



Briscoe County News

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Owls Win Second Place In Hale Center Tournament

Silverton's Owls defeated Hale Center and Spade before losing to Abernathy in the championship finals of the Hale Center Tournament last weekend. No All-Tournament team was selected to give additional honors to the Owls, but the boys brought home the second-place trophy for their efforts. The Owls took a 55-54 win from Hale Center in the first round of the tournament, leading at the close of each period of play.

John Minyard led the team scoring by dumping 27 big points in the bucket. Terry Culwell caged 18, Dennis Gallington added five, Ken Wood three and Marvin Self two. Leading scorers for Hale Center were Ledbetter 14 and Johnson 12. SHS Owls 13 30 47 55 Hale Center 6 18 40 54

Marvin Self accounted for four. The Owls came from behind in the second period and were ahead at the end of the last three quarters of play.

Antelopes jumped into an early lead and never relinquished it during the game. Highest scorer for the Owls was Terry Culwell, with 15 points, followed by Craig Culwell, with 7; John Minyard, 6; Dennis Gallington, 4; Ken Wood and Ron Vaughan, 3 each; Marvin Self and Barry Francis, one point each. Randy Settle scored 16 for the Antelopes and Bobby Rogers caged 13. Abernathy 20 36 60 79 Owls 13 22 31 39

Services Pending For Eunice Yates

Funeral services were pending at presstime for Mrs. Rieley (Eunice) Yates of Silverton, who died about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Nichols Hospital in Plainview following a lengthy illness. Arrangements will be announced by the Silverton Funeral Home.

Nance Family Christmas Dinner Held Sunday

Mrs. J. B. Nance of Plainview hosted a Christmas dinner party Sunday for her children and their families. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scarborough of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grant, Kenny, Kelly and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. James Grant, Darian and Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boedeker, Nanda, Rob and Stephen, all of Plainview; Jeff Roberts of Sherman; Mr. and Mrs. Benny Montague and Cortney of Tulla; Mrs. Hugh Nance and Juannah, Wayne Nance and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance, all of Silverton. Jack Sutton had a cattle roundup and weaned his calves last week.

Terry Culwell racked up 31 points to lead the Owls to a 79-72 victory over Spade in the second round of the tournament. John Minyard put 20 points on the board. Dennis Gallington sank 13, Craig Culwell caged six points, Ken Wood added five points, and

Pre-Christmas Dinner Held In Self Home

A pre-Christmas dinner was hosted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Self Sunday, December 19. All six of the Self children were in attendance, as well as eleven of the thirteen grandchildren and three of the four great-grandchildren.

Those attending from Silverton were Mrs. W. T. Masey, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Frizzell and Jamie Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Self and David Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Self, Mrs. Roy Younger, Jeanetta, Lydia and Lisa, Mrs. Lexie Gilkeyson, John and Allan, Lori Francis, Thresa Tate, Brenda and Marsha Yancey. Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. George Masey and Shawnda, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McGowan and Zobia Self, all of Plainview; Roger Younger of Amarillo and L/Cpl. Steve McGowan, USMC, of San Francisco, California. Visiting later in the evening were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. O. Riddell and Alton and Mrs. Tone Brooks.

Owlettes Lose To Lockney by One Point

Only a field goal stood between the Owlettes and a victory over the Lockney Longhornettes Tuesday night. After trailing at the end of the first frame, the Owlettes held small leads at halftime and at the end of the third stanza. Scoring for the Owlettes was well balanced, with Colene Culwell caging 16 points; Sharon Tate, 12, and Thresa Tate, 11. Collins dropped in 27 points for the Longhornettes.

Lockney 12 16 26 40 Owlettes 7 18 30 39 The Owls took a 63-43 defeat at Lockney Tuesday night. The Longhorns moved ahead early and never relinquished the lead. John Minyard scored 16 points, followed closely by Terry Culwell with 13. Marvin Self scored eight and Dennis Gallington added two to round out the score. Cunyus caged 12 and Mathis added 10 for the winners. Lockney 22 32 45 63 Owls 10 19 28 43

Phillips Rites Held at Lockney Last Week

Funeral services for Mrs. Lina Phillips, 96, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Officiating was Joe Jackson, Primitive Baptist pastor from Cone. Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Mrs. Phillips, a resident of Floyd County since 1918, died at 7:10 p.m. Thursday in Lockney General Hospital after a brief illness. She had resided at the Lockney Nursing Home several years. Mrs. Phillips was born in Shady Hill, Tennessee, November 17, 1875. She moved to Floyd County from Olney. Her husband, R. C. Phillips, died in 1932. Mrs. Phillips had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church 80 years. Surviving are four sons, R. C. Phillips of Plainview, D. J. and Oscar Phillips, both of Lockney, and Houston H. McPherson of Silverton; two daughters, Mrs. Ben McGhee of Lockney and Mrs. Ruth Busby of Rialto, California; a half-brother, Prosper Grey of Austin; 17 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

Charles A. Maddox of McMinnville, Oregon, was a recent weekend visitor with his sister, Mrs. Carl Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm F. Miller of Albuquerque, New Mexico spent Sunday night with Mrs. Eugene Long and Mrs. Carl Crow in the Long home. Mr. Miller is a former Silverton resident.

Marvin Self Makes All South Plains Defensive Team

Marvin Self, a senior co-captain for the Silverton Owl football team this year, has been chosen as a member of the Class A All-South Plains defensive football unit.

B. J. Smith of New Deal was selected as Coach of the Year, and Steve Bigham of New Deal was selected as Player of the Year.

Marvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self. Weaver McClure of Kress, nephew of T. V. McClure of Silverton, was given an offensive honorable mention.

Gay McWilliams Taken By Death

Funeral services for Mrs. Billy (Gay) McWilliams of Quitaque, who died about 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview following a lengthy illness, will be conducted at 10:00 o'clock this morning (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque. Burial will be in the Silverton Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Quitaque Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fleming and family of Washburn and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fleming were Sunday luncheon guests of the Leo Fleming family.

Derrel Martin spent the weekend in the hospital with a suspected attack of appendicitis.

Round-Up Day Planned At School

January 28, 1972 is Round-Up Day for all children who will start school in September 1972. These children will attend school on that day, and the boys and girls who are in the First Grade this year will remain at home.

Parents will need to bring the child's birth certificate and 50¢ for his lunch in the school cafeteria. Be prepared to pick up your child at 12:30 p.m. because only half a day is required for this registration.

TURKEY SHOOT WINNERS ANNOUNCED BY THE SILVERTON YOUNG FARMERS

Winners of turkeys and hams at the Silverton Young Farmers Turkey Shoot Saturday afternoon were Wendell Hardin, six; Don Brown, four; Virgil Kidwell; Joe Self, three; Grover Thomas, two; Truman Loyd; Gary Whitfill; Keith Watson, two; Charles Mayfield, Jim Evans, Zane Mayfield, Jack Robertson, Ken Cook, Jeff Jones and Doug Turner.

Helping Hand Club Has Christmas Party

The Helping Hand Club held its last meeting of this year Friday night in the P. C. A. community room.

The members and their husbands enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Following the meal, "42" was played and a session of visiting was enjoyed.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson and Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller and Avonna visited Saturday, December 11, with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Womack and Quentin and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Phillips in Amarillo.

Bud McMinn underwent surgery Tuesday afternoon at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo for repair of a broken leg he received last Saturday in a fall as he was coming home from having been a patient in the hospital at Tulla for several days.

Services Held For Spencer Long

Funeral services for Spencer Long, 72, a well-known Silverton resident, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church in Silverton.

Rev. James Futch, pastor, and Rev. James Long, a ministerial student at Biola Bible College in La Brea, California, and a great-nephew of Mr. Long, officiated. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of the Silverton Funeral Home.

Mr. Long, a director of the First Bank in Silverton, died about 10:30 a.m. Saturday at his home. He had been in ill health for some time.

Born in Randall County, Mr. Long came to Briscoe County in 1906. A retired farmer and stockman, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He is survived by a brother, Mr. Long of Vian, Oklahoma, and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Albert Mallow, George Seaney, Jack Strange, Alvin Redin, Arnold Brown, H. B. Simpson, R. L. O. Riddell, all of Silverton, and Truman Mallow of Plainview.

Christmas Mass Scheduled Here

Father Gerard Lynch will have his Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church in Silverton. Confessions before Mass.

Riddell C. Hutsell, captain for Pan Air Lines based in Anchorage, Alaska, has been here this week visiting his wife, Grace, and his children, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Brimland and Alison; Cindy, Claudia, Pam, Ricky, Wayne, Elliott and Elliott Hutsell, and other relatives.



Mrs. Dee McWilliams was one of 25 Silverton residents who donated blood when the Coffee Memorial Blood Bank personnel were here Tuesday. Blood was drawn at the City Hall between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Peace on Earth



The Saviour is born; the world rejoices. May every joy be yours this holy season.

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St. Francis Tried to Awaken Christ-Spirit Among the Hedonists

Like all the stories about Francis of Assisi, the following story bears record of his faithful conformity to the example of humility and poverty personified in his Lord, Jesus Christ.

Long ago, in the 13th century when Francis went about doing his good deeds in a dark world, he and a few of his companions were celebrating the festival of Christmas in the friars' lodging at Rieti. Some of the monks thought it fitting, because of the presence of a high ecclesiastic, to lay out a table "a bit special," and set out a table with white linen and glassware.

When Francis saw the elegance of the table he called one of the monks and told him to tell the friars not to wait for him if he should not come promptly at mealtime.

When the friars had got midway into the feast there was a knock on the door. Francis entered, leaning heavily on a beggar's staff and advancing meekly as a pauper. In a beseeching voice he called out, "For the love of the Lord God, give alms to this poor, infirm pilgrim!"

The visiting priest and all at the table gasped with astonishment. Finally the guest of honor broke the startled silence. "For the love of that Lord whom thou hast named, we will give you of the alms which the Lord has given us."

Francis humbly accepted the platter and bread the prelate offered him and sat down on the dirt floor beside the table.

Again silence fell over all. The friars looked miserable and unhappy with their beloved leader squatting on the ground like a beggar, and could not eat. Francis at last spoke:

"When I saw the table worshipfully and sumptuously laid out, I thought

within myself it was not the table of poor men of God who daily go from door to door for alms. For it becomes us, dearest, more than other men, to follow the example of the humility and poverty of Christ, because we are professed and called to this before God and men.

Dear brothers, the feasts of the Lord and of the holy men of God are rather honored with the want and poverty by which those godly men conquered heaven for



EXTRA GIFT

An "extra" and inexpensive gift certain to be appreciated by most youngsters is a supply of batteries. Most children receive one or more battery-powered toys for Christmas.



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Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
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 Love,
 Floyd Hightower

DEAR SANTA,
 For Christmas I would like to have a crain and a truck, some games, a pair of jeans and a shirt and a pair of shoes.
 Love,
 Earnest Hightower
 Star Route
 Floydada, Texas

DEAR SANTA,
 For Christmas I want a crain and a big truck and a train and a football and a football helmet and a coat and six shirts and six pairs of blue jeans and a pair of boots and a sling shot.
 Love,
 Dewayne Hightower
 Star Route
 Floydada, Texas

DEAR ST. NICK,
 I want a colored TV and a drum set and a Crissy. Scotty wants a barn that has buttons you push and it makes the sound of the animal and a dump truck and a football. I need some Levis blue jeans (flared). And I have been a good girl and Scotty's been a good boy.
 Love,
 Shelly
 P. S. I wish Christmas would come.

DEAR SANTA,
 I have tried very hard to be good. Would you please bring me two dolls called "Chubby Charmers" and their layette, a musical clown, a stuffed dog and some surprises. I also would like to have a carriage to push the babies in. Please help Granny and Pa find me something good. Please bring Dotti something. She likes toys.
 Brad is a good boy, too. So please bring him what he wants. Remember all the other good children.
 Love,
 Amy Perkins

DEAR SANTA,
 I've tried very hard to be nice. Would you please bring me a record player, a stuffed dog and some black boots. Would you please bring me some surprises. I love to be surprised.
 You friend,
 Patti Perkins

DEAR SANTA,
 I want shirts, a football, two walkie-talkies and two games. There will be some milk and cake in the kitchen. Be sure to fill my stockin.
 Yours truly,
 Bobby McPherson

DEAR SANTA,
 I am finally six years old! Please bring me a Baby Tender Love, Annette Walking Doll, Talking Baby Beans, Baby Henry Pup and some surprises. I have been good and bad, but will try to act better.
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 Love,
 Jena McFall

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route of the Magi...

Portugal and Spain reportedly was the path taken by the Kings. Here on the route of the Magi the Wise Men are of particular importance in the Andalusian countries.

Sidewalk shops and kiosks offer reproductions for sale in glittering array — some of carved wood, some of papier-mache or pottery.

Today, more sophisticated Americans emulate these old-world craftsmen. They make Wise Men, using cans and plastic foam heads embellished with bright and ingenious decorations.

Custom decrees that the Magi be met on Epiphany Eve at the edge of town. In Portugal, young and old go

out that night, carrying a variety of food for men and animals. This colorful caravan also offers presents such as artfully arranged bouquets of dried flowers, grasses, and feathers, and splendid metallic palmettos bound with beads or mirrors at their centers.

But alas for the welcoming committee, the Magi always seem to slip into town by another road. When the disappointed children have eaten the goodies and returned, they are comforted by finding the Wise Men assembled in the village church. Then they parade in with their wonderful gifts for the wily Kings.

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did the moon-silhouetted face of a 19th century handyman inspire one of most famous poems?

"... His eyes, how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, and the beard of his chin was as white as the snow..."

From a famous poem, probably one of the most cherished and well remembered in all of the English language.

Written almost 150 years ago by Clement Clark Moore, this poem helped create one of the great

legendary figures of all time, the "plump and jolly old elf," Santa Claus (who up to that time was depicted as rather a gaunt and somber St. Nicholas whose living prototype had been an obscure ecclesiastic of the Fourth Century).

There is no substantiated version of how Dr. Moore got his idea for this image, so different from most of those prevailing.

The actual image of Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas as Moore called him in the first version, may have come from the moon-silhouetted face of his handyman.

Legend holds that it was on a sleigh ride over the now packed New York streets of 1822 as he and his handyman, Peter, went from the estate to Greenwich Village to deliver Christmas presents.

The famous lines were set down by Moore at a writing desk in his home located on a 90-acre tract in a New York City area still known as Chelsea, down on the lower West Side where the wholesale flower market now stands.



At the time, Moore was a professor of Oriental languages in the General Theological Seminary in New York.

According to tradition, Moore read the poem to his children that Christmas Eve, although it seems more likely that the children were already in bed by the time he finished writing the poem. He probably read it the next day — Christmas Day, 1822.

But whenever he read it, the poem was an immediate success — not only with his own children, but with others.

Moore's "The Night Before Christmas" earned him lasting fame. It

SUBSTITUTE

Some researchers conclude that the custom of sending Christmas greetings developed from the old-time tradition of visiting friends on New Year's Eve. When a well-wisher discovered that the person he wanted to visit was not at home—most likely off visiting someone else—he would leave a note and a card as a reminder of the visit.

Water Is Key To Safe Tree

If you want a prettier Christmas tree this year, take care when you buy your tree and take care of the tree after you buy it.

Buy a fresh tree. Your eye will tell you if a tree has started to turn brown. Even if it is very green, tap the butt of the tree on the ground. If needles fall, select another tree.

When you get the tree home, douse it with cold water. Then, recut the stem with a new diagonal cut at least an inch above the old cut. This opens the pores for drawing up water.

Set the tree in water and keep it in water. The first day a tree is in water, it may take up a quart. Afterwards, it should be replenished with lesser amounts.

Select a location for your tree that is in the cool part of the room, away from radiators, fireplaces, radios, TV sets, or other sources of heat.

A variety of fireproofing materials are available for Christmas trees — yet the most effective and inexpensive is plain water which keeps the tree naturally moist.

Chosen City Once Derided

We recognize Nazareth as "the chosen city" and consider it one of the holiest places in Christendom. Such was not always the case.

Nazareth was considered so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Jesus Christ in derision.

When Jesus called his first disciples, among them was Philip of Bethsaida. Philip went to Nathanael and said, "We have discovered the one about whom our scriptures speak. He is Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

And Nathanael replied, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

After Jesus had spoken to him, Nathanael exclaimed, "Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel."

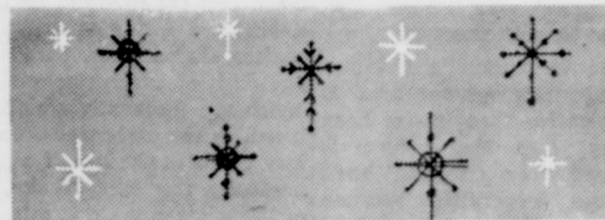
And Nathanael returned to Nazareth with a few chosen disciples as Jesus began his ministry in the chosen city.

SEASONAL CHANGE

The small town of Hartford, Kentucky is well-remembered by tourists because of a large sign on the outskirts of town. It reads: "Welcome to Hartford, Ky., Home of 2000 Happy People and a Few Soreheads." Visitors during the Christmas season last year were even more impressed. Above the large sign was an additional sign: "Even the Few Soreheads Wish You a Merry Christmas!"

BENEDICTION

Almighty God our heavenly Father, Who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine only son Jesus Christ, grant that we may joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, and evermore be blessed with His saving light, His saving love, and His saving power. May Thy blessings rest upon us and upon all our work and worship done in His name; help us to glorify Thy holy name and worthily serve our beloved country; and may the spirit of Christ, reigning in the hearts of men everywhere, bring peace to men of good will. AMEN.



