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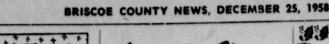
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Legends Vary About First Christmas Tree

By Patricia McCune

BRIGHT-EYED Julie Foster sat tensely beside her patient husband, Paul, as he drove the expensive and not-yet-paid-for car to her youngest sister's. "Some Christmas this will be," Julie grumbled, nodding her dark head at the unpretentious pile of Christmas pack-ages in the back seat. "We just haven't brought a decent thing." Paul sighed. "I bought presents for your two sisters, their husbands, and their kids. After all, you were sick. I did my best."

"Oh, Paul, I didn't mean your shopping wasn't fine. You know 1 appreciated it. It's just - well, we've always done so much more, especially for the kids. Last year we got Georgie and Bruce the bikes and the girls those huge play-

There are many legends about decorating the Christmas tree. One dates back to Boniface, who as England's missionary to Germany in the 8th century, "replaced the sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak to a fir tree adorned in tribute to the Christ child". Others say that the tree and its candles should be attributed to Luther. Another says the practice

dates to the Teutonic practice of bringing trees into homes to ap-pease the god-like spirits that were believed to inhabit forest timbers. But there is a legend more beautiful than all the rest. According to it, when Christ was born a group

of stars looked down upon an olive tree, a date palm and a pine tree which stood over the manger. Seeing that the pine had nothing to offer in His honor while the others gave fruit and dates, they descended from the heavens to rest upon the pine's boughs as an offering-and that was the first Christ-

mast tree.

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

Homemade Food "I bought presents for your two sisters, their husbands, and their kids," Paul said.

As the late afternoon sky gray ed, Paul pulled into the Sheraton's long gravel driveway, and tenyear-old Georgie and his younger brother, towheaded Bruce, dashed

out to meet them. "Wait for me!" plump Barby called and in a moment there were hugs and kisses and "Merry Christmases" all around. Julie couldn't help feeling that Barbara's three children were disappointed when they discovered the simple-looking Christmas packages on the back seat.

A Beautiful Tree

"Cynthia and Ed and little Pam will be here any minute," Barbara said as Big George herded everyone into the old sprawling house Paul brought in their gifts, plac-ing them carefully around the glittering tree. How forlorn they seemed to Julie, all in their same store wrappings, all looking outrageously like what they were. She didn't meet Paul's eyes, but hurried to the door as Cynthia, Ed and sevenyear-old Pam arrived.

"Did you bring us something big, Aunt Julie ?" Pam asked, jumping excitedly from the car, and in spite of Cynthia's stunned silence and Julie's sickening embarassment, the others laughed



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

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

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



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"Why. Pam." Cynthia 'what a thing to ask!" "Aunt Julie's been sick," Julie explained unnecessarily. "Just got out of bed yesterday." She saw the exchange of glances between her two sisters. They probably suspected already that Paul's business was slipping. Wait until Cynthia saw all the books under the tree. Christmas began cold and clear. The day was bright and the eager children awakened early. With the first sign of light, Georgie leaped out of bed. "Get up, get up!" he shouted, banging on bedroom doors. "It's Christmas!" Julie had to admit there was

laughter and joy and fun all day. No one minded receiving the books. They were even pleased, she thought. "Best Christmas ever," Barbara

said when Julie and Paul were leaving.

"You say that every year," Julie laughed. "No. I mean it."

"Me, too," Cynthia added, and strangely enough, Julie agreed with them. It had been the best Christ-

She thought about it a lot on the way home. "Do you think it was the best Christmas ever, Paul ?"

He nodded without speaking. "Why ?" "Don't you know?"

Julie Understands

"Yes." She spoke softly, as Paul's hand closed over hers. "No big presents-" She waited before going on and pressed Paul's hand against her cheek. "Oh, Paul. I didn't realize. You probably tried to tell me, but I honestly didn't know what the bikes and playhouses were doing to everyone, especially Cynthia and Barbara and—you. I didn't know our Christmases had been tense and frustrating because I bought things they couldn't afford for their own kids or for each other." against her cheek. "Oh. Paul. I other."

"We couldn't afford them, either."

"I never would have understood if you hadn't bought the books." "Well, kids should have good books."

Julie smiled. "Merry Christmas, Paul," she whispered and could tell in the dark, without looking up, that he was happy.

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

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Plan Your Outdoor Decorations To Protect Evergreens

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

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

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

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

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

Safe Toys

Be sure this year that all the toys you give children, or your children receive, are safe. If they are electrical be sure they carry an inspection label. Also take care in giving and re-

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

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T is particularly encouraging and pleasing to experience the true spirit of good fellowship that is so much in evidence at this time of each year – Christmas. We like it because it affords us the opportunity of expressing our sincerest thanks for the opportunity of serving you in the year just closing. So, as we say thanks, we

are sending you the cheeriest compliments of the Season.

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As we look about us today, we find it a happy experience to greet so many fine friends and to remember the innumerable pleasant courtesies and favors with which we have been favored since last we extended Season's greetings to you.

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Commission.

Midland, South Dakota, arrived Saturday evening for a holiday visit here with his father, Bill Watters, and other relatives. Glen POST spent the weekend in Quitaque with his sister, Mrs. A. F. Van Meter, Jr., Patricia and Jimmie

Beth.

SILVERTON, TEXAS An examination for Postmaster at Silverton, Texas, \$4,990 a year, Mrs. H. E. Fowler and son, will be open for acceptance of Charles Quillen, left for his home applications until January 13, 1959,

in Portland on Saturday after the Commission announced today. spending last week here trans- Competitors for the postmaster acting business. Mr. Fowler is vacancy in this city must have at recuperating from recent major least 1 year of experience showing that they have the ability to conurgery in the Quillen home.

duct and manage the community's Mrs R M Hill, who has been recuperating for a few weeks postal business efficiently and to rom a heart attack, went back to supervise employees so that custhe Tulia Hospital on Thursday of tomers are satisfied with the serlast week and stayed so as to be vice. near the edoctor who was treating Competitors her. Mrs. Rex Dickerson took her can deal with the public agreeably mother to the hospital. Mrs. Troy and effectively and that they are Burson reported that they expected reliable citizens who would comto bring their mother home early mand the respect and confidence of patrons of the post office. this week.

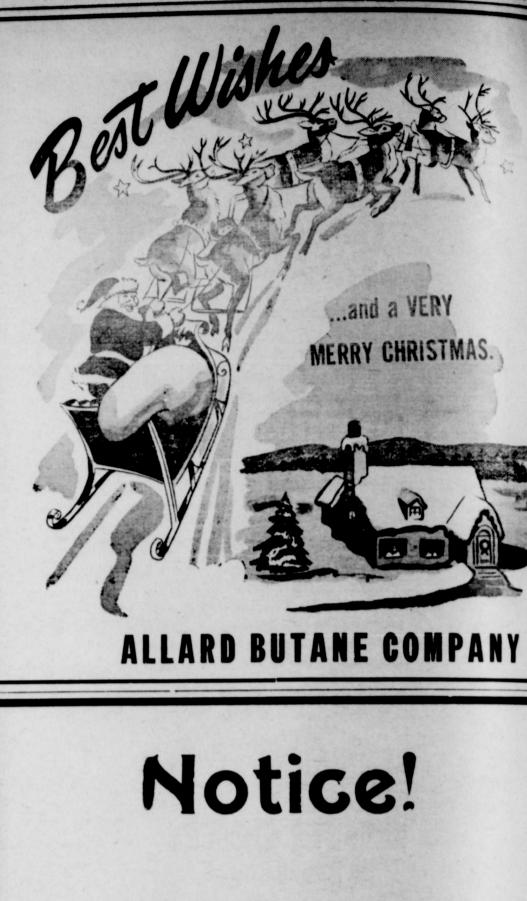
Joy and Eulane Rackley were in test. Those who pass will be as-Amarillo one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen and Richard left Tuesday morning for California and will spend Christmas in the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Byrd, in Pomona. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd formerly lived here. Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard, of Brice, visited in the be appointed. home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allard Friday. The entire group visited examination requirements and in-

Mrs. W. Allard in the Tulia Hos- structions for filing applications pital Friday afternoon. may be obtained at the post office Mrs. W. Allard was taken to for which this examination is being the Tulia Hospital on Wednesday announced. Application forms evening of last week; she was sufmust be filed dwith the U.S. fering from an attack of gall blad- Civil Service Commission, Washder trouble. She was able to come

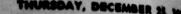
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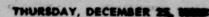
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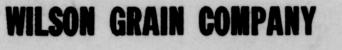
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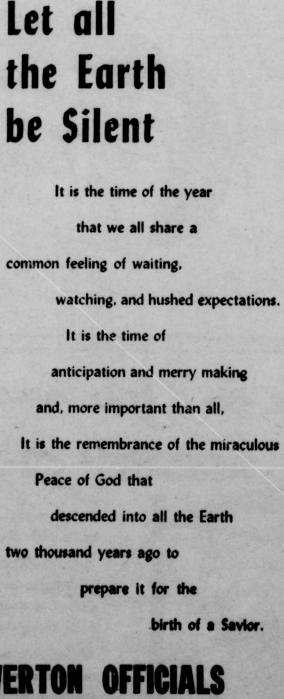
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