ninth century and Saint Winifred who was traveling around Northern Germany preaching Christianity. He came upon a group of people gathered around a huge oak tree to offer human sacrifice to their pagan gods.

According to legend, Saint Winifred hewed down the oak and a tall fir appeared in its place. The miracle was hailed from far and wide and from that day on, it became the custom for the German families to gather about a tall evergreen on Christmas Eve.

joined by all the inhabitants. Eventually the entire village is part of the procession as it arrives at the church steps.

CHILDREN'S PATRON SAINT

Saint Nicholas has been leaving gifts for good little boys and girls on Christmas Eve ever since the 4th century. The original St. Nicholas was a Turkish Bishop, noted for his works of charity, who became the patron saint of children.

Martin Luther later substituted the Christ Child or Christkindel for St. Nicholas as the bearer of gifts in Germany. Later a German colony led by William Penn settled in Pennsylvania, and again Santa changed his name. The settlers had brought Christkindel with them, but somehow it got transformed into Kris Kringle.

The Dutch may have nicknamed St. Nicholas "Santa Claus" for short, but his image as a fat little man with rosy cheeks and white beard comes from the famous American poem "The Night Before Christmas."

During the 19th century, Santa recrossed the Atlantic from the United States and became known as "Father Christmas" in England and "Pere Noel" in France.

DUTCH HUNG STOCKINGS

The Dutch are believed to have been the first to hang stockings on the fireplace mantel. One story says it started when St. Nicholas came upon a poor man who couldn't afford a dowry for his daughters. Noticing a stocking hung up near the fire to dry, Saint Nicholas slipped some gold pieces into it.

In some countries, Italy for example, the children put out their shoes instead of stockings.

CHRISTMAS CARD CUSTOM

One of the more modern Christmas customs is sending Christmas greetings each year. In a little over a century — they first got started in England in 1843 — this relatively new custom has become well established.

In that year, Sir Henry Cole commissioned an artist named John Horsley to design a Christmas "greeting" for him because he was "too busy to write to his friends at Christmas."

Since then, the sending of Christmas cards has become almost universal, although in some countries, greetings are sent for the New Year, instead of Christmas.

This year, more than 3½ billion Christmas cards will be

Poinsettia Named

The poinsettia was discovered in 1828 by Dr. Joel Poinsett in Mexico. It is known as flora de la Noche Buena, flower of the Holy Night.

Healthier Plants

Poinsettia plants will have a healthier root action if they are kept in a clay flower pot which permits excess water and harmful salts to escape and keeps roots and soil balls cool.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON...

May we take this opportunity to wish the best for you and your loved ones. We hope your holidays are truly joyful, and marked with harmony in every way. Merry Christmas to all!



Pat Boatler
WHOLESALE GAS & OIL
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A Very Merry Christmas



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Silent Christmas Gifts Delightful

Noise should be restricted to the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. It certainly doesn't belong to Christmas. And, neither do noise-making presents.

This Christmas give a gift that's almost as silent as the snow over which Santa's sleigh slides. Such a gift is the new Whisper Drive Blender by Ronson. This decorator designed appliance innovation reduces considerably the bothersome howl and yowl associated with other blenders.

Its muscle, one-third horsepower, is shrouded in silence by means of a direct drive from its newly developed permanent magnet motor. Gear free, with solid state controls, the Whisper Drive Blender by Ronson delivers stall-free blending action throughout its entire speed range.

The versatility of this Christmas gift will be appreciated for years to come by those lucky enough to find one under their tree on Christmas morning.



Greetings

Hearty greetings are sent your way for the merriest Christmas!

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Everyone in our both shops, wishes each and every one a Wonderfully Merry Christmas!

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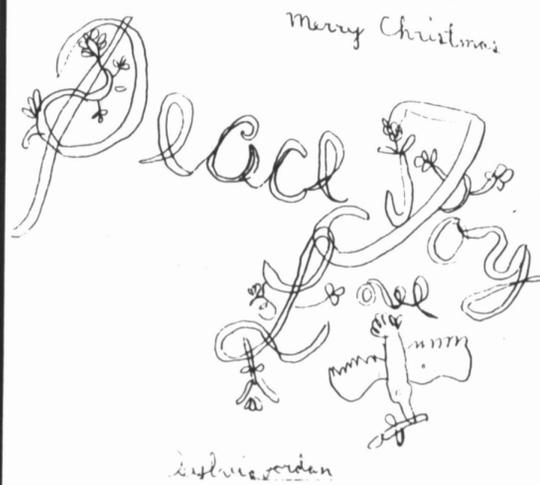
CHRISTMAS from the Pens of children



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It was the night before Christmas,
 When all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring,
 Not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung
 By the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas
 Soon would be there;



The children were nestled
 All snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plums
 Danced in their heads.

