



Along The Waterfront



Duck shooting has slowed up some during this calm warm weather, but there are a large number of hunters out and they usually all bring in some ducks and many get their limit. There is a cold norther predicted for tonight and the shooting should be very good when it gets here.

The fishermen are all having good luck this week, as there are lots of trout and redfish biting.

New Braunfels Angler Weekly Tournery Victor

J. F. Schwant of New Braunfels came up with the top catch of the week in the area Winter Fishing Sweepstakes.

Angling near Rockport he caught a seven-pound trout which measured 28 inches in length and had a 16-inch girth. His prize was a Phantom Bantam glass rod.

Theo Bozeman of Port Aransas caught a 42-pound, 32 1/2-inch drum for the top prize in that division, an electric alarm clock. Mrs. Lola Ingram of Corpus Christi caught the biggest sheephead of the Dec. 9-15 period—a four-pound fish which was taped at 17 inches. She won two cases of beer and a boat-fishing pass.

Bill Bardwell of Rockport, husband of the first woman winner of the tournament, caught a nine-pound red to win a case of out-board motor oil and six lures.

Rockport Lions Raise Funds for Children

The Rockport Lions Club had its regular dinner meeting Tuesday noon in the Methodist Church annex. There were two more members of the senior class of the Aransas County High School, Carl Svendsen and Dickie Ballou, present at the meeting. There were twenty present.

A voluntary donation of \$63 was taken up for the Lions Kerrville Crippled Children's Camp. The Lions who have not made donations for this camp are asked to do so.

Since the date for the next regular meeting of the Lions Club will be Jan. 1, the meeting has been postponed until Thursday, Jan. 3.

Refugio Man Dies from Injuries of Accident

The auto in which A. C. Green of Refugio was riding, skidded on the wet pavement on Highway 35, north of Rockport, one day last week and his car rolled over and across a fence. Green was taken to an Aransas Pass hospital, where he died a few hours later from injuries sustained in the accident.

Courthouse Personnel Will Have X'mas Party

Officials of Aransas county and the courthouse personnel will have a Christmas tree and party Friday afternoon at three o'clock in the courthouse, with an exchange of gifts.

Mrs. Hawes' Brother Prisoner In Korea

Mrs. John Hawes received a telegram this morning that her brother, Robert Dean Wahler, who has been reported missing since May 18, 1951, is a prisoner of war in Korea.

BANK TO CLOSE AT NOON CHRISTMAS EVE

The First National Bank of Rockport will close at 12 noon, Monday, Dec. 24, and will open for business again on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Young People Come Home For Christmas

A number of the Rockport young people who are students in different colleges in Texas, will spend the Christmas holidays at home with their families.

Miss Mary Ruth Dervage, who is attending S.T.S.T.C. at San Marcos, will be home today to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dervage and family through the holidays. Miss Dervage will receive her degree in January, at the close of the present semester.

Miss Patti Ballou, a Rice senior, will be home Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ballou and family.

Misses Sheena Currie and Kathryn Atwood, daughters of Mrs. Agnes Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Atwood, are coming home from T.S.C.W. in Denton, Thursday. Miss Alice Bell will be home from T.S.C.W. Sunday, to spend her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Annie Bell and family.

Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, will close for the holidays Thursday, and Miss Betty Garrett and Richard Simpson will be home with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Simpson and their families.

Students from A&M College who will be at home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson Jr. who will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson Sr., and Mike; Gene Smith will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roe, Sr. are expecting their daughter, Joy, home from school in Victoria, Friday evening.

Leon Thornton, who is attending Christian College in Abilene, arrived home Saturday to be with his father, C. K. Thornton and other relatives through the holidays. Leon will return to his classes on Jan. 2.

Boys from A&I in Kingsville who are here to spend the holidays with their families are Bobbie Little, Max Keller, Steve Atwood, Travis Smith and Jimmy Simmons. Their respective parents are, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Little, Mr. and Mrs. George Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. Somner Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Simmons. Thomas Crossman, who is also a student at A&I, will be home later.

John Cron will be home from Texas University Friday to be with his mother, Mrs. Charles Cron and family. Other students from the University who will be home Saturday for the vacation are Billy Rork, Sammy Hash, John McBride, John Paul Reese, and Misses Thelda Haynes and Martha Lee Roberts. Their respective parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Rork, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hash, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McBride, Mrs. Paul Reese, Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts.

Miss Virginia Easter, who has been attending Durham Business College in San Antonio since her graduation last spring, will be home Friday for the holidays. She will be with her mother, Mrs. Eunice Easter.

Fulton Lions Complete Plans for X'mas Party

Col. J. K. Gibson, president of the Fulton Lions Club, presided at the regular meeting held in the Blue Bonnet Cafe, Monday night, Dec. 17.

Besides the routine business, plans were completed for the Christmas party for the ladies, which will be held Thursday night, Dec. 27, in the Lions Club building on the Fulton School campus.

There were two visitors present, Robert Leth, from Ida Grove, Iowa, and Sheriff A. C. Shivers.

Singing Meet to Be At Methodist Church

The San Patricio-Aransas County Singing Convention will meet at the First Methodist Church in Rockport, next Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 4:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

Firemen's Tree Saturday, Dec. 22

The Fire Departments of Fulton and Rockport are sponsoring a county-wide Christmas tree which will be held in Rockport at the fire station, on Saturday night, Dec. 22, at 7 o'clock.

This Christmas tree is an annual affair and the fire boys are anxious for every child in the county to come to this tree. There will be a treat for all the preschool and school children who are not above the eighth grade.

This is the only county-wide entertainment planned for the Yuletide and every one is invited.

Business Owners Reminded of Store Tax Law Put In Effect Sept. 1

Hundreds of business owners in this area owe the state tax money and don't know it.

That's what the district office of the State Comptroller revealed in explaining a new tax on exemption of paying a tax for operating a business in Texas.

The new tax—the state prefers to call it a fee—applies to 17 types of businesses previously unobligated to pay any fee for a certificate of exemption.

A law put into effect by the Legislature Sept. 1 requires nearly every business in Texas to pay an increased store license fee or secure an exemption certificate if eligible.

But word of the law apparently has not reached the business owners.

W. R. Byrns, district supervisor of cigarettes and occupation tax division in this area, said his agents, in checking businesses, found owners completely unaware of any such law.

Here's what the new law will cost businesses:

If you own any of the 17 types of stores or mercantile firms exempt from paying a license fee tax, you can secure a certificate of exemption for \$5.00 for your first unit and \$10.00 for every additional unit you own.

That's for a full year beginning Jan. 1, 1952. For the remainder of this year, the costs are \$2.33 for one store and \$4.00 for each additional unit.

If you own a business not eligible to secure a certificate of exemption, your store license fee has been increased. The new costs for twelve months next year are \$5 for the first unit, \$10 for the second, \$28.50 for the third, etc.

For the last third of this year, the increased fee amounts to \$1.00 each for the first two stores, \$.84 for the third through the fifth, \$1.65 for the sixth through the tenth, \$5.00 for the 11th through the 20th.

The list of 17 types of business which do not have to pay a store license fee but must secure a certificate of exemption includes: Petroleum bulk stations, parking lots, garages, storage garages, gasoline filling stations, oil and gas supplies and equipment dealers, radio stations, dairies (retail), ice stations (wholesale and retail), lumber dealers, building material establishments, text book publishers, public utilities, distributing points (wholesale and retail), restaurants, sandwich shops and other eating places, and plumbing shops.

Applications for 1952 license or exemption certificate must be filed on or before Dec. 31, 1951, or pay a late filing fee of 50 cents plus 5% of the license or exemption fee.

Penalty for failure to display a license is from \$25 to \$250 in fines for each day that a business owner disregards the law.

Application for the store license or exemption certificate may be made at the State Comptroller's Department, 542 Wilson Building, Corpus Christi, or the Comptroller's Department, Capital Station, Austin, Texas.

Salt Water Fish Exhibited In Dallas

Pierre Fontaine, director of the Dallas Aquarium, was at the marine laboratory for two days this week, collecting species of salt water fish for exhibition at Dallas.

Tommy Cron On All-Tournament Team

The Rockport Pirates traveled to Bloomington last Saturday only to lose two games in the tournament. Their first encounter was lost to Edna by a score of 59 to 43. A brilliant performance by Tommy Cron was not enough to keep up with the fast Edna team. Cron dropped in 20 points for high point honors.

The Pirates came back in the afternoon for a clash with Ganada and lost 37 to 31. The Pirates were handicapped by a lack of height and were unable to control the ball long enough at a time to pull ahead of Ganada. Cron was high point man for this game also, as he poured in 15 points. Tommy Cron was the first selection on the all-tournament team in Bloomington. He scored 35 points in two games and controlled the board well for the Pirates.

The Pirates defeated Port Lavaca here Tuesday night in a weird contest by a 35-32 score. The Pirates were never behind and were going away with Cron and Ballou leading the way with 10 and 9 points, respectively. The Pirate "B" team also won 39-25 with Diffe meshing 18 points for the winners.

Last night the Pirates met and defeated a good team from West Oso. The Pirates won the "A" game 43-34. Smith of Rockport and Donder of West Oso, led the scorers with 19 points each. Ingersoll, Pirate forward, chipped in 10 points to cop winner-up honors in the scoring. The lead changed from team to team in the first quarter and was tied at 12-all at the beginning of the second quarter. The Pirates took the lead in the second quarter and widened the margin as the game progressed.

The Pirate "B" team won their game 48-28, with Bradshaw leading the way with 21 points.

Katherine Torres Chosen Winner of Crosley Contest Here Saturday

Miss Kathrynne Torres, Rockport, on Saturday, Dec. 15 was named as winner of a \$300 Crosley merchandise certificate given by Rockport Electric Co., as part of the giant national "American Way" contest conducted by the Crosley Division, Avco Manufacturing Corporation, and its distributors and dealers throughout the country.

The First Baptist Church of Rockport received a check for \$100 from B. W. Hamblin in behalf of Miss Torres as part of the contest.

Miss Torres was adjudged to have submitted to Rockport Electric Co. the best statement as to "What the 'American Way of Life' Means to Me." Special ceremonies were held at Rockport Electric Co. Saturday evening to award the prizes.

Miss Torres is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Torres, and is a senior student in Rockport High School.

Simon Lee Sorenson, selected by the judges of the contest as having submitted the second best statement, was awarded a Crosley radio by Rockport Electric Co.

All national entries originally entered at Rockport Electric Co. still are eligible for the 1,001 grand national prizes to be awarded by Crosley. Announcement of the winners of these prizes will be made on or before Jan. 31, 1952.

The Crosley Division of Avco and its dealers and distributors will have given away \$1,500,000 in merchandise certificates and more than \$500,000 to churches and recognized charities to use in their own communities before the contest is completed.

Magazine Salesman Arrested and Fined

A magazine salesman was selling magazines in Rockport last week and it is reported, got out of his line and started to take up a collection for war widows and orphans. The sheriff's department investigated the one-man collection campaign and found that he did not give receipts for the money he received and found he was putting the money in his pocket. He was tried in justice court and fined. He is still in the county jail.

Teachers Plan Varied Activities For Holidays

Teachers in the Aransas County schools have planned many and varied activities for the Christmas holidays, but all are looking forward to a very merry Christmas.

Superintendent and Mrs. Harbin and son will visit relatives in Refugio and spend some time in the Rio Grande Valley, while Dave Coleman and family will go to Montell when school is out Friday and spend their vacation in the hills.

O. P. Hastings and family will go to San Antonio and Grady Kincannon and family are going to Bryan and Bullard for a few days.

Miss Polly Isaacks is going to Liberty Hill and points north, while Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gilpin will spend Christmas with Mrs. Gilpin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeBoard at Hallettsville.

Miss Catherine Warnken will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Warnken in Poth, and Mrs. Dean Smith and Eddie are going to Denton for their holidays.

Mrs. Blaylock plans to stay at home, and will have Christmas dinner with her son, Billy Blaylock, and family, in Aransas Pass. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Baldwin are going home to Huntsville for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roe Jr. are planning to spend Christmas in their new home in Rockport. Miss Charlotte Cron and Mrs. Agnes Currie plan to remain in Rockport also.

Miss Lura Greene and Miss Billy Bailey are going to Palestine, and Sam Suhler will spend Christmas at his home in Luling.

Miss Katie Lee Clarke is leaving Friday evening for West Columbia, where she will spend the holiday season with her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. W. Clarke. Mrs. Charlyne Hunt and Mrs. Bertha Harper will enjoy their holidays at home with their families.

Mrs. Golda James is still undecided whether to spend Christmas at home or go to the Valley. Mrs. Lillian Sorenson will go to Gonzales and Houston to be with relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Segler are spending the Yule season at San Marcos and Mrs. Hazel Prophet, accompanied by Mr. Prophet and son, Leo, will spend part of the holiday season in San Antonio.

Mrs. Ruth Hayden, in company with Mr. Hayden, Nancy, Cloyce, and Jimmy, are all going to Holden, Okla., for the holidays. They will visit Mrs. Hayden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nolen and Mr. Hayden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hayden. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hayden will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Griffith and children are spending the holidays at Cisco and Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are going to El Campo and Alice to spend the holiday season and Mrs. J. M. Coward is going home to Refugio and George West to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard M. Owens and children are going to Wortham in East Texas, while Miss Helen McLennan will remain here for the holidays.

Rotarians Entertain Two Guests at Luncheon

The Rockport Rotary Club had its weekly meeting Wednesday noon with two guests, Merritt Hulett of Saratoga, New York, and C. L. Utz of Tribune, Kan., present.

Fred A. Bracht, president, presided, and Dudley Bracht had charge of the program. He introduced Forrest English, secretary of the Refugio Rotary Club, who made an interesting talk on inventory and planning for the future farther down the line.

Rockport and Refugio Rotary Clubs are going to have an inter-city meeting on Wednesday night, Jan. 30, in Rockport. The Refugio club will present the program. This will be Rotary-ann night.

Negro Admits Killing Game Refuge Keeper For 2 Illegal Ducks

Palestine, Tex. — A meek looking Negro hunter admitted that he shot and killed a state biologist whose body was found Sunday in the icy waters of a game refuge marsh.

Alton Paris, 59, said in a statement to Sheriff Roy Herrington that he blasted Gus Engeling, 33, in the face with a shotgun charge last Thursday.

Engeling, who was employed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, formerly made his home in Rockport with his wife and children.