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DEAR SANTA CLAUS, Please bring me a B-B gun, a Talkie, Scout Helicopter, Fantastic Freefall, and a record.

Love,
Michael Hill
eight years old

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like to have a Tunnel of Fun, a Telly and Tell, Mickey Mouse ball bank, a walkie talkie, and an electric train. Don't forget any of the other boys and girls. Have a merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Monroe Hill
(6 years old)

DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I want a Living Baby Ten-Love please. I guess that's Santa, but don't forget the other boys and

girls, ok? I guess I had better go. I cannot wait till Christmas. Tell your little elves to work hard so every boy and girl will get what they want. I am in the second grade.

Melinda Sutton
Thanks
P. S. I have been good.
P. S. Tell Mrs. Santa hi.

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a Baby Tender Love. Don't forget my sister, Sharon.

Christi Kitchens

DEAR SANTA! I have tried to be a good girl this year. And on Christmas Day I will be six years old. Would you please bring me a new Baby Doll, a toy box, some clothes and lots of candy, nuts, fruit and gum? Please bring my three sisters something nice, too, and remember all the other boys and girls.

I love you,
Donna May Boling

DEAR SANTA, Please bring me a Johnny West with his horse, a See-and-Say, and a big combine. I have been a pretty good boy this year. And please bring my little brother a rocky horse. My little brother's name is Chad and he has been a good boy too.

Thank you.
Love,
Shane and Chad Tipton

DEAR SANTA, Would you bring me a Dallas Cowboy football suit, a Jonnie West Set and a Harlem Globe Trotters watch.

I love you,
Mitcheal Martin

4-H Club DOINGS

The Four Leaf Clover 4-H Club met December 14, 1971. The club had a Christmas party and each brought a gift for the exchange.

Ellen Hutsell led the 4-H Motto. Beverly Boling led the Pledge to the American Flag. Refreshments were served.

Attending were Kirk Durham, Clayton Fowler, Johnny Ortega, Kyle Bean, James Alan Patton, Dave Francis, Linda Vaughn, Carla Polley, Teressa Crosslin, Earl Jarrett, Bryan Burson, Becky Perkins, Lydia Younger, Brenda Cantwell, Beverly Boling, Liz Wristen, Jackie Vaughn, Twila Wood, Karen Ziegler, Lisa Younger, Rebecca Reid, Arturo Fabela, Jim Gates, Colleen Hutsell, Annette Fleming,

Family Christmas Party Held Here

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes were hosts to the R. E. Renfro Family Christmas Party this year on Saturday, December 18. Members of the family began arriving around 1:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes. A refreshment table was laden with Christmas punch, coffee and all sorts of goodies to nibble on during the afternoon.

At 6:00 o'clock, the entire group went to the dining room at the City Cafe where a bountiful dinner of turkey, dressing, ham and all the trimmings were served. The long tables were laid with white cloths with Christmas decorations and candles down the center. Name cards were red and green cup cakes with each person's name on a toothpick stuck into the cupcake.

Mrs. R. E. Renfro brought her white tiered Christmas tree cake which she bakes and brings each year. Traditional family Christmas games were played; then Leon Renfro performed his Magic Show to the delight of all. Afterward it was time for Old Santa Claus, played by Gayle Renfro, to appear for the exchange of gifts. Some of the nieces, nephews and grandchild-

Brent Brannon, Kim Cornett, Thomas Perkins, Douglas McJimmsey, Ellen Hutsell, Melody Boyd, Bruce Clayton, Tracy Gill, Autry Polley, Jace Francis, Carla Polley and Teressa Crosslin brought the games. Earl Jarrett and Bryan Burson were on the clean-up committee.

The next meeting will be January 11, 1972.

—by Thomas Perkins

ren were unable to attend because of final exams in college and work. Those enjoying the festive occasion were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Renfro and Gayle, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Renfro and Johnnie, all of Vernon; Mr. R. L. Renfro, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hall, Memphis; Mrs. Billie L. Overmyer, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hughes, Amarillo, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes.

every living creature was truly his brother

It is almost unfortunate that so much emphasis is put on the warm rapport Francis of Assisi had with the birds and beasts . . . to the exclusion of his other qualities.

Surely it is a moving, pleasant picture for our mind's eye, seeing Francis with birds hovering about him, and the animals eating out of his hand.

But Francis thought of all living things as his brother. In fact, St. Francis called the birds and beasts, the sun and moon and earth his brothers. Every man was his brother in the deepest sense that one can be another's brother.

Countless men and women flocked to him . . . the power-surfeited monarchs of the period, the 12th and 13th centuries . . . blood-stained outlaws, pleasure-sick hedonists, the rich and famous, the outcasts, the lepers — everyday people, the "little" people, whoever hungered for the love of God, turned to Francis of Assisi. And because the friar so lived what he believed, the love of God for every living thing, all of these people had to believe in this Love.

So the next time you see the statue of the fragile little priest with birds fluttering around him, and squirrels and rabbits frolicking, smile with pleasure . . . but remember the more significant meaning of his life . . . the day-to-day ministrations which affected multitudes of people, the love which we would hope to feel for our brothers, this Christmas 1971.

FORMER RESIDENT IS CHOIR DIRECTOR IN SAN ANTONIO

Ronnie B. Wynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wynn (former barber in Silverton who was known as Suzie Wynn) is choir director and teacher of elementary music at Ridgeview Elementary in the Northeast Independent School District in San Antonio. He was asked by the Music Consultant of the district to work with her and two other teachers to plan a district-wide elementary Christmas Festival of Song involving over 1500 students from 20 elementary schools. The program was presented December 10.

The program planning started in early July 1971 to involve 20 elementary school choirs made up of fourth and fifth graders, a 50-member string orchestra of the same age and more than 50 ballet dancers.

Wynn was then asked to be one of the three choral directors for the Christmas Festival of Song. He is a former voice student of Mrs. Thelma Fulton of Canyon.

NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Dwin Davis of Canyon are parents of a son, Dwin Scott, jr., born at 12:30 p.m. December 15. He weighed seven pounds and five and a half ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. LaVeign of Amarillo.

Mrs. D. H. Davis of Silverton is the baby's great-grandmother.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer of Silverton.



Time again to say, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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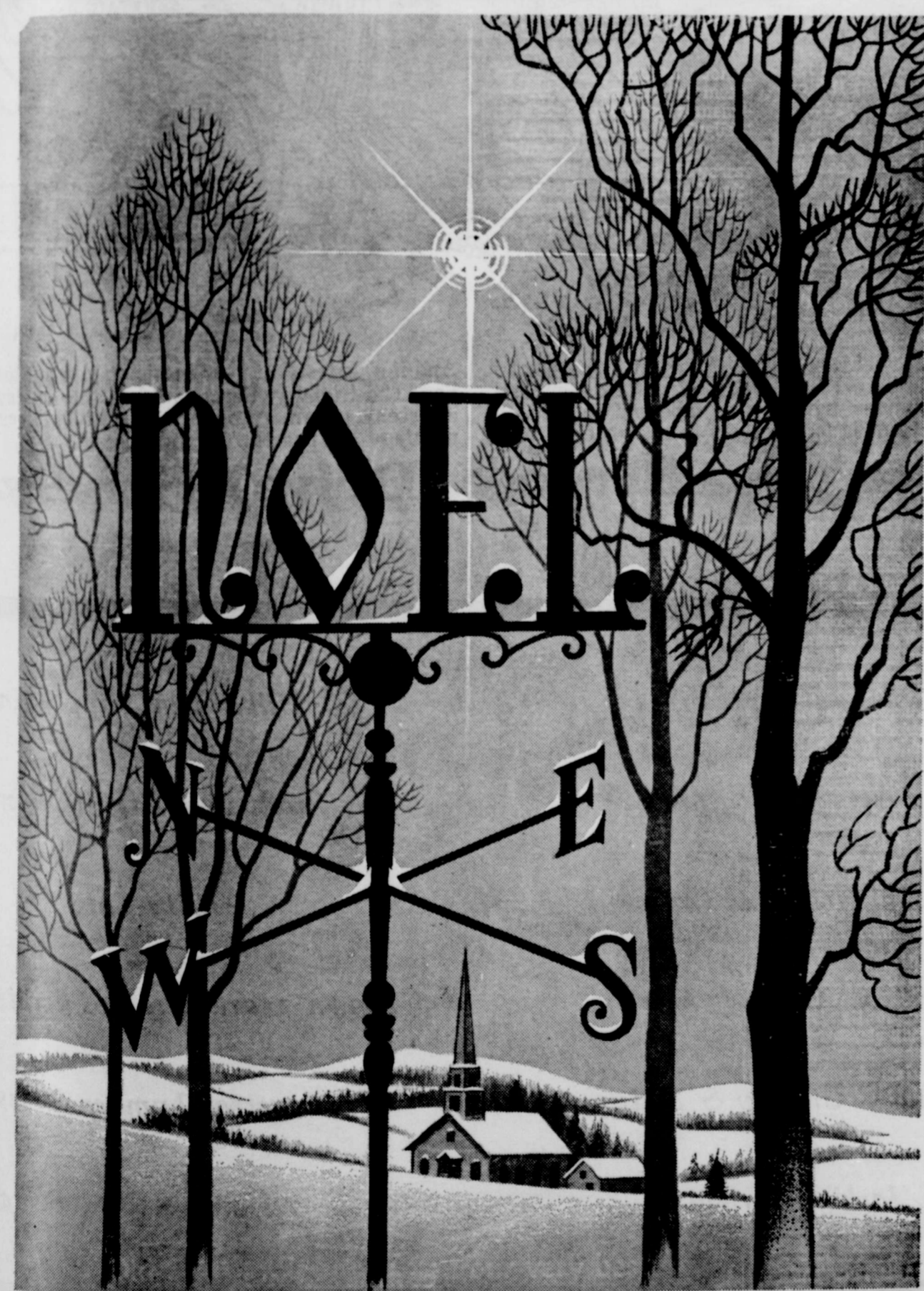
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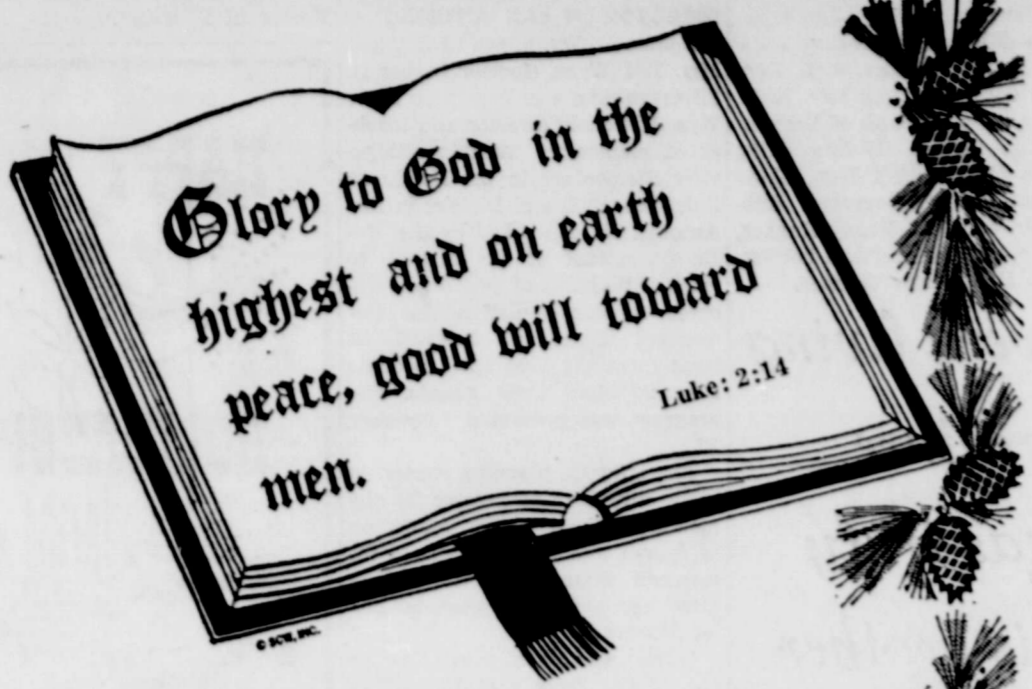
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IN FRANCE

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CHRISTMAS COOKIES

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May you share with those you love, the blessings, big and small.

That make this Christmas holiday your brightest one of all.

And through the year that lies ahead may every day renew

The Hope and Faith and Happiness that Christmas brought to you.

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Those whose names appear on this page extend to you their personal Christmas greetings. They have donated to the L. O. A. Junior Study Club Christmas Greeting Fund instead of sending greeting cards locally, and have made possible the purchase of equipment for the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. This page was donated by the Briscoe County News.



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 id; strike, m;
 look up, and see the Light of the world
 Lights and candles have always been associated with Christmas Day. They were used both on the tree, and lighted in the windows of the houses.
 This is in keeping with the celebration of Christ's birthday; "Christmas" means "mass of Christ," the word derives from the church celebration of the day, which formed a very important part of the holiday observance in early medieval days.
 It is not the actual birthday of Christ we observe, for that date is lost in legend. There was no celebration for over 200 years after His death!
 The Romans had a great feast in honor of Saturn, the god. This Saturnalia was held in December at the turn of the winter solstice. The northern races celebrated the Yuletide (heaven winter feast) at the same time, decorating trees with lights. These lighted trees were called Yule trees.
 About 400 A.D. the Pope, Julius I, fixed December 25 as the date on which Christmas was to be observed, and ordered masses to be said to replace the pagan feasts.
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The Middle Ages were a period of light in many ways. There was light for the higher spirit of man, reflected in the resurgence of creative arts. And the rites of Christmas were at a zenith. Carols and hymns were written and sung by the monks. So hauntingly beautiful, so timeless, these hymns are still very much part of the beauty of the Season in our own time.

Originally designed to honor the Christ, the vestments and accoutrements of the Church ceremonies were splendid, indeed.

Eventually this deteriorated to mere show and self-aggrandizement, and even to debauchery. In England a Lord of Misrule directed the festivities, which became so rude and profane that the Puritans would have nothing to do with them.

The Pilgrims made a "bad name" for themselves, down through the centuries, when they outlawed Christmas in Plymouth Colony, but history tells us that the good people, with sincere, devout intentions of celebrating in the sacred traditions, probably had due cause.

Regardless of the origins of the ban, the Light of Christmas Day did not dawn again in New England until comparatively lately.

There are some who would say that today the so-called Christian world is undergoing another period of darkness, that there can be no Christmas in reality as long as the world suffers from so much widespread brutality and greed.

These harbingers of evil greatly underestimate the nature of man to overcome the evils which beset him, many of which he created, himself.

Every one of us has the power to overcome whatever evils "possess" us. Every one of us, through the power of a Heavenly Father, can reject the forces that degrade him, and turn toward the Light.

This Christmas, let us all rededicate ourselves to a year in which the Light of the world illuminates our lives.

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TALKING CLOWN . . . Bozo the Clown has joined the growing family of talking dolls and toys designed to brighten young hearts. Bozo is a stuffed replica of the famous TV, movie and radio clown.

Suggestions For Holiday Ham

Ham is a headliner on many holiday menus and today's hams are leaner, juicier and easier to prepare than those on Grandpa's farms.

To bake your Christmas ham, place it fat side up on a rack in an open roasting pan. Insert a meat thermometer into the center of the thickest part, but make sure the bulb does not rest in fat or bone.

Do not add water and do not cover. Bake the ham in a slow oven (325° F.). Basting is not necessary, but if you wish, add your favorite glaze 20 to 30 minutes before the end of the cooking time.

A "cook-before-eating" ham should bake until the meat thermometer registers 160° F. This will require 2½ to 3 hours for a half ham, 2 to 2½ hours

for a shank or butt portion. For heating a "fully-cooked" ham, the meat thermometer should indicate 130° F. Allow about 2 hours for a half ham, 1½ hours for a portion. For canned hams, follow instructions on the can.

Dear Santa

DEAR SANTA,
 I would like a doll that wets, cries, walks and talks. Thank you for everything you brought me last year. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.
 Love,
 Robbie Martin

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 I am four years old and have been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Crumpet doll, a doll house, and some dishes.
 Love,
 Kori Lee Baird

DEAR SANTA,
 I am six years old and have been a good boy. I would like a Show and Tell, a game, some spurs, and a King Ding Robot. Thank you for everything you brought us last year.
 Love,
 Kerry Lynn Baird

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas.
 Roland Asebedo

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 I want a Talking Baby Tender Love. I and my brother want a trampoline. If magic sets have not gone out of style, I would like to have one. Joe Ted would like to have some farm equipment.
 Love,
 Cynthia and Joe Ted Edwards

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a "Timey Tell" doll, some play China, and a Fisher - Price dollhouse. Neal wants a teddy bear and a little pick-up and horse trailer. I have been good, Santa Claus; so has Neal, my baby brother. Santa, I hope it snows so you can bring your reindeer and sleigh. I hope that you have a good time on Christmas.
 We have got our decorations up in our house. Come to my house Christmas and fill our stockings with a bunch of

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 I am a little girl two years old. I have been a real good girl, except yesterday. I tried to put my cat in the Christmas tree and the tree turned over on top of me and my cat. My Pa said everything would be alright, so he and Daddy went and got me a new one. Everything's okay now. Please bring me some swings and a slide, a doll and buggy, and big wagon so Nannie and me can ride down these hills in it.

Thank you, Santa.
 Love,
 Gina Stone
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 Clarendon, Texas 79226

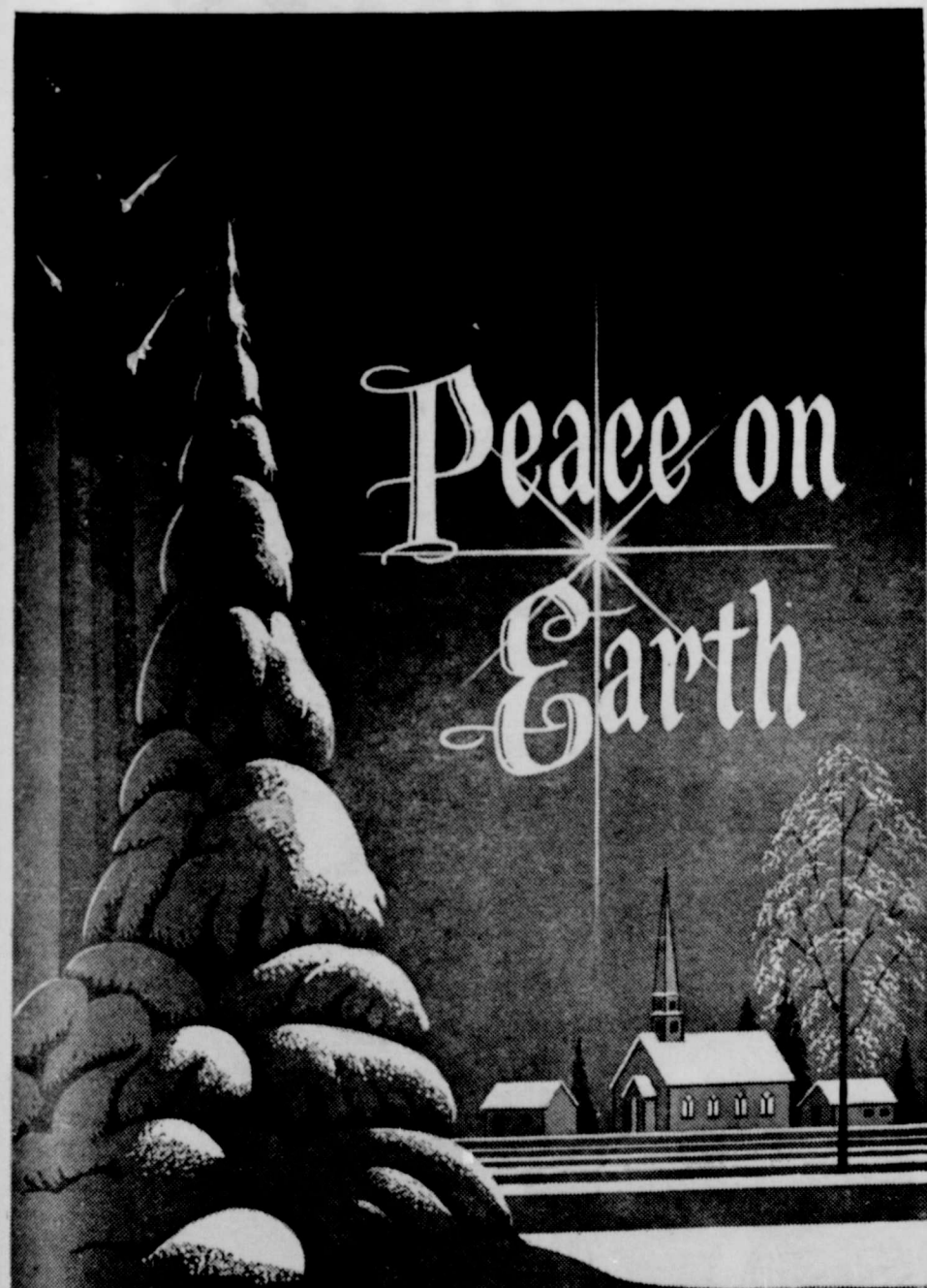
DEAR SANTA,
 I have been a good girl. Please bring me "The Voice of the Mummy," doll, bike, record player, kitchen and dishes. Thank you for the toys you brought last year. Don't forget Debra and David. Please bring some carrots for my horse, Blue Skeeter.
 Love,
 DeAnn

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
 I want a Baby Tender Love that talks and wets and walks. I want some skates and a jumper float.
 I love you,
 Deinda (Ziegler)

DEAR SANTA,
 I want a real watch and a Talking Barbie. That's all. My name is Diana Martinez.
 To: Santa Claus
 From: Diana Martinez

DEAR SANTA,
 My name is Ken Hutson. I am only two years old, so I am letting my Mommy write this for me. I would like for you to bring me a tricycle and something musical. I live in Hereford, but I will be at my Grandma Norris' for Christmas, so just bring it there. Please don't forget all the little boys and girls who are less fortunate than I am. Drive carefully!
 Love,
 Ken

candy.
 We love you, Santa.
 Tammi and Neal Edwards



Peace on Earth

May the beauty of the Season brighten your life, not only at Christmas, but always.

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PARTY-WHIRL IN NEW YORK: 74 CONSULATE U.N. OFFICES

In Manhattan's diplomatic circles there are 74 consulate offices and dozens of United Nations missions. Hundreds of officials celebrate the holiday season in many typical as well as national ways that reflect the traditions of their homelands.

Though New York is famous as a city of great warmth and hospitality during the Christmas season, these little foreign centers give a special variegated glow of their own.



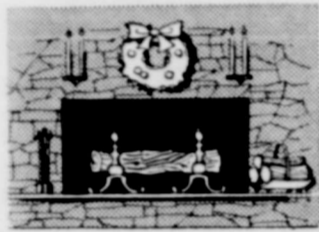
These days foreign consulates occupy many of the old town houses and mansions of the upper East Side, and the official entertaining that goes on in them is frequently on a grand scale.

The Consul General of Sweden, for instance, occupies the great gray 18-room mansion at 600 Park Avenue. The magnificent house, with its 18 rooms and seven baths, was built in 1912 by the architect James Gamble Rogers.



Christmas is Everywhere

The house now decorated for Christmas with dozens of Swedish straw animals and stars and copper bowls full of greens and candles on every window sill is festive and beautiful, particularly with fires roaring in the great fireplaces.



Part of Christmas entertaining is the Lucia ceremony, traditionally held in Sweden on December 13, to commemorate the coming

of Santa Lucia, the lady with the ring of lighted candles on her head. She comes on darkest night of winter to bring light and to announce the beginning of Christmas. It is a charming Christmas tradition that dates back to the end of the 17th century and is now enthusiastically observed in

Swedish homes, offices, factories, and cities.

The modern Greek Christmas echoes the country's seafaring past. Youngsters make paper boats to set adrift in the sea or on rivers . . . St. Basil, who distributes Christmas toys, makes his rounds in a boat . . . and pictures of anchors appear

in countless windows. Decorative icons capture this spirit; they depict not only saints and religious symbols, but ships, anchors, and letters of the alphabet as well. Members of the family can make them of plastic clay imprinted with a pencil or swab stick, then painted with water colors and baked in an oven until they are firm.

Greek "welcome trees" are poles garlanded with evergreen and water-repellent bows, then topped with flaming torches.



The ancient custom of burning the Yule log at Christmas is preserved on many French tables in the *Buche de Noel*, a rich cake made in the shape of a log and then covered with chocolate and colorful icing decorations.

No French homemaker would dare set a holiday buffet table without a carefully arranged centerpiece of red roses. They're also used liberally in decorating the home, along with a variety of greenery, bright ribbons, and baubles.

In Ireland, building a Grotto for the Nativity Scene becomes a family project. Children and parents take long walks in the countryside to search for

colored stones, tree bark, and pieces of wood to assemble on a table. Some re-



produce the setting of Bethlehem, but a local Irish landscape is more common. Family members can build a grotto of mounds of papier-mache set on a hard-board base; branches and rocks fill the open spaces. The Holy Family is placed in the center, with adoring angels, animals, and shepherds nearby. Wise Men are moved closer to the Christ Child each day of the holy season.

Greens are used in Austria to banish demons that lurk in darkness during the gloomy days of winter. Holly — as in the Advent wreath bearing four candles — guarded against witches, thunder and lightning. The wreath itself is an early symbol of victory and glory. On three of the four Sundays of Advent, a candle is lit while the family joins in prayer. Four candles are lit on the final Sunday, de-



noting the coming of the Saviour as the Light of the World.



Greens and apples together, as in the tri-light tree, signify hope for the forthcoming spring. On Christmas Eve, the family gathers and sings carols. Father lights the first candle, and Christmas Eve dinner is served. The second candle is lit on Christmas Day; the third on New Year's Day when the festivities end.

Tart jam, a favorite with Austrian cooks, provides unexpected holiday flavor in *Linzer Cake*, a plum jam filling in a bread-crumbed crust. The little Nut Butter Rounds are adapted from *Zauner Krapfen*.

"In with the good luck, out with the bad" is the spirit in which misfortune is smoked from house and stable in Austria. The sparkler man holds sparklers to be lit on Christmas Day. The felt Advent calendar has tiny gifts concealed behind walnut half-shells. Good children are allowed to cut off one each day during the Advent season.

IDEAL TREE

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir, because of its tendency to hold its needles longer.

Greetings



Everybody in this firm, wishes
each and every one a
Wonderfully Merry Christmas!



Peace on Earth!

May the Holy Babe
bless the
family of man with
lasting peace.

Our entire staff joins in wishing you a
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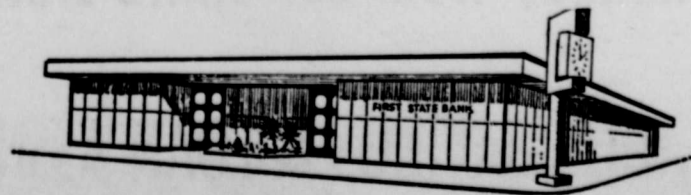
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



To all our friends and neighbors, sincere best wishes for the holiday season. May your Christmas be bright with good cheer, warm with the affection of those you love, and merry with the sound of laughter.

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We wish you Health, and good Fires; Victuals, Drink and good Stomachs, innocent Diversion, and good Company; honest Trading, and good Success; loving Courtship, and good Wives, and lastly a merry CHRISTMAS and a happy NEW YEAR.

Virginia Almanack (1776)

ROSES RANK HIGH IN POPULARITY

bright with the color of yuletide, also a traditional symbol of love and sentiment. Florists predict that more roses will be wired to mothers, wives and sweethearts on Christmas Day than any other cut flower. They're available in virtually every community in the United States.



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Whatever colour, race or creed, All plain folks are brothers indeed. Both you and me want life and peace. If you go home the war will cease. — Christmas cards hung on trees for GIs by Chinese soldiers during the Korean War.



Superstitions

Christmas decorations remind us of old beliefs. In England people kept a sprig of holly in the house after the holidays to protect the house against lightning. Mistletoe was likewise kept in the house as a guard against witches. People in rural areas were known to wear a bit of mistletoe tied in a tiny bag about the neck as a witch repellent.

1st American Christmas Card Printed in Albany, N.Y.

In America, credit for the first Christmas card goes to an obscure Albany, N.Y., engraver named R. H. Pease, the promotion-minded proprietor of Pease's Great Variety Store.

The card isn't dated, but most experts think it was done in the 1850's. They note an impish Santa Claus and his reindeer at the top of the card; since the famed cartoonish Thomas Nast is known to have been the first to come up with that idea about 1850, the date seems fairly certain.

The first American cards published in any quantity came from the Roxbury, Mass., shop of Louis Prang, a German political refugee who went into the printing business.



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The result of all this is that the average American family mailed some 110 cards this Christmas and the Post Office Department collected over \$200 million in stamps, according to spokesmen for a greeting cards trade group.

Its Magic Touches Everyone

Christmas... what memories it evokes. What joys it promises. In all of the recorded history of man, what other holiday compares with it?

It is the day long looked forward to by children — yes, even in this cynical age, in this year of 1971 when even young children are quite knowledgeable. However, the smart youngsters keep some of this sophistication to themselves at Christmastime. It is economically feasible to at least pretend, at Christmastime. Even if we have "strayed like lost sheep" from the faith of our childhood, if we can recapture some of it, we would be the better for it.

Some of the magic will "wear off" on us. That is magic, itself. And who is to dispute the validity of it?

Those of us who live in climates where snow can be expected at Christmas are lucky, indeed.



But all of us can simulate this pretty holiday picture. When the fog rolls in from the sea in the early morning during the "rainy season" in California, for example, we can pretend we are once again "lost" in that wonderful blizzard world when one can hardly see out the window!

As Sir Walter Scott says... "Heap on more wood! the wind is chill — But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Merry Christmas still."

Some of us wish that the wind would be chill, and whistle, and give us red noses, so that we would be afraid, as children, it might fall off!

But we can keep Christmas in our hearts, and in our spirit, wherever we live.



eclosed his important work in linguistic scholarship and it is fitting therefore that the famed ballad has now been translated into more than 50 languages.

obsure ecclesiastic was the 1st Saint Nick

St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, born in the fifth century in Patara, Turkey, was a living legend during his lifetime because of his love of people and his charities.

Nicknamed fondly Noel Baba, he was known as the saint of virgins, for helping poor and unmarried girls to secure dowries for marriage.

He was also the favorite of seamen. Even pirates respected him because of his uncanny sixth sense about weather.

His bones, believed to have curative powers, were stolen from his tomb here and carried to Bari, Italy, 1087, where they still rest.

Why is St. Nicholas associated with Christmas?

Festivities of St. Nicholas Day, which falls on Dec. 6, used to extend until Christmas time, and were so popular that finally the two were incorporated into one — making St. Nicholas the symbol of Christmas.

The St. Nicholas Festival found its way into the United States with Dutch emigrants and St. Nicholas' name gradually became Santa Claus.

No Christmas services are held in the Church of St. Nicholas in downtown Demre (ancient Myra) because there are no priests or any Christians here now.

The church, with a gendarme station and trees blocking its view from the street, has now been completely restored by the Moslem Turks.

The interior is lighted through glass-covered arched windows behind the altar. Mosaics on the floor of the 48 by 24-foot nave and frescoes of saints on the walls inside the church and the courtyard are still visible.

In one of the two side aisles of the church is the sarcophagus of Santa Claus, with a marble cover on which two reclining figures have been carved — that of an adult, perhaps St. Nicholas, and a child.

New Year White

Marco Polo, traveling through the land of the Great Khan, found that the Khan and all his subjects, by tradition, wore white robes at New Year's, which they celebrated in February. The white robes they considered a good omen to bring them luck and happiness. The subjects presented jewels to their ruler so that he might know abundance throughout the year

Merry Christmas



AS NATURE SPARKLES IN HER NEW WHITE RAIMENT, OUR THOUGHTS TURN TO THOSE WHO HAVE GLADDENED THE PAST SEASONS FOR US.

Jack's PHARMACY
JACK ROBERTSON
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CURLY AND THE GIRLS

Season's Greetings

May your Christmas be everything you've been hoping for!



Best wishes for a jolly holiday from our entire staff!

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Tulia, Texas

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Our entire staff joins in wishing you a Christmas that is filled with peace and happiness!

IN AND OUT DRIVE-IN

Brown Furniture Hardware and Appliance Company

Behold, a virgin shall conceive,
and bear a son, and shall call
his name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and
the government shall be upon
his shoulder and his name
shall be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The
Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

Suitability
At Christmas I no more
desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's
new-fangled mirth;
But like of each thing that
in season grows.
William Shakespeare (1594)

a time to
pause and
take stock..

Holiday Moon
A waxing moon is more
favorable at Christmas
than a waning one, accord-
ing to an old Scottish folk
belief.

"You can't see the woods for the trees" . . . so goes an old saying.

To paraphrase this, "you can't experience Christmas because of the tinselly litter that covers and surrounds it."

How easily one can become engulfed in the wrappings, in the outward and visible display of the Season . . . and lose sight of the true meaning!

After all, the secular Christmas is based on worthwhile things . . . communicating with family and friends in various, time-consuming ways . . .

There are cards to be addressed and mailed . . . or taken to a special mailbox for distribution. There is an air of hospitality you should observe. (Only a Scrooge would frown on this!) There are fixings-up of the house, choosing decorations, foods to prepare . . . gifts to make or buy. Even if the purchase costs little, there is the special time for the special gifts.

And who would begrudge the spending of time on these happy duties? In fact, most of us enjoy the doing, even though we get footsore and weary, and perhaps foolishly overspend.

Just so we do not lose the whole point of Christmas, just so the celebration is not squandered and becomes dull, or part of a too-often-repeated pattern.

Let us try to salvage the true delights of Christmas, as a child would enjoy it. Not in childishness, but in childlike wonder, a renaissance of the joyous spirit that we sometimes permit to become jaded.

CHRISTKIND
Dear to the heart of Swiss children is Christkind, personified by a girl in white, her face veiled and her head crowned in gold. Accompanied by other children dressed in white, Christkind carries her basket of gifts from house to house, her coming announced by a silvery bell. When she enters a house, the Christmas tree is lit and delighted children receive their presents.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Briscoe County Sheriff's Dept.
Vinson, Pete & Dave

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Here's hoping that you and yours will know every happiness of this season.

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H. A. Varah

Merry Christmas

May your Christmas abound with comfort.

Holy Night

May every heart warm to the radiance of the Star . . . and feel His glory today and always.

BRISCOE COOPERATIVES
Silverton, Texas

Greetings



To our friends and patrons . . . we wish you the best during the coming Christmas and New Year

ARCHIE CASTLEBERRY

be aware of the angels abiding around you

Not all the angels are celestial beings, though we honor the heavenly host, especially at Christmas-time.

Angels are for all times, and for all places. Most of us have a feeling that we have a "personal angel" guarding us, a mediator with the Creator in time of stress.



But there are other angels. For example, when someone speaks rudely to you, and you do not respond with rudeness, an angel has visited you, illuminating your mind and heart with understanding. You realize that this person is troubled, is perhaps fearful, that there is a break of communications that would only be widened if you respond in kind. An angel helps to "build bridges" among humankind.

When you feel or see beauty, you are host to angels. And when you create beauty in the midst of darkness or evil, you belong with the seraphic group itself.



When you overcome the fears and doubts that assail all of us so-called "civilized" beings, if you rise to heights of achievement in spite of forces of lethargy and other self-protecting devices, you are in the company of angels.

This Christmas try to move thoughts away from self. It is so human to think of "Number One" first. We are all subject to this temptation. But this Holy Season we can make an effort to be more loving.

Santa Claus Getting Fatter in Italy

Most Italians exchange gifts on Epiphany, in January, the day the good witch Befana distributes gifts to good boys and girls.

Up until a couple of years ago she was unchallenged for the favor of youngsters. Now, however, in increasing numbers, Italians look to Santa Claus to bring gifts on the day most Western Europeans do, on Christmas Day.

Santa became popular after World War II . . . he was known as Babbo Natal (Father Christmas). In those days Santa was thin, but observers say that in recent years the jolly elf grows ever fatter.

Another indication of change: The season starts earlier too. By mid-November, just like in America, merchants were putting up Christmas decorations. The picturesque Zampagnari, shepherds from the Abruzzi hills, arrived in Rome weeks ahead of time to play carols on their bagpipes.



Stacks of panettone, the tall, dome-shaped cake which are traditional in Italian homes, filled store windows six weeks ahead of Christmas and housewives began shopping early for the Christmas Eve meal — pasta with tuna sauce, pickled eel, apples for frying and broccoli.

Many Italians eat lamb at the traditional Christmas Day dinner, but in Southern Italy and Sicily, goat meat is still the favorite.

There is a more spiritual atmosphere in Italy than in many European nations.

Mangers still are more popular than Christmas trees. Every city and town boasts at least one famous manger scene. Rome has one on the tourist-favored Spanish steps that attracts thousands of visitors a day.

Hotels and restaurants are filled with tourists, many of them in the Eternal City to hear the Pope pronounce his traditional Christmas Day blessing "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world).

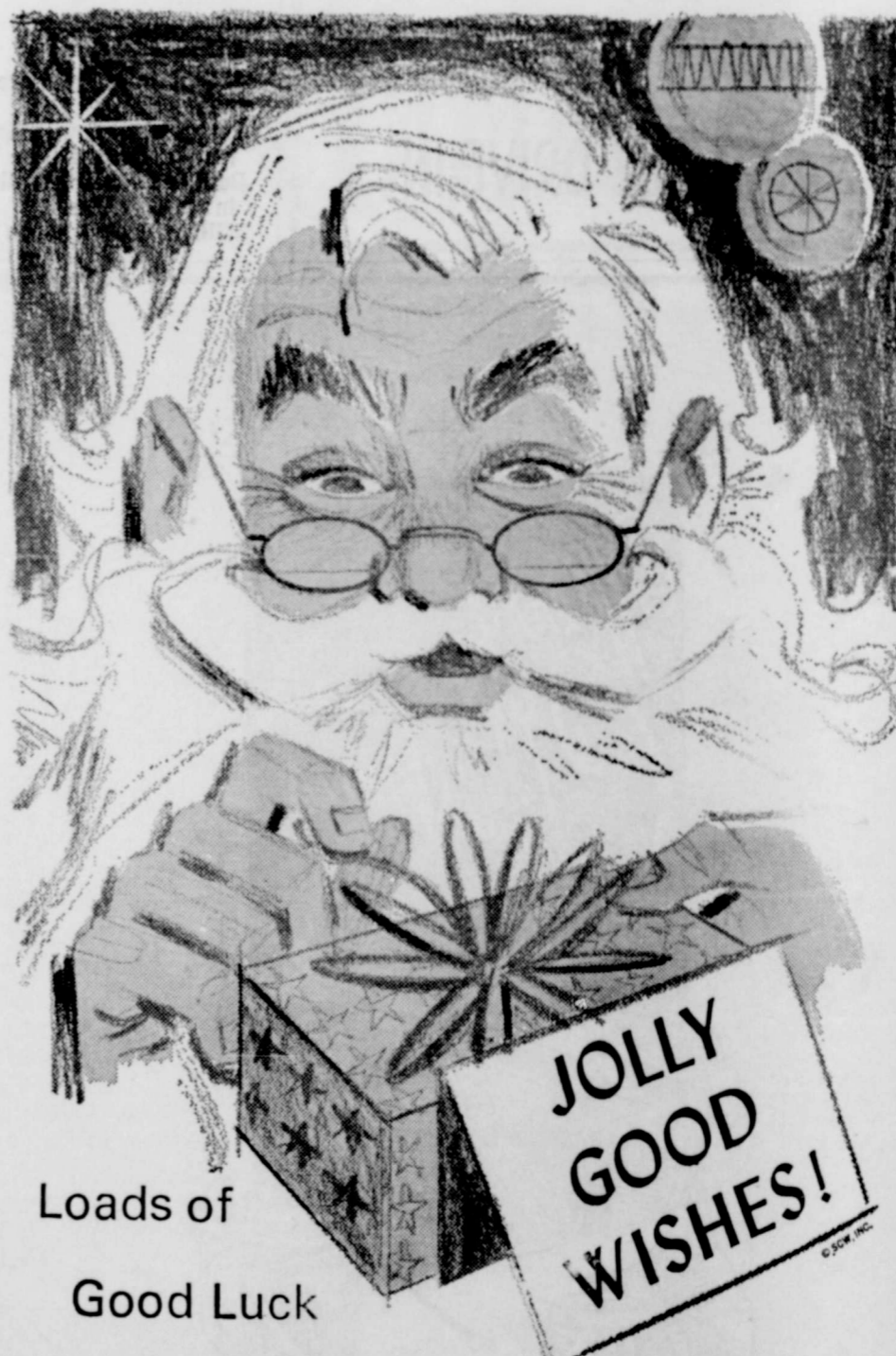
For many Italians, the Christmas celebration starts with Midnight Mass in gaily decorated churches. The day itself is still fairly quiet with emphasis on simple pleasures and family gatherings.



Make Room for Him Today



It is ironic that, in the midst of putting our house in holiday array — in decking "the halls with boughs of holly", and doing all the other happy chores of Christmas, we are often bereft of the inner spiritual grace that can light our lives! *** Let us continue to make merry — to add swag of greenery to our front door, and wreaths high and beautiful. But let us also open our hearts and minds to the true meaning of Christmas. Let the shadow of these wanderers grace our homes in every way. Let us make the Virgin Mother, the kindly Joseph —yes the donkey—and their precious cargo welcome, today and always!