And Mamma in her kerchief,
 And I in my cap
 Had just settled down for a
 Long winter's nap.



When out on the lawn
 There arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from the bed
 To see what was the matter.

Away to the window
 I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters
 And threw up the sash.



JANA GREEN



Janet B. H.



By Jennifer Smith

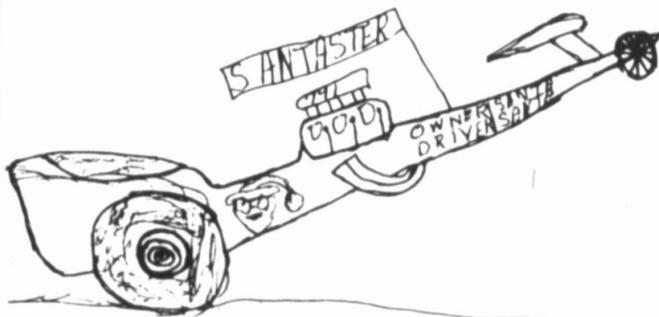


The moon on the breast
 Of the new-fallen snow,
 Gave the lustre of mid-day
 To objects below.

When what to my wondering
 Eyes should appear,
 But a miniature sleigh
 And eight tiny reindeer--

With a little old driver
 So lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment
 It must be St. Nick.

Season's
 Greeting



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Happiness
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CHRISTMAS

Chris Mancill

Merry and Christmas
 May yours be Happy
 Peace this year
 on Earth



Freddy Hernandez. Bauer. 5th

May the
 Peace of Christmas
 bring happiness
 to you
 all through the
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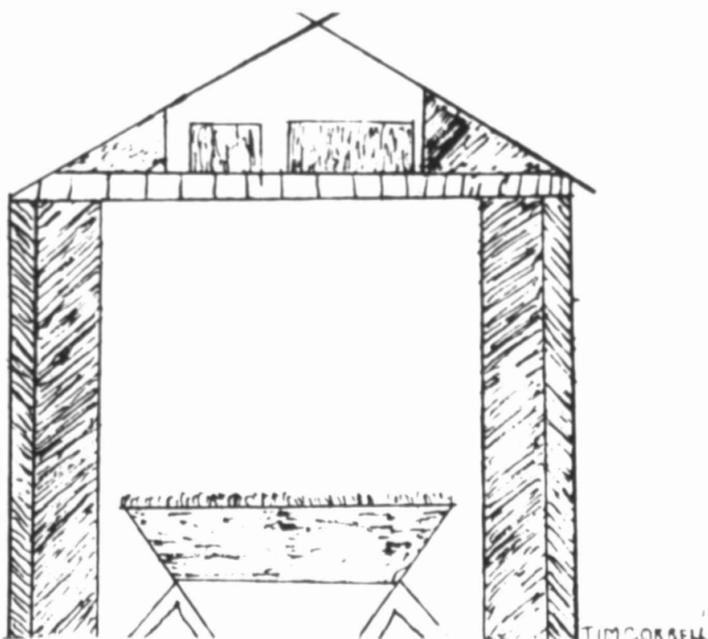


Isabel Rodriguez. Bauer. 5th

More rapid than eagles
His coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted
And called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer!
Now, Prancer and Vixen!
Oh, Comet! Oh, Cupid!
Oh, Donner and Blitzen!

As dry leaves that before
The wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle
Mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top
The coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys
And St. Nicholas, too.

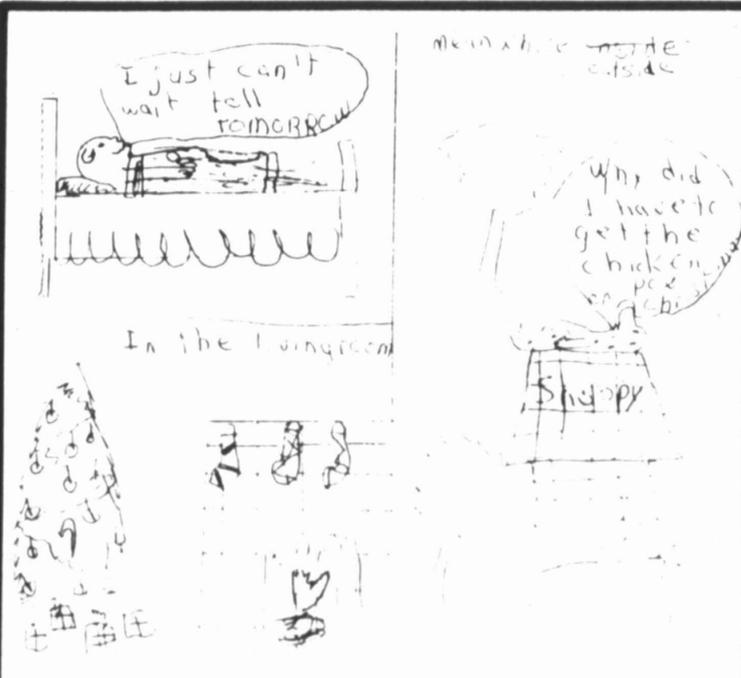


And then, in a twinkling,
 I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing
 Of each little hoof.
 As I drew in my head,
 And was turning around...

Down the chimney
 St. Nicholas came with a bound!

He was chubby and plump,
 A right jolly old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him
 In spite of myself!

A wink of his eye
 And a twist of his head
 Soon gave me to know
 I had nothing to dread.



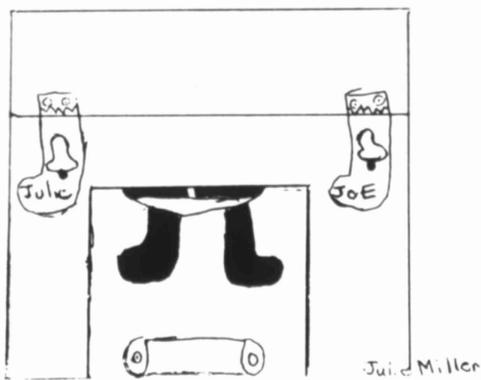
He was dressed all in fur
 From his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished
 With ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys
 He had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler
 Just opening his pack.

His eyes--how they twinkled,
 His dimples how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses,
 His nose like a cherry!



Down St. Nicholas Came With A
 BOUND!



His droll little mouth
 Was drawn up like a bow,
 And the beard on his chin
 Was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe
 He held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke it encircled his head
 Like a wreath;

He had a broad face
 And a little round belly
 That shook when he laughed
 Like a bowl full of jelly;



He spoke not a word,
 But went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings--
 Then turned with a jerk...

And laying his finger
 Aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod,
 Up the chimney he rose!