The biologist, who managed the state's 9,000-acre refuge 20 miles north of here, had caught the little Negro shooting ducks. Engeling's body was found wedged under a large fallen tree in shallow water by Ed Montgomery of Palestine about noon as 200 men waded the 100-acre marsh in freezing weather.

Paris tried to wrest Herrington's pistol from its holster as the sheriff took a stenographer and several witnesses into the Negro's cell. Paris bit a chunk out of the finger of Joe Calvit, Palestine Herald press reporter who helped subdue him.

Handcuffed, the Negro related this story:

Paris had killed two ducks when Engeling walked up.

"He picked up the two ducks I had shot. I started running. I jumped on a broken log and ran into the water and came out on a little island. I went through a thicket and hit the water again. He ran around and kind of cut in on my side. I just whirled my gun around back and fired the gun and he threw my ducks up in the air and fell."

Paris picked up the ducks, went to his home about two miles away and changed his clothes. He gave the ducks to another Negro.

Paris returned to the body next day and hid it while hundreds of men were splashing through the marsh, some of them only a few yards away.

Paris made his statement after being shown his gold-rimmed eyeglasses found near Engeling's body.

The search for Engeling began Thursday when he failed to return to his truck parked near a pipeline under repair.

Paris was picked up that night on a tip that he frequently hunted in the refuge.

Paris waded the marsh with the searchers Friday, giving no evidence of nervousness. Herrington told him to go home. Two woodsmen tried to follow the Negro but he disappeared in the brush.

That was when he dragged Engeling's 200-pound 6-foot frame 20 feet and jammed it in 18 inches of water under the log with another log on top.

Highway Dept. to Hold Meeting With County Officials, Car Dealers

The Texas Highway Department has advised The Pilot that a meeting will be held in the Palm Room of the Nueces Hotel in Corpus Christi, on Jan. 3, at 8 p. m. with the personnel of the local motor vehicle dealers, finance companies, banks and others, to discuss procedure used in obtaining registrations and certificates of title on motor vehicles and attendant problems.

The number of vehicles now registered annually in Texas is 3,137,625 and is expected to increase. It is the desire of this department to coordinate the work of these business firms, the county tax collector and the motor vehicle division in order to render the past possible service to the public.

Highway Patrol Makes D.W.I. Arrest

Sunday the Texas Highway Patrol arrested Peter Hall, an employee of Pedens, and charged him, with driving while intoxicated, and filed felony charges against him, as it is reported this was his second offense. He has been released on \$750 bond.

Churches Plan Traditional Christmas Services

Traditional Christmas services and parties will celebrate Christ's birthday at most of the churches during the Yuletide season.

Christmas is a simple festival that appeals to every one, because every one can understand it. A genuine fellowship pervades our common life — a fellowship whose source is in our common share in the gift of the world's greatest Life, which was given to the whole world.

The Methodist Church has been emphasizing the meaning of Christmas in its program of services during the past two weeks, and will continue to do so during this Christmas season. During the morning worship service on last Sunday, the pastor preached on the topic, "A Man Who Was Troubled at Christmas!" The theme for the evening service last Sunday night was "Songs at Christmas."

The W.S.C.S. had their Christmas meeting and social on last Thursday evening. This meeting also helped to stress the importance of Christ during the Christmas season and all times of the year.

On this Sunday morning, Dec. 23, the pastor's sermon topic will be "Some of the Greatest Christmas Gifts." Then on Sunday night at 7 o'clock, the church school will present its annual Christmas program. After this program the Young People and Young Adults of the church will go on a caroling tour of the community.

There will be a special Christmas Eve midnight service at the Methodist Church, Monday, Dec. 24 at 11 o'clock. You are cordially invited to this service.

The Fulton Community Church will have a Christmas program and tree at the church building on Saturday night at 7:30. Every one is invited to attend.

The Presbyterian Sunday School and Church had a Christmas tree in the assembly room Wednesday night especially for the younger group, and Rev. T. H. Pollard will deliver a special Christmas sermon at the worship service Sunday morning, and the junior choir will render special Christmas numbers.

Sunday night the Women of the Presbyterian Church are sponsoring a pageant, "Behold This Child," at 7:30 o'clock, for the Joy Gift program.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockport, is having special Christmas services on Sunday, Dec. 23. There will be morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. conducted by Harry Carter, layreader in charge.

There will be midnight services on Christmas Eve, commencing with carol singing at 11:15, followed by sermon and celebration of Holy Communion. The Very Rev. Dean I. O. Walton will officiate at this service.

The pupils of the Sacred Heart Catholic School will have a party Thursday afternoon at the school building and Friday night these children will give two plays at the school building. One of these plays is of a religious nature and the other is a comic play with Santa (Continued on next page)

R. S. Hodges Names Boy Scout Operating Committee Chairmen

R. S. Hodges, Boy Scout Karankawa District chairman elect, announced last week the appointment of operating committee chairmen for the district for the year 1952. W. T. Henry of Sinton was named advancement chairman; Judge W. E. Nicholas of Sinton, organization and extension chairman; C. I. Jennings of Sinton, camping and activities chairman; D. E. Nicholson of Sinton, finance chairman; Harry S. West of Aransas Pass, health and safety chairman and R. D. Hatch of Aransas Pass, leadership training chairman. Each of these men will name committees to serve on their respective committees from members-at-large of the district committee.

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Texas Banks Will Sell \$5 Million Defense Bonds For X'mas Gifts

The banks of Texas will sell about \$5 million worth of Christmas "merchandise" during December.

This is the estimate of Nathan Adams of Dallas, who said that while banks are not ordinarily thought of as "Santa Claus headquarters," about one third of their sales of U. S. Defense Bonds this month will be used as Christmas presents or year-end bonuses. Mr. Adams ought to know, because at

82 he is dean of Texas bankers and has been state defense bond chairman for almost ten years.

Mr. Adams said that parents are probably the principal buyers of bonds as gifts, with grandparents and aunts and uncles not far behind. Business concerns also are heavy buyers at this time of year, with many of them preferring to give bonds instead of cash or merchandise as bonuses to employees, he added.

Normal sales of Defense Bonds in December would be \$8 million or \$10 million for the state, but gift buying will raise the total to a possible \$15 million, he said.

Rockport Churches Plan Traditional Christmas Services

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Claus. The public is invited to this program.

Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 6:00 and from 7:30 until 9:00, confessions will be heard at Sacred Heart Church, and High Mass will be held at midnight, Monday. Mass will also be held at 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day.

Rev. Buckholt is arranging the manger scene again this Christmas for all to enjoy.

The First Baptist Church will present a Christmas program Sunday night. The smaller children will participate in songs and readings and members from the intermediate group will present a Christmas pageant, "Prophecy of the Messiah." At the close of the pageant, Rev. Ramsey will sing "The Holy City." The guest accompanist for Rev. Ramsey's solo will be Mrs. George Willoughby, of Sinton.

At the beginning of the program the Primary and Beginners Departments will sing a song together and Tommy Ramsey will sing "Away in a Manger." Geraldine Wright of the Junior Department, will give a reading. A special offering will be taken for foreign missions.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the following named defendants whose residences and/or whereabouts are unknown to plaintiffs, hereinafter named and their attorney of record:

1. Alex Greig
2. Alexander Grieg
3. Charles F. Painter
4. The heirs, wives, husbands, devisees, and legal representatives, all of whom are unknown to plaintiffs and their attorney of record, of each and all the defendants above enumerated or identified.
5. All partners, all of whom are unknown to plaintiffs and to their attorney of record, of each and all the defendants enumerated above which are or were partnerships.
6. All members, beneficiaries, and interest holders, all of whom are unknown to plaintiffs and to their attorney of record, of each and all the defendants enumerated above, which are or were trusts, joint stock companies, or other unincorporated associations.

DEFENDANTS IN THE HEREINAFTER STYLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE:

You, and each of you, are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 36th Judicial District Court of Aransas County, Texas, at or before 10:00 A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of Monday the 4th day of February, 1952, and answer the petition of Edna Aline Taylor and Maurice G. Taylor, plaintiffs in cause numbered 2874, styled Edna Aline Taylor, et vir vs. Alex Greig, et al, filed in the District Court of Aransas County on the 19th day of December, 1951, wherein the said Edna Aline Taylor, et vir, is plaintiffs, and all the persons, firms above enumerated or identified, and to whom this citation is addressed, are defendants; and the nature of which said suit is as follows: In trespass to Try Title brought by said plaintiff against all said defendants, to recover the title to and possession of the following described realty in Aransas County, Texas, to-wit:

Lots Nos. One (1) to Twelve (12) inclusive, and Lots Nos. Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24), all in Block No. Twenty-eight (28) of the Denver Heights Division, in the Joseph Hond Survey, Abstract No. 77, Aransas County, Texas, according to the official map or plat of said Denver Heights Division of record in Volume 1, page 9 of the map and plat records of Aransas County, Texas, to which a reference is made for all purposes.

together with damages in the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), for costs of suit, and for general relief, by which suit plaintiffs seeks to cut off all rights, titles, claims, and interest of every character of all said defendants in and to said land.

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

Witness James C. Herring, Clerk of the 36th Judicial District Court of Aransas County, Texas. (Seal)

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Office in the City of Rockport, this 19th day of December, 1951.

JAS. C. HERRING
Clerk of the 36th Judicial District Court of Aransas County, Texas. (Seal)

Issued this 19th day of December, 1951.

JAS. C. HERRING
Clerk of the 36th Judicial District Court of Aransas County, Texas. (Seal)

VERNA JEAN SORENSON- ROBERT HAWES EXCHANGE VOWS IN QUIET HOME CEREMONY

Miss Verna Jean Sorenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sorenson, became the bride of Robert Hawes, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hawes, in a double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Calvin Peterson at the home of the bride's parents, Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and her mother played the wedding marches. The ceremony was performed in the archway of the living room. White and orchid chrysanthemums were used in the decorations.

The best man was Jack Keller, uncle of the groom, and the groom's sister, Miss Elsie Hawes, was bridesmaid.

The bride wore a pearl colored ripple cord nylon suit with navy accessories. She wore a pearl necklace and her corsage was a single large orchid.

Miss Hawes had a light blue suit with white and navy accessories and her corsage was white carnations.

The mother of the bride wore navy blue with a white corsage of carnations and the groom's mother wore a dress of navy gaudy with black accessories and a white corsage.

The dining table was laid with a white lace cloth over pink and the centerpiece was white chrysanthemums. The wedding cake was decorated with pink sugar-spun roses topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Members of the immediate families made up the wedding party and a reception was given by the bride's parents immediately following the ceremony. Punch was poured by Mrs. Sorenson and Miss Hawes served the cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawes left after

the reception for a wedding trip to Houston. Mr. Hawes will soon leave for Venezuela where he is employed by an oil company, and Mrs. Hawes will join him as soon as he can make arrangements for her.

BAPTIST CHILDREN HAVE X'MAS PARTY

The Intermediate Department of the First Baptist Church had their Christmas party in the church annex Tuesday night.

Mrs. G. A. Hander was in charge of the Christmas games and instead of exchanging gifts each of the young people contributed to a basket of canned food for a needy family.

Refreshments of cake, cookies and cold drinks were served to the 24 members and guests present.

H. E. CLASSES OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Home Making Class No. 1 is having a party Friday morning in the H.E. cottage with an exchange of gifts. The girls have written jingles about each other and what they want for Christmas and they are going to put them together and read them at the party.

Home Making Class No. 2 had a Christmas dinner in the cottage Wednesday noon, with baked chicken and all the trimmings. The class has been studying food preparation and serving and the dinner finishes this course.

If you doubt that women are wearing fewer clothes, just take a look at the figures.

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EASTERN STAR OBSERVES CHRISTMAS

The regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star was held Monday night, and after the order of business, a Christmas program was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Mamie Hooper and Mrs. Mabel Bryant were in charge of the program.

There was a good attendance of visitors from several states and local chapters.

After the chapter was closed a Christmas party was held, with the exchanging of gifts, and delicious refreshments were served.

The table was covered with an ecru lace cloth and had a silver star in the center, with evergreens and gaily colored Christmas balls in the center of the star, and a green and red candle lighted on each side.

Punch, fruit cake and sandwiches were served. Mrs. Myra Allen was chairman of the refreshment committee and Mrs. Edna Taylor and Mrs. Yima Donaldson served with her. Mrs. Sara Brun-

John McBride In Botany Department at Texas U.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McBride received a letter from their son, John, who is attending the University of Texas, Wednesday, stating that he has a new permanent job as a laboratory assistant in the Department of Botany.

THREE CARS REGISTERED

There were three new cars registered at the courthouse last week. They were: Jordan Weber, 1951 Chevrolet 2 door; O. C. Cooper and G. W. Haynes, 1951 4 door Chevrolet; Lester C. Justian, Sr., 1951 Chevrolet coupe.

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drett arranged the beautiful Christmas decorations. A green punch set was presented to the chapter by Mrs. Mamie Hooper and was used for the first time Monday night.

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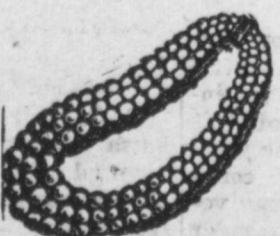
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MR. AND MRS. BRACHT ENTERTAIN THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Bracht entertained the personnel of the Model Cash Grocery with the annual Christmas party at their home, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bracht and their guests surprised Mrs. Gaylon Meyers by especially honoring her, as Thursday was her birthday.

The host and hostess served delicious refreshments to Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hardeman, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Simmons, Mrs. Keen, Miss Kay Keen, Miss Eva Mae Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Meyers, and Mr. and Mrs. Diebel of Goliad, Miss Mary Jo Bracht and Fred Bracht, Jr.

W.S.C.S. HOLDS PARTY AND MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT

The W.S.C.S. ladies of the Methodist Church had their business meeting and annual Christmas party at the Methodist annex last Thursday night.

The worship program was led by Mrs. J. D. Donaldson and Mrs. Curtis Harritt gave the lesson. Mrs. Harritt was assisted by Mrs. T. C. Kelly and Mrs. H. D. Wilson. At the close of the program the entire group entered into a group sentence prayer.

Mrs. Cooke gave a talk on the White Cross Offering, which the ladies are giving this year.

A short business session followed, with the president, Mrs. B. W. Hamblin, presiding.

Members of the W.S.C.S. were co-hostesses and served Christmas cookies, mints, nuts, coffee and chocolate to 31 members and guests present.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the table decorations, which were formed of beautiful bougainvillea, donated by Mrs. Jack Buckley.

TOWNSEND-RATLIFF NUPTIALS SET FOR FEB.