Loads of Good Luck and Good Cheer to Everyone

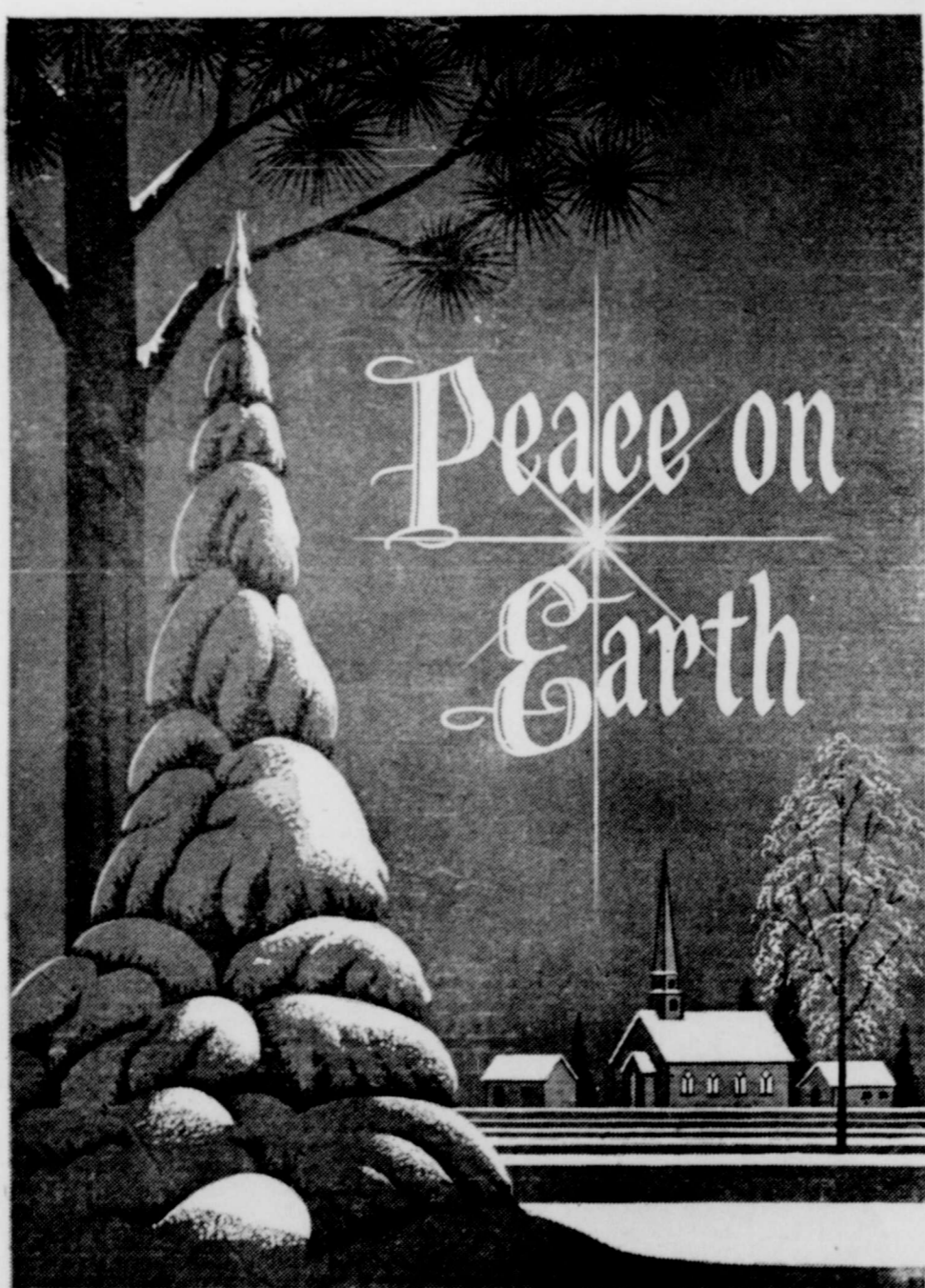
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Peace on Earth

May the beauty of the Season brighten your life, not only at Christmas, but always.

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TOYS CAN TEACH . . . Toys are for fun, but there's nothing wrong with a little learning. A popular gift for boys is an electrical engineering set.

BASILICA

One of the oldest churches in Christendom is the Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem, constructed more than 1630 years ago.

Originally constructed by Emperor Constantine, the building was restored and additions made under the rule of Emperor Justinian.

The Basilica is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin, and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity.



MINIATURES . . . Realistic miniatures of outfits worn by jungle fighters and soldiers are excellent clothing for playtime. They're Sanforized and guaranteed outgrown before outworn.

TREE IDEA

An idea that appears to be gaining in popularity is that of decorating a live tree with its roots wrapped in burlap. The tree can be kept fresh throughout the holidays, then planted outdoors.

RING THE BELLS

In Switzerland, bell ringing is a Christmas tradition and each community prides itself on the harmony of its bells. The church bells of Zurich have rung in harmony for hundreds of years, each Christmas calling the faithful to church services.

HOLIDAY CLEAN-UP

Don't discard those holiday shopping bags. Keep at least two of them for Christmas morning—one to hold the paper and ribbon you want to keep, one to hold the scraps to be thrown away.

St. Peter's, in Rome, is the largest church in Christendom and is built over the tomb of the Apostle Peter. At Christmas, in the year 1950, Pope Pius XII announced that excavators had found Peter's tomb, a simple grave buried beneath the debris of altars and other shrines placed over it since his martyrdom about A.D. 67.

St. Francis said to have begun the custom of providing food for beasts at Christmastime

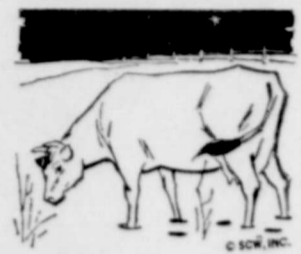
Among the holiday customs in many European lands is the one of putting out sheaves for the birds and giving all the farm animals an extra portion at Christmas.

Some legends attribute this happy custom to an old pagan superstition . . . a fear of evil spirits and a desire to appease them!

Another, more reasonable conjecture is based on the spirit of love which embodies Christmas . . . as personified by St. Francis of Assisi.

History records that the custom originated with this good friar. Quoting from records of his followers . . . "We who were with blessed Francis . . . bear testimony that many times we have heard him say, 'If I were to speak to the Emperor, I would . . . tell him for the

love of God . . . to make a special law that no man should take or kill sister Larks . . . that all . . . the Lords of castles and villages should be bound every year on Christmas Day . . .



to throw wheat and other grains outside the cities and castles . . . and that for the reverence of the Son of God, Who rested on that night with the most blessed Virgin Mary between an Ox and an Ass shall be bound to provide for them . . . Likewise that all poor men should be satisfied by the rich with good food . . ."

St. Francis' fame spread all over the world during his lifetime and beyond. He was so admired by all people that it is likely that his words were spread afar, and that in this way this kindly custom became a "jewel" in the treasury of Christmas good deeds.

MEDIEVAL

HOLIDAY

FESTIVITIES

"In the Twelve Days of Christmas My true love said to me . . ."

The verses are among the most popular of the Season. They date back to 567 A.D., when the Church proclaimed the period of twelve days, from the Nativity to Epiphany, a period of celebration.

It is in fact the big holiday of the year in most countries where Christianity exists.

In medieval England festivities ranged the calendar, day and night. There were jousts, with knights in armor pennants flying, and lances flashing in the sun, and wimpled ladies watching from the stands . . . There was banqueting, caroling and also "mumming" which originally was a pantomime dance performed by groups who were both costumed and masked. Minstrels and jugglers plied their arts, made music and mirth.

In the Middle Ages, when few people could read, and

themselves than with the elegance and superfluity by which they are far removed from heaven."

Francis spoke these words with a gentle voice, without the edge of reproof and reproach.

No wonder men and women from all walks of life were compelled to believe in the love of God because they saw it witnessed daily in the life of this little man of God!

entertainment as we know it did not exist, a minstrel was of necessity a many-talented fellow. One of these, in listing his accomplishments, after noting the many instruments he can play, says: "I can sing a song well and make tales and fables. I can tell a story against any man, I can make love verses to please young ladies, and can play the gallant to them if necessary. Then I can throw knives into the air and catch them without cutting my fingers. I can do dodges with a string most extraordinary and amusing. I can balance chairs and make tables dance. I can throw a somersault and walk on my head."

This English minstrel, of course, had his counterpart in Europe, where the twelve days were celebrated too, with feasting, pageantry, and song.

In England some of the "pretty devices" preceding the banquets in the big halls on Twelfth Day are unbelievable-sounding confectious which included castles with cannons and ships with guns which, at the proper moment, were fired against each other in semblance of a rousing battle.



Greetings

We wish to extend our holiday greetings to you and your family as you gather in celebration.

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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

THERON & FRANCES



GLORY... TO... GOD
IN... THE... HIGHEST.

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 this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed,

every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

To be taxed with Mary,

his espoused wife, being great with child.



more patient, more understanding, more spiritually intelligent; we can become

Christmas Symbols Have Roots In History

The star that you hang on the tip of your tree... the mistletoe that Janie fastens hopefully at the doorway, these and other symbols of Christmas have reasons for being.

Legends about the Christmas tree abound. The Druids are said to have worshipped trees for themselves thousands of years ago. Gradually the tree took its rightful place among the symbols of worship.

In Scandinavia the people once idolized trees. When they became Christians they made trees part of Christmas festivities.



Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was seen in a vision experienced by an English missionary named Winfrid. Later he was called Boniface. It happened about 1,200 years ago when he was going through northern

doers, and not just spectators, or well-wishers. We can become involved in situations that demand the purposeful activity of all sensitive and thoughtful persons.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn 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 round about them, and they were so afraid.

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

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

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.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us now go, even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard

Germany. One day he stumbled on a group of non-believers huddled at an oak tree. They were preparing to sacrifice a little prince, Asulf, to the god Thor.



Winfrid stopped the ceremony and chopped down the oak. As the tree fell, a young fir tree appeared. Winfrid interpreted this as the tree of life, saying it represented Christ.

The custom of decorating homes with green branches actually harks back to the days before Christ's birth. Romans exchanged tree branches for good luck at the start of January. The English copied the custom, associating it with Christmas. An old English rhyme explained it this way:

"Holly and ivy, box and bay, put in the church on Christmas Day."



ANIMAL YACKERS... Larry, the Lion and Crackers, the talking parrot add a new dimension to talking dolls and cuddly animals. Each has a vocabulary of 11 phrases and talks freely at the mere pull of a string.

Voices in the Mist

The time draws near the birth of Christ; The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist. Each voice four changes on the wind, That now dilate, and now decrease, Peace and goodwill, goodwill and peace, Peace and goodwill, to all mankind.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)



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Greetings



We're taking this opportunity to extend our best Christmas wishes to all of you.

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