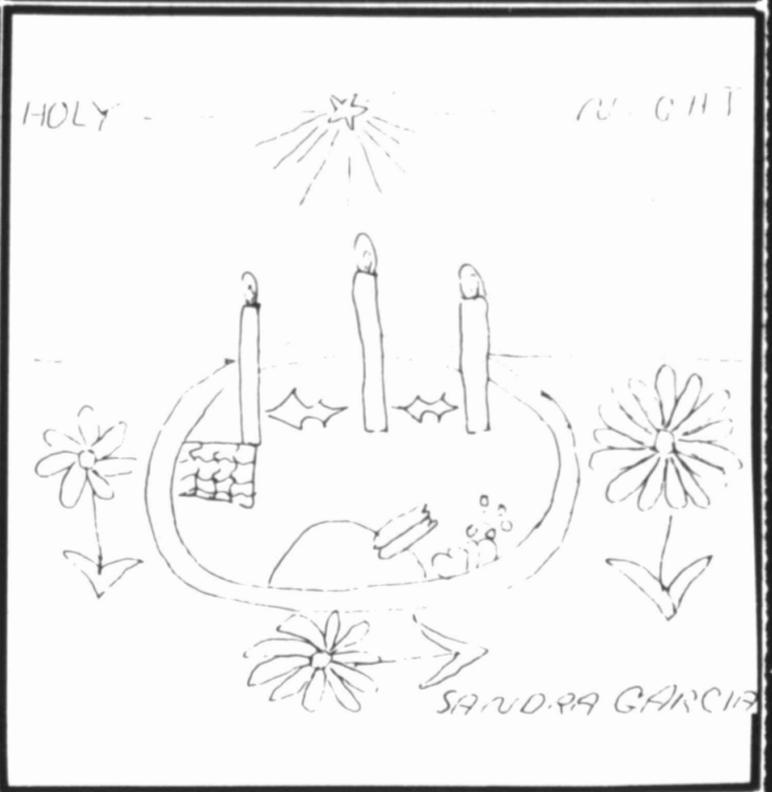
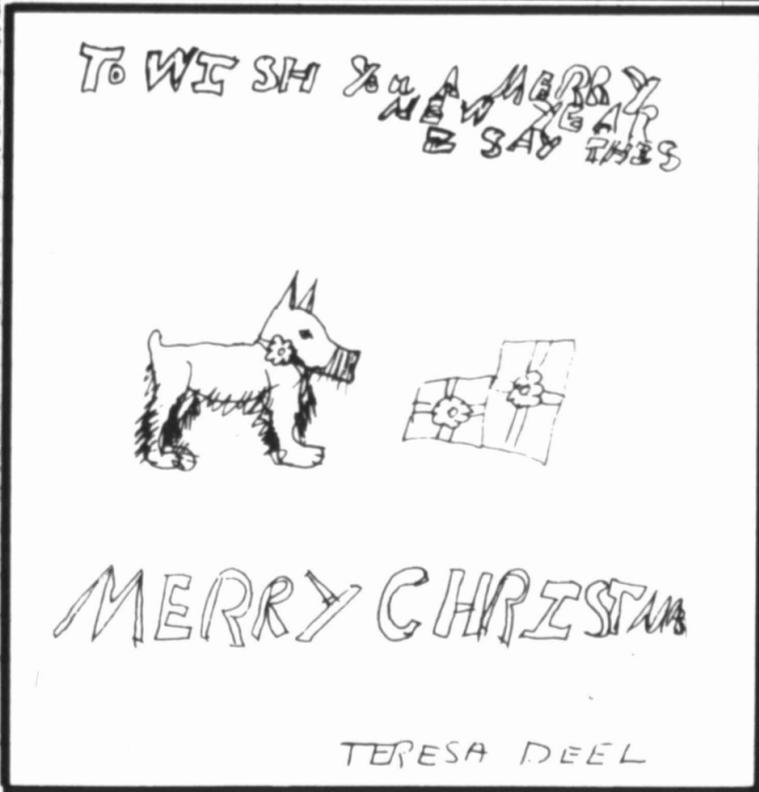
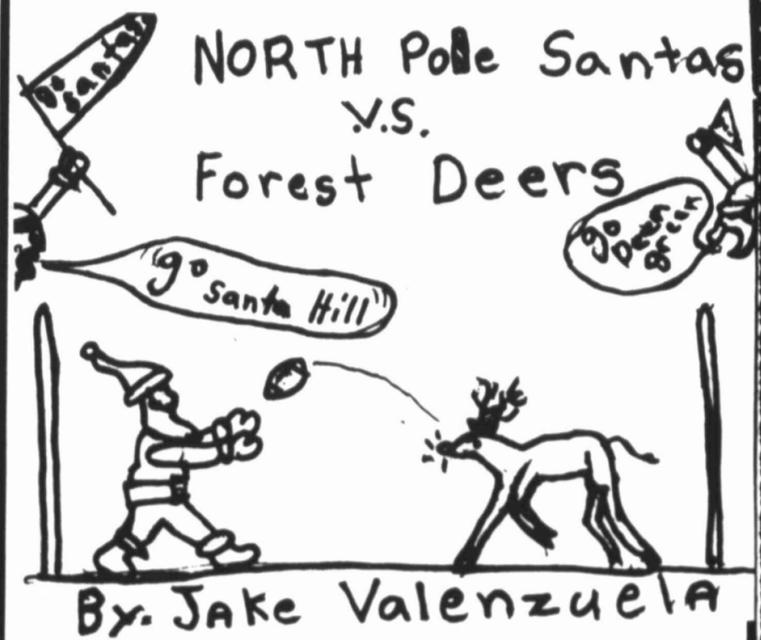
To the top of the porch!
 To the top of the wall!
 Now dash away!
 Dash away!
 Dash away all!"

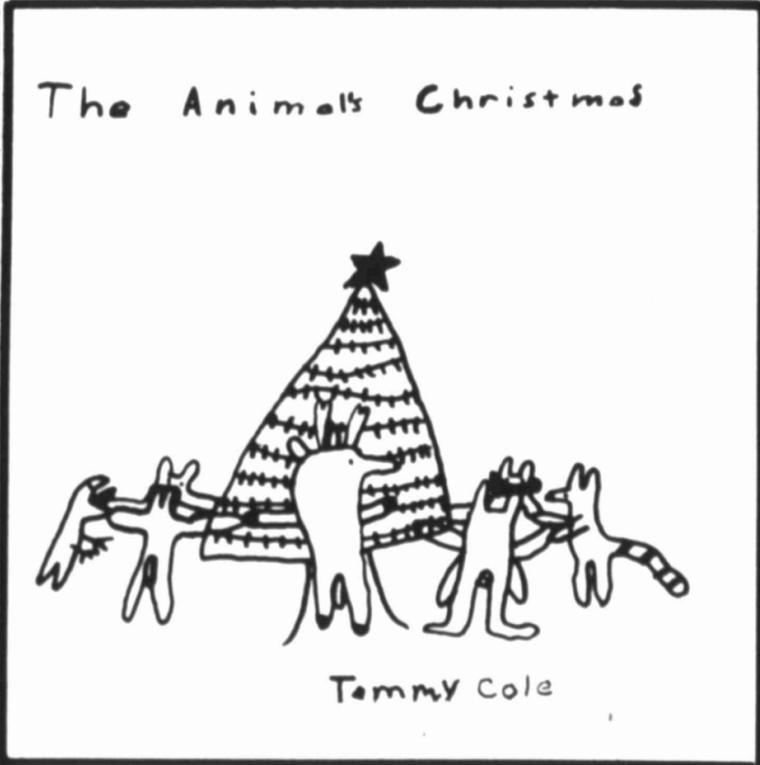
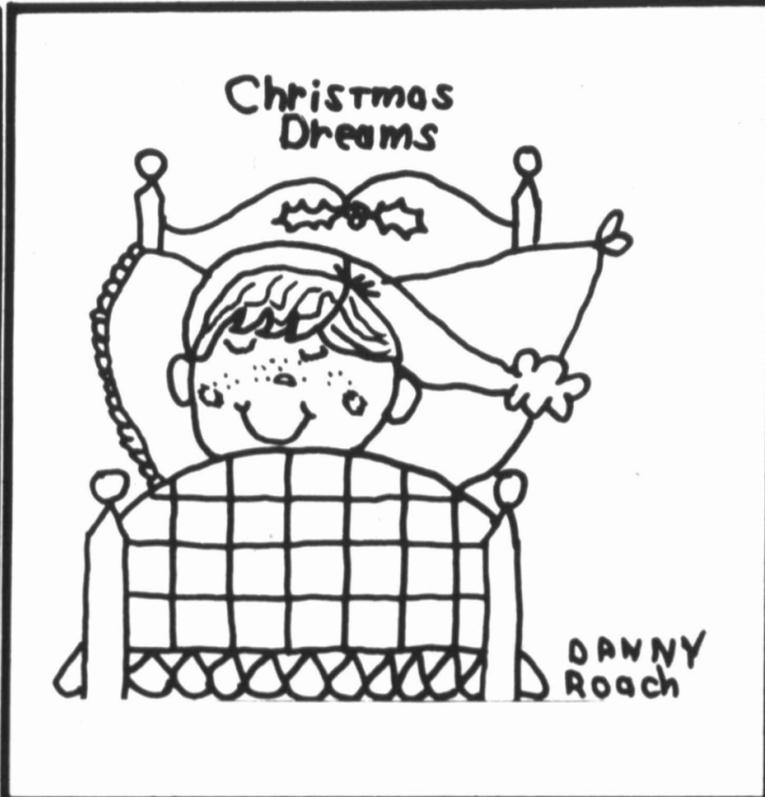


He sprang to his sleigh,
 To his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew
 Like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim,
 Ere he drove out of sight...

"HAPPY CHRISTMAS
 TO ALL,
 AND TO ALL
 A GOOD NIGHT!"





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