A February wedding is planned for Miss Joyce Nell Townsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Townsend and Cpl. John Albert Ratliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ratliff.

The wedding will take place in the First Methodist Church in Rockport.

CARD OF THANKS

We are sincerely grateful for the many kind acts of assistance and comforting words of sympathy tendered on the occasion of the death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Kathryn Rice Close.

Thanks are extended to every one who tendered floral tributes and message of condolence and who in any manner comforted us in our sorrow. May God bless you. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Close, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fox, Longley Close.

Bobby Close c36
Mrs. Annie Mae Evans received word from her son, Alton, that he had contacted a draft board in the Valley and had registered. Alton was eighteen years of age a few weeks ago.

NORMA LOU ROE HONORED WITH DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roe, Sr., honored their daughter, Norma Lou, with a surprise dinner party at the Blue Bonnet Cafe, Sunday evening, the occasion being her birthday.

The birthday cake was in the form of a tree, and was surrounded by evergreens and white candles, and the place cards were candy fir trees in silver pots.

Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Roe and the honoree were Misses Joan McCabe, Ruthie Mullinax, Jessie Gilson, Mary Lee Koehler, Dorothy Baker, Janet Washington, Georgia Meyer, and Alma Jean Ratliff.

After the party Mrs. Roe invited the girls to her home for a social hour.

CARD OF THANKS

We want our friends to know we thank them for their many kind acts and for the beautiful floral offerings sent to the funeral home in Amarillo, at the death of our beloved husband, father and brother, R. A. Eubanks.

Mrs. R. A. Eubanks and daughter, John Eubanks. c36

MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Rockport, Texas, will be held in the bank's office at Rockport, Texas, at 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 1952, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for any other legal purpose that may be brought before said meeting.

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Dorothy Campbell Named Public Relation Chairman Of Womens League

Austin, Tex. — Dorothy Campbell of Rockport has been elected public relations chairman of the Campus League of Women Voters at the University of Texas.

A junior majoring in journalism and English, Miss Campbell is a member of Delta Zeta social sorority; Forensica, speech organization for women; and the staff of the Ranger, student humor magazine. She is a night editor on the Daily Texan, student newspaper, and has been amusement editor. She has received a bronze and a gold award for her Texan work.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Campbell, Rockport.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slocum and John Jr. will go to Beaumont Monday, Dec. 24 to spend Christmas with Mr. Slocum's mother, Mrs. C. Leone Slocum. They will return to Rockport, Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. George Francisco of Houston, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rice. They went hunting and got their limit of ducks. They also took a nice lot of trout home with them.

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MYF TO GO CAROLING SUNDAY NIGHT

Members of the M.Y.F. will go caroling after the worship service at the Methodist Church Sunday night and the group has extended an invitation to all young people to join them. The young people will return to the annex after caroling for refreshments and recreation.

Recently the M.Y.F. group enjoyed the hospitality shown them at the home of Mrs. Ada Young.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baughman were guests at the buffet supper given in Houston last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy S. Straus, Jr., honoring members of the board of trustees of the Houston Museum of Natural History.

Russell Rowe, who is teaching at Jourdan, will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Rowe and family, through the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ansley of Cleveland, Ohio, came in Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. Ansley's sister, Mrs. Ada Young and family.

Ham Smith received word of the death of his brother-in-law, Robert Everett, at Stratford, Texas, on Saturday. The funeral was held Monday.

Mrs. L. V. McLester spent a few days last week in Bay City, visiting with her son, Elmer McLester, and family.

Mrs. Lillian Gray returned from Houston the latter part of the week after spending some time visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rork and son, Billy, attended the wedding of Mr. Rork's niece, Miss Ann Rork, in Edinburg last Saturday. After the reception the house party went over to Mexico and enjoyed a banquet.

The officers of the Church of Christ and their families enjoyed a waffle supper with their pastor, Brother Leo Owens and family, last week.

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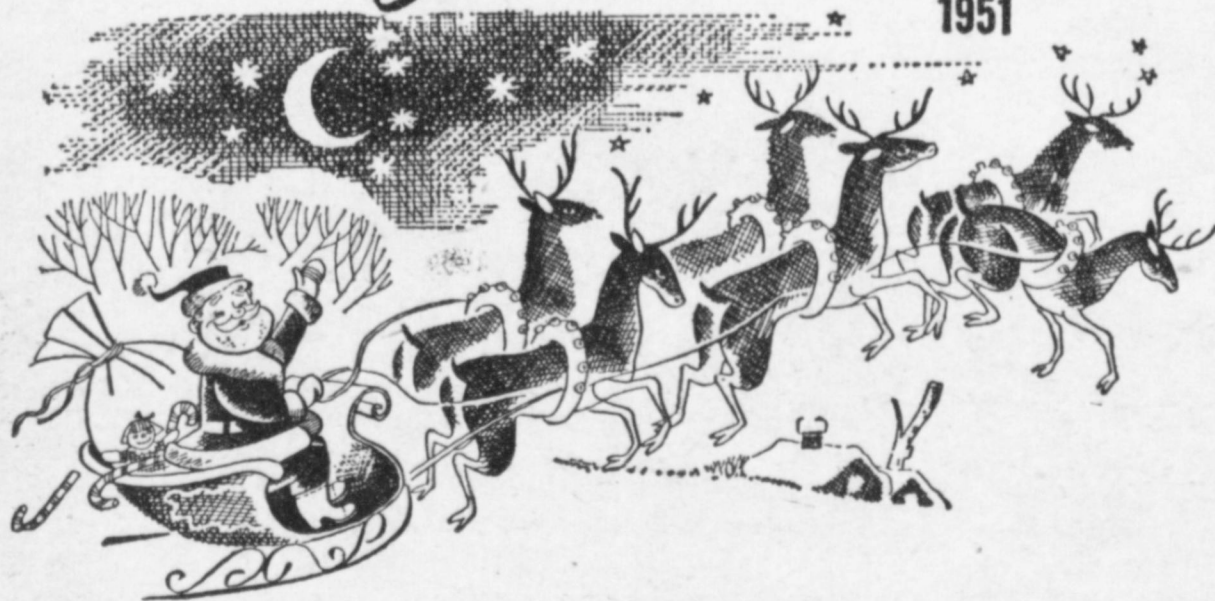
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C. K. Thurmond returned home Saturday from attending the funeral of his nephew, Fred Thompson, at Ennis last Thursday.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means to thank all who were so kind to my husband and me during his illness and at his passing. I especially wish to thank Dr. H. F. Elliot and those who sent flowers and expressions of sympathy.

Mrs. Wesley Johnson. c36

Pfc. Joe Gibson of the U. S. Marines, is home from Bridgeport, Calif., on a fifteen day leave. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neely Parr and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bouton of Monroe, Texas, are here on their honeymoon, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ballou and other relatives in Rockport.

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"How I would long to see just one more 'old-fashioned Christmas.'"

These are familiar words at this time of the year. Before the Yuletide season is over, some member of the family, grandfather or grandmother, probably, is certain to pass that remark, as they have done each Christmas of the past.

And yet, if we search back into the records . . . to the turn of the century, say . . . we find that, even then, someone was wishing for "an old-fashioned Christmas." It is then that we realize that the celebration of the birth of Christ has not changed greatly with the passage of centuries. Basically, Christmas is the same, year after year. It is only the world and the people who are not the same.

He may not admit it, but when grandfather first began to raise a family, he overheard his elders musing over the changing Christmas customs and heralding the approach to "complete commercialism" of the Yuletide celebration. Even then they were worried.

No one can deny that Christmas has been greatly "commercialized" since the days of early America. Yet, so has the entire nation. In the days of our ancestors there were none of the vast trading centers and commercial marts that we know today. Our very way of life has been greatly changed with modernization. Our holidays, and Christmas is the principal one, have managed to keep abreast.

Still, without reservation, Christmas is basically unchanged in its true meaning as a celebration of the birth of the Christ-Child redeemer, come to save the world. No matter how great or how small the presents piled beneath the tree, each Christian heart never ceases to remember that Christmas is Christ's day.

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The United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as the top buyer in the Christmas tree industry—a better than \$50,000,000 business.

The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Middlewest, and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees for local use.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

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If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

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Eleven States Represented At First Tourist Party

The first party for entertainment of winter guests in the Rockport and Fulton area, was held Tuesday night in the V.F.W. hall. The attendance was very good with 11 states represented.

These parties, which are sponsored jointly by the Tourist Bureau and the V.F.W., will be held each Tuesday night with the exception of Christmas Day. On Tuesday night, Jan. 1, all visitors in this area are invited to attend the party and join in the fun. The sponsors assure those in attendance a good time and you may meet someone from your home state or town.

Twelve Take Drivers License Examinations

The drivers license examiner was at the courthouse Tuesday and the following persons passed their drivers test for operators licenses: William Kenneth Nelson, Hannah Fitzgerald, Lowian Dean McQuaid, Paul Boyd Soderstrum, Walden Herron Johnson, all of Rockport; Joyce Rubmalt Kullman, Marie Maloy Hogan, and Marion Thomas Johnson, of Aransas Pass, and Marie Brooks Pruett of Ingleside. Commercial licenses were issued to Ira Kilpatrick Harrington of Aransas Pass, Elvis Wayne Bryant of Ingleside, and Elmon Eugene Boonem of Fulton.

As the fourth Tuesday in December is Christmas Day, the examiner will not be in Rockport again until the third Tuesday, in January.



SECRETS . . . This little girl wants something for Christmas, but she's not telling anyone except Santa Claus, who looks like he understands the problem.

John Wesley Johnson Funeral Held Sunday

Funeral services for John Wesley Johnson were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the Cage Funeral Chapel with Rev. Calvin Peterson, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rockport Cemetery.

Wesley Johnson was born at Falkin, Texas, Oct. 21, 1903, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Rockport. He had lived in Rockport most of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; one sister, Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Alice, and two brothers, Claude and Allen Johnson of Rockport; and several aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Graveside services were conducted by members of Rockport Masonic Lodge No. 323. He was a 32nd degree Mason and was a member of the Scottish Rite, San Antonio chapter.

Cage Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ross Allen of Corpus Christi, was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rice over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christilles went up to Melotes last week deer hunting, and Mr. Christilles brought home his deer.

Miss Lucille Haynes is come home from Austin Sunday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes.

Miss Myrtle Lee Bell, physical director in the schools at Alice, will arrive in Rockport Friday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Annie Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dittfurth and family moved to Brenham, Tex., last Monday. Their son, Slick, will stay with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, until after the mid-term examinations.

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SPECIAL THEATRE ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Surf on Christmas Eve there will be a matinee only starting at 3 p. m., including two complete shows. You must be in by 5 p. m. to see a complete show. There will be no night show.

So why not send your kiddies to the show on Monday afternoon instead of Sunday afternoon this time and get them out of the house while you make X'mas preparations. The management regrets that due to the schedule arrangement there can be no free kiddies matinee this year as is customary.

There will be no matinee on Christmas Day — the first show will begin at 7 p. m.

Contrary to printed announcement on the monthly programs there is not to be a midnight prevue on New Year's Eve.

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St. Nicholas Remains Popular Yule Patron Saint

One of the most popular saints in Christendom, especially throughout the Eastern World is Saint Nicholas, patron saint of old Russia, of Aberdeen, of parish clerks and of scholars (who used to be called clerks). He is the original of our Santa Claus. Little is known of his life but he is said to have been the Bishop of Myra in the early part of the fourth century.

Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of pawnbrokers because of the three bags of gold (later transformed to three balls of gold) that he gave to the daughters of a poor man to save them from the necessity of earning their dowries in a disreputable way. He is also the patron saint of little boys. Legend has it that Saint Nicholas restored the lives of three little boys who had been cut up and pickled in a salting tub to be served as bacon. Saint Nicholas is invoked by sailors, because he allayed a storm during a voyage to the Holy Land. He is said to have originated the Christmas stocking custom. According to this legend, he once

climbed to a roof top to avoid being seen and dropped a purse of gold down the chimney for a needy family. The money, instead of falling into the fire, is supposed to have lodged in a child's stocking hanging on the mantelpiece to dry. Saint Nicholas' act became known, and thereafter when unexpected gifts appeared, they were attributed to Saint Nicholas.

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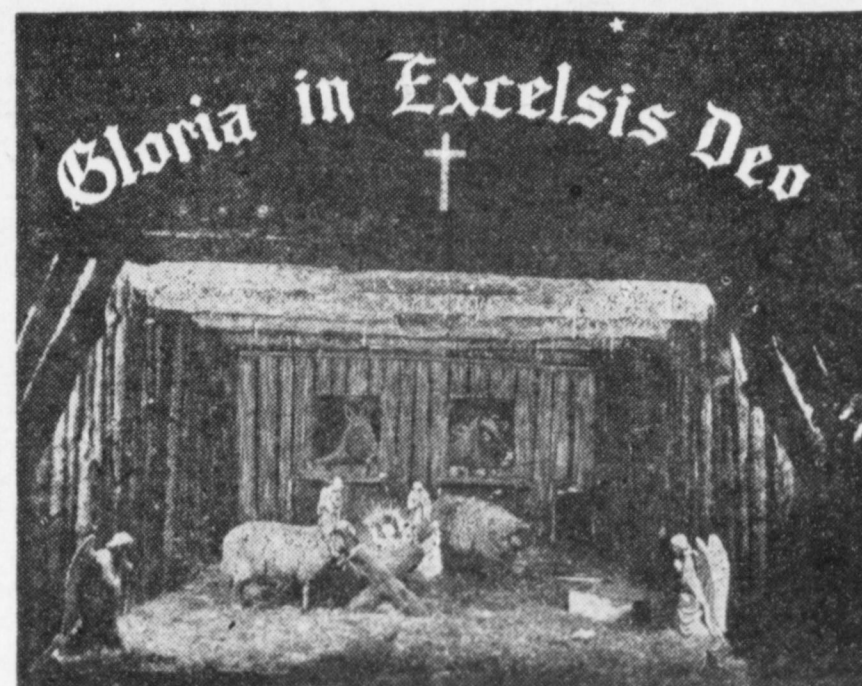
Toys to be thoroughly satisfying for the small fry should have five major qualities, say specialists at the college of home economics, Cornell.

First, toys should be durable to withstand the rough and tumble of any one child and his playmates. Sturdy toys can be repaired and repainted and passed on for the enjoyment of other youngsters, in or out of the family.

Toys should be simple and easy to handle and operate. Simple playthings are more likely to hold interest through long child-hours and less likely to be shelved permanently.

Toys should be safe to use—with-out sharp corners or rough places or poor paint that might be harmful to a youngster. And toys should be washable.

Finally, toys should have what the specialists call a "do-with" quality. Good old stand-bys such as wagons, blocks, clay, sand, finger paints, and the like may fit into the child's interest of the moment.



THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM . . . The Babe in the manger, surrounded by the gentle animals, is a vision we can see more clearly with our hearts than with our eyes. And seeing it, we may truly say, "Glory to God in the highest."

Tradition Says Tree Originated in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

Basilica of the Nativity One of Oldest Churches

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,620 years ago.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by the Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshiping in the Grotto of the Nativity, and, surprisingly enough, all three celebrate Christmas on separate occasions.

Cutting of Christmas Trees Not Wasteful, Experts Say

Possibly you have felt, as Theodore Roosevelt did 50 years ago, that the practice of cutting young evergreen trees to use as Christmas trees was wasteful.

Roosevelt banned the use of Christmas trees in the White House until his two little sons appealed to America's first professional forester and friend of their father, Gifford Pinchot, who explained that the practice was not harmful to the forests but are extremely helpful.

That advice, which was good enough to convince a strong-minded president, is repeated today by the American Forest Products Industries, a wood-industries sponsored organization.

They explain that nearly half

of the 21 million evergreens that make up America's Christmas tree harvest, was cut on privately-owned timberland. To augment this annual harvest, about five millions evergreens are imported annually, most of them from Canada.

Besides carrying out the tradition of having a fragrant Christmas tree in two out of every three homes, this harvest of Christmas trees pours an estimated 50 million dollars yearly into the economic bloodstream of the nation.

Most of the American Christmas trees are thinned from natural growth forests. An original stand of from 5,000 to 10,000 trees an acre will actually mature only

a few hundred sawlog size trees. Most of the trees cut at Christmas would eventually have been eliminated by Nature in the life and death struggle for forest space.

When it comes to selecting a Christmas tree, most Americans have definite favorites. The best seller on the market is the balsam fir, a product of New England and Northeastern United States. About 6.5 million of these are sold in an average year. The second most popular is the Douglas fir of the Pacific Coast. Black spruce, red cedar and white spruce follow as America's favorites.

These five varieties make up 83 percent of all the Christmas trees used in the United States each year. Others that are popular are Scotch pine, Southern pine, red spruce, Virginia pine, white fir, Norway spruce, hemlock, cypress and juniper.



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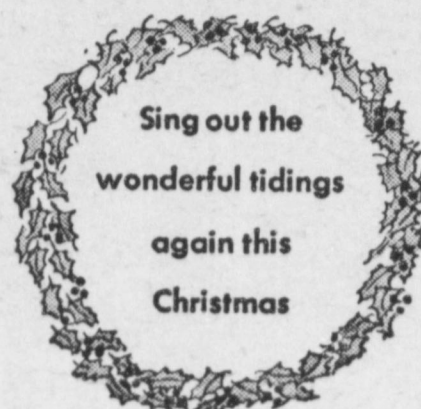
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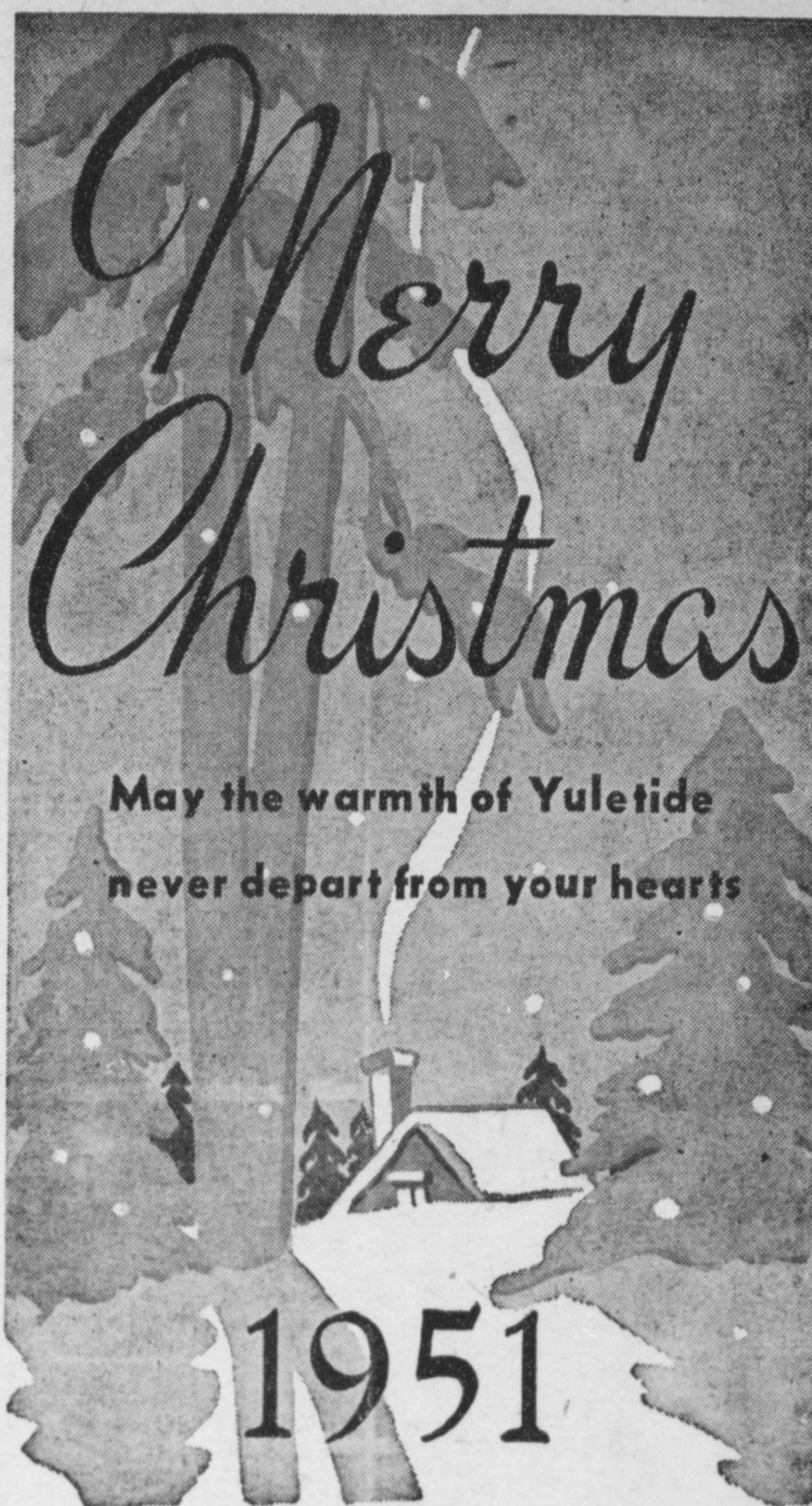
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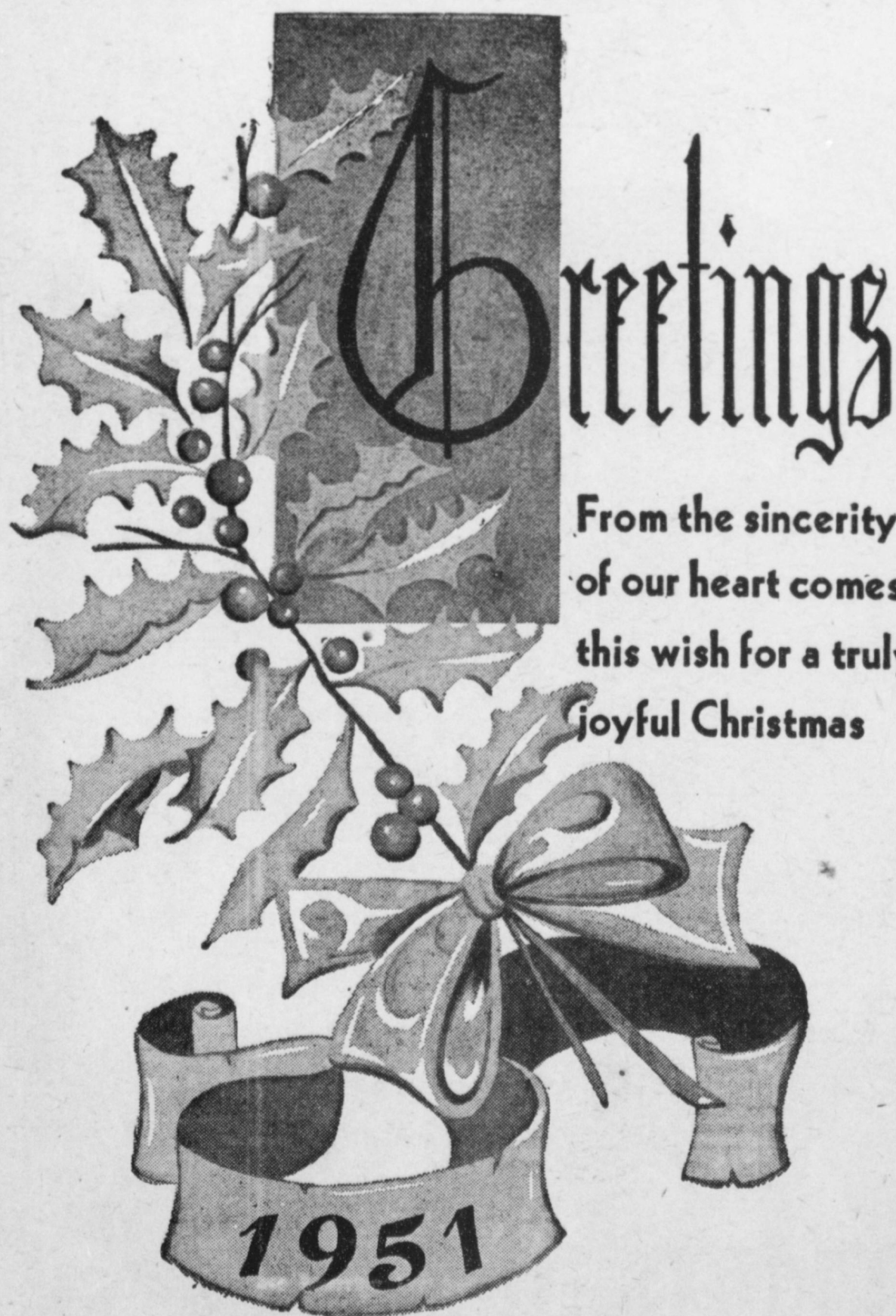


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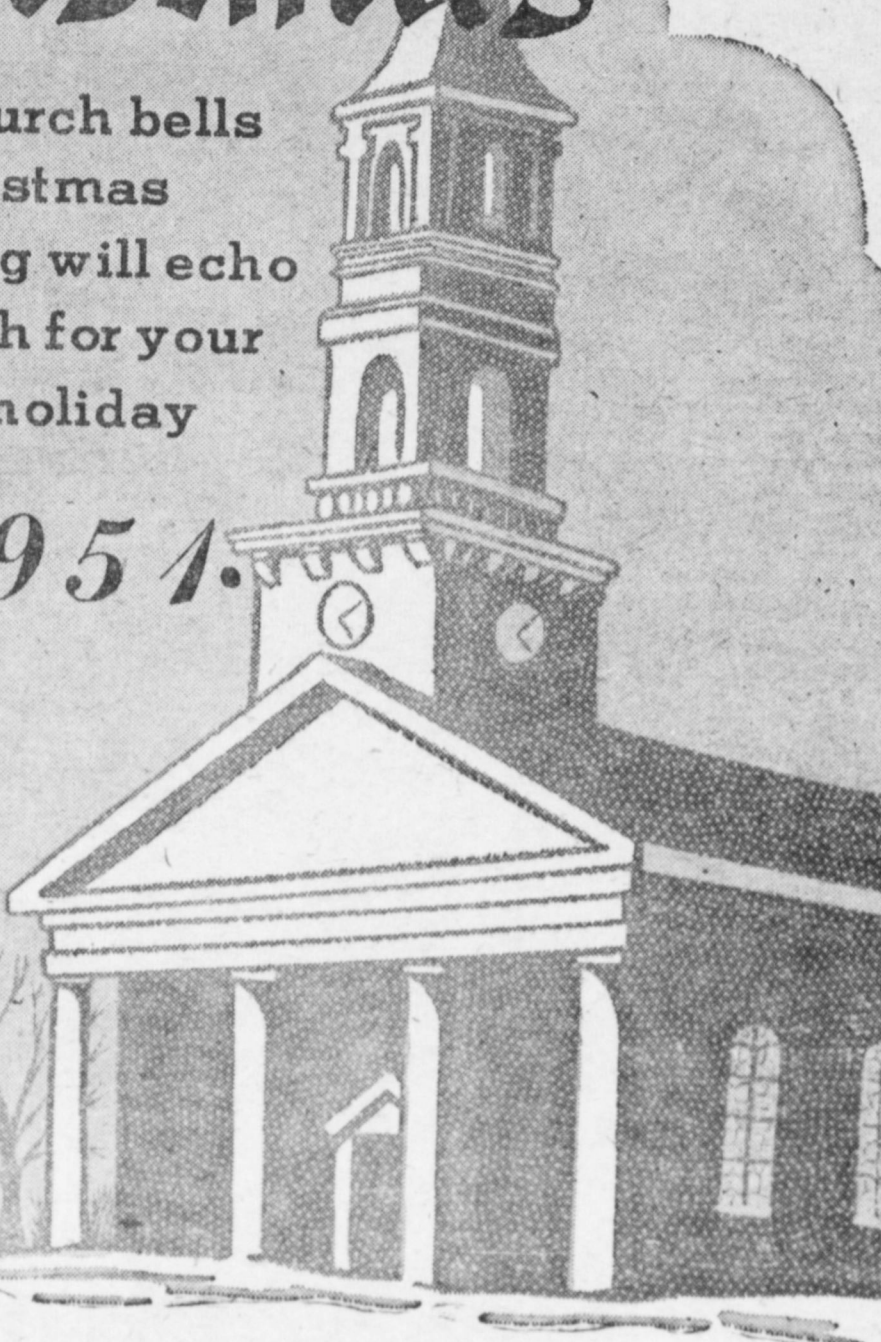
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our wish for your
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Christmas Rites Owe Their Origin To Pagan Customs

Through the years, historians have been unable to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas first became a general festival.

For three centuries following His birth, Christ's nativity was variously celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October by Christian groups.

Before the fifth century, there was no official church agreement as to when Christmas should come in the calendar.

In Britain, December 25 had been a festival since early pre-Christian times. The ancient An-

glo-people began their year on this day and called their holiday "modranecht," or mothers' night.

Western church authorities met in the fourth century to set a definite date for the celebration. Eastern churches did not co-operate until the sixth century when December 25 was set as the day for the observance of Christmas.

Folks often question as to why December was selected as the month for rejoicing.

This month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in every civilized land.

Romans, Greeks, Saxons and the Nordics all took part in the celebration of these festivals which had originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Romans comes the

custom of giving gifts ... for this custom has been traced to the Roman feast of Saturn (Saturnalia) which was celebrated during the 17th, 18th and 19th of December.

From the Saxons comes the ceremony of burning the Yule log, which was lighted in honor of their great god Thor.

Late President's Hobby Pays Off at Christmas

About 2,000 to 3,000 Christmas trees each year from the estate of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, find their way into American homes each Christmastide.

Developed as a result of a hobby which occupied much of the late president's time, the groves are a paying project on the Hyde Park, New York, grounds.

Kris Kringle, Santa Not Alike

Contrary to popular belief, Kris Kringle is not a German term of endearment for Santa Claus. The name is actually a modification of "Kristkind" who according to German legend is a gift-giver, but does not resemble Santa Claus in the least.

Candlelight gleams from all of the quiet houses in the Bavarian countryside, lighting the way and showing bright welcome to the "Kristkind" on her way from home to home. She is the messenger of the Infant Jesus, and Bavarian children believe that she is the one who brings them their gifts. According to legend, she wears a white robe, with golden wings, carries a small Christmas tree in her hand and wears a crown.



WEIGHTY EVIDENCE—Size of this 40-pound channel bass may be hard to top before the copper-colored fighters quit running in North Carolina's Oregon Inlet this winter. So far, it's the largest of the species to be taken in 1951 with rod and reel. The huge bass was landed by Elwood Groseclose of Ivanhoe, Va., on tackle more suitable for a three-pound bluefish.

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Let us share
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of Christmas
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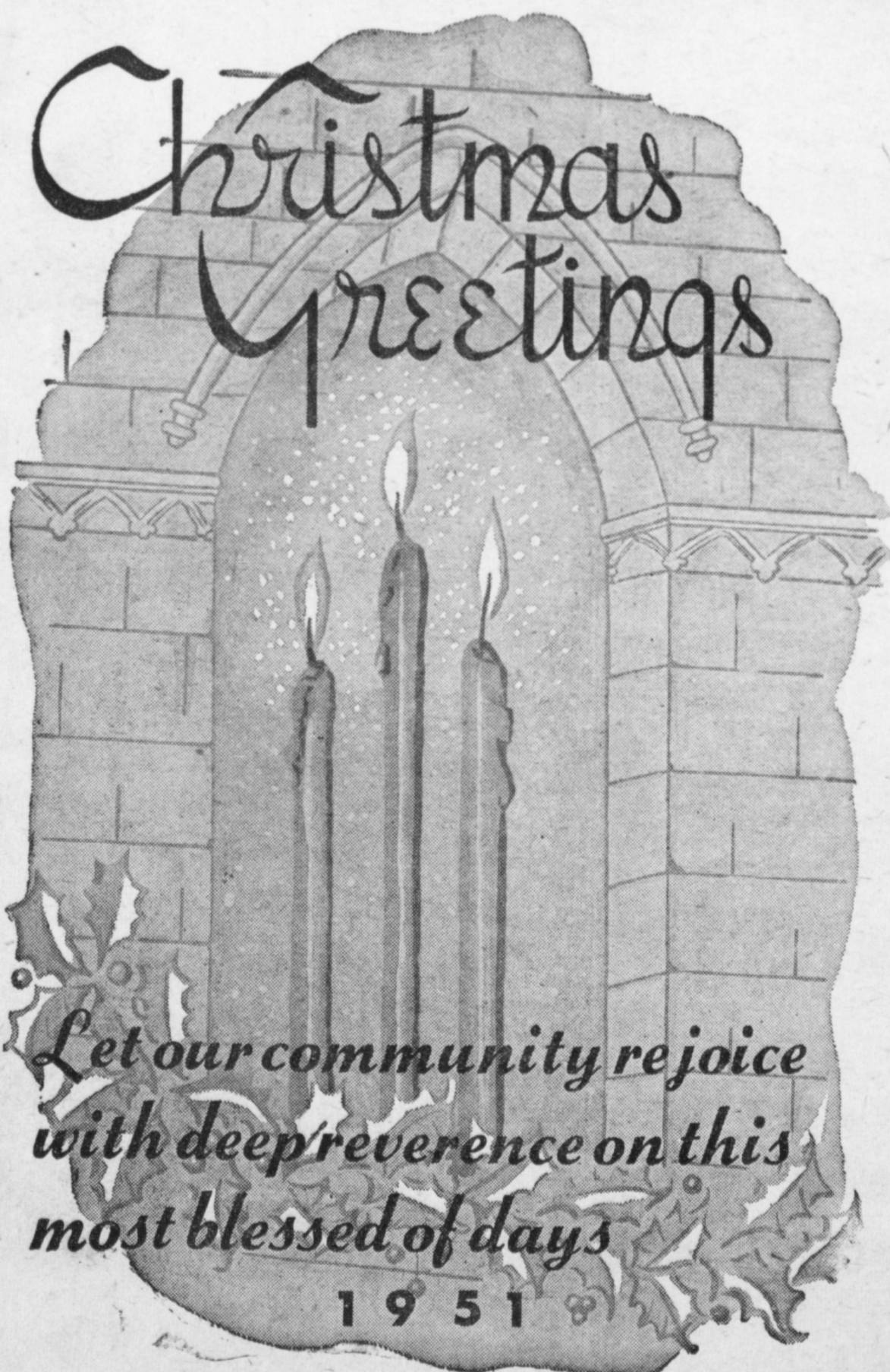
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'Silent Night' Is Most Beloved Carol

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth to the Yuletide season, no carol is so universally known as "Silent Night." Certainly no other is as loved and sung as this simple German song. For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

Both the poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar, for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818.

It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.



Santa's Little Helper

Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandinavia. Many years before Lelf Eriksen touched American shores, the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of.

After the pagan Vikings were Christianized, little Jul became the giver of presents—just as Santa today. It became a custom for children to leave a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for the little elf, who would leave presents in exchange.

Travelers picked up the legend of Jul Tomten and carried it around the world. To us, he is the busy, jolly, good little elf who works happily in Santa's workshop.

A banquet was held in January, 1835, during Andrew Jackson's administration, to celebrate the fact that the country was almost free of debt.

To the Democratic party goes the distinction of having written the shortest platform of the two major parties, that written in 1860, which consisted of only 350 words.

Christmas Carol 'Meeting Place'

In towns and cities throughout America, in churches, public squares and along home-lined streets, over millions of radios and public address systems come the strains of the world's Yuletide melodies—old as bygone centuries, young as "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas. . ."

The United States, meeting place of carols from all Christendom, contributes yearly to the traditions of Christmas music by writing new songs and popularizing old ones.

The carols of Europe arrived with the peoples who came to America to settle. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), eventually translated into 119 languages and dialects, belonged to no one nation but was the common gift of the continent. From Germany came Luther's hymn for children, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. . ." England sent "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay. . ." And France provided the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three American composers did much to revive the ancient custom by writing new songs which are, today, among the world's best beloved carols.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was the inspiration of Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, in 1849. Less than 10 years later Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Episcopal rector from Williamsport, Pa., composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Perhaps the best-known American carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks in Philadelphia. The young Episcopal minister, later bishop of Massachusetts, was inspired to write the poem by the memory of a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. The rollicking "Jingle Bells," though non-religious in theme, also came from the pen of a churchman, John Pierpont, and has enjoyed almost a century of popularity.



'WAY BACK FOR "LAYBACK"'—Sixteen-year-old Sonya Klopfer of Queens, New York, practices this back-breaking routine for the Olympic tryouts to be held in Indianapolis on Dec. 21. The figure she's executing is the traditional "layback" in which she bends far back and spins in one spot. Sonya is the senior singles skating champion of the United States and North America.

V.F.W. Boy Scout Troop Participates in Annual Roll Call

The annual roll call and uniform inspection of VFW Boy Scout Troop 49 was held here at the Scout Hut on Monday night. Scoutmaster Ceylon Ammons, has announced. Vern Herring, district scout executive, was in charge of the roll call. Members of the troop were rated on the correctness of their uniforms and their progress in Scouting during the past year.

A local woman says they have eaten so many fried chickens that they've taken the mattress off their beds and started roosting on the slats.

Hawaiian Christmas Is Elaborate Affair

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair, enjoyed in the privacy of the home behind locked doors and drawn blinds. Any open-house hospitality is an economic impossibility; if the shades were not drawn and the doors not locked, homes would be invaded by hordes of strangers—all expecting food and drink.

Gift-giving is the order of the day as everyone exchanges inexpensive presents.



CHRISTMAS CANDLE . . . The soft, steady glow of a lighted candle is one of the treasures of Christmas which no one would want to lose. Another treasure is the happy child.

Santa Claus, Indiana, Received Famous Name Christmas Eve, 1882

Although many towns have names directly or indirectly associated with Christmas, there is but one town named Santa Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it gathers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials at Washington suggested that the town be named something else, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, in 1882, the citizens held a mass meeting to select another name, but every one proposed was discarded for one reason or another. The meeting was about to break up when Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood, strode in to get warm. He was in costume and his arrival put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.



To all our friends,
a most merry
and joyous
Christmas

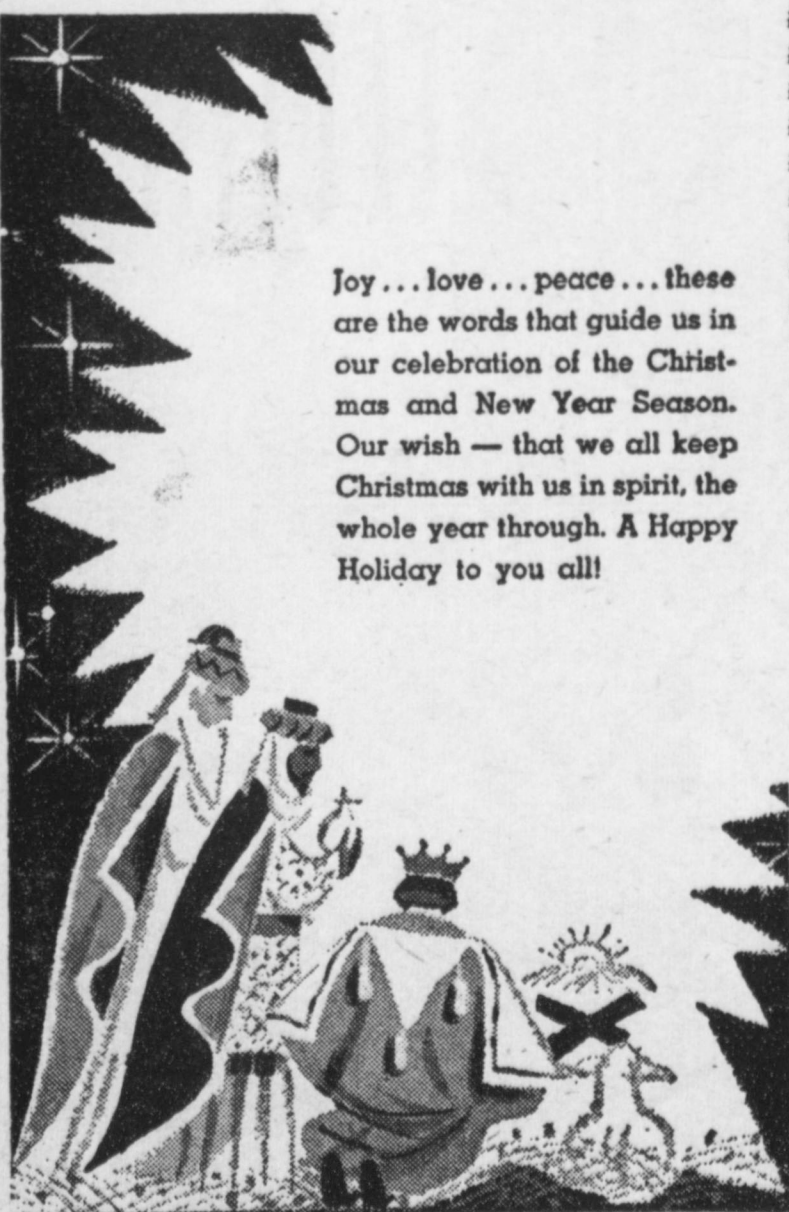
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Santa No One-Night Show In Many Different Lands

Many an American child, settling down in bed on Christmas Eve, will wonder anxiously—like generations of small fry before him—how Santa Claus and his reindeer can possibly circle the globe in one short night, and how he can manage to slide down the

chimney of every child in the world in the few hours between stocking hanging and wake-up time.

Junior America, as well as answerless parents, can relax. Santa's task isn't quite so formidable as it seems. This jolly old saint who gladdens the heart of children at the Yule season is a creature of many guises, and his is not a one-night show. He has, in fact, from Dec. 6 to Jan. 6 to make his benevolent rounds.

Among the first children visited by the gift-giver are the youngsters of Holland and Belgium. They reach their peak of excitement in the first few days of December, in anticipation of the feast day of St. Nicholas.

In Rome
The saint himself arrives on the

eve of the day and, showing himself in his red bishop's robe and miter, checks in person the conduct of each child during the foregoing year.

His arrival is announced by a shower of sweets on a clean sheet that has previously been spread in readiness upon the floor. As the children scramble for the treats, he enters, accompanied by his little servant, Black Pete, who holds a sack and a rod for the naughty.

After delivering warnings or praises, according to the individual, Santa takes his leave, promising to return when infant eyes are closed fast in sleep.

This he does, leaving gifts in the wooden shoes that have been set out carefully on window sill or hearthstone, and taking care to remove the straw and carrots that thoughtful children have left in their footwear for St. Nick's hungry white horse.

In France, too, gifts are left in shoes, except in this country it is Petit Noel (The Christ Child), or Bonhomme Noel (Father Christmas) who rewards deserving little children. In the small villages, children carry little candle-lighted creches through the streets, singing carols and collecting pennies.

Children's processions are an important feature of the Christmas celebration in Romania, too. From Dec. 24 through the 31st they march in the daytime bearing on a high pole a six-pointed star and tinkling bells, and in the evening go about singing greetings, carrying long bags with which to receive gifts.

Much Reciting

In Italy, pre-Christmas activities include much reciting of small poems or little speeches by youngsters. They join with their elders in the observance of the Holy Festival, which begins with the booming of a cannon at sunset on Christmas Eve.

After prayers, their fast is broken with a banquet, following which presents are drawn from an Urn of Fate. This is a time for joshing and suspense; many blanks may be drawn before a satisfactory package is fished from the urn.

These, however, are gifts of secondary importance. For their hearts' desires, Italian children set out their shoes on the evening of Jan. 5 for the convenience of La Befana, an old woman dressed in rags and riding a broom-stick who comes with ashes for the bad, gifts for the good.

Shoes are put out in Spain, too, but it's the Three Kings or the Three Wise Men who arrive in the dark hours of Jan. 5 to distribute toys and goodies after small fry, weary of dancing to tambourines and singing Nativity songs, are sound asleep.

We feel better every time Eisenhower refers to our future generation. For awhile we doubted if there would be any.



EVERY AVERAGE American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fire hazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly-cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen trees growing outside, but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas day or to leave it too long after the 25th. Trees of all kind will become highly inflammable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week should take special safeguards to keep it reasonably safe.

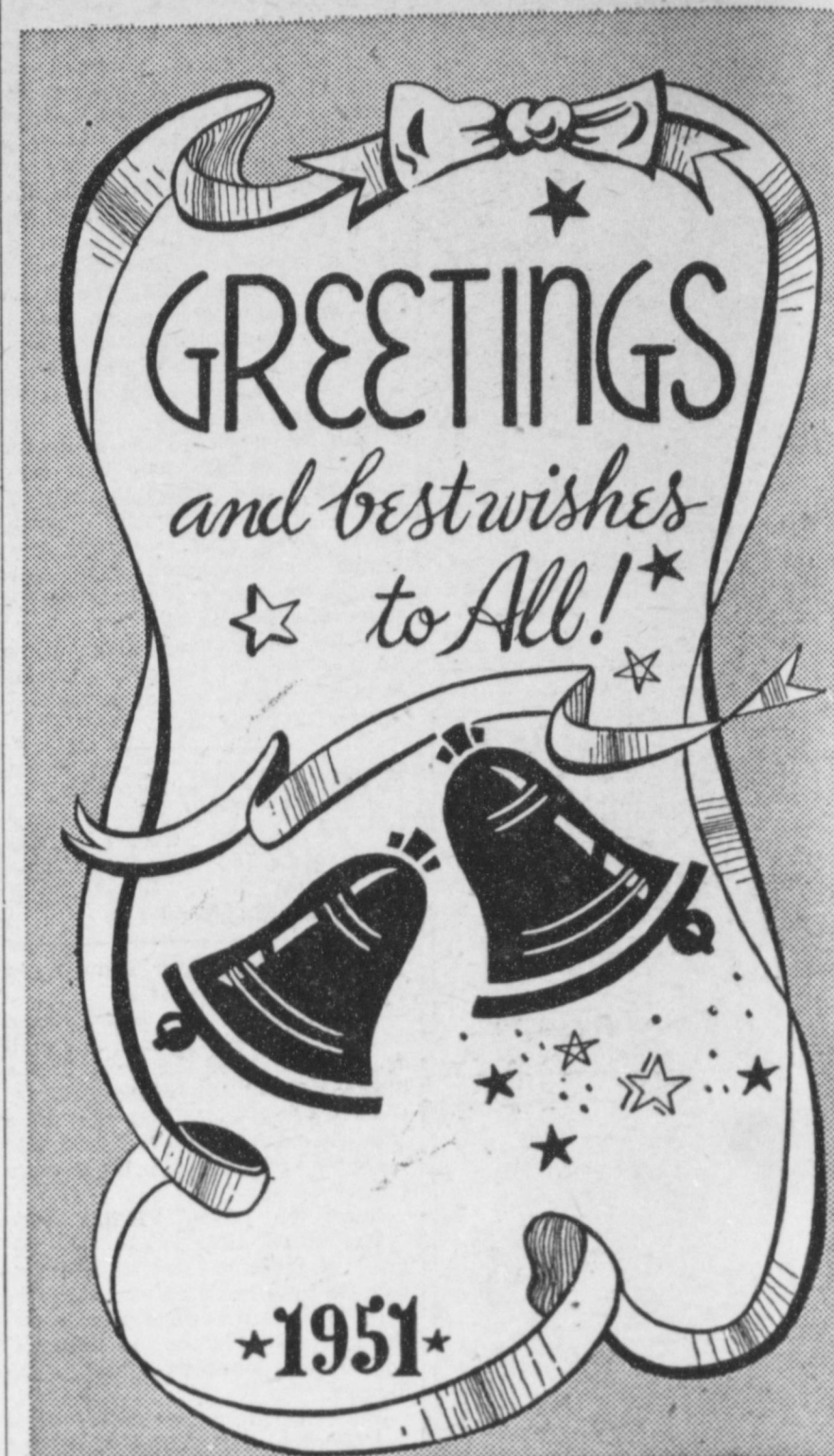
The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.

Origin of Symbolic Tree Shrouded in Old Legends

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift-giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the 16th or 17th centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into northern Europe and from there to America.

Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known outside displays in America are on the White House lawn and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.



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Sunday evening service at 7:00.

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Evening Services at 8:00.

Wednesday night services, 8:00.

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Cole, in a historic move, two months before had commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal



Academy artist, to paint the illustration for the card and had struck off a thousand lithographed copies. He dispatched them that December. This was such a markedly successful stroke of good will that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

Horsley's art was a far cry from today's Christmas card paintings, but he started a cycle which a hundred years later was to bring fine art into high favor on Christmas cards.

An American shopping for cards may select, for instance, a painting called "Snow Under the Arch" by another Royal Academy member—Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister and famed amateur artist. Or he might choose Peter Hurd's "One Night in Winter" or "Grandma" Moses' "The White Church" or "The Nativity" by Alexander Ross.

Mistletoe Outlived Sinister Meaning

Mistletoe, once used as a weapon of death, is now almost a universal symbol of love and peace.

According to Norse mythology, there was a god named Balder, who personified the sun. Loki, another god, plotted to destroy Balder.

Balder's mother, when she first learned of Loki's intentions to kill her son, obtained a promise from all living things that they would not harm Balder. All agreed, but the mistletoe, so it was with a mistletoe arrow that Loki induced Balder's blind brother, Hoder, to kill the sun god.

Higher powers intervened, however, and Balder was restored to life. The mistletoe was placed under Frigga's care, and the mother of Balda saw that it was never again used to do harm.

The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be used as an instrument of evil.

Origin of Gift-Giving Told in Many Versions

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started.

Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart.

This started it all. Now gift giving is traditional.



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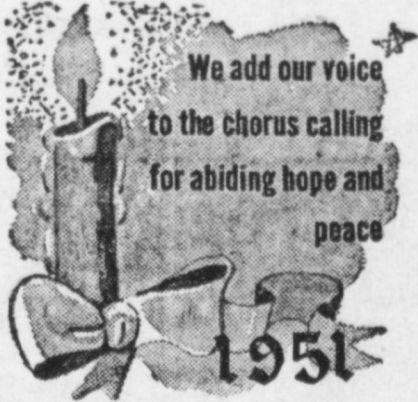
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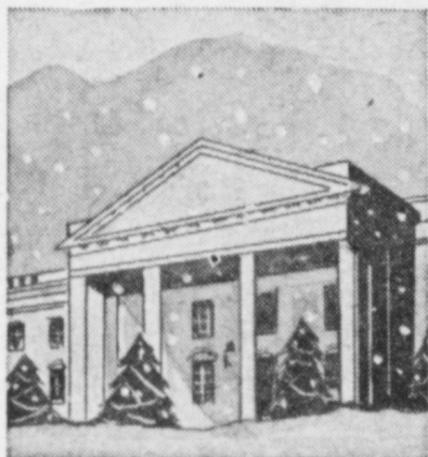
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!



Smaller Towns Began Lighting Outdoor Trees

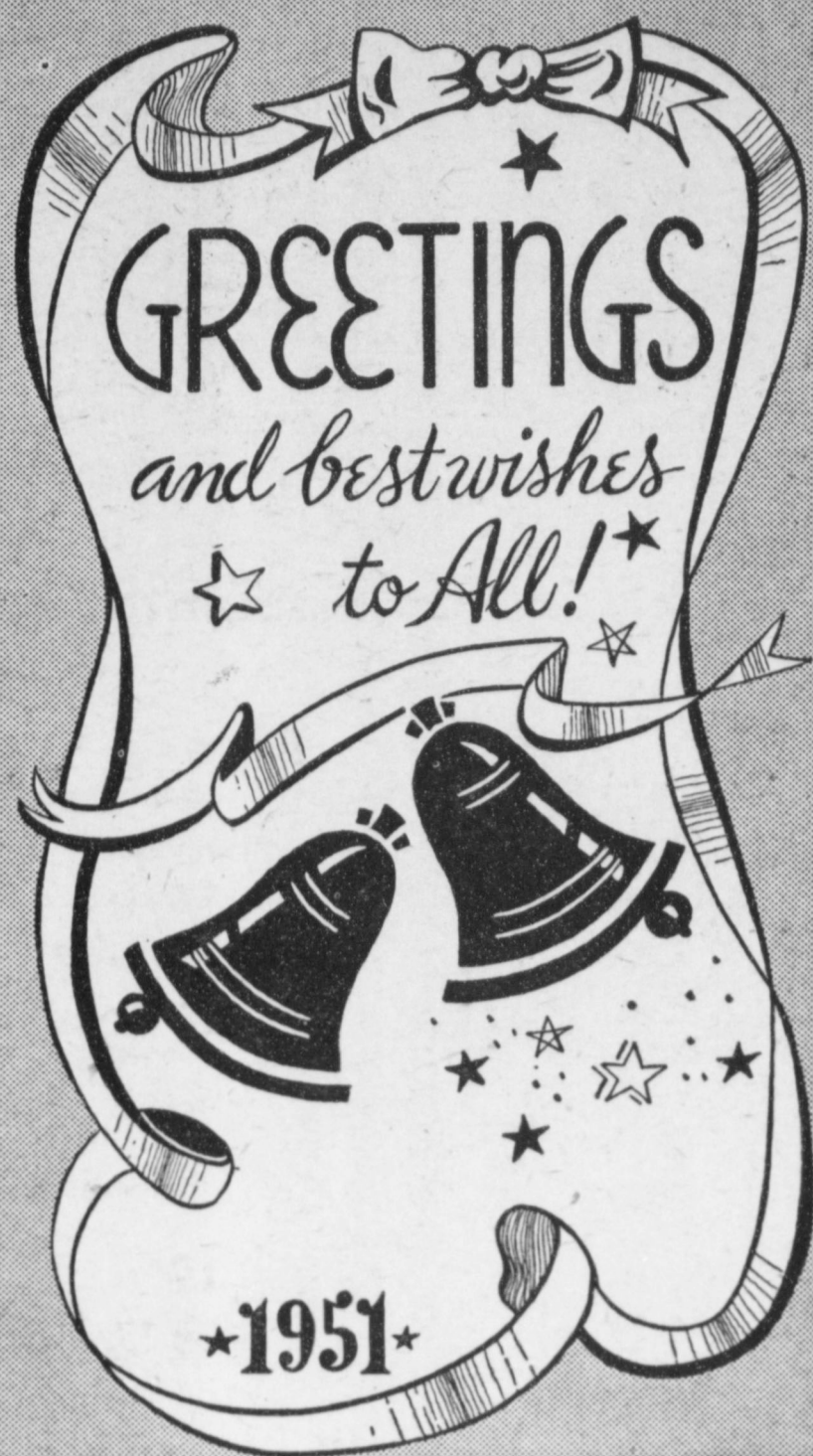
Although the White House and Rockefeller Center outdoor tree decorations have become famous in recent years, the practice of lighting outdoor trees began in smaller towns and cities long before these two displays became an annual affair.

Four widely separated communities lighted up as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania.



Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first National Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. For the past two years the lighting of the White House has been televised.



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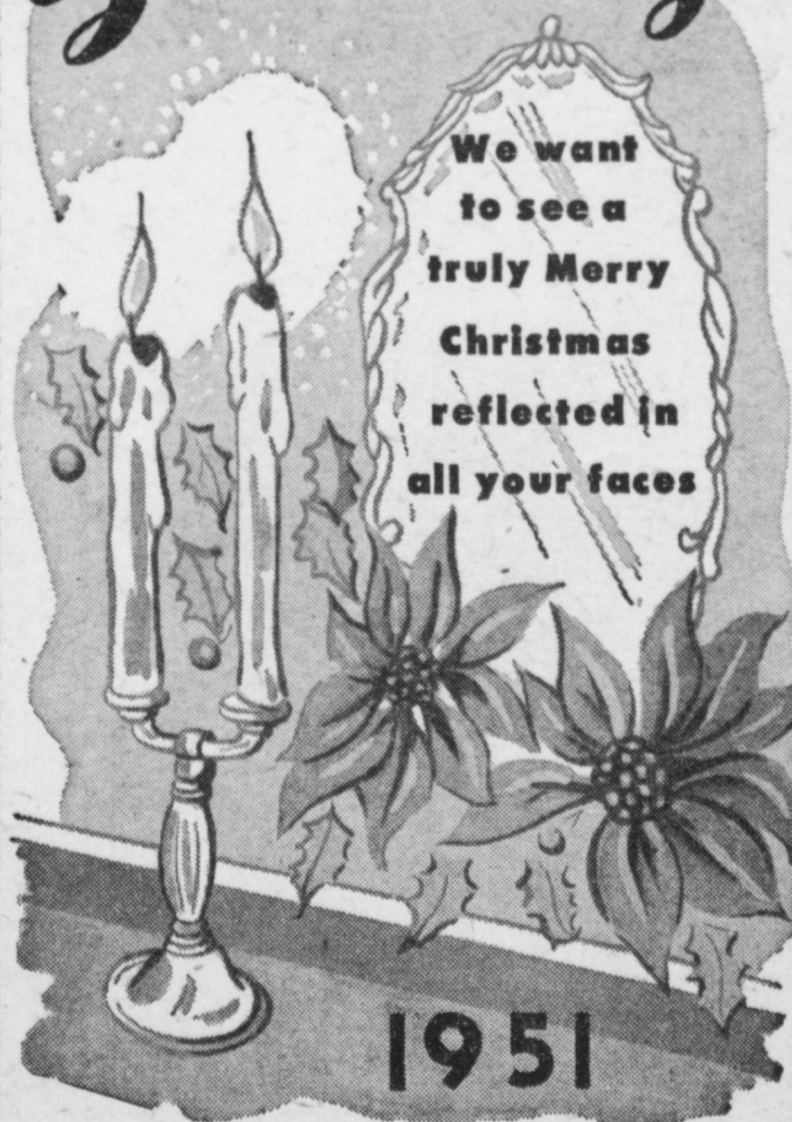
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Custom of Christmas Trees Began in U. S. 100 Years Ago

Had you been alive in the year 1851, you might have wanted a Christmas tree for the holidays.

But if you had been living in Cleveland, Ohio (or elsewhere, for that matter), and had put up a tree, you would have been boycotted in business, possibly threatened with discharge by your employer and otherwise placed under community pressure.

The Christmas tree, which we now take for granted, wasn't known in this country a hundred years ago. It was introduced first to the startled members of Cleveland's Zion Lutheran Church by the Rev. Henry C. Schwan, their pastor.

He remembered nostalgically the Christmas trees of his youth in Germany. The tree was prettily decorated with candles, apples, gilt, tinsel and candles.

Its effect on Clevelanders was immediate and electric. The tree threw the town into an uproar. But despite the high feeling about it, the Rev. Schwan and his flock had another tree the next year. First, Clevelanders got used to the idea, then they took it to heart.

Though the practice of having a tree as part of the Christmas celebration is thus only a century old in this country, it dates much father back in Europe. St. Boniface, an English monk lived

around 700 A. D., brought the custom with him to Germany when he was sent there as a missionary.

He replaced the sacrifices to idols with fir trees adorned in honor of the Christ child. This custom came from early tree worship and is also related to the laurel of the Romans and many pre-Christian festivals.

Eventually, what became a German custom traveled back to England, in 1841, by means of Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. The German prince had a Christmas tree at the palace that year and soon English families were imitating the royal family.

In seventeenth-century France, travelers reported seeing Christmas trees beautifully decorated with roses made of colored paper, apples, wafers, gold foil and sugar. And Paris, the City of Light, can lay claim to having had the very first community Christmas tree at the Tuileries around 1840.

The beauty of the tree has made people see it as a symbol of goodwill and joy. There are even songs in its honor. One of the oldest of these, and the best known, is the

Noted Cartoonist Drew Our Modern Santa Claus

If you picture Santa Claus as a rotund jolly elf, pink-cheeked and with snowy beard and mustachios, then you carry the image of him as he was created about 90 years ago.

Santa Claus, as we know him, was created by Thomas Nast, noted cartoonist whose famous political cartoons helped to break up the Notorious Boss Tweed's Tam-

many ring in New York City. During the 1860s, Nast was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, "A Visit from Saint Nicholas," better known to most of us as "The Night Before Christmas." The drawings accompanied by Nast for this epic poem, showed Santa Claus as the now-familiar figure.

Prior to the Nast rendition, the artists who attempted to draw Santa Claus could not agree how he looked. It was Nast who located his home at the North Pole and gave him the sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew Santa Claus as the jovial gentleman, dressed in red, wearing cap and boots and carrying the huge pack full of toys and treasures.

Santa Claus in this image, first appeared in 1863, and since that year, Santa Claus has remained pretty much the same to all of his many admirers, young and old.



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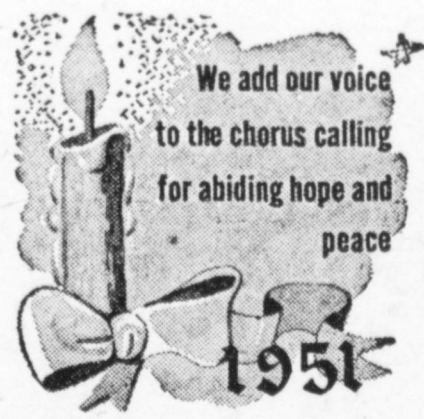
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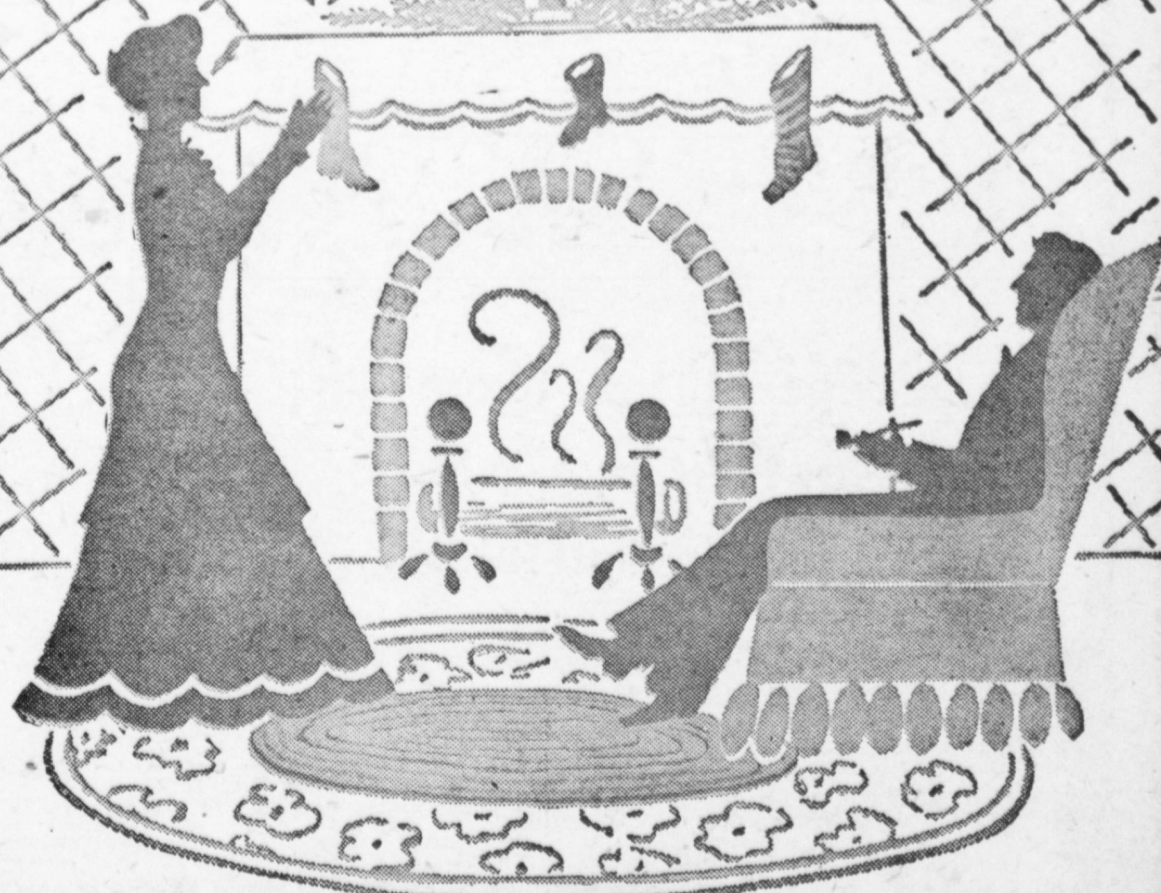


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TIME FOR PRESENTS . . . Billy and David are all worked up over the thought of Christmas, and they're tagging their stockings to make sure Santa doesn't get their presents mixed up. They also have found that it's a good idea to thank him in advance.



OF ALL THE holiday delicacies, none carries more of the old-time traditions and associations of good eating and festivity than mince pie. Many writers give credit for its origination to Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history.

English literature dating to the 15th century is full of references to this Christmas favorite, an essential part of Yuletide celebrations in England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring was said to represent the rich gifts of the wise men to the Christ Child.

Merry Christmas Said In Many Different Ways

It's easy to say "Merry Christmas" in many languages with this check-list of greetings in other tongues.

Say "Joyeux Noel"—in French; "Froeliche Weihnachten" in German; "Buon Natale" in Italian.

The Spanish have the words for it with "Felices Pascuas" or "Feliz Navidad"—in Holland they say "Een Vrolijk Kerstfeest," the Danes greet each other with "En Gladelig Jule," or as the Norwegians would say: "Gledelig Jule."

In Czechoslovakia, they greet one another with "Veselé Vánoce" . . . in Swedish, "God Jul" . . . and to each and every one of you—we say, "The Merriest Christmas, Ever!"

WORD 'XMAS' IN GOOD USE

It is a common belief that the word "X'mas" is improper and sacrilegious. It is thought that this usage indicates disrespect and lack of dignity.

The Greek name for Christ is "X" and is represented by this letter. Its shape, by coincidence, is also a cross, which came to represent the figure and symbol of Christ.

When Christians in the early periods of Christianity wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they placed an "X" or a cross beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost.

From this usage came the shortened form of X'mas to stand for the complete word Christmas.

Science Adds Facts

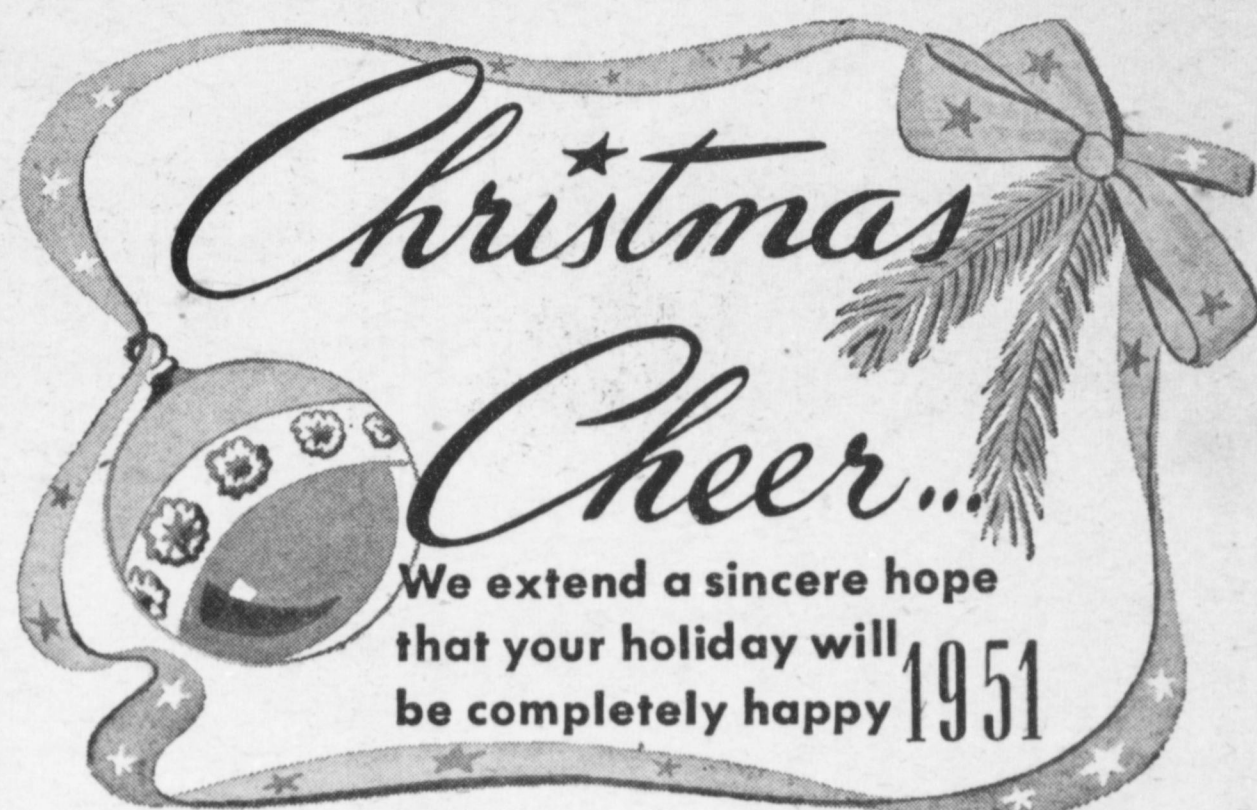
The authenticity of the story of Christ has been further established over a period of years through archaeological findings in the Jerusalem area.

A group of scientists recently discovered the name of Jesus carved before 70 A. D. among inscriptions on 11 early-Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem road.

These findings may prove to be one of the oldest archaeological records of Christianity, to give fact and substance to the Biblical stories of the trial and crucifixion of Christ.

It is believed that these writings were left by a sect of Hebrews who were followers of Christ and who had denounced Pontius Pilate.

There were Hebrew and Arabic inscriptions and symbols with references to Christianity.



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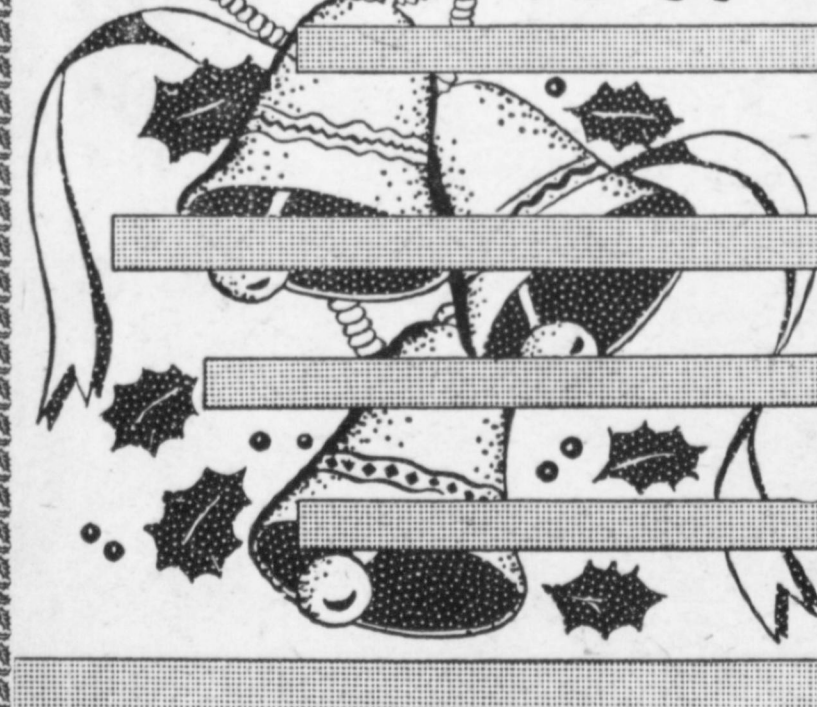
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Yuletide



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The practice of holding "open house" has been a Christmas tradition through the years.

The Saxon lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and all enjoyed great feasting, songs and the exchange of gifts. A tremendous Yule log was dragged upon an open fire pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South. The slaves often soaked a log in the cypress swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas freedom.

"Open House" during the Yuletide season is a true mark of democracy and a realization that he who was born on Christmas day came to save all men.

Cowboy's Party Is Real American Fete

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations is the Cowboy's Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 in the small town of Anson, Texas.

The celebration started as a wedding party in the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore". A cowboy band swung out and the dancers perform the heel and toe polka, the Varsouvienne, and other old folk dances.

Plum Pudding Came Far Since Ancient Origin

Plum pudding—the ancient English delicacy traditionally served with Christmas feasts—has come a long way since it entered the culinary lists hundreds of years ago as Yule-dough.

Yule-dough was composed of chopped meat paste, spices, to symbolize the gifts of the Magi, and flour, regarded as embodying the spirit immanent in the wheat.

Christmas Workers Need Social Security Numbers

"Employees who obtain temporary jobs during the Christmas shopping season are required to have social security cards," H. M. Cleveland, manager of the Corpus Christi social security office, said today.

Cleveland said that every year about this time his office receives numerous inquiries from both employers and employees who believe that temporary work is not covered by the old-age and survivors insurance program. Others think that the law applies only if the employer has several people working for him. Both of these beliefs are incorrect, Cleveland emphasized. He added that the law covers all employees in business

and industry, whether one person or several hundred are employed, and regardless of whether the work is part-time or full-time.

Residents of Corpus Christi may obtain application forms without charge from the Social Security Administration, 424 Taylor St., while persons living outside the city of Corpus Christi may get blanks from the post office in their community.

SPARK PLUG SPARKS UNDER WATER

A new type spark plug designed for underwater operation in amphibious tanks, trucks and jeeps, is now in production. The spark plug is assembled with a special connector which makes it an integral part of a completely waterproof ignition system.

AVIATION CADET PROCEDURE CHANGED

Selection of aviation cadets, a function previously performed by the Air Training Command, Scott Air Force, Illinois, has been transferred to Headquarters Technical Training Command, Scott Air Force, Waco, Texas. Selection of officer candidates has likewise been transferred to Headquarters Training Air Force at Gulfport, Miss. Inquiries are to be addressed to the Commanding General, Attention: The Director of Student Personnel, in care of the headquarters to which the application pertains.

A lot of auto accidents would be eliminated if the man behind the wheel would quit hugging the wrong curves.

6,000 SERVICEMEN TO BRING HOME JAPANESE BRIDES

This number of enlisted men in the Far East Command's American armed forces have said they will take Japanese wives back to the United States. No military personnel or civilian employees in the Far East Command are eligible to marry without the approval of the commanding general. All Japanese-American marriages must be performed before March 19, 1952.

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A Christmas Wish

Carols echoing sweet and clear—

Frosty stars that lean to hear;

A parlor-tree all tinsel-shine,

Up in the woods, a star-tipped pine;

Greeting cards in a merry shower—

A sweetly solemn midnight hour

When a simple tale and an age-old hymn

Usher the King of Christmas in;

Rebirth of love—new hope for peace—

And a miracle to make war cease—

Let's all wish this for Christmas!

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In The State of Texas

HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE NEW TEXAS "SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY LAW"

- 1 Enforcement Begins January 1, 1952.** On this date, the new Safety Responsibility Law, as passed by the Legislature, goes into effect. This law was designed to protect you against financially irresponsible drivers and owners of motor vehicles involved in accidents. It affects all drivers and motor vehicle owners (except Federal, State, County and City-owned cars).
- 2 What Must You Do After An Accident?** Under existing laws, you must file a written report to the Department of Public Safety if your car is involved in an accident where there is a death, an injury or property damage in excess of \$25. Under the new law, a written report must be filed *within ten days* if your car is in an accident resulting in death, injury or property damage in excess of \$100.
- 3 You Don't Have to Carry Liability Insurance, But . . .** If you are not insured against bodily injury and property damage liability, you must be able to deposit with the Department of Public Safety security equal to the estimated damage, not exceeding \$15,000.00, to cover all claims growing out of an accident anywhere in Texas in which you or your motor vehicle were involved. If you cannot establish financial responsibility for the future, your driver's license and your motor vehicle license plates are automatically suspended.
- 4 It's Easy to Establish Financial Responsibility** with a motor vehicle liability insurance policy. If you do not now have such a policy, call your local insurance agent today. He is a qualified insurance counselor who will be happy to advise you concerning your needs.
- 5 What is the Minimum of Your Liability?** The law permits each driver to establish the following minimum limits of liability: up to \$5,000.00 for injuries sustained by one person; up to \$10,000.00 for all personal injuries resulting from one accident, and up to \$5,000.00 for property damage. You do not have to establish such liability but it is the easiest way.

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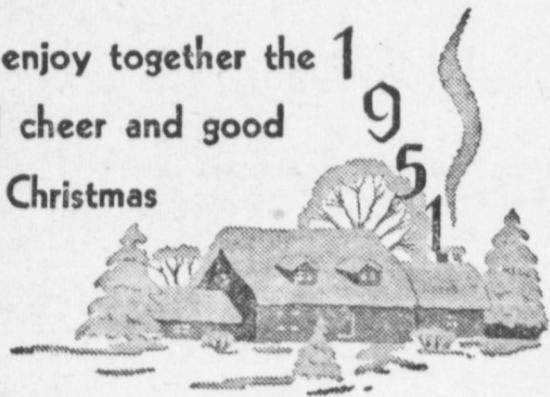
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Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

WHO HAS ONE of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy. It's Santa.

The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year.

However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the



country, and talking to thousands of youngsters on street corners and in department stores, Santa usually comes to the same conclusion each year. Times and customs change, but children seldom do.

Requests that Santa receives follow a general pattern each year—everything from bicycles to roller skates and cowboy suits for boys, with dolls and elaborate accessories the favorite with the girls.

There are some exceptions. Lots of children make requests for useful items, typewriters and such, in the hope of becoming writers and stenographers. Last year one lad asked for a Bengal tiger.

Santa, understanding human that he must be, promises to fill all the requests that he can and explains tenderly why there are some that are out of reach.

St. Nicholas Possessed Of Great Virtue, Piety

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, was said to have been a saint of great virtue and piety.

An ancient legend is told that he became the patron saint of school boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school in Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a vision, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayers and also forced the murderer to confess his crime to authorities.

Nations' Customs Widely Varied On Christmas Day

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for



the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old-fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas, complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers.

Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide Immorially

For centuries Christmas Carols have heralded the Yuletide season around the Christian world. Many of them, slightly altered by changing times and customs, have been handed down from one generation to another.

A great number probably were lost because they were popular in generations not adequately covered by a written history.

Christmas Carols are of two main types—religious and convivial. The religious offer praise to the newborn and celebrate the birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth and the traditional feasting.

The latter is almost an invention of our modern civilization, and few "popular" Yuletide songs manage to return year after year. "Jingle Bells" is one notable exception.

"Silent Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" seem destined to last forever.



BELLS THAT TOLL FOR THE LIVING—Two volunteer workers look over a number of bells that will jingle merrily for the Salvation Army's contribution gathering during the holidays preceding Christmas. The bells' clappers are being thoroughly checked for they are the parts that most often require replacement.

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Lincoln Ellsworth claimed 81,000 square miles of newly-discovered land in the Antarctic, for the United States, on Jan. 11, 1939.

Maryland was settled by the Catholics; Pennsylvania by the Quakers, New York by the Walloons, Georgia by the English debtors, and Virginia by the Cavaliers.

Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia are commonwealths.

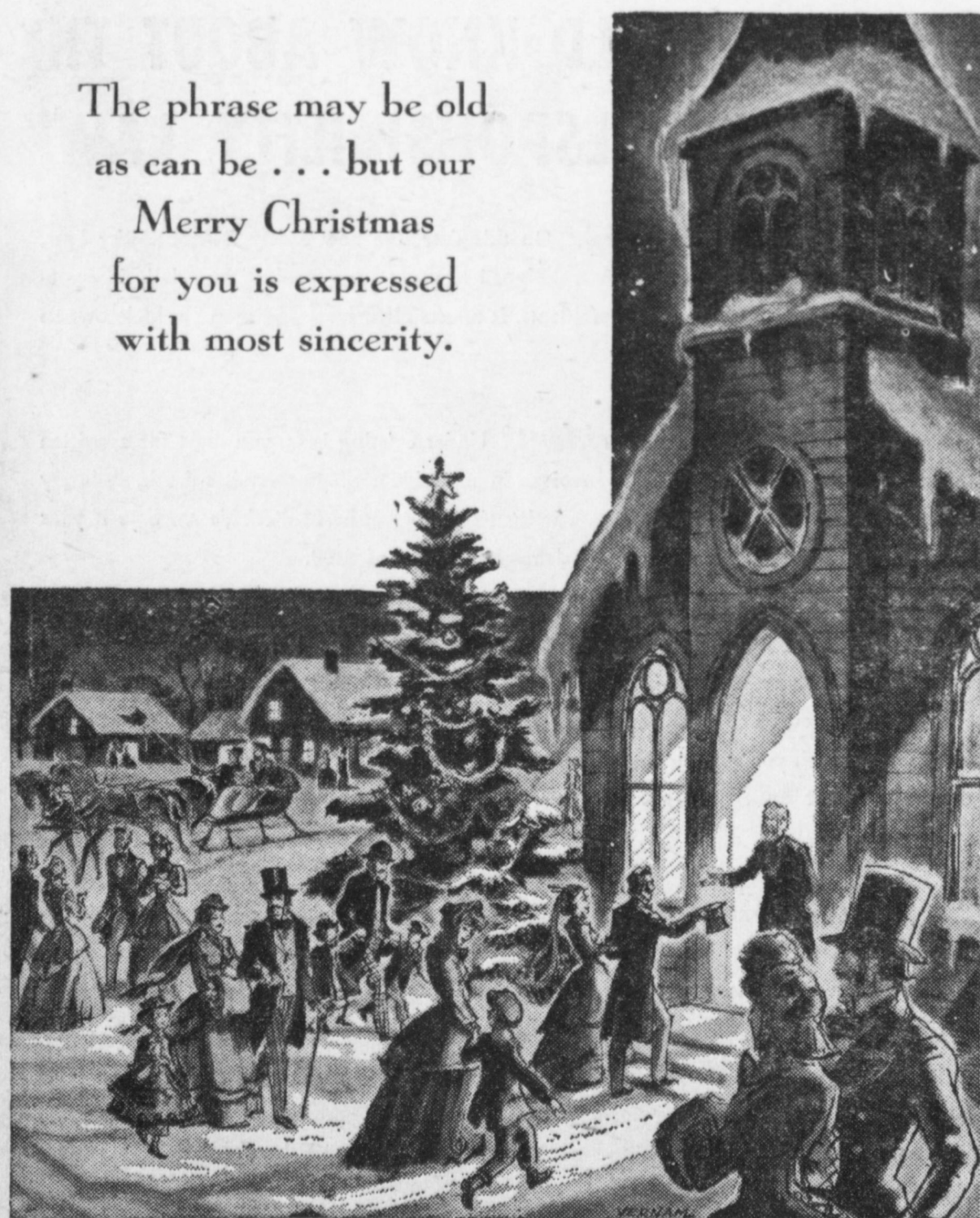


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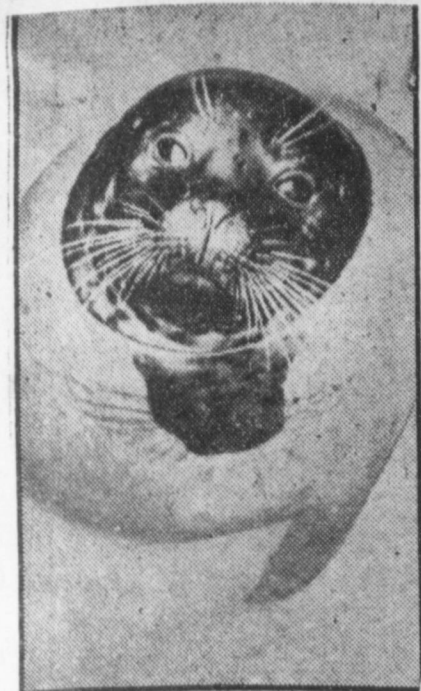
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WHAT'S UP?—That's what the look on this sad-faced seal seems to ask as the creature pops its head out of its zoo pool to peek at a cameraman who had been waiting patiently for something like this to happen. The flipper, as far as is known, merely wanted to know what the weather was like.

Yule Celebration Was Once Banned In England

In their attempt to do away with all forms of frivolity in England, the Puritan Government banned the celebration of Christmas in 1643. Although holiday traditions were restored by the Stuarts, the Christmas season never quite regained its place of importance in English celebrations.

Today is observed as a religious day in the churches and as a day for family gatherings, but has never again been celebrated with the boisterous spirit and sumptuous feasting of olden times.

The English people celebrate to a greater extent on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, marking this day with gift-giving and parties. This feast day antedates Christmas and is traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

So, today the children receive their gifts in boxes and it is the day that employers remember their old employees with gift boxes.

Legends Give Identities of Wise Men

The Three Wise Men of the East who brought gifts to the infant Savior have been identified over the centuries as Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar.

Melchior means "king of light" . . . Gaspar or Caspar . . . "the white one," and Balthazar: "The Lord of treasurers."

The first of the Magi, offered gold — the emblem of royalty; the second offered frankincense in token of divinity, and the third, myrrh — the prophetic allusion to the persecution unto death which awaited the "Man of Sorrows."

Medieval legend calls them the Three Kings of Cologne, and the Cathedral there, claims their relics. They are commemorated on January 2, 3 and 4 and particularly on the Feast of Epiphany.

Among the ancient Medes and Persians, the Magi were members of a priestly caste considered to have great occult powers.

According to popular legend, these Magi were reported to have come from the kingdoms of Tarsus and Bactria to the Feast of Epiphany.

Many Legends of Flowers at Christmas

The observance of Christmas the world over is rich with beautiful legends, and many of the loveliest are about flowers. The Christmas rose was divinely created, so the legend goes, when a shepherd maