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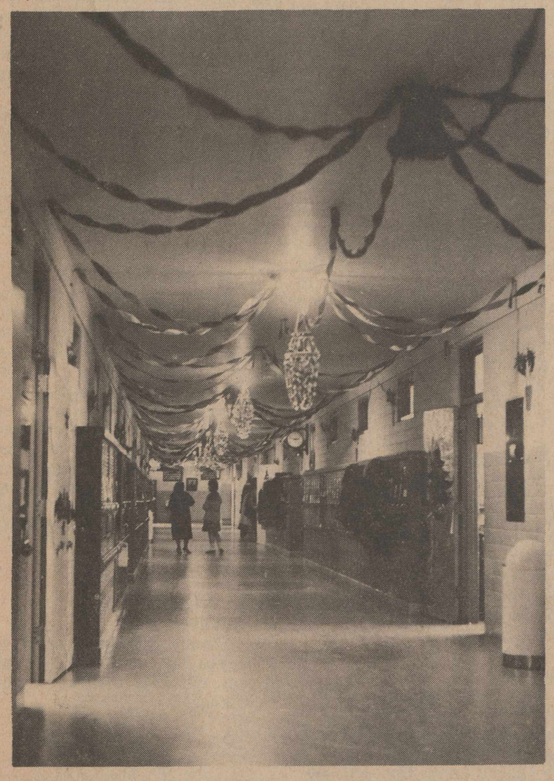
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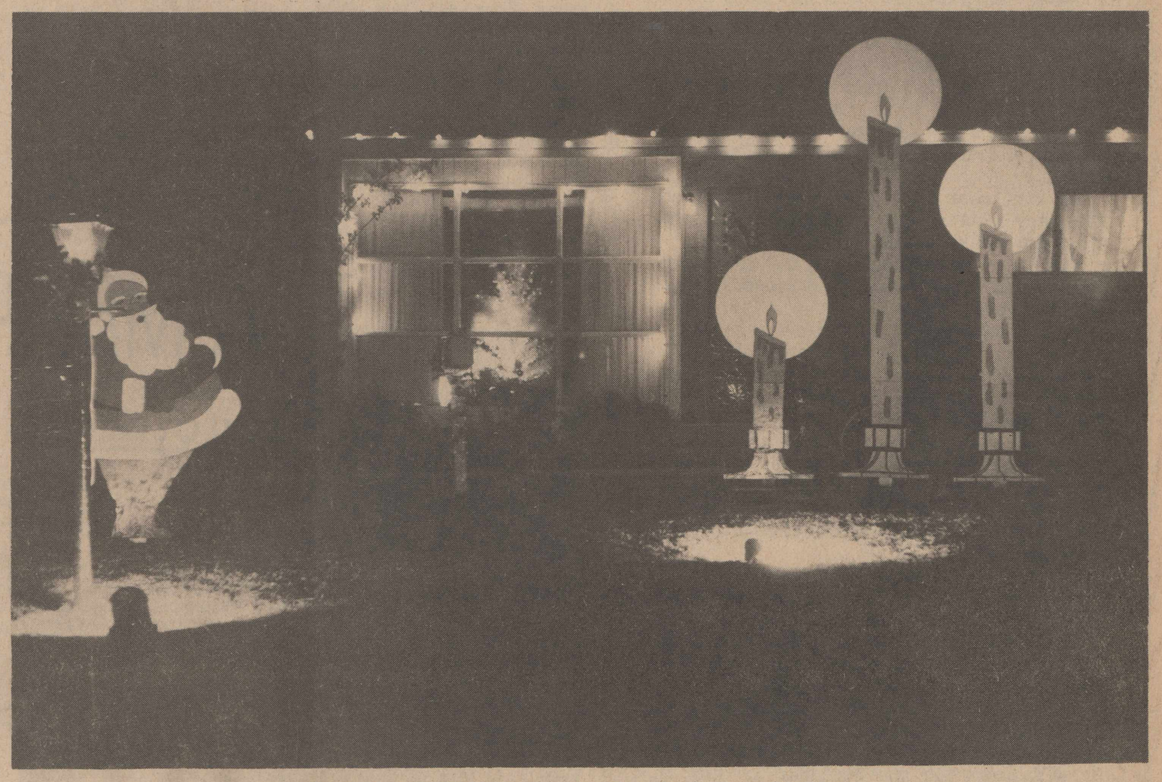
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HALL DECORATIONS-- The student council at Olton High School put a lot of effort into decorating the school halls, and when they finished the halls looked ready for a celebration.



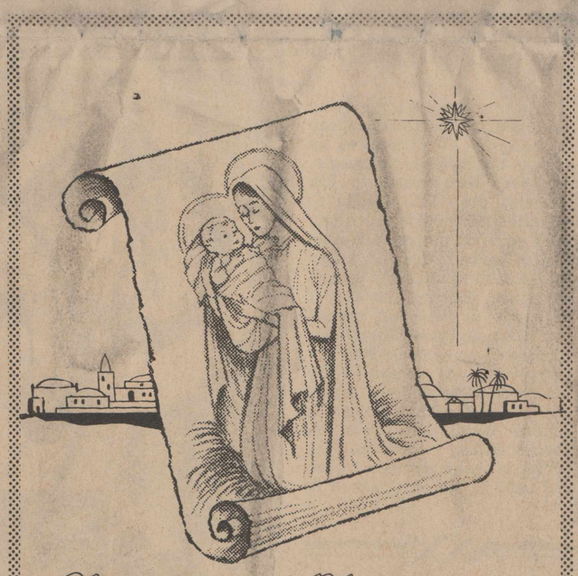
FIRST PRIZE DOOR - This door on Mr. Curry's room at the high school won first place in the high school decorating contest judging.



FIRST PLACE WINNER-- '-- The Bub Holt home on 9th Street won top honors in Friday judging of the C-CA sponsored home lighting contest in Olton.

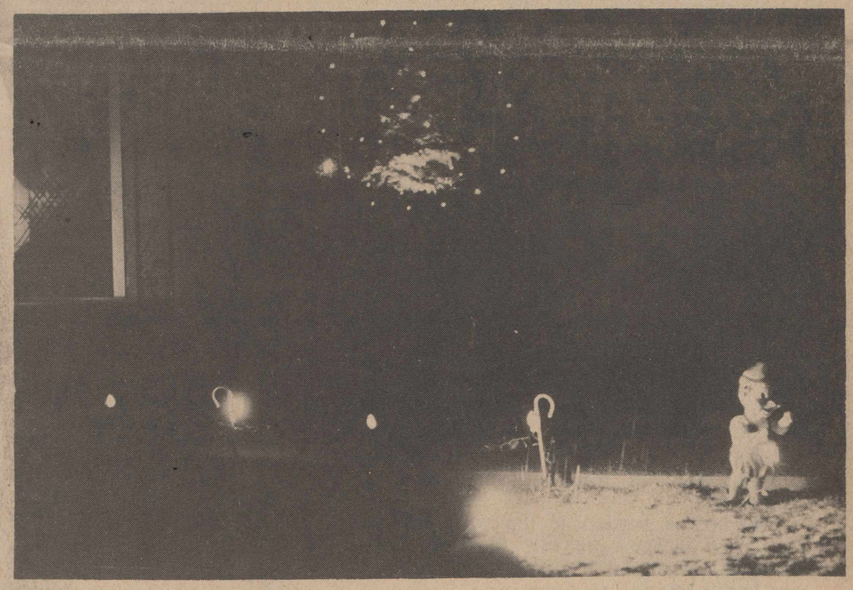


MERRY CHRISTMAS -- That's the message this time of year at Olton High School. Joyce Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Curry, and Cindy Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luie Cross, add personality to the Christmas poster in the main hall of the high school.



Christmas Blessings

Blessed be the Day of Christ's birth,
and may this Christmas season
bring us all lasting joy and peace.



SECOND PLACE WINNER -- The Amos Walden home on East 4th Street won second place in Friday judging in Olton's home lighting contest.



EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS -- Every celebration around Christmas must have a tree, and the high school's preparation for the season is no exception as Topper Maxey, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Maxey Jr., and Coye McGill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGill, discover.



JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS TREE -- Francine Offield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Offield, president of the junior high student council, takes a breather between classes by the Christmas tree in the main hall of the school.



THIRD PLACE WINNER The Bob Allford home on East 4th Street, with its "Peace on Earth" theme, won third place in the C-CA sponsored home lighting contest.

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EDITORIAL

From Mom And Dad...

Gather 'round me, my darling sons and daughters and have a little patience with your dear old dad.

Never fear, the presents will keep and I want to tell you a few things about this Christmas, for it's a very special one.

Your mother and I ... somehow we always think of Christmas in terms of you, the children.

Maybe it's because this is the celebration of the birth of a child ... the Christ Child.

At any rate, you have always been at the very center of our Christmas ... and I'm sure you know that.

I'm also pretty sure you're wondering ...as usual...just what we decided to give you this year.

Well, dear hearts, it was a big decision.

Mom and I thought back over all of the Christmases...the dolls, the guns, the bicycles, the oranges, the apples and, oh yes, the bubble gum.

It's all been fun.

But there comes a time, my lovely daughters and stalwart sons, when the dolls are put away ... the guns are only remembered... bubble gum? Well, maybe when nobody's looking.

Then it's time for the special gift.

Oh, yes, it's there. It's the one over in the corner with the big red bow.

Mom made the bow and she thought it ought to be red....bright and shiny like the futures we wish for all of you.

No, Johnny, you can't eat this present... but it will nourish you.

No, Sally dear, you can't wear it...but it will keep you warmer than anything in that overcrowded closet of yours.

What can you do with it?

Well, my dears, that's strictly up to you.

And, so here it is ... from Mom and Dad...

We wish you peace... the peace that comes from walking always with your God.

We wish you knowledge... in order that you may someday have wisdom.

We wish you compassion...that you may speak with your hearts as well as your tongues.

We wish you hope...that you may never forget that the dark clouds are only hiding the sun temporarily.

We wish you courage...that you may always stand for right even when you stand alone.

We wish you honesty...that you may first of all know yourselves.

We wish you perserverance...that you may know the joys of a hard job well done.

We wish you humility...that you may never become filled with your own importance.

We wish you life...its joys, its tears, its triumphs, its pitfalls, but always its glory.

And at the bottom of the box, over in one tiny corner, you will find, my dear children, the final gift that your Mother and I have left to give to you.

Yes, that's it....the one that says:

LOVE.

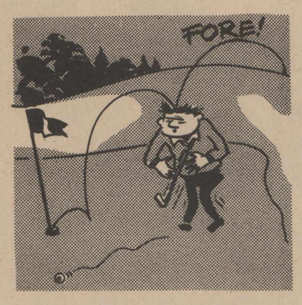
THE FAMILY LAWYER

"Fore!"

Golfers, long accustomed to sand traps and doglegs and water holes, must now reckon with a new kind of hazard: the damage suit. According to the Institute for Safer Living, flying golf balls inflict 10,000 disabling injuries every year. And a substantial number of these injuries result in claims.

When are you legally liable for such an accident? On the whole, the law is pretty tolerant. The bare fact that you caused an injury is not enough, in itself, to spell liability. Nor is the fact that you hooked or sliced your shot.

"To hold that a golf player was negligent merely because the ball did not travel in a straight line," commented a sympathetic court, "would be imposing upon him a



greater duty of care than the Creator endowed him with faculties to carry out."

But the law does insist that you give fair warning to others in the zone of danger.

In one case, a golfer, disgruntled by two bad shots off the tee, decided to try a third. Although a fellow player had already started walking ahead, he failed to cry "Fore!" This time he really connected. The ball slammed into his companion's head, putting him out of action for weeks. Verdict: $5,000.

How wide, and how far ahead, is the zone of danger? Obviously, there is room for a difference of opinion on a particular shot. But don't count on getting the benefit of the doubt in the courtroom. There is too much chance that the judge or jury, faced with the harsh reality of harm done, will not see things your way.

Of course, you shouldn't let the fear of a lawsuit scare you out of playing golf. But here are a few suggestions:

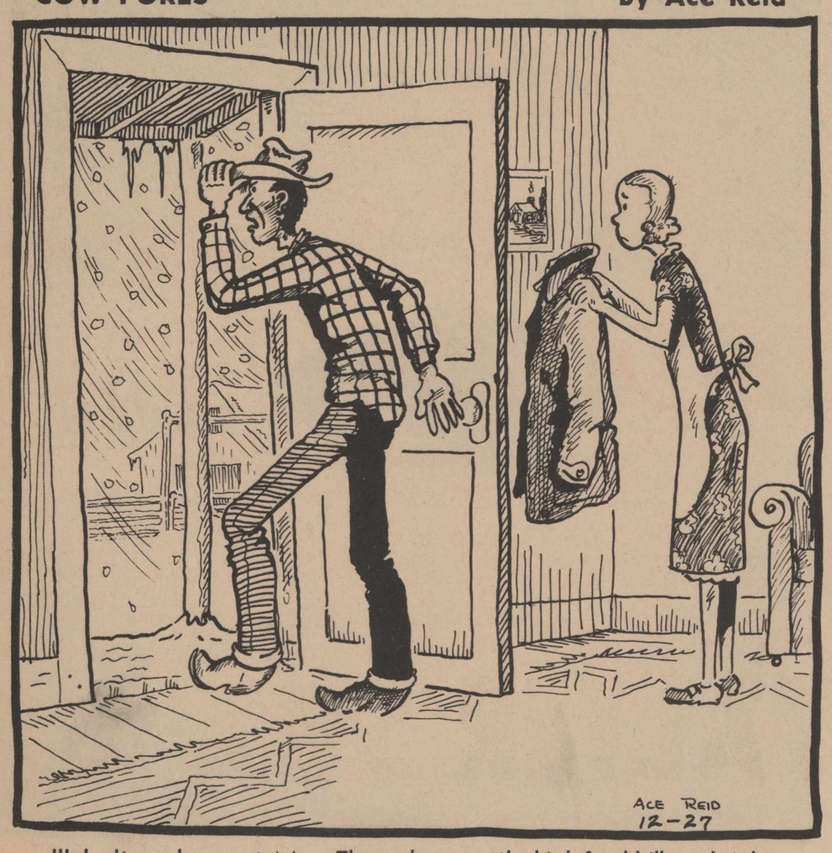
1) Think of liability insurance as an integral part of your golfing equipment. Your insurance man can guide you as to the coverage you need.

2) Keep a healthy respect for the destructive power of a golf ball. Well hit, it may travel faster than 250 miles an hour.

3) Cry "Fore!" just a little more often than seems to be necessary. No one has ever been sued for that.

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas. Written by Will Bernard.

COW POKES — By Ace Reid



"I don't need no coat, Maw. These cheap cattle, high feed bills and tight bankers are gonna keep me in a sweat all winter."

5 YEARS AGO

Assuming ownership of the Community Clinic and Hospital Monday Dec. 21 will be Dr. Basil Johns.

Seventy-five Lions, Lionesses and guests met Tuesday evening in the cafeteria for their annual Christmas party.

Claude Gilstrap, coach at Arlington State College was guest speaker at the annual Football Banquet.

Phil Neinast, center and Kenneth Hooper, tackle made the Globe-News All-Regional Football Team

Seventeen members of the Olton High School's Campbell Chapter attended the Future Teachers of America District 13 Convention in Plainview.

General Telephone Company has announced plans for construction of a building designed to house a new dial system for Olton.

MOTHER IS VISITING

Mrs. Ethel Snider, mother of J. L. Snider, is visiting in the home of her son for the holidays.

TO ALL OUR READERS



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

PHILOSOPHER

Early Or Late

Editor's note: The Running water Philosopher on his Careless Weed farm on Running Water Draw has found out Christmas is here again.

Dear editar:

A lot of people claim they didn't realize Christmas was on us again this soon but I knew it all along, ever since I got that first Christmas card toward the end of November. I thought at first it was a card from somebody who was late in mailing last year's, but I checked around and found out you can now send them out a month ahead of time and still be in style.

This is in keeping I guess with the modern trend to stay ahead of things. For instance, as soon as the 1965 cars came out, engineers were already at work planning the 1966 models to make the 1965's look out of date and I understand there are atom bombs already planted under bridges and in mountain passes throughout Europe, so they'll be ready in case war breaks out. You might say Christmas cards and atom bombs both are early now. I suppose in the future all new bridges, dams, etc. will automatically have a nuclear bomb included in the specifications, just in case. One Spring a neighbor came over and said he was astonished to see me planting so early for a change, but I didn't have the heart to tell him I wasn't early with that year's crop, just late with the year before's. One year is pretty much like anothe as far as I'm concerned.

In fact, I don't know whether you've noticed it or not, but one result of speed is that the faster you travel around the world the quicker you get back to where you started from. In other words, some people rush to get back to where they were, whereas I find it's more comfortable to just stay here in the first place. With the earth whirling around every 24 hours in one direction and hurtling around in another direction every 12 months, I never could see any point in me complicating things by chasing off in a third direction.

Actually though what I started out to say was that Christmas is here again and it suits me fine. I have a notion that regardless of how far out into space man goes, he's always going to be happier if he can get back to his own stomping grounds for Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

J. A.

Ask Amy



BY AMY ADAMS

WHERE ARE THE BOY'S PARENTS!

Dear Amy:

In our town, the daughter of a prominent family became pregnant while in college, and the family made the man responsible marry her. She only lived with him a short time, then came home, and her family started divorce proceedings.

In an effort to find their daughter another husband, the parents, with the aid of others, looked up a quiet, old teenage boyfriend. The father and mother took their pregnant daughter and the said young man on fishing trips, fine restaurants and even furnished him with a car to drive their daughter around.

I am accused of wanting to stir up trouble because I object to the conduct of the parents (and all who participated) in the downfall of this decent, respectable, young man in his teens. This young man doesn't smoke, nor drink, and was chosen with three other young boys as outstanding high school students.

The irresponsibility of these parents created the 'daughter.' Now with their money, they are swaying and buying a good boy who will eventually be dragged down to their level—a boy who was chosen the most likely to succeed and who probably would have if this family didn't get their claws into him.

I am tired of people condemning all of our youth while the real villains are the parents.

A Person Who Looks On In Horror

Dear Person:

I, too, look on in horror. But unless either the daughter or the young man in question is personally related to you, it would be best to keep out of it. Since he is a minor, I'm curious to know where the boy's parents are while he is being taken . . . for a ride!

* * *

Dear Amy:

I am a young girl and go to a private school. There are five girls in our classroom and they go around in two groups. Two in each group—and I'm left out. The only chance I have to get in the group is when someone is gone. I try to be neat but I just don't make it. Would you please give me some advice.

A Lonely Girl

Dear Lonely:

Gladly. Invent yourself an older brother (if you don't already have one) who has four boyfriends!

* * *

Dear Amy:

What would you do in my case? On our vacation trip, we were going to visit my brother who lives in another state. I wrote him and his wife and told them when we would arrive. They have no children and neither do we. I received a letter in return from them saying he (my brother) was not able to have any company this year, that he was in debt and they used up all the money they had. Also, that our nephew had been there to see them and my older brother and his wife had spent time with them. His wife said she wasn't up to being bothered with anyone else.

I haven't written to my brother since I received that letter which has been 5 months. Shall I send him some money? Do you think I should write to him and visit him anyway? He lives 900 miles away.

B.E.M.B.

Dear B.E.M.B.:

Of course you should visit him. Not as a boarder, but as a guest. His wife made it plain that they couldn't stand the expense of stay-a-while visitors, but I doubt that she meant it personally. Take accommodations at a nearby motel when you arrive and see that they don't have to foot the bill for food or other expenses on your behalf. They are having their problems right now. So be as helpful, kind and considerate as you can.

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DEAR FRIENDS AND READERS:

I welcome this opportunity to wish you all a happy Holiday Season and best wishes for the New Year!

Fondly,
Amy

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Hart Camp Happenings

BY MRS. EDWIN OLIVER

Visitors in the Paul Teal home last week were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Crofton Teal and children, Ft. Sumner N. M. and his mother, Mrs. Ada Teal, Littlefield. Others visiting in the home were the Teal's daughter and her children, Mrs. Charles Tue and children, Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Oliver attended the Festival of Praise Program at Wayland Baptist college in Plainview Friday morning. Their son, Kerwin, sang in the program with the BSU Choir.

Suzanne Martin attended an American Heritage Program at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview Monday night along with others from Olton High School.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Whittington, Olton, visited Sunday afternoon in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Neinast, Lonnie and Carrie.

Gene Loman, Paul's Valley, Oklahoma spent last week here helping his father, Willard Loman, gather cotton. They returned him to his home over the weekend. Judy remained here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Loman.

Hart Camp students on the honor roll the last six weeks at Olton schools were Sharon Hendrick, Brenda Leonard, Gary Parkey, Wanice Neeley, Shirley Leonard, David Neinast and Suzanne Martin.

Mrs. Elma Burleson, local G. A. Counselor of the First Baptist Church, and her G. A. girls made a birthday cake and carried it to Mrs. R. S. Moore Saturday afternoon. They sang the birthday song to her and served her cake and punch along with others present. Girls attending were Lajuana Burleson, Brenda Leonard, Debbie Oliver and Sharon Stillwell. Mrs. Moore's birthday was Sunday.

Mrs. Omer Neeley and Mrs. Edwin Oliver attended a fifth grade room mother's meeting at Hamill's Restaurant in Olton Monday morning. Plans were made for their Christmas parties.

Ray Medina of Pueblo, Colo., who is attending Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, came home with Kerwin Oliver Friday afternoon and spent Friday night and Saturday in the Oliver home.

Mrs. R. S. Moore has been ill the last few days with a severe cold.. Others on the sick list are Sannon Neinast, who has strep throat and will be out of school all week, Mike Burleson, who has a virus and Teresa Neeley, who has tonsilitis.

Mary Bess Smith was in Levelland all day Saturday where she attended a Future Teachers of America meeting.

Suzanne Martin honored her friend, Cindy Cross of Olton, with a trip to Plainview Saturday night for her birthday. They ate out and attended a movie. Others attending were Deena DeBerry, Bernedette Sweatt, Joyce Curry, Deanna Thompson, Cindy Cross and Suzanne Martin, and also Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Martin attended the Festival of Praise at Wayland Baptist College while the girls attended a movie.

Visitors in the Phil Neinast home Friday night were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Neinast of Springlake.

Mrs. J. C. Muller visited recently in Littlefield with Mrs. Peggy Hull and daughter and with Mrs. Ruby Yeary. Mrs. Muller and Mrs. Yeary visited with Mrs. Pearl Roundtree and Mrs. O.N. Guthrie and Miss Kate Guthrie. They also visited Mrs. Edd Long at Knight's Rest Home.

Visitors in the Edwin Oliver home Wednesday were his brother, R. D. Oliver and a nephew Don Oliver, both of Hale Center.

A golden wedding anniversary celebration was held in the D. R. Leonard home Sunday honoring his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Leonard of Spade. Others present other than Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Leonard and children were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Leonard and childre, Spade; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Gilbert and children, Clovis, N. M. ; and the honorees Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Leonard.

Overnight guests in the Paul Hukill home Friday night were his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Finney, Greenwood, Ark.

Among the Hart Camp parents attending the PTA meeting at Olton last week were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Martin, Omer Neeley and Mrs. Bobby Stillwell. Suzanne Martin sang with the Olton High School Choir at the meeting.

Ladies of the Baptist Church observed the annual Lottie Moon Week-of-Prayer for Foreign Missions each morning last week at the church. The theme of the programs was "Worship Christ the King" Mrs. M. W. Wheeler, prayer chairman was in charge. Ladies attending throughout the week were Mmes. Blanton Martin, Elma Burlesdon, H.J. Loman, L. W. Sullivan, Edwin Oliver, Dewey Parkey, M. W. Wheeler and the Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Stillwell.

W. M. Weatherly has his first great granddaughter. The baby was born Nov. 30 to his oldest granddaughter,, Mrs. Jimmy Nix of Amherst.

Edwin Oliver received word this week of the death of a brother-in-law, Ted Bednartz, of Chicago, Illinois. He had suffered a heart attack a month ago and a second attack this week was fatal.

Mrs. Opal Terry and George Gushwa of Dora, N.M. visited Sunday in the L. A. Smith home. They carried Mrs. Terry to the airport in Lubbock in the after noon where she caught a plane to visit a sister in Dallas who is ill.

Little Lonnie Neinast, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Neinast has the measles this week.

Mrs. Elma Burlesdon and children and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Oliver and Debbie attended the Christmas program at the Fieldton Baptist Church Sunday night. Kerwin Oliver and Steve Burleson also attended.

Pam Foster and Helen Smith are playing basketball with the Olton Junior High team this year. Vicki Neinast and Wanice Neeley play with the high school team.

The men of the Baptist Church had a Brotherhood Meeting Tuesday night at the church. Ladies and children of the church were also invited. A film on the Co-operative Program was shown after which do-nuts and hot chocolate were served as refreshments.

Mrs. L. A. Smith has two sisters who have suffered heart attacks recently. Mrs. Bill Elliot, Littlefield, has been confined to a Littlefield hospital and Mrs. W. B. Mitchell of Crosbyton is in the Crosbyton Hospital.

There is to be a Christmas program at the Baptist Church Sunday night at 7 p.m. Following the program, there is to be a Christmas tree in the educational building with treats for all the children. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson are deer hunting in South Texas this week.

SHORT SNORTS--State Securities Board granted 17 applications to sell $17,500,00 worth of securities this week...Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has given farmers in a 44-county East and Central Texas area until December 15 to clean their fields of cotton stalks.

Rural Traffic Accidents Told

There were 10 rural traffic accidents in Lamb County during the month of November, according to Sergeant D. S. Lawson Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in two deaths, four persons injured and a loss of $5,820.00 in Property Damage.

Summarizing rural traffic accidents from January through November of 1964, the picture shows 113 wrecks, 10 persons killed, 47 persons injured and $98,690.00 in property damage.

The most deadly month of the year is here again. The patrol supervisor stated that during each month of the past five years here was only one month higher than the month of December. Of the 12,171 persons killed furing the last five years over 10 per cent of them were killed during the month of December.

Of the 1,246 persons killed in traffic accidents during the month of December over the past five years over 30 per cent were killed during the Christmas holidays. This means that the Christmas holidays are about three times as deadly as the remaining days during the month of December.

The month of December for 1963 was the most deadly month in the history of Texas. The Sergeant appealed to every motorist and pedestrian, "Please do not let this become a reality again."

VISITS PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hampton and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hampton will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Duke Hampton in Megargel.

DALLAS VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Coleman and family of Dallas will spend the holidays with Mrs. Coleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henderson.

TO VISIT HERE

Visiting in the Bill Turner home over Christmas will be his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Turner of Austin, and his brother, Roy Turner of Houston.



May the glad tidings of this joyous Season bring lasting peace to every heart.

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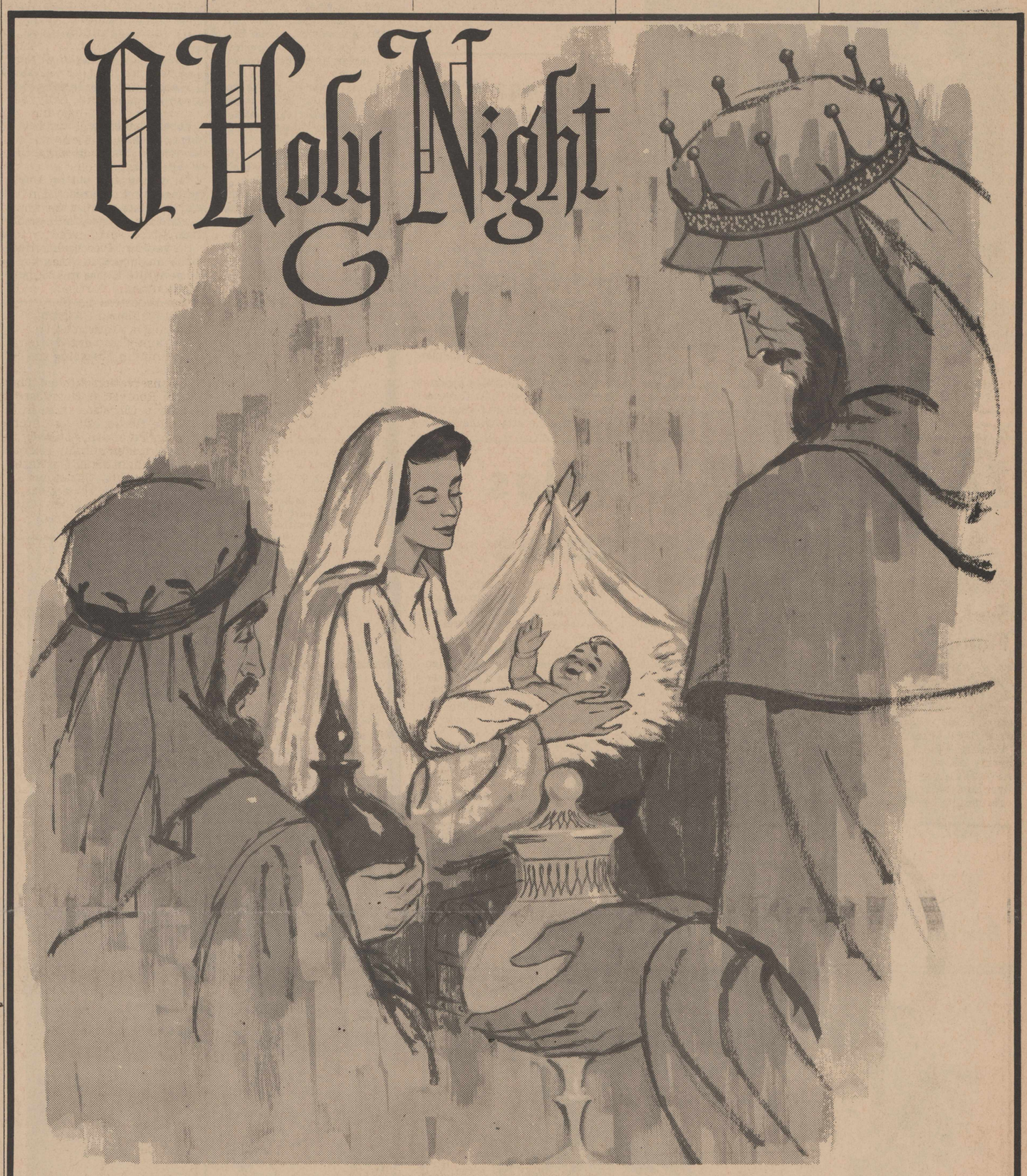
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As we celebrate Christ's birth, let us unite in the resolve to forge a stronger society built on greater understanding and dedicated to a lasting peace. Merry Christmas!

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS-- Sixth graders Connie Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. . Joe Hall, and Janie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones, inspect Christmas decorations in Mr. Todd's junior high room -- art work supervised by Mr. Allford.

NEELEY DIDN'T VOTE FOR POVERTY ISSUE

Olton school board's recent approval of plans to seek federal funds under President Johnson's anti-poverty program was a result of four "for" votes.

But the Enterprise was in error on who cast the votes for the proposition, the paper learned this week.

O. J. Neeley did not vote for the proposition, as the Enterprise previously reported.

The paper listed Fred Hicks, Roy Roberts, Owen Jones and Neeley as favoring the issue.

Actually voting for the issue were Hicks, Roberts, Jones and board president Gilbert Roberson.

Neeley, Ed Thompson, and W. C. Bley did not signify their approval.

The newspaper learned of the error Thursday, too late for correction in last week's issue.

Neeley told Enterprise Publisher Bill Turner he would like for "the record to be straight" that he did not cast a vote for the issue.

As a result, the issue carried on three votes, plus the vote of Roberson, which would have broken a tie, in the event the other three members of the board had voted against the issue.

Actually there was no request for "no" votes on the proposition, so apparently none were recorded.

Roberson told the Enterprise Monday that he had cast what he believed to be the tie-breaker on the issue.

"I was unsure of the vote the first time I asked for it," said Roberson. "That was why I called for the vote the second time."

He said he joined Hicks, Roberts, and Jones in voting for the proposition, thus making the issue carry.

Mustangs Win Consolation At Hale Center

Olton's Mustangs chalked up the consolation title at the annual Hale Center Invitational tournament Saturday.

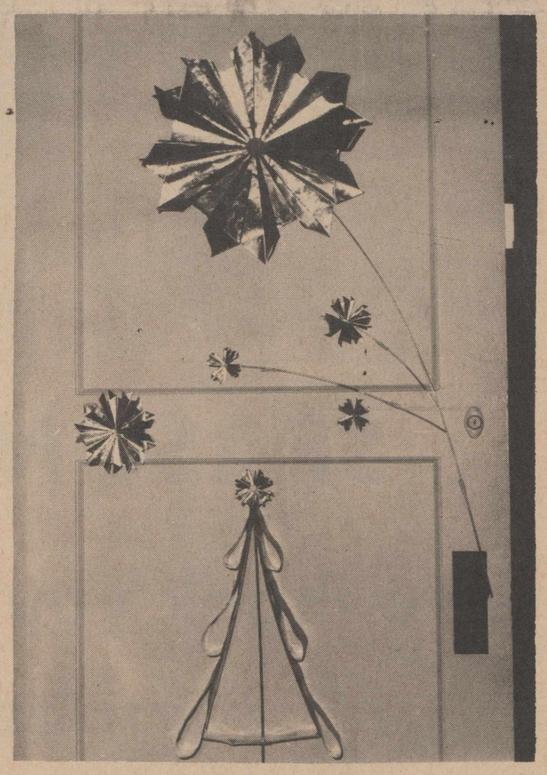
The Ponies defeated Happy, 45-39 , with Jerry LaFrance leading Olton scorers with 13 points. Hobie McManigal had 15 for Happy.

The Olton girls lost in the consolation finals to Kress, 48-46. Sherry Caddel had 21 points for Olton, while Judy Harris led Kress with 29 .

After games at Sudan Monday night, Dec. 21, Olton cagers took a vacation from basketball until after the end of the year.



SECOND PRIZE DOOR -- This "geo me" tree door on Mr. Clayton's classroom at the high school placed second in judging of school decorations.



THIRD PRIZE DOOR -- Thi s Flowery arrangement on the door of Mr. Ramsey's OHS classroom placed third in the high school decoration contest.

48,000 Bales Across Scales

The cold weather the weatherman had been predicting arrived on schedule in the Olton area, but the lack of moisture which he also predicted failed to materialize fully.

A light rain began in the Olton area about dusk Friday. The moisture soon changed form to sleet, and then to snow.

Combined with freezing temperatures, the moisture put an immediate glaze of ice over the entire South Plains.

Throught the night and Saturday morning area roads were treacherous and slippery. The smooth ice surface made travel highly difficult and hazardous.

A warming trend began Saturday about mid-day, which started to thaw things out -- but left the area soggy and mud-day in its wake.

The soggy result of Friday's weather slowed the area cotton harvest almost to a halt.

Some area gins reported Saturday that they were all caught up -- having ginned everything on the yard but the scales.

More than 48,000 bales have been weighed in at the seven area gins -- as of 3 p.m. Saturday -- and fewer than 5, 000 bales are currently sitting on the gin yards.

One ginner said the harvest was so close to over that he could "see the bottom of the bucket."

Agreement prevailed that the end of harvest should come within a week after the fields dry out from the current batch of moisture -- assuming things dry up and stay dried up for that week.

The moisture spoiled hopes of finishing harvesting operations in the Olton vicinity by Christmas but the end is still in sight.

Thou Shalt Not Kill

Christmas is a wondrous time when the miraculous becomes commonplace.

A time for petty differences to be put aside and one and all extend their hands and hearts in a sincere wish of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men."

It is a time for family reunions, a time when our thought and feelings focus on our loved ones and our friends.

But the festive season is tinged increasingly each year with the sadness of death and injury on our streets and highways. Modern progress has brought with it not only comfort and luxury hitherto undreamed of, but a regrettable disregard for our fellowman.

The Commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," seems to have little moral influence on drivers of automobiles, whether the warning comes from God or traffic authorities.

The privilege to operate a car is bestowed by the state.

The manner in which a car is driven is prescribed by law.

But transcending the legal law is the moral law, "Thou Shalt Not Kill." It imposes a moral responsibility on all drivers to operate their vehicles without maiming or killing themselves or others.

Hundreds of men, women and children will die and thousands will end up in hospitals this holiday season unless we, as drivers, assume our legal and moral responsibilities to drive with care.

We urge drivers to give thought to the purpose and spirit of Christmas in making holiday travel plans. Be constantly alert when behind the wheel. Think af the tragedy and unhappiness that a moment's carelessness can bring about.

Remember that your loved ones are relying on you. And give a thought also for the other driver and his family.

Let the moral law, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," govern your actions.

In this way you can play your part in making this great holiday season a safe and happy one!

PTA Meet Set Jan. 7

The Olton Parents and Teachers Association will hold their regular meeting Thursday Jan. 7 in the school cafetorium.

Brother Dean Harris will bring the devotional.. Program leader will be Mrs. Gene Trotter.

Johnny Clark Jr. will be moderator for the panel that will discuss "Testing Ability of Students in Our Schools". Panel members will be Joe Turner, Carl McClure, Fred Gordon and Elmer Moore.

There will be a question and answer period with audience participation.

A friendship hour will follow the meeting with refreshments.

Kyle Ellis Has Birthday

Kyle Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis, was honored on his fifth birthday Tuesday, dec. 15 at his home.

Individual cupcakes with a candle centering them were lighted and presented to the guests. They then each blew out their candle. Ice cream was served with the cake.

Attending the occasion were Vickie Mills, Darrell DeBerry, Howard Lewis, Mary Lee Smythe, Sharon, Harley and Kim O'Neal, Tammy Ellis and Jeff green.

Mothers present were Mrs. Bob Mills, Mrs. Tommy O'Neal, Mrs. Marion Green and Mrs. James Ellis.

Kimichi Club Have Party

The Kimichi Study Club held their annual Christmas Party, Wednesday Dec. 16 at the home of Mrs. Mack McGill.

Games were played under the direction of Mrs. Marion Green.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cranberry juice punch, cherry cup cakes and chips and dips were served by the hostess.

Gifts were exchanged.

Members present were Mmes. Marion Green, John Lynn Burrow, Harlan Carson, Steve Lee, Houston Hamby, Dan Cure, Elmer Houston, Oliver Rose, Gary DeBerry, Royce McFadden, Jim, Moss, Randall Roper and Mack McGill.

Golden Agers Have Party

The Golden Agers had their annual Christmas party Wednesday at the American Legion Hut.

Ivin Wozencraft directed the program of Christmas carols and readings.

Gifts were exchanged, and refreshments of cookies and coffee were served.

Those attending included Mrs. Anna Martens, Mrs. Bessie Jones, Mrs. O. L. Williams, Mrs. Eula Wilks, Mrs. Nellie Turner, Mrs. G.T. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler, A. J. Malone, Mrs. C. M. Owen, C. T. Mason, Mrs. Bessie Cowart, Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coleman and Mrs. Jodie Morris.

Two visitors for the party were Ivin Wozencraft and Miss Ann Warren. Sponsors of the organization are Mrs. Joe Chester and Mrs. Tom Smith.



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News Of Interest To Women



MRS. ANGUS DAVIS

Recipe Of The Week

Mrs. Angus Davis gives us our recipes this week.

Mrs. Davis and her husband moved to Olton in 1953 and she is employed at Southwestern Public Service Company.

He is employed at Bryant-Giles Implement.

They are members of the Church of Christ and list as their main hobby, the raising of Quarter Horses.

CABBAGE SLAW

1 medium head cabbage (chopped fine)
1/2 t. salt
1 t. sugar
4 T. mayonaise
Mix. Chill in refrigerator.

ENCHILADAS

1 pkg. tortillas
1/2 cup fat
1 T. salt
1 pound ground meat
1 can Enchilada Sauce
1. c. grated cheese
1 c. chopped onion

Season and cook hamburger meat.

Heat tortillas in hot fat until soft. Dip in hot enchilada sauce. Place on platter. Fill with cooked hamburger meat, onions and cheese. Roll. Top with remainder of chopped onions and cheese. Pour on top the rest of the enchilada sauce. Sprinkle with salt and chili powder. Place in oven to melt cheese. Serve at once.

MARTHA WASHINGTON CHOCOLATES

Melt 1/4 lb. oleo, add 1 can Eaglebrand milk,
2 lbs. powdered sugar
1 can cocoanut (snip fine)
1 quart pecans (chopped fine)
Mix altogether. Roll in small balls and dip in Chocolate mixture:
2 pkgs. semi-sweet chocolates melted with 1 bar (1/4 lb.) parrafin. Stick toothpick in balls and dip in chocolate mixture. Drop on waxed paper to cool.

MRS. PAVELKA IS HONORED AT PARTY

Mrs. Ann Pavelka was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday Dec. 13, at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hall. Her birthday was Saturday, Dec. 12,

Mrs. Pavelka was given a watch-necklace from her children and grandchildren.

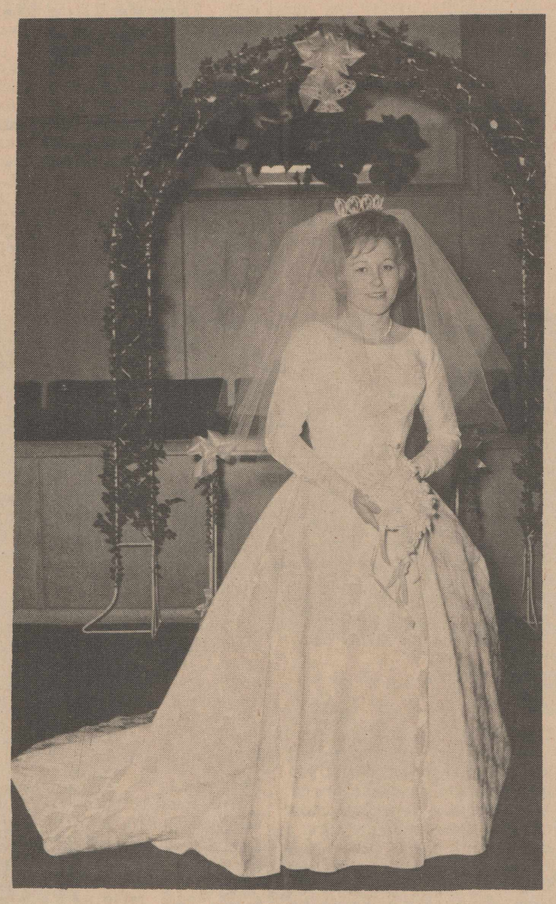
Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hall and Curtis, Mrs. Ineta Dennis, Ronnie Dennis, Darryl Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Nicholas, Susan and Sharla, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dennis, Danny and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Houston, Dana and Denise, and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hamby , Sharissa and Brent.

Club Meeting Slated Jan. 24

The Olton Study Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Marshall Stone Monday Jan. 24.

Devotional thoughts will be brought by Mrs. Frank Cornelius.

Appearing on the program will be Mrs. Basil Sherman and Mrs. Bailey Hair. Their topic will be "Developing Self-Confidence" and "Self-Discipline and Happiness"



MRS WAYNE O. MOORE

Williamson, Moore Are Wed In Ceremony Here Saturday

Double-ring marriage vows were exchanged Saturday evening Dec. 19 in the First Baptist Church Olton, by Miss Glenda Williamson and Wayne O. Moore.

The Rev. John E. Lewis, pastor, directed the double ring ceremoney at 7 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Williamson and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moore, all of Olton.

On either side of the altar were two baskets of white mums and greenery. At the altar was a white kneeling bench. Family pews were marked with white satin bows and tapers.

A prelude of nuptial music was presented by Harold Dean Carson, organist, and Bob Allford who sang "Oh Promise Me" "Because," and "The Lord's Prayer." Carson played the traditional wedding marches for the processional and recessional.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a bone white formal gown fashioned from satin brocade, featuring a molded bodice, portrait neckline and long petal point sleeves. The full skirt having a chapel-length train, sheered on to a lowered back waist line accented by a parisian bow. Her veil of silk illusion fell from a pearl crown of petals. She carried a cascade arrangement of white orchids surrounded by white feathered mums atop a white Bible.

For something old, the bride carried her grandmother's wedding band on her bridal bouquet. Her item of something new was her wedding gown and a single strand of pearls from her father. She wore a blue garter and borrowed a Bible from her cousin, Mrs. Dean Callahan of Lubbock.

Mrs. Linda Moore of Lubbock served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Marilynn Reeves, Abilene; Miss Janette Ray, Littlefield; and Miss Jean Sawyer of Earth. The attendants wore floor-length dresses of French blue embossed peau de soie designed with an oval neckline, elbow-length sleeves and a fitted bodice corded onto a bell shaped skirt. They wore bow-trimmed circlets headpieces matching tulle and carried long-stemmed white roses.

Flower girls were Alisse and Melissa Moore of Lubbock, neices of the groom. They wore white nylon organza dresses with white accessories and wristlets of feathered carnations.

Candle lighters were Stephan Lindley and Rickie Trotter, both of Lubbock, cousins of the bride.

Ring bearer was Trent Callahan, Lubbock, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Bennie Moore of Olton, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Truman Moore, Lubbock, brother of the groom; Ronnie Williamson, Olton, brother of the bride; and Wayne Carson of Olton.

Ushers were the groomsmen assisted by Elmer Houston, Olton.

Fellowship Hall of the church was the setting for the reception following the ceremony, the couple were assisted in receiving by their parents and members of the wedding party.

The serving table was laid with a white lace cloth over blue and centered with a three tiered wedding cake, decorated in white wedding bells and topped with a miniature bridal couple. Crystal candelabra with white candles and the attendant's bouquets completed the table decorations. Mrs. Dean Callahan, Lubbock, cousin of the bride, and Miss Jo Harmon, Littlefield, served blue fruit punch and wedding cake to the guests from crystal and silver appointments.

For traveling to Ruidosa, N. M., the bride chose a winter white three-piece suit with brown accessories, a mink trimmed hat and the orchid corsage from her bridal bouquet.

The bride is a graduate of Springlake High School and attended Hardin Simmons University, and is employed at Olton State Bank.

The groom is a graduate of Olton High School, has served in the U. S. Navy and owns and operates Waynes Printing Company in Olton.

LITTLEFIELD VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilkinson, Druanne, Lori and Sally of Littlefield visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ann Pavelka Saturday night Dec. 12.



As the Wise Men came bearings gifts, so we come bearing our warmest wishes for a very merry Christmas Day, and a holiday season filled with many hours of happiness and good cheer for each and every one.

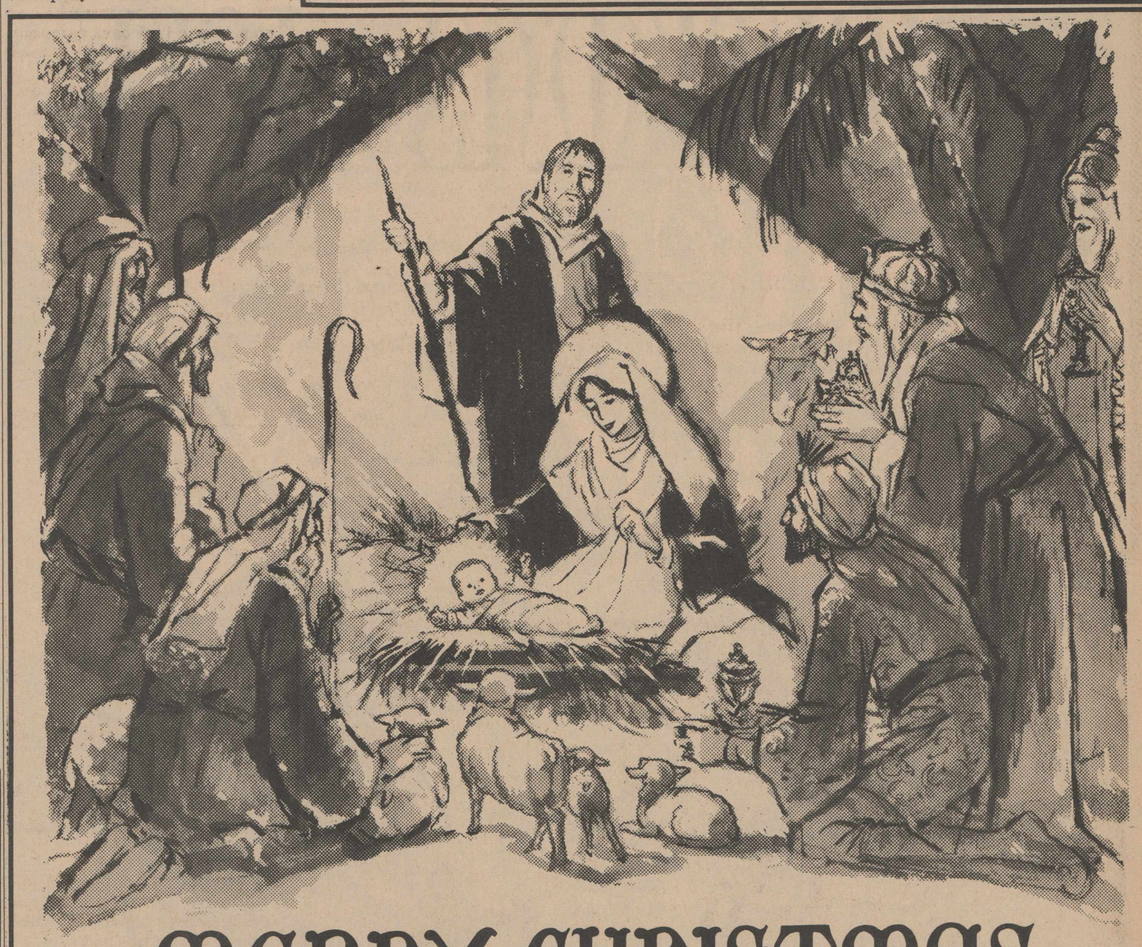
OLTON DRUG

Ira Foster
Helen Hines
Mary Seawright
Ray Culwell
Fred Shaw
Mabel McFadden



We're thankful for our many friends and wish them happiness at this very special time. Merry Christmas!

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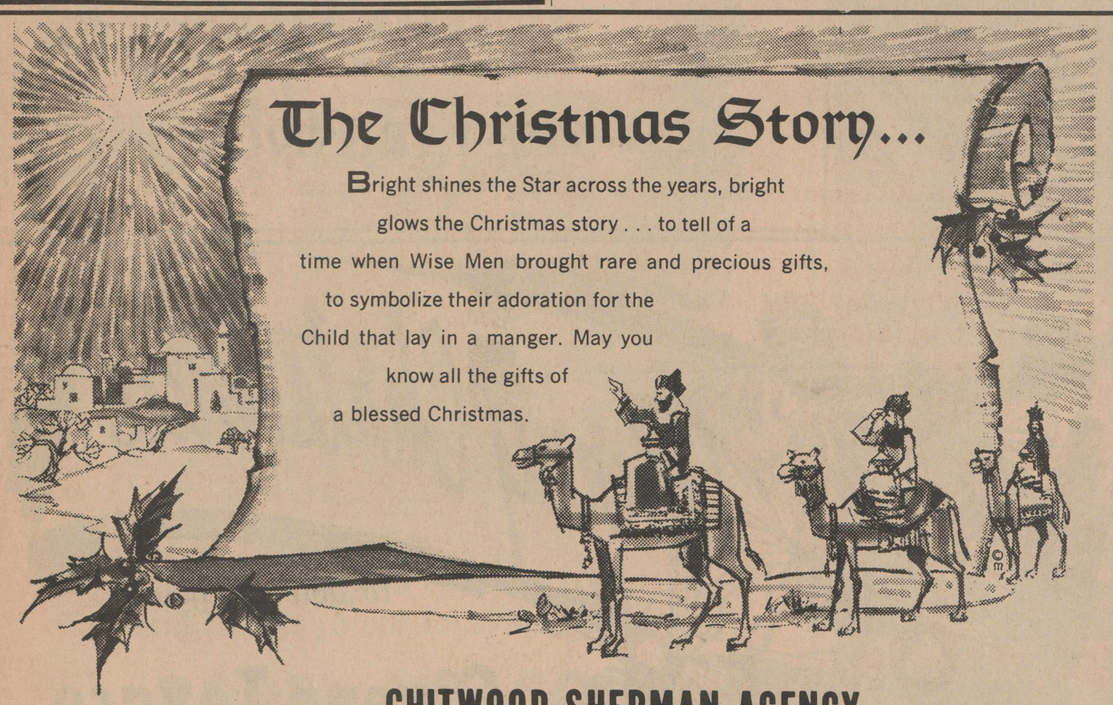
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Oh come let us adore Him . . . and recapture the joy that filled the hearts of those who knelt to worship on that first Christmas Day. With deep sincerity, we extend our greetings and wish each and every one a truly happy and holy Holiday. It is our fervent hope that the blessed peace of Bethlehem will be with you now and throughout all the days yet to come.

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Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 3 years old. I know I haven't been a real good girl, but I hope you can overlook some things. I would very much like to have a little record player that I can play by myself and some building boulders.
Please remember all my little friends around Olton and all the children everywhere.
Love,
Sherilyn McGill

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus, will you bring me a football.
Will you bring my little sister a Barbie. I like you very much.
Your friend,
Tony Vasques

Dear Santa,
I'm nearly 2 yrs. old and I have been real sweet this year. Would you please bring me a baby doll that I can wash, because I carry mine a lot and they get pretty dirty. Also a table and chairs.
Love you,
Kondi Carson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cash register, a jumbo guidancetown, and a pedal drive motorcycle.
I am 4 years old and have tried to be a good boy,
I love you,
Keith Martin
P. S. Be sure and bring Rhonda some toys.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been looking for you to come. But I think you will come on the 24 . Oh, Santa, I wish you could bring me a Barbie doll with lost of dresses. And I want you to bring my sisters two Barbies by Mattell.
Your friend,
Olivia

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I want a Skipper doll and a watch. And my brother wants a machine gun and a watch.
Your friend,
Cynthia Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
Me and my sister want a monkey. And a Barbie doll for us, too. My brother wants a baseball. My little brother wants a suit and two guns together. And my mother wants a clothes washer. My daddy wants a shaver.
Your friend,
Sylvia

Dear Santa,
My mother says I have been a little bit good. Would you please bring me these things. A tractor and some equipment for it, a drum, a dump truck, a bull-dozer, some candy and fruit. Please bring my brother Gary something too. We will have some cake and milk for you, Santa.
Love,
Chuck Ball
P. S. Please bring all the other boys and girls something for Christmas too.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me a Johnny Seven O.M.A. and a Mattel Rifle and some goodies and don't forget Dwight, Sissy and Hayden.
I love you,
Deryl Clark
P. S. I will be at my home this year.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie doll and my sister too. I want you to bring my daddy a shaver. I want you to bring my mother a washing machine and to my brother, a truck.
Your friend
Maria

Dear Santa,
My name is Scott and my little sister is Jana. We would like you to bring us some new toys cause we have been good this year. I want a Johnny Seven Gun and Jana wants a baby doll. Here are some other things we would like to have:
Iron and ironing board
Blackboard
Army set
Talking puppet
P. S. My mother wrote this cause I can't write yet.
Scott Huckabee and Jana

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking for you this Christmas. How is it in the north pole? It's getting cold up here. I would like a camera for Christmas. My brother would like a baseball for Christmas. My sister would like a Tammy for Christams. And my other two brothers want a Parakeet for Christmas.
Yours truly,
Joanie.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking for you this Christmas. I want you to bring me a football suit. And don't forget the other boys an girls.
Your friend,
Kenneth Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a doll and a table and chairs and a gown. My two sisters want a doll gown but my little sisters do not want a gown.
Your friend,
Pat

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good boy all year and hope I've been good enough to get a few of the things that I want. I am 6 years old and I would love a Jr. pool table and a red race car set and a childs recliner (so I can relax and watch TV) and a saddle and some cars and trucks and wrecker. Thanks for all the years you've been so good to me.
I've got a little brother, nearly 2. But he can't talk plain, so I'll tell you what he saw in stores and likes real well. He likes rocking chairs and big pretty balls and toddler toys. He sits on and pushes all kinds of cars and trucks and rocky horses. Thanks for these too.
I've got a little sister who's nearly 8 months old. She's a little young but she likes to chew on things, so some sott toys and a soft doll she can rock with would be nice.
Thank you for these things to make her first Christmas a happy one.
Love always,
Gary, Terry and Sherri Smith

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelli Alana. I am 20 months old, so I help my mommy a lot rearranging her cabinet, etc. I would like to have a baby doll and carriage. I will hang my stocking for some candy and fruit.
Puncho, our dachshund puppy, has outgrown his collar, so please bring him a new one.
I love you,
Kelli Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy five years old. I would like just anything real nice. I have tried to be a nice boy. Please remember all the other little boys and girls
I love you, Santa,
Barry Rhea Billingsley

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl three years old. I have tried to be a nice girl. Please bring me a baby with a diaper and a pacifier. I also would like a doll buggy. Please remember all of the other boys and girls.
I love you , Santa,
Tonda D'Lyn Billingsley

Dear Santa Claus,
Mr. Santa, are you going to bring me a Barbie doll and other boys and girls. I am looking for you at town. I never can find you. Thank you for the gifts of last year. And I want some candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Polly Flores.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am like for you this Christmas to tell you what I want -- an ironing board, a table set, and my baby sister a baby doll with a bed. And don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Lundy Lucy Nabarrete

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some dishes for Christmas this year, Santa Claus, and my sister wants a doll that moves and shuts her eyes and my brother wants a B-B gun.
Your friend,
Dora Ruiz

Dear Santa Claus,
I will like to have a B-B gun for Christmas this year.
I will like to have a basket ball for Christmas.
Manuel.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been having a lot of fun during the year but Christmas is most fun. I would like for you to bring me a race car set with a Ford Mustang and a Corvet Sting Ray.
Your friend,
Davis Gardner

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the gifts you brought me last year.
Please bring me a B-B gun and a gun rack. Please bring me some candy and nuts, too.
Your friend,
Steve Kennedy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to come home to give me a B-B gun and my brother wants a game and I like you because you look funny to me and to Mother and sister and my sister wants a basket ball, that's all.
Your friends,
Manuel Alv

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a bicycle? and don't forget all the other little girls and boys.
Your friend,
Virginia Beth Moss

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking for you this year and I wish I had a Barbie and a Skipper. I want you to bring my Mother a washing machine.
I want you to bring Daddy a new watch.
Your friend,
Irene

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie Doll and my sister too. I want you to bring mother a washing machine and my daddy wants a watch.
Your friend,
Rosa

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll with a bed and with a bottle and with some dishes and sister a doll with dishes and my brother a little bike and I want a table too.
Your friend,
Carmen Flores

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun for Christmas this year. My little brother Tony wants a Mattle gun. My little two brothers want an electric train. My big sister wants a Barbie doll. We hope you come this year, Santa Claus. We missed you a lot Santa Claus, My mother and father missed you a lot last Christmas.
Your freind,
Joe Solis.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun for Christmas this year and some apples and some oranges with candy and bring me a basketball and bring my sister a doll and bring some apples and some oranges and some candy too.
Your friend,
Joe friend,

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like you to bring me some Barbie and Skipper clothes for them And I would like some for my sister's too. And I want a camera and I would like you to bring my brother some boots too.
Your friend,
Theresa Patton

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking for you this Christmas. How is it in the North Pole. It's getting cold up here . I would like a camera for Christmas. My brother would like a baseball and my sister would like a Barbie and I would like a play little T.V. and my father would like a car and my mother would like some dresses.
Your friend,
Linda H.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking for you this year. I wish you can come to our house. I wish you can bring me a B-B gun this Christmas.
Your friend,
Junior Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun for Christmas this year. I would like to have a bike for Christmas this year.
Your friend,
Joe Carabajal

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Koenai Byrd and daughters Christmas day will be her aunt Dr. Koenia Schenck of Clovis, N.M. and her cousin and wife Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cutshall of Roswell, N.M. Also visiting will be her brother John Schenck Jr. of Lubbock, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Schenck Sr. and son Jimmy.

ATTEND PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith attended a Campers Caravan Club Christmas party at Tulia Lake last week.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith attended the funeral Monday of H. R. Dent of Hale Center.

IN LUBBOCK

John Schenck Sr. and son Jimmy Joe spent Saturday in Lubbock.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas!

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Insurance Firms Consolidated

The crop hail facilities of the AnderClay Insurance Group (Export Insurance Company - Ranger insurance companies) and the Americana Crop Hail Pool, Inc., have consolidated operations under the management of AnderClay Insurance Managers, Inc. of Houston , Texas.

"This consolidation," said Charles R. Rathbun, president of AnderClay Insurance Group, "will make it possible to offer agents effective and competitive crop hail facilities on a nationwide basis.

Americana Crop Hail Pool. Inc., serving over 2,000 local independent insurance agents in 31 states, has operated for the past five years as exclusive crop hail insurance specialists.

Field operations for the Ranger companies will continue to be handled through Rayford C. Weaver at Pecos, Texas; R. A. "Pete" Lance at Lubbock and Johnie B. Archer at Hale Center, Texas.

The AnderClay Insurance Group is a subsidiary of Anderson, Clayton & Co. -- a major U. S. and Latin American producer of margarine, shortening and salad oil, a key miller and refiner of vegetable oils, one of the world's largest merchandisers of cotton and green coffee, food processing, cotton crop financing, ginning, compressing, feed production, dock and warehousing facilities in addition to the insurance division.

AnderClay operations include the management of the Export Insurance Co., Ranger National Life Insurance Co., Ranger Insurance Co., Ranger Insurance Exchange, Ranger Couty Mutual Insurance Co., Allied General Agency, Ranger General Agency, General Aviation Underwriting Corporation and the Premium Budget Agency. These Facilities are offered through local agents.

Fire-Safe Holiday Tips Given

One of the main reasons fires increase during the winter months is the hazards whichinvariably accompany the Christmas holiday season, the Texas Safety Association reported today.

"For a fire-safe Christmas, special attention should be given to trees, lighting, decorations, wrappings and gifts," M. O. Musick, TSA general manager, said.

He issued the following tips for homeowners:

Trees: Make sure your tree is a fresh one and has not started to dry out from prolonged storage Keep it outdoors until just before Christmas, and before setting it up, saw off the trunk at an angle at least one inch above the original cut.

Keep the freshly cut trunk immersed in water after firmly setting it up, adding water daily as absorption takes place. Keep the tree well away from all sources of heat , such as fireplaces and radiators.

You can flameproof trees and other greenery with an easy-to make solution. Mix nine ounces borax, four ounces boric acid and one gallon of water. Spray tree, making sure it is saturated. Let dry and then decorate. To aid penetrating qualities of solution, add one-fourth tablespoon low sudsing detergent to mixture. There is no change in color or texture of tree when flameproofed by this method.

Lighting: Lighted candles should never be used near the tree. Use only electric lighting sets that bear the Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) label. Check old sets for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Do not plug too many cords into one outlet. If extensive holiday lighting is planned, call in a competent electrician. Never string electric lights on aluminum or other metal trees. Your tree can become charged. Use off-tree spot lighting for such trees.

Wrappings: Do not let Christmas wrappings accumulate. Get rid of them as soon as possible. Use only decorations made of noncombustible materials (metal, glass, asbestos, etc.) If combustible materials must be used, be sure they are "flameproofed." This includes Santa's whiskers.

Toys: Do not buy pyroxylin plastic dolls or toys. Toys operated by alcohol, kerosene or gasoline are especially dangerous. Look for the UL label when buying electric toys. This label means they have been tested for fire and shock hazards and may be considered safe if properly handled and maintained.

Smoking: In general, do not allow smoking near the tree. Keep plenty of safe ashtrays around and use them. Put matches, lighters and candles away from the reach of children. Keep water-type fire extinguishers, buckets of water or a faucet-connected garden hose where you can get to the tree easily.

"If fire does strike, first get everyone out of the house, then call the fire department," Musick concluded.

FATHER WILL VISIT

John R. Freeman of Lubbock will spend a week beginning Christmas day in the home of his daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. George Caddel.

No 'Jingle Bells' Seen At Bethlehem Christmas

Americans who dream of a white Christmas with Santa Claus popping down the chimney to the tune of "Jingle Bells" can thank assorted writers and poets and the northern climate. Christmas in the land of Christ's birth, however, is another matter.

What is Christmas like in Bethlehem?

There's generally no snow for one thing, for winters are mild in the Judean Hills around Bethlehem, reports World Book Encyclopedia.

No Santa Claus listens to children's pleas, for he's an American invention based on a European saint. And there's probably no decorated Christmas tree in the village square; that custom originated in Germany.

Instead the focal point of Christmas in Bethlehem is the Church of St. Mary of the Nativity, supposedly built over the spot where Jesus was born.

Here pilgrims from all over the world gather on Christmas Eve. First there is carol-singing in the square facing the church. Then all enter for the solemn midnight mass. After the service, an image of Christ is carried in a procession down into the grotto, and is placed in a manger where it lies until Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

After this cermony, some may wander into the fields outside the town, where perhaps shepherds long ago heard the news of the birth of Christ.

All this takes place, of course, on the eve of Dec. 25. But that's not the end of Christmas in Bethlehem. For the Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate the holiday Jan. 6, and the Armenians observe it Jan. 18, which is Jan. 6 according to the old style, or Julian calendar.

Have An Old—Fashioned Christmas This Year?

"Tis the season to be jolly."

But then there are minority opinions on everything. Plenty of folks are complaining that Christmas isn't what it used to be.

They say stacks of Christmas cards, frantic last minute shopping, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on the TV, and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" on the stereo don't make a Christmas.

"We've got to get back to the old-fashioned Christmas," they cry.

But we'd better not go back too far

To put it bluntly, the Puritans were against Christmas. They labeled it a "wonton Bacchanalian feast" and spent their first Christmas on these shores pointedly rejecting joy and doing carpentry.

On the second Christmas several "lusty young men" who were found "pitching ye barr, playing at stoole-ball and such like sports" in the public streets caught what-for from Governor Bradford, in person. So the oldest of the old-fashioned American Christmases will hardly do for a precedent to be followed in 1965.

By 1827, however, Christmas had evolved to the point that an Episcopalian bishop was complaining, "The devil has stolen from us . . . Christmas, the day of our spiritual redemption and converted it into a day of worldly festivity, shooting and swearing."

And by 1876 The Youth's Companion, a popular magazine of the time, was lamenting the passing of the old-fashioned English Christmas:

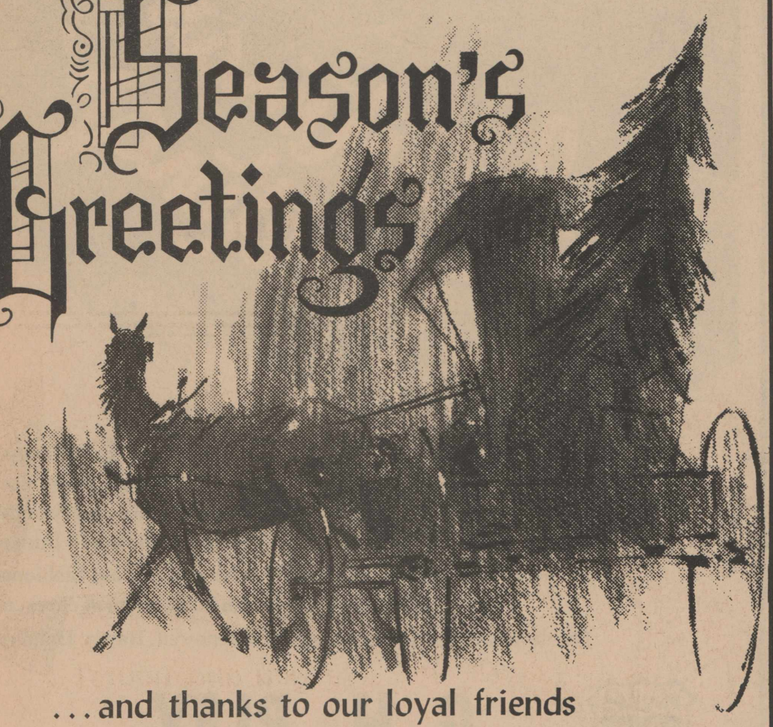
"We in America have received many, if not most, of our Christmas customs from our parent country, 'merrie England' ; but in England Christmas is no longer the day of games and fine old traditional ceremonies it once was. It is rarely that the yule log is burned nowadays . . . and whereas the Christmas game, in the times of good Queen Bess, lasted for more than a month, a week is all the modern, money-making English can devote to it."

Could it be then that this perennial dissatisfaction with present customs and longing for "the old-fashioned Christmas" merely shows the power of this season to evoke nostalgic memories of happy childhood, bygone pleasures, and the joys of Christmases past..... the exchange of greetings, the singing of carols, the tree, mistletoe, the festive meal, and the outdoor fun? One last dip into the yellowed, crumbling pages of The Youth's Companion gives an even better reason to wish for a simple celebration of Christmas.

"It is right for us to derive all the innocent pleasure possible from the happy season, not forgetting, the while, how solemn and glorious is the event which we thus joyously commemorate, with its beautiful lesson of 'Love to our fellow man.' Changing times.

Bennett Aboard Constellation

USS CONSTELLATION (CVA -64) (FHTNC) -- Fireman Jimmy W. Bennett, USN., son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Bena large scale fleet training operation in the Western Pacific called "Operation Tall Back" while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Constellation.



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Message Of Christmas Lives Anew

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Candles Glow At Christmas

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations.

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

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

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

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



Seeking Log Was Family Affair

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

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

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

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

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

VISIT RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Golden will spend the Holidays in Stockton, California with their daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Carson. They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. James O'Alair in Sacremento.

White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ices, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree, for his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

Conservation-minded Theodore Roosvelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

L.E. Hines Aboard Hancock

USS HANCOCK (DVA-19) (FHTNC)-Aviation Baotswain's Mate Third Class Lester E. Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs Milton E. Hines of Olton, participated Dec. 9-12 in a large scale fleet training operation in the Western Pacific called "Operation Tall Back" while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Hancock.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 24

Tommy Ballard
Sandee Gregory

DECEMBER 25

Neva Dell Busby
Patty Brown
Janet DePrang

DECEMBER 26

Clyde Gallaway
Mary Johnson
Junior Muller

DECEMBER 27

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Nancy Norfleet

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Naomi Machen
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DECEMBER 31

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DECEMBER 26

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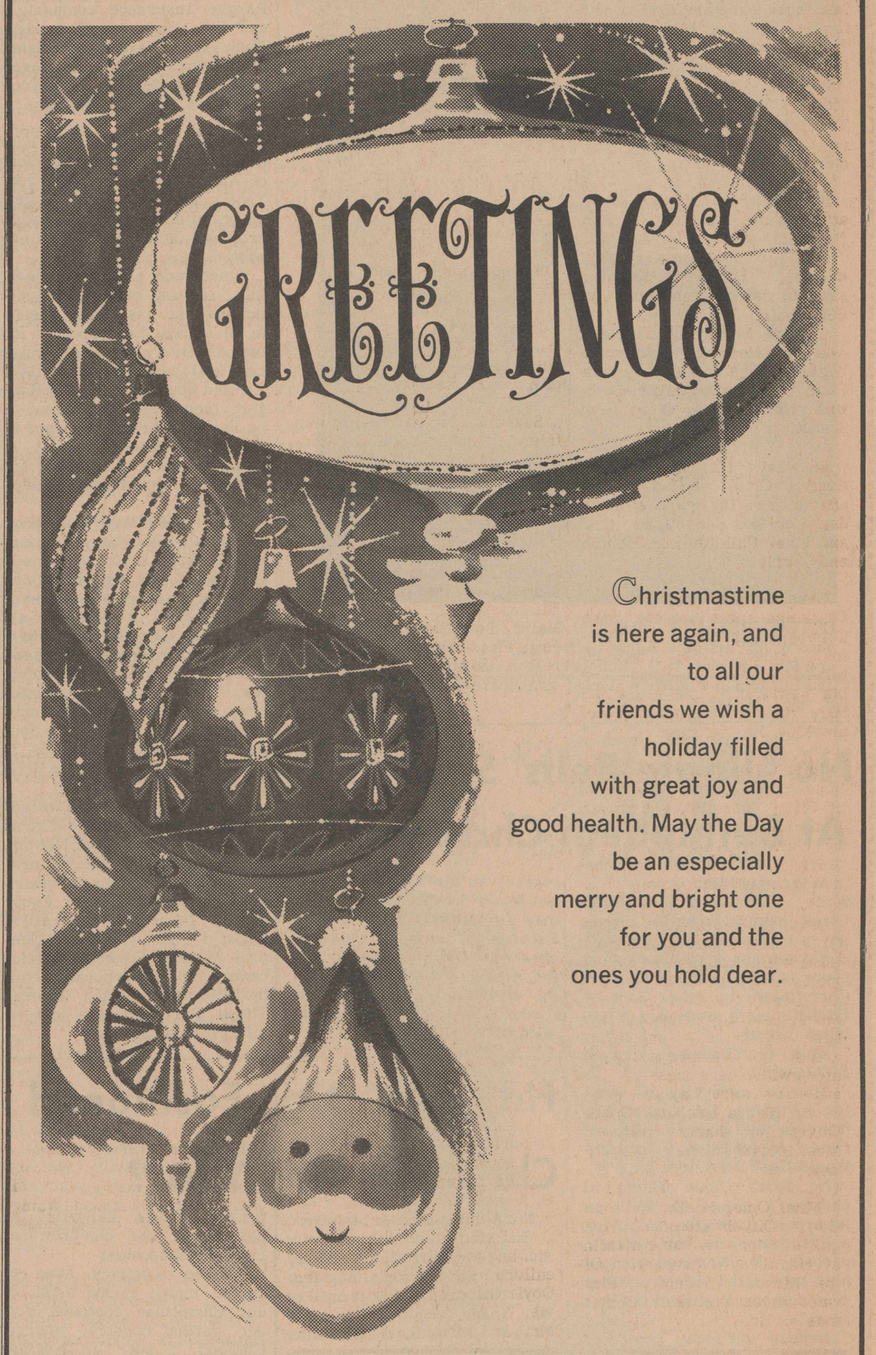
DECEMBER 31

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Collins

HOSPITAL PROBE ASKED--Rep. Paul B. Haring of Goliad has urged that House and Senate general investigating committees begin an immediate probe of the state hospital system, starting with Austin State Hospital.

Haring submitted to Lieutenant Governor Smith and House Speaker Byron Tunnell of Tyler statements by former Austin State Hospital employees alleging improper behavior by a doctor there. He claimed two former employees were fired for complaining.

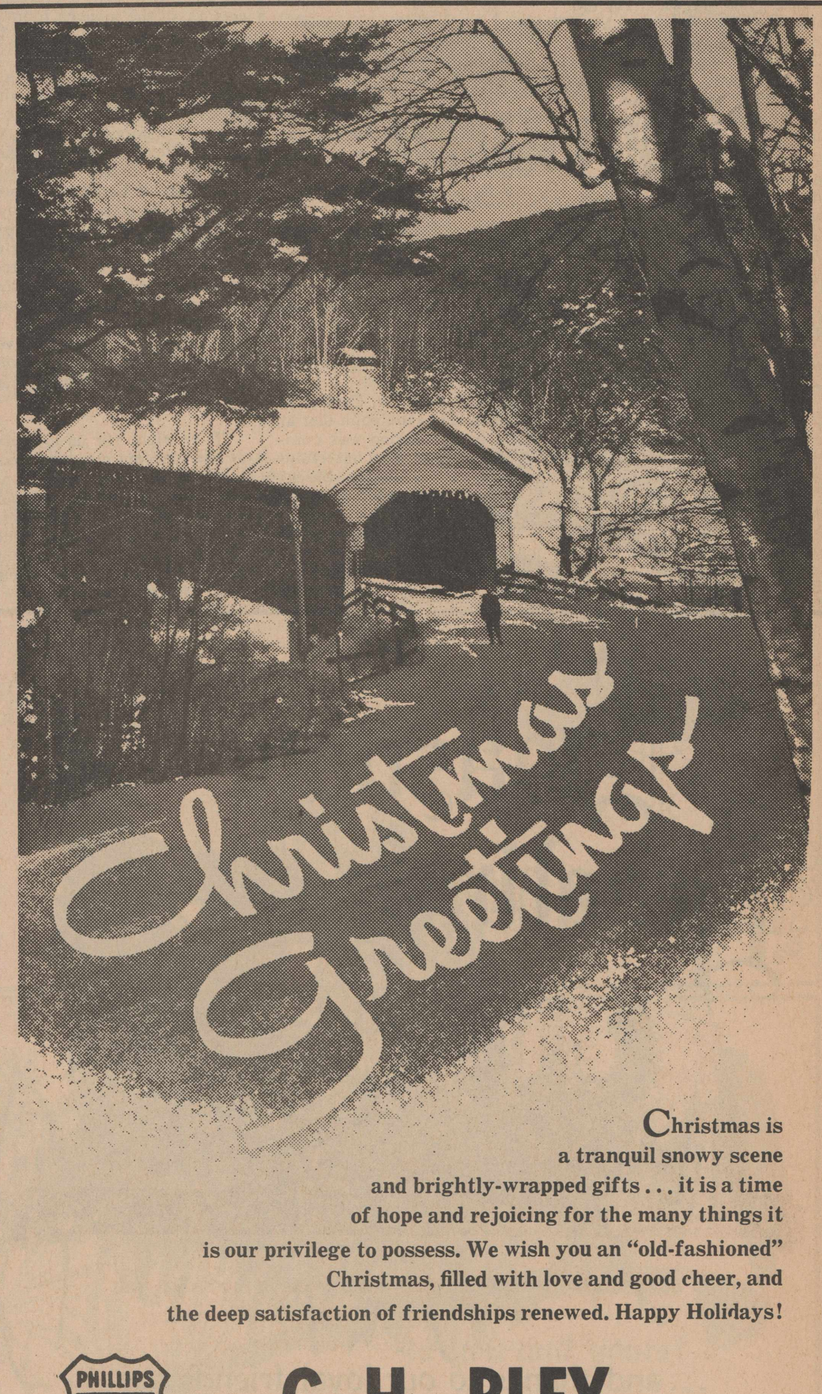
State hospital authorities denied the allegations. There was no comment from Smith or Tunnell.



Christmastime is here again, and to all our friends we wish a holiday filled with great joy and good health. May the Day be an especially merry and bright one for you and the ones you hold dear.

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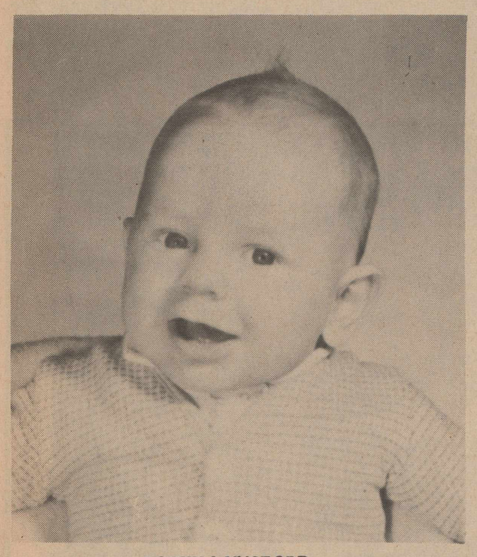


Christmas is a tranquil snowy scene and brightly-wrapped gifts ... it is a time of hope and rejoicing for the many things it is our privilege to possess. We wish you an "old-fashioned" Christmas, filled with love and good cheer, and the deep satisfaction of friendships renewed. Happy Holidays!

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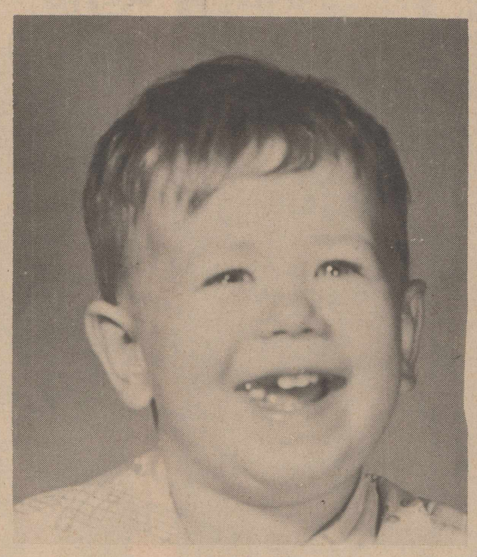
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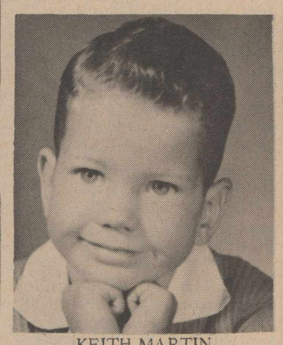
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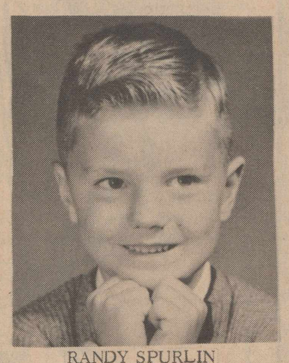
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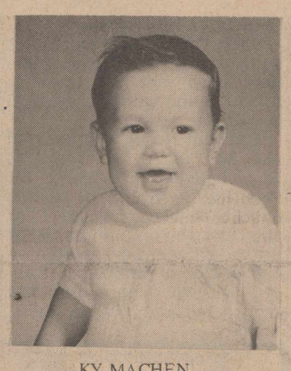
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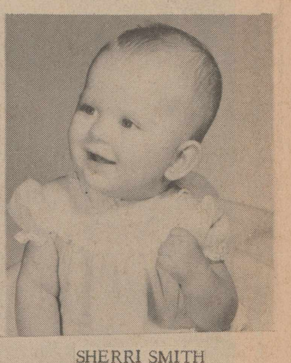
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As we journey along the road of life, may the light of the Christmas star hearten and inspire us, strengthening our resolve to do all we can to achieve lasting peace on earth.

Percy and Margaret



Merry Christmas

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

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Carolers Were Once Dancers

The first Christmas carols were danced to, according to Encyclopedia International. Carolers took hands and formed a ring, singing as they went round.

Oldest of all carols, it has been said, was that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of the Saviour was announced to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Probably, the practice of singing carols at Christmas arose in imitation of this, as the majority of carols declared the good tidings of great joy, and the title of Noel, nowell or novelle, applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.

Birthday News . . .

"Nowell" or "Noel" means birthday news or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ.

The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity, the Incarnation and the Annunciation. Later, ones on shepherd themes and the Epiphany were composed, and there were also many of folk origin on the festivities of the Christmas season.

These latter included such songs as "The Holly and The Ivy." Many of the surviving old carols were originally part of the medieval mysteries and miracle plays.

First in Latin . . .

Christmas carols first were written in scholar's Latin. The Blessed Jacopone of Todi, of the Franciscan order, led the way to a wider enjoyment and appreciation of joyous Christmas songs by writing musical poems in the language of the common people.

The saint, who lived from about 1230 to 1306 A.D., had a good precedent for his interest in carols in St. Francis himself. To St. Francis is traced the creation of the first creche or manger scene, in 1223 A.D. Villagers gathered around the scene and sang hymns to the Christ Child.

"The Boar's Head" . . .

"The boar's head in hand
bear I,
Bedecked with bays and
rosemary."

"The Boar's Head Carol," source of this quotation, appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queens College, Oxford.

Other colleges of Oxford had their own versions of the same song. "The boar is dead; lo, here is his head," remarked the carol sung at St. John's, while "The boar's head in hand I bring, With garlands gay and birds singing" was the version heard at Balliol.

Even in early times, the "boar" romantically referred to as traditional at the feast was probably a pig. The wild boar is believed to have been extinct in Britain early in the 12th century.

Feast of Stephen . . .

"Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen."

This familiar carol commemorates two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who ruled in Bohemia in the 10th century A.D. He was noted for his generosity to the poor, and practiced this generosity on Christmas and on St. Stephen's Day, December 26.

St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, noted in legend as a follower of Christ who, at the time of the Nativity, had been in the service of King Herod. When he was permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.

Today the "feast of Stephen" is remembered primarily because of the carol, "Good King Wenceslas." His day is now more commonly observed, especially in England and Canada, as Boxing Day, when presents are given to servants and others who have rendered services throughout the year.

Shepherd Maiden . . .

Shepherds are familiar figures in Christmas stories and carols, such as "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

More novel, but equally established in tradition, is the story of the shepherdess who visited the stable on the first Christmas night.

"D'ou viens-tu, bergere?" (or, "Whence Come You, Shepherd Maiden?") was brought to Canada in the 17th century, by early French settlers. In the carol, a questioner asks the shepherdess where she has been and what she has seen, and she in turn describes the manger scene.

FINDING THE BEAN

"Twelfth Cake" was a highlight of 16th century celebrations of Epiphany, January 6. From the finding of a bean and a pea baked into the cake, a king and queen of the day were chosen.



"Jingle, Bells" Sings Of Snow and Sleigh

"Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh;
O'er the field we go, laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!

* * *

"A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride;
And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side.
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot;
He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upsot.

* * *

"Now the ground is white; go it while you're young;
Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song.
Just get a bobtailed bay, two-forty for his speed;
Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take the lead."

* * *

REFRAIN:
"Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way!
O! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!"

Although it says not a word about Christmas, the song, "Jingle, Bells," is now a familiar part of the holiday season. The spirited description of "Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh" conjures up visions of the old-fashioned Yuletide nearly everyone remembers — or likes to think he remembers.

Usually it is thought of as "Jingle Bells," but early copies of the song show that the title was really meant to be "Jingle, Bells" — with a comma added to make it a command to the bells to go into action.

Both the melody and lyrics were written by James Pierpont, who was the son of a minister and who ran away to sea at the age of 14.

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

In Greece

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

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

FROSTED AND FRINGED

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

Rudolph of the Red Nose Adds To Fame of Santa's Reindeer

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer!
now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on,
Donder and Blitzen!"

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

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem — the red-nosed Rudolph.

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

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



May your holiday be filled with happiness

We take pleasure at this time in expressing our appreciation for your patronage. All good wishes!

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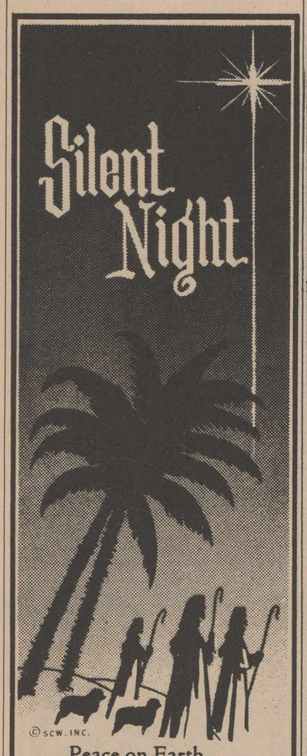


May the Prince of Peace gladden your hearts and minds at this holy season of the year.

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

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Greetings

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a spirit of well-being and cheer
that pervades the very air in this
wonderful season. We offer you our sincere
wishes for the happiest of Christmases for you and yours.

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A FRIEND INDEED -- Loved by children in all areas, Santa Claus found a warm welcome awaiting him in Olton this year.



MAN-TO-MAN TALK -- Olton boys and girls got the chance to give their Christmas requests directly to Santa through personal chats when the jolly gentleman made his second Olton visit this year.

AUSTIN, Tex. -- Gov. John Connally's delayed second inaugural program may set some records for simplicity.

The Legislature, in an informal poll, has agreed to postpone the inauguration from January 19 to January 26. This is to avoid conflict with the swearing-in of President Johnson in Washington on January 20. Formal approval of the delay will be necessary after lawmakers convene on January 12.

USDA Sets Feed Grain Program

USDA has announced major provisions of voluntary 1965 Feed Grain Program, including a decision to keep total price-support levels for cooperators the same as for 1964.

Within total price-support rates, loan levels were decreased with corresponding increases in payment rates. Diversion payment rate will be the same as in 1964.

Department official said the 1965 program is designed to maintain participators' incomes at least as high as current levels. They also stressed the program will help maintain overall feed grain income for producers at near current levels, or about one billion dollars a year higher than with previous feed grain programs.

Changes within the total price support rate were made to encourage greater participation in the program by farmers. Department officials noted success of the program depends on a level of participation sufficiently high to offset program costs by reduction in public investment in government feed grain inventories.

For the 1965 program, a larger proportion of price support will be in payment form with some reduction in average loan rate for all three feed grains.

Acreage substitution feature for wheat and feed grain acreage which is new to the program for 1965 gives producers more flexible range of cropping opportunities and income possibilities.

Participation in both wheat and feed grain programs will bring more returns than non-participation, USDA officials said.

The 1965 feed grain program support loan and payments are as follows:

	Loan		Support		Total	
	65	64	65	64	65	64
Corn (per bu.)	$1.05	$1.10	$0.20	$0.15	$1.25	$1.25
Barley (per bu.)	.80	.84	.16	.12	.96	.96
Grain Sorghum (per cwt)	1.65	1.77	.35	.23	2.00	2.00

The greater reduction in the grain sorghum loan rate, which is offset by a higher payment rate, is needed to bring grain sorghum price-support loan values more in line with market prices of recent years.

Program participants, since they help cut government costs by diverting acreage to conserving use and thus reducing production, not only can get price support loan and purchases, but also price support payments and acreage diversion payments.

Since yields have trended upward in recent years, moving five-year average (1959-63) being used for first time in 1965 generally will mean higher price support payment for normal production in major producing areas. This payment of 20 cents per bushel in case of corn and related payments for other feed crops will be paid on acreage seeded for harvest within permitted acreage, even though drought, or other adverse crop conditions seriously reduce production on any farm.

To participate in the program, producers need to reduce their total acreage of corn, grain sorghum and barley in 1965 by at least 20 percent.

Diversion payments, if less than 40 percent of base is diverted, will be county support rate on one-fifth of normal production for first 20 percent diversion, and one-half of normal for remaining percentage.

Payments in kind for both diversion and price support payments again will be made in form of negotiable certificates with which producer may receive grain from CCC stocks or cash at county ASCS office if he wishes assistance of Commodity Credit Corporation in marketing certificates. As previously, the major part of price support will be provided through loans.

Signup for feed grains and for spring wheat will be from Feb. 8 through March 26. During the signup period, winter wheat producers who signed up in the wheat program last fall may change their intentions.

REGENTS PRESSURE DENIED -- Governor Connally heatedly denied he pressured University of Texas regents into withdrawing appointment of an El Paso architectural firm to plan a new building.

Regent John S. Redditt of Lufkin resigned from the board. He was quoted as saying he quit because of Connally's "dictation to the board" and regents' "bowing to pressure."

"I categorically deny I have ever attempted to dictate to Senator Redditt or any member of the board with respect to any matter concerning the University," Connally told reporters.

A rider to the appropriations bill last year gave the governor authority to approve or disapprove appointment of architects for state buildings. Connally said he did not ask the power but would "live up to it."

He stated he did not "act one way or another" on regents proposal to hire the El Paso firm of Nesmith, Lane and Associates to plan a $2,000,000 science-mathematics building at Texas Western College. Rea Nesmith, head of the firm, is an active Republican and has charged Connally withheld approval of the selection for political reasons.



Christmas Greetings

We offer best wishes
and sincere appreciation to
all our friends on this Blessed Christmas.

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THE EVERETT LOVELESS FAMILY



NOEL

The first Noel . . . a child was born. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for the many blessings of Christmas. May your holiday be rich in spiritual joys.

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From 'Nativity' To 'Adoration'

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

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"THE NATIVITY," above left, was painted by Flemish artist Petrus Christus about 1440-50. From the Mellon Collection.

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"ADORATION OF the Magi," upper right, is the work of Giovanni di Paolo, a 15th century Sienese. Mellon Collection.

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TWO ARTISTS painted this "Adoration of the Magi," (lower right) begun by Fra Angelico and completed by Fra Filippo Lippi about 1445. Samuel H. Kress collection.



Early Paintings Tell the Christmas Story —And the Story of Changing Times

From earliest times, artists found, in the story of the Nativity and the events surrounding it, a source of inspiration and a challenge to their talents. The Madonna and Child, the Holy Family, the Magi, the manger scene — these are the subjects that have engendered some of the world's most famous paintings.

And, as students of both art and history know, such paintings not only portray a scene, they also tell something of the times in which they were painted.

As the Middle Ages drew to a close and the Renaissance dawned, new light was spreading over the world.

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

In "Adoration of the Magi," a painting by Giovanni di Paolo which is now in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., the Three Kings are depicted in an elaborate, decorative style. The background of the painting, however, shows a more lifelike interpretation. The landscape of fields dotted with crops, criss-crossed with roads and bathed in sunlight is refreshing — and a treatment new to the times.

Another "The Adoration of the Magi" at the National Gallery is even more indicative of a world in transition. This tondo (circular) painting was begun by one artist, Fra Angelico, and finished by another, Fra Filippo Lippi. The principal part of the painting, attributed to Fra Angelico, has an idealized, other-worldly atmosphere.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WILL VISIT RELATIVES

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and a Happy New Year



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Olton, Texas

Smiles Brighter and Hearts Lighter As Community Greets Christmas

Season's Sights, Sounds Proclaim It's a Joyful, Peaceful Time

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

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

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

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

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

Most Memorable

No two Christmases are ever alike — but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year it's true. Every Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past.

Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

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

Why a Tree?

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

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an Infant with a halo.

The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles, people good and bad; and the Infant, the Baby Jesus.

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

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

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

For Decoration

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

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

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

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

Lighting Candles

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen — a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

For Christmas Enjoyment, Traditional Recipes Featured Plum Pudding As Favorite Finale of Feast

By MARIE DILLON



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Drawing from Book of Knowledge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ideas Vary On Customs Of Yule

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

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

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

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

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



Stocking Up Starts with Santa

Santa Claus, envisioned today as a jolly, cheerful man with an affinity for children, was a romanticist too, according to legend.

The first Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, started the custom of hanging stockings by the chimney when his romantic heart was touched, and he gifted a bankrupt merchant's three marriageable daughters with gold for their dowries.

Desiring anonymity, he tossed the three bags of gold through the window, or, as some tell it, down the chimney. One of the bags landed in a stocking which had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece.

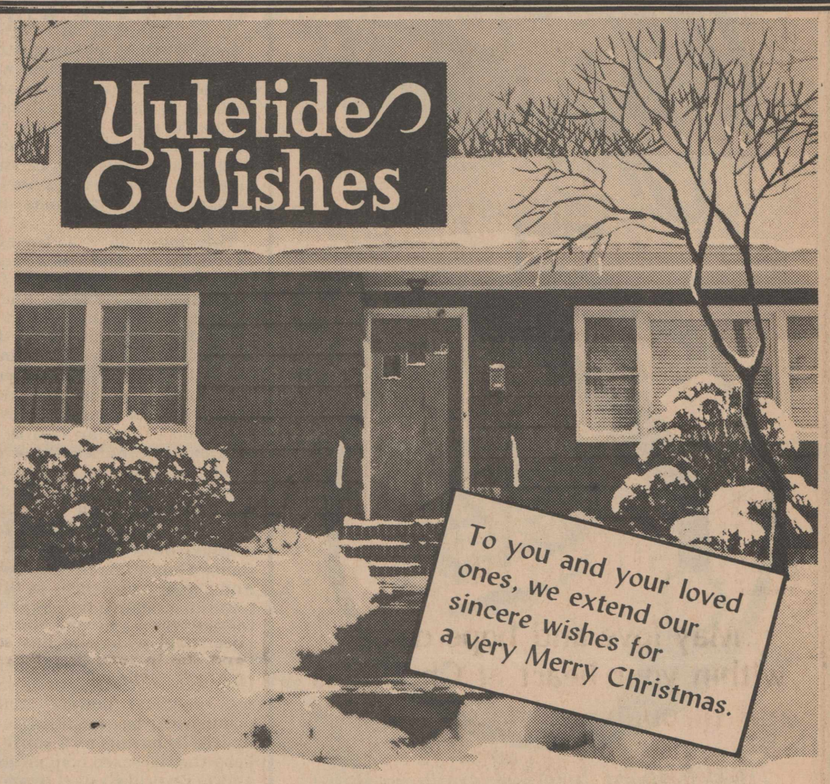
Hanging up stockings thus became part of the holiday ritual.



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Greeting Cards Chronicle Manners, Customs, Events

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

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

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

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

"In an English card of 1892," said Miss Mooney, "the formality existing between children and parents in that Victorian era is quite clearly expressed by the artist. He depicts a little girl on bended knee at her mother's feet solemnly offering her a Christmas bouquet. Just 40 years later, a Christmas card of 1930 shows how relaxed filial relations had become with its breezy greeting that says, '3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!' ".

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

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

"You 'Auto' be Happy
As you, on Pleasure's
Motor-Car
Steer merrily thro' Christ-
mastide . . .
Speed gaily as fun always
'Auto!' "

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

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

During World Wars One and Two Christmas cards became unblushingly patriotic. Verses like "On Christmas Night . . . With Holly Berries Gleaming Bright, Our Thoughts fly true O'er Ocean Blue and take a Christmas Wish to you" on a 1917 card brought balm to homesick doughboys.

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

In 1959 Christmas cards entered the space age when Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov decorated his season's greetings with pictures of three Lunik satellites. And after John Glenn's space flight, American card companies came out with a spate of cards that featured space ships, orbiting Santas and rockets.

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

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

TALLEST TREE

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U.S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind., "tree" — the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

In South Pacific

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

IN NEW ZEALAND

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

In Holland

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

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

Dolls Play Dual Role



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Used Today as Christmas Toys And for Figures in Creche

On Christmas morning, little girls throughout the land will lovingly cuddle new dolls and declare to one and all how wonderful a gift they have received. At the same time, beautiful creche dolls will be displayed in churches and homes as part of the Christmas setting.

This dual role — as toy and as religious symbol—is a function that dolls have filled for centuries, according to Encyclopedia Americana. And it is generally believed that the first use of dolls was religious, rather than for entertainment.

Historians report the doll originally was used as a representation of human figures in religious sanctuaries. The word "doll" itself, in fact, is derived from the Greek word "eidolon," meaning "idol."

Archaeologists have unearthed dolls in the ruins of tombs thousands of years old. And their presence in the tombs is assumed by some historians to mean the objects were included as idols.

Among some ancient societies, dolls were thought to possess mystical powers. Many primitive tribes included such figures in burials as a spirit to keep the deceased company in another world. Today, in addition to the creche dolls of Christendom, dolls hold a religious importance in the Orient, where annual doll festivals are held to celebrate the birthday of Buddha.

As toys, dolls have existed for centuries. The earliest toy dolls known were discovered in the Near East and Greece. These primitive dolls were made of clay, stone or bone.

Typical was the legless paddle doll of ancient Egypt which was made from a single, flat piece of pottery or wood.

Although dolls today may be extremely complex and filled with electrical gadgets, dolls of the 17th and 18th centuries frequently were even more elaborate.

They became so elaborate, in fact, that they were sent to court, and in times of war special dispensations were made to assure their safe transport to a peaceful refuge, like works of art.

In Russia

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

SIGHTING ROBINS

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

Youngsters Told Where Santa Is "Right At Home"

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

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

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

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

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

IT'S A HOLIDAY

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



May the sounds of Christmas... happy children's laughter, crackling busy fires, sweet ringing bells—compose a carol in your heart.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shakespeare, however, preferred to write of Sir Toby Belch, Malvolio, Olivia and others, and critics can only speculate upon what might have been if he had taken "Twelfth Night" for his theme as well as his title.

In Japan

December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store decorations and the happy squeals of youngsters gifted by "Santa Claus San."

Department stores may have as many as 100 Santas.

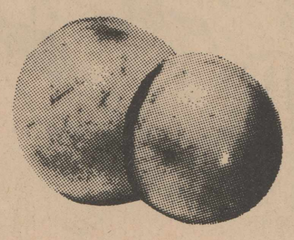
In Germany

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



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Rushed Shoppers Create Hazard In Heavy Traffic

Rushed and distracted shoppers in busy downtown areas create a special traffic safety hazard during the last week before Christmas. And in spite of the danger created by more motorists and street crowds, many shoppers seem to operate on the theory that they lead some sort of a charmed existence -- utterly immune to traffic accidents.

But, J. O. Musick, general manager of the Texas Safety Association, says this just isn't so!

"Previous records and statistics point to the fact that the traffic accident and death counts during December are among the highest of each year," Musick explains. "In addition, surveys show that about one out of four traffic accidents at Christmastime involves pedestrians."

The average Christmas shopper finds himself in the predicament of having waited too long before beginning his round of shopping, with the result that he unwittingly becomes a part and parcel of the high holiday traffic crush -- or crash.

He pointed out that with each passing hour before the Christmas holiday begins, this crush becomes heavier and more complicated. Almost 40 percent of the fatalities at Christmastime occur between 6 p.m. and midnight Christmas Eve.

"As throngs of shoppers scurrying here and there laden themselves down with bundles and packages, they increase their vulnerability to accidents. Their vision often is obscured and they may not see danger until it's too late," Musick said.

Congestion - motor vehicle and pedestrian - often leads to accidents. Intersection crowds frequently jump traffic lights, stepping off curbs while traffic is still in the crosswalk or darting hurriedly accross the street as traffic apparently slows, but does not actually stop.

Winter weather and the early hours of darkness increase hazards for pedestrians. "Pedestrians must be especially watchful of traffic during bad weather. They also must be alert to sidewalk hazards. Rain slick walks and pavement can be the cause of death-dealing or disabling falls," the safety director added.

With fewer daylight hours in December, there are more hours when pedestrians are on the streets. Nighttime shopping hours also increase pedestrian traffic. Pedestrians must take extra precautions at nighttime. Drivers can see a pedestrain much quicker if he is wearing something white or light in color at night. Strips of fluorescence tape on umbrellas and handbags help light up the pedestrian at night.

Once the pedestrian gets safely to his motor vehicle, Musick suggests he take these special driving precautions.

Watch out for those persons still walking. Avoid window shopping when behind the wheel, no matter how festive shop windows may be.

Be on the alert for traffic lights. In the gaily festooned shopping districts, it is easy to mistake a Christmas ornament for a traffic light or vice versa. Do not pile Christmas packages so high in the back seat of your car that the rear view window is blocked.

"And remember, leave holiday 'spirits' at home. In the pandemonium of downtown Christmas traffic, you need all your wits for driving or walking," he concluded.

MOTHER VISITING

Mrs. Audrey Williams of California is spending the holidays with her son and wife Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams.

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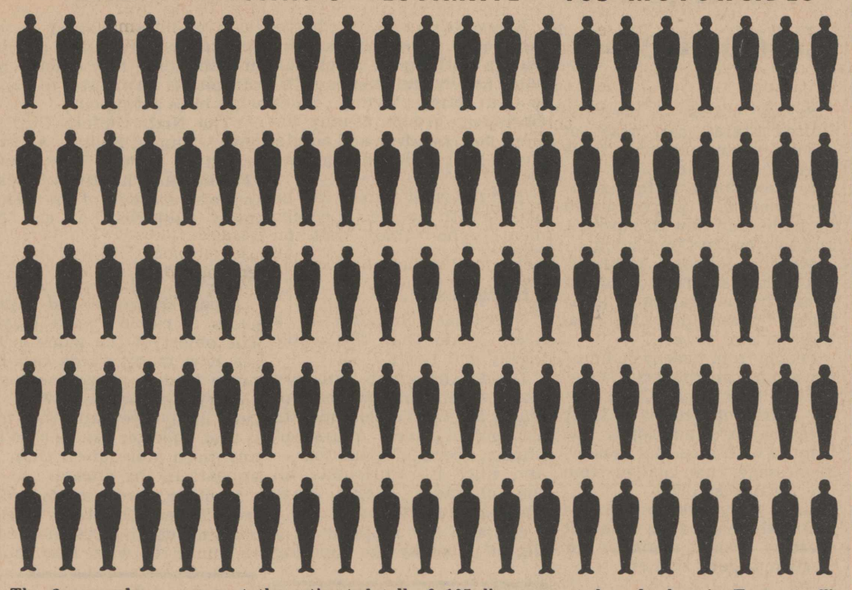


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OPERATION "DEATHWATCH"

DEC. 24 *thru* JAN. 3 ESTIMATE 105 MOTORCIDES



The figures above represent the estimated toll of 105 lives expected to be lost in Texas traffic accidents during the 11-day holiday period from December 24 through January 3. During this period, the Texas Department of Public Safety will tabulate these tragedies as they occur and make periodic releases in an effort to focus public attention on the added dangers of holiday travel. A special appeal has been issued to Texans to do their part in proving the estimate is too high.

Research May Cut Heart Toll In County

Of importance to residents of Lamb County, where heart disease is responsible for 46.6 percent of the annual mortality, are plans for an all-out assault on one phase of the problem--strokes.

Uncle Sam is getting set for a major research attack that will involve a net work of Federally financed "stroke centers," serving every section of the country. The ultimate cost will be around $30,000,000 a year.

Because strokes take 200,00 lives a year in the United States and afflict ten times that number of people, the problem is considered urgent.

The 46.6 percent heart mortality among Lamb County residents is reported in the lastest figures from the U. S. Public Health Service.

Nationally, by way of comparison, the disease accounts for 56.3 percent of the total mortality. In the West South Central States it is 51.5 percent and, in the State of Texas, 50.3 percent.

The ratios vary considerably from one area of the country to the other. Suggested explanations for the variations include diet, exercise, stress, hereditary factors and differences in physical characteristics and activities.

In the Lamb County population, out of a total of 206 deaths from all causes in 1962, according to the latest vital statistics report, 96 were due to heart ailments. Of these, 25 were attributed to strokes.

The plans for the "stroke centers" call for them to be installed at existing medical institutions. They will be manned by special teams of stroke specialists, ranging from surgeons to speech therapists, who will treat patients and, at the same time carry on their research.

What can a person do to minimize the likelihood of a heart attack? Most of the authorities agree that a low fat diet and moderate exercise on a regular basis are two of the essentials.

They also recommend weight control, sufficient rest each day, avoidance of tensions and anxieties as much as is possible and moderation in smoking.

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The above number is the home phone of Police Chief Emmett Burrows, who issued an appeal this week that all night calls be to this number.

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BOWLING NEWS

In the Aces Mixed Bowling looked like this:

Shelby Insurance, 34 1/2 - 17 1/2; Hart Camp Gin, 29-23; Citizens State Bank, 29-23; Consumers, 27 1/2- 24 1/2; Dorris Machinery, 24-24; Anita's, 22-30; Farmer's Gin, 21-27; Team #1 , 17-35.

Shelby Insurance won 4 over Hart Camp Gin, Dorris Machinery took 3 from Anita's Style-art, Team #1 won 3 over Farmers Gin and Citizens State Bank tied 2 and 2 with Consumers.

Shelby Insurance had high team game, 688, and high series , 2037.

For the men, Pody Welch had both high individual game and high series with 214 and 551.

For the ladies, Marlene Stewart took both honors with 214 and 590.

Little Towns Of Bethlehem Celebrate

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

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

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

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

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

Creche Is Constructed

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

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

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

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

Traditional Since 1741

Celebrated, complete with organ and orchestral music, in the Central Moravian Church, it has been a tradition since 1741, when Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, holding a lighted candle, led his people into a cabin and named their settlement Bethlehem in honor of the Christ Child.

Decorated trees also play an important part during Bethlehem's nationally famous Christmas festival on the Hill-to-Hill bridge connecting various parts of the city.

Every Christmas since 1951, a 60-foot star erected by townspeople has guided visitors to Bethlehem, Georgia.

On Christmas night, a carol service is held beneath the star.

When Christmas Groups Gather, It's Game Time

Everyone's a child at Christmas time, and that's why there's nothing as much fun when family and friends gather as game-playing. Since Christmas groups usually include both children and adults, games that both can enjoy are best.

The following games can be played with no special equipment, other than that on hand.

Charades . . .

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

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

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

"The Night Before Christmas," "Jingle, Bells," "A Partridge in a Pear Tree," and "Filling the Christmas Stocking" are just some of the many, many subjects that can be used.

Word Play . . .

A popular pencil-and-paper game is called "word play." The object of the game is to see how many words can be made from a phrase such as "Merry Christmas to All." A time limit is set, and the rule is that no letter can be used in any word more often than it appears in the phrase.

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

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

Santa's Sleigh . . .

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

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

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

"Iesous"

"Iesous ahatonhia!"

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

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

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

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

In his martyrdom, his words live on, for the Hurons remembered their carol, "Iesous ahatonhia!"

Holy Tree Blooms Every Christmas

Every Christmas, the phenomenon of the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D.C.

Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn blooms in the ancient English town of Glastonbury. Sometime during the same month, an off-shoot of the same tree bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close.

According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea neared Glastonbury, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

While pausing to rest at the top of a hill overlooking the town, he drove his staff in the ground, where it immediately took root. The next day, Christmas Eve, it had turned into a thorn tree covered with blossoms.

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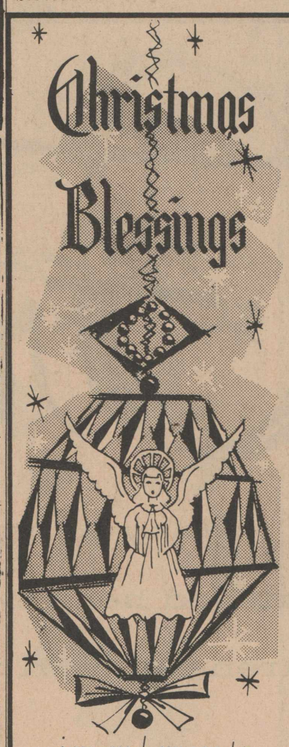
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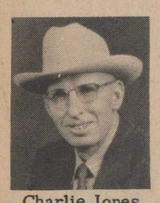




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"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." To humble shepherds keeping watch over their flocks in starlit fields, the triumphant message of the herald angels burst forth in fullest glory. And for the Wise Men from afar, the brilliant light of a Star shone in the heavens, guiding them on their way. Then to the sacred manger, shepherds and Wise Men came, to worship and rejoice. Each year, as we hear the Christmas story and welcome anew the Christ Child in our hearts, we find a new meaning for life, a new hope for the future. For Christmas is not an ancient tale of bygone time. Christmas lives. Christmas is now. Christmas is ever wondrous, ever radiant with joy and promise. May all its blessings be yours.



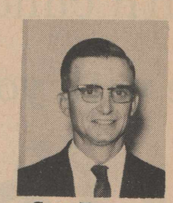
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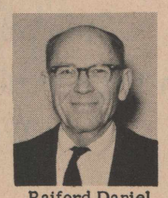
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THE YULE LOG STORY

Oh, how warm and bright that Yule Log burns on our Christmas night. The Yule Log's beginning can be traced centuries back. It is also generally believed that the traditional burning of the Yule Log was handed down to Scandinavian countries from English-speaking countries.

The Scandinavian feast of Winter Solstice was observed by the kindling of huge bonfires to the god Thor. In England the Yule Log was burned amidst great noise and song. The large castle estates had minstrels to sing to the log, but where no minstrels were available, it was customary for the family members to salute the log themselves.

Because of our modern living conditions the burning of the Yule Log here in America is virtually non-existent.

LEGENDS SURROUND PLANTS AND FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS

Everyone knows that mistletoe is traditionally hung at Christmastime, but few know the reason why, or the reasons behind the usage of many other plants and flowers during the holiday season. Mistletoe was first used in pagan rites; an old Scandinavian myth relates that Loki, the god of Evil, killed Balder, the god of Spring, with a mistletoe arrow. Balder's life was restored, and in gratitude, his mother, Frigga, decreed that mistletoe should never be used as a weapon again and promised to kiss anyone who passed beneath the plant. The Victorian English later introduced the custom of kissing under the mistletoe at Christmas.

The poinsettia has long been associated with the Yule season and has a beautiful story behind it. The legend tells of a poor young girl who longed to present a gift to the mother of Jesus but having nothing of value, picked a handful of weeds to present to Mary. As she presented her humble gift, the weeds were suddenly transformed into huge scarlet blooms, and thus was born the Christmas poinsettia.

Of course, the most beloved holiday decoration is the Christmas tree. A charming folktale from Germany tells how this tradition began: a poor wood-cutter lived deep in the forest with his wife and young son. One stormy Christmas Eve, as they were eating their dinner meal, they heard a knock at the door. They opened it to discover a cold and hungry little boy outside. They welcomed him into their home, sharing their simple meal with him. The wood-cutter's son even insisted on giving up his bed so that the pitiful child might have a good night's rest. In the morning, the family was awakened by the singing of angels and found that their mysterious guest was none other than the Child Jesus! "I have accepted your gifts, and here is Mine to you," the Child said, breaking off a branch from a fir tree and placing it in the ground. "This shall always bear its fruit at Christmas, and you will always have abundance!" Thus, according to the legend, began the custom of setting up trees within the home at Christmas.



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EVERYBODY LOVES CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Pfeffernuesse

1 lb. sugar	2 tsp. cloves
4 eggs	½ tsp. black pepper
1½ cups currants	1 tsp. nutmeg
1½ cups walnuts	3 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. cinnamon	4 cups sifted flour

Roll into one-inch balls with hands. Bake on greased cookie sheet for 18 minutes at 350°.

Honig Kuchen

1 cup honey	2 cups sifted flour
1 cup sugar	½ tsp.salt
2 tbsp. orange juice	2-2/3 cups almonds

1 oz. each citron, orange, lemon peels
¼ tsp. each cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, allspice

Heat honey. Add sugar and juice. Grind peels, blanched almonds. Add to sugar. Add flour and other dry ingredients. Cover and chill 8 days. Roll thin and cut with floured cutter in heart shapes, topping with almond. Bake on greased sheets 8 to 10 minutes in 325° oven. Frost with mixture of confectioner's sugar, orange juice and grated rind. Store in airtight container two weeks.



Fattigmand

5 egg yolks
1 egg white
2 tablespoons sugar
1¼ cups flour
¼ cup whipping cream
¼ tsp. grated lemon rind
½tsp. cinnamon
⅛ tsp. cardamon

Beat eggs and sugar together until well blended. Add whipped cream and lemon rind. Add sifted dry ingredients. Let stand overnight. Roll thin and cut in diamond shapes. Make slit in center of each and pull one corner through slit. Fry in hot fat until brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Dust with sugar.



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The Story Of The First Christmas

"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 Judaea, 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.

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 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 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 unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to 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."

Almost 2,000 years have passed since the occurrence of the events described by Luke in his Gospel narrative, yet man still listens in wonder at "those things which were told them by the shepherds."

That wondrous message given to us by the humble shepherds through the Scriptures is not merely the account of the birth of a Child to an obscure carpenter's wife in a remote little Judaean village; it is the message of a hope fulfilled, a promise kept, and the culmination of years of faithful waiting by the children of Israel.

With the angels' chorus upon that starry night came the joyful news that a Saviour had indeed been born, as foretold by the prophets, one whose name would be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

But even more than being the announcement of a long-awaited historical event, the message of that Christmas was one of love — a love that transcends our human understanding and reaches into every heart that will receive it.

For it was love that was born into this world on that very first Christmas.

CANDLES CREATE GAY HOLIDAY SETTING

Although the origin of Yuletide candles has long been forgotten, candles at Christmastime are a well-loved tradition in most homes today. Nothing quite equals the lovely, soft glow of graceful tapers, particularly when displayed in an imaginative setting. An especially effective centerpiece can be designed with tree ornaments, combined with sprays of flat cedar, dipped in white paint and sprinkled with artificial snow; or clusters of fir branches and pine cones can also be used to great advantage with colorful candles. Brighten your home during the holiday with candlelight!





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

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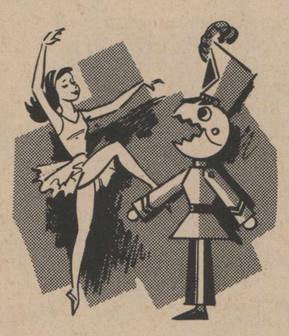


May each of us in our own individual way so rededicate our lives that brotherhood of man will become a wonderful reality, and that the true meaning of Christmas will be felt everywhere, for all time to come.

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"THE NUTCRACKER"



One Christmas Eve, many years ago, a little girl named Marie received as a gift a wonderful wooden nutcracker. No ordinary kitchen tool, this—but a brave hussar with high black shako and bright red coat, who cracked nuts between his teeth every time he clicked his heels. No wonder Marie stole softly downstairs to see him again! But what was her astonishment, reaching the tree, to find a fierce battle raging between the plump parlor mice and the come-alive toy soldiers. To protect her from harm, the valiant nutcracker transformed himself into a boy prince, and bore her away to the land of the Sugar Plum Fairy. There, all her favorite candies joined in dances representing the countries from which they originated.

Light as spun sugar themselves, the children traveled on through the frosty night to the land of the Snow King and his Queen. Before scintillating thrones of ice, they whirled with the dazzling snowflakes, until a drift of perfumed blossoms melted the ice-bound court, and wreathed the drowsy children with the magic of spring. Deep in a mist of dreams, Marie and the little Prince lost one another. When at last Marie awoke in her little white bed at home, the amazing nutcracker lay stiffly on the counterpane. But the Prince, long a changeling by enchantment, had escaped forever into the Land of Dreams Come True. Ever since that night, the nutcracker has refused to talk about the strange adventure. But at times there is a twinkle in his eye which amounts almost to a wink. Marie knows that he, too, will never forget! At great formal parties when her father and mother entertain the peers of the Realm, the nutcracker is an object of special delight to all — and only Marie truly knows why.

"the juggler"

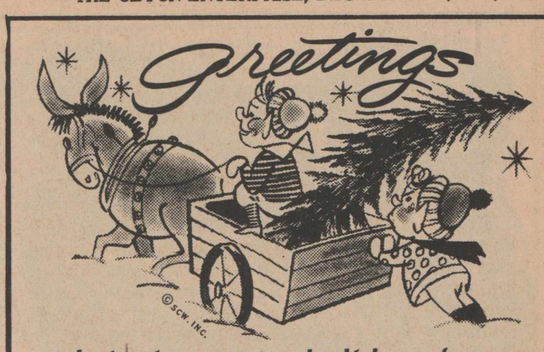


The juggler should have been happy. But, the truth to tell, no matter how wondrously he performed in the square before the great cathedral, he earned only jeers instead of coins. To add to his embarrassment, the Prior of the cathedral admonished him for desecrating a holy place. The poor juggler, possessed of the kindest of hearts, was sore distressed. On the admonition of the Prior, he renounced the vagabond life and became a monk, to attone for a wastrel life.

Soon thereafter, the monks were readying a festival to Our Lady. The erstwhile juggler decided to bring to the altar the only gift of which he was capable. Consequently, colorfully dressed again, he began to juggle before the statue of the Virgin. Horrified, the other monks sought to stop him. Imagine their wonder when the Blessed Mary herself intervened, stepping graciously from her pedestal with arms outstretched. Tenderly, she raised the prostrate juggler and wiped his brow with a fold of her raiment. The spellbound priests looked on in speechless awe. Only one was heard to murmur, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." "Amen", said all the rest.

From this simple story, brought to us through the ages, we learn that no gift, however lowly, however ordinary, need be unworthy, if it is offered with a sincere depth of feeling, a humility, and above all an abiding faith.

The legend of "The Juggler" derives from an old French tale of the twelfth century. It has been translated into many tongues, has been adapted into countless dramatic forms and inspired many reverent musical works, also. Perhaps the most famous of all is the Anatole France version, "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame" which has become a Christmas classic and from which our story above was adapted.



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CHRISTMAS TIME CUSTOMS ARE WIDE AND VARIED

In most cases, the customs, the names and Yuletide celebration dates across the world are not the same.

For example: **SOUTH AMERICA** because of its overall balmy weather and own particular customs celebrates Yuletide amidst clicking castanets and ringing bells. The main day for exchanging gifts is Epiphany.

MEXICO begins its Christmas the 16th of December with the posadas which means "inns," in remembrance of the Holy Family searching for a place to stay. Children then receive their gifts the 6th of January, which is Epiphany.

GERMANY commences its holiday festivities on St. Nicholas Day. Since Germany originated the Christmas Tree theme, ornately decorated trees play an important part.

THE ENGLISH Christmas holiday is much like ours. But gift-exchanging does not occur until Boxing Day, the 26th of December. This age-old tradition comes from feudal times when the lords filled up boxes with money and presented them to their servants. The land "down under" — **AUSTRALIA** — because of its midsummer climate celebrates its Christmas outdoors; beach parties are common.

In **JAPAN,** Christmas is a grand affair since the nation adopted western secular traditions. You'll find St. Nick, uniquely decorated trees and gifts, but little or no meaning is given to the Christian religious aspect of this holiday.

TURKEY where Saint Nicholas was born celebrates Christmas for three consecutive days and nights.

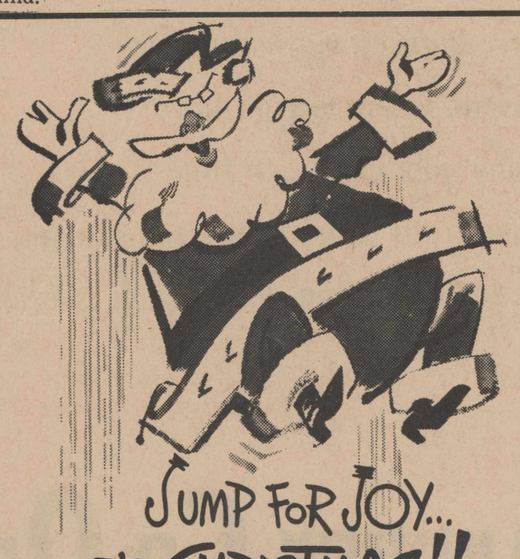




OLD SANTA HAS MANY NAMES

The giving of gifts, since the Wise Men and shepherds brought gifts to the Holy Child, is traditional to this present day. But Santa's name differs from country to country. **POLAND** has Mother Star who brings the gifts, for Father Star is to be feared.

In **HOLLAND** it is St. Nicholas who distributes gifts in children's shoes near the chimney. To the **SWISS** the gifts are brought by an Angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by 6 reindeer. The **ENGLISH** await Father Christmas. The **SPANISH** wait for the bearing of gifts from the traditional Three Wise Men. **ITALIANS** receive their gifts from "La Befana" who carries a broom and goes from house to house in search of the Christ Child.



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SAINT FRANCIS ORIGINATED THE YULE CAROL

At this most joyous of seasons, have you ever wondered how our modern-day Christmas carol came about? None other than St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, is credited with originating the Christmas carol as we know it.

It was he who first conducted a Christmas mass, singing the Gospel and giving the main sermon in song. This new and wonderful way of saying the mass was kept alive till the time of Richard the Lion-hearted. Minstrels and folk-singers passed them on from generation to generation.

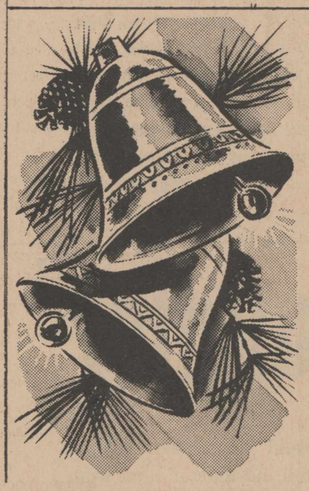
During the 15th Century the singing of the Gospel broke away from the austere, sombre chants of the Church, going on to achieve greater magnificence and musical splendor.

In the 17th century, during the Puritan's time, the Christmas carol went into a decline because of the belief that celebrations should not be joyous. Not until the 19th century did the Carol have a semblance of returning with all of its jovial popularity. And this was achieved only through illegal printing and singing of carols in private homes.

It was not until 1840 that the Christmas carol regained and maintained all of its popularity. For during this year the world's most famous Christmas carol was published, "Silent Night." Up to this present day all of its joys and hopes and reverence are still felt in all its simple beauty.



CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLS -- Curt Gregory, son of Mr. and Mr.s Dan Gregory, and Evelyn Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher, rearrange the ornaments on the Christmas tree in the lobby of the elementary school here.



The Bells Of Locen

A delightful legend surrounds the custom of bell-ringing at Christmas. Many years ago, so the story goes, the little town of Locen, Holland, boasted two fine bells that gave forth clear, lovely tones. But one night they mysteriously disappeared. In vain the townspeople searched for them; then, on Christmas Eve, at the stroke of midnight, the familiar bell tones rang out. No one knew where the sound came from but each successive Christmas Eve the bells rang out over the little town and their fame spread far and wide.



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ALL I WANT IS -- Though the requests were numerous, Santa paid close attention to each and every single boy and girl he talked to during his Olton visit.

A VISIT FROM St. Nicholas

'Twas 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 our brains for a long winter's nap;
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my 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.
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.
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!
On, Comet! on Cupid! on Donder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
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 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!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of 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 bowlful of jelly.
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 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;
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!"

by Dr. Clement Clark Moore



END OF A VISIT -- Like all good things, even a visit from Santa Claus must end. But as Santa waved goodbye, he promised to return on Christmas eve.

Fun For The Youngsters



Half the fun of Christmas for small-fry is the joy of making things. The tree ornament most prized by the entire family is often the construction-paper chain the baby made!

Let your children stencil a green paper Christmas tree, affix it to a wall, and paste on it the cards they receive.

Or encourage them to draw a gigantic sock on ornamental wrapping paper. Mounted on cardboard and pasted to an open-end box, it holds pine boughs, bells, gift packages, Christmas ornaments and bows to make a very welcome decoration for the front door.

Several delightful afternoons can be passed in making a "gingerbread house" for the Christmas table centerpiece. First, fashion a hip-roof cottage of cardboard. (A deep box bottom is ideal for the four walls, a folded shirt cardboard for the roof. Tape triangular "gables" to two opposite box "walls"). Next, cover the entire structure with butter icing. Outline windows with gumdrops; make chimney of large round gumdrop notched to fit over ridgepole. The roof can be shingled with overlapping chocolate nonpareils, and an oblong cookie makes a marvelous door. Thick sugar syrup brushed on a flat cardboard and dusted with sparkling granulated sugar makes an ideal snowy "landscape" for your fairy-tale house. Ornamented evergreen shaped cookies make a fitting "forest."

A wire coat hanger, twisted into an interesting shape and brightened with gilt paint, makes a mobile when hung with gilded pine cones, paper angels, ornaments, and aluminum foil cut-outs.

Milk cartons minus tops make jumbo gift candles! Knot a lengthwise cord through the bottom, fill with melted paraffin, and let set, making sure cord remains tautly upright. Tear off cardboard, and the children can stud it with sequins or foil stars.



To you and yours.

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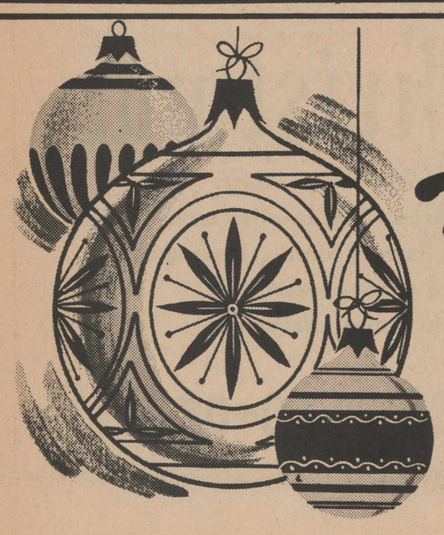


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SANTA INSPIRES WRITINGS

That jolly old gentleman called Santa has become as much a part of Christmas as the beloved tree, and with good reason — he is celebrated in poems and other writings familiar to us all.

One of the most famous poems ever written concerns a Christmas Eve call by Santa, as described in "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Dr. Clement Clark Moore. Since the penning of that delightful poem in 1822, it has been reproduced countless times and is a holiday tradition in itself.

Santa was also the inspiration for a very famous piece of journalism, the editorial, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," written by Frank P. Church of the New York Sun in 1897. It answered a now-famous letter to the editor, as posed by a little girl, Virginia O'Hanlon, who was disturbed by reports that Santa didn't really exist. Church not only answered Virginia's question, he penned a classic tribute to Santa Claus that is still reprinted every holiday as part of the Christmas tradition.



The character of Santa was also the source for a popular motion picture of many years ago, "The Miracle on 34th Street." This screenplay was recently adapted to the stage and was a great success on Broadway as the musical, "Here's Love."

Then, too, Christmas cards have become Santa's "calling cards" to a very marked degree. To the card-designer St. Nick assumes many personalities — jovial, humorous, fatherly, mischievous — to enliven the homes all over the world. On the Christmas card Santa becomes highly decorative, indeed, in all his many guises.

And we mustn't forget the thousands of letters written by tiny tots, lovingly telling Santa of their special hopes and dreams — if Santa does exist, these surely must be his favorite Christmas literature of all!

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THE ORIGINS OF JOLLY OLD SANTA CLAUS

The droll figure we Americans know as Santa is actually a combination of many legends, reaching as far back as 200 A.D.

St. Nicholas, the forerunner of our modern St. Nick, was known for his generosity. After his death many European countries adopted him as their patron saint.

He was introduced to this country by the Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam, now known as New York City. St. Nicholas was imagined as a tall, thin figure in the robes of a bishop, until the 1800's when American artists began to picture him as short, fat and happy, much like the German version of "Sankt Nikolaus."

The reindeer-drawn sleigh is derived from the Swiss notion of a "Christkindl," or Kriss Kringle, and has since been appropriated as our own Santa.

The color of Santa's suit is a reminder of the red robes of a bishop worn by the original St. Nicholas.

So you see, Santa didn't just "happen" . . . like Topsy, he grew, out of the tales and fancies of many nations.

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HOW CHRISTMAS CAME INTO BEING

Our Holiday Season with its joyous feeling mixed with religious observance intrigues many as to its beginning. Of course there are many legends and interpretations concerning the origin of Christmas, its name and why we celebrate it during December. Much time and study were given to establish a reasonable date and answers to give us the Christmas we now enjoy. The fourth century is as far as clerical researchers and lay scholars can go, into history, to pinpoint the observance of our traditional Christmas. However, the custom of a Christmas festival was already established dating back from previous eras.

The word **Christmas** began as "Christ's Mass" or from old English "Christes Masse" or the Mass of the Christ. And it was St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, who strived to set up a universal day of observance from its regular spring celebration. The good bishop was granted permission by Pope Julius I to appoint leading theologians of the time to determine, as accurately as they could, the date of Christ's nativity. Having discovered many discrepancies and contradictions in astrological and astronomical calendars for the accurate celebration of Christ's Mass, the Church set the 25th of December for this joyous holiday.

So, since the year of 352 A.D. to this present day, the Saviour's birth has been observed. But, to this day, in some foreign countries, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates. Members of the Orthodox religion, such as the Russian, Greek and Ukrainian commemorate Christmas on the 6th of January. In most European countries, December 6th is the day chosen to to mark the beginning of the long and happy season.



CHILDREN EVERYWHERE LOVE SAINT NICHOLAS

Although he may have various names or come in as many guises, the spirit of St. Nicholas is known to youngsters the world over.

In France, he is called Pere Noel and he places the children's gifts in their shoes, rather than in their stockings.

In Spain, Santa takes the form of the Three Wise Men who bring gifts on the eve of Epiphany instead of Christmas Eve.

In Switzerland, it is the Christ Child who delivers gifts of toys, nuts, sweets, and cakes to youngsters.



A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Each Christmas finds thousands of pilgrims from around the world making their way to the birthplace of Christ, and once again the many sacred spots in the Holy Land are thronged by the faithful.

In Bethlehem, pilgrims make it a point to visit the Church of the Nativity, believed to have been built on the site where the Saviour was born.

In Nazareth, they can see the little town where Jesus lived with Mary and Joseph.

The Garden of Gethsemane is the place where Jesus wept and prayed before his crucifixion and in Jerusalem, pilgrims may visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditionally the place where Christ was crucified and buried.



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL FACTS OF INTEREST

Expeditions in recent years have thrown great light on early Christian customs as well as the Old Testament.

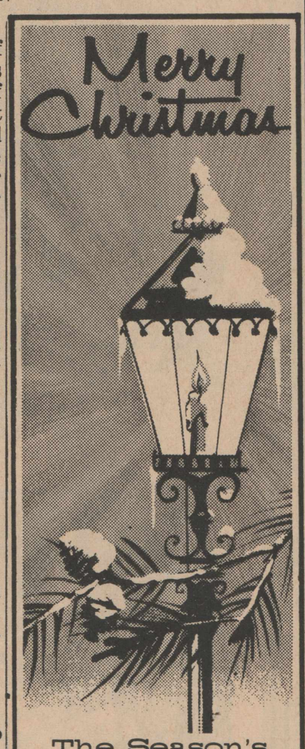
For example, studies of the walls of the catacombs used in the early period of Christianity show us that "X" was the Greek symbol used to represent the name "Christ." This accounts for the custom of abbreviating "Christmas" to "Xmas" which is still common today. Considered by many to be irreverent, in the light of history, it is not.

Half a mile from the Dead Sea, in a place called Qumran are 11 caves known as the Caves of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Here, according to recent archaeological findings, a sect known as the Essenes copied the scriptures of their day — approximately 100 B.C. to 70 A.D.

When the Roman Tenth Legion menaced the sect, they fled, leaving their precious manuscripts in jars and hiding them in secret caves.

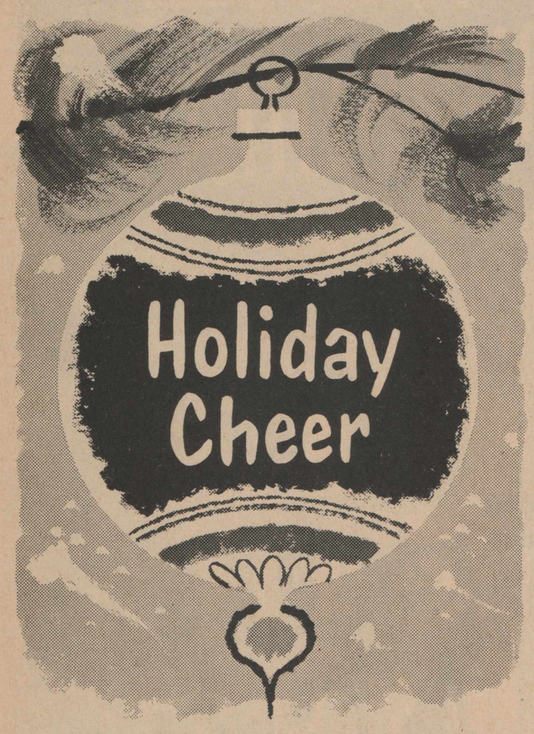
They never returned to recover these manuscripts and the latter's existence was unknown until 1947 when a Bedouin boy accidentally discovered them.

The scrolls include a complete text of Isaiah, 1,000 years older than any Hebrew version used in our Bible, and they corroborate the Bible in detail. No doubt as archaeological expeditions continue to unearth discoveries of older civilizations, they will throw more light on Christian customs.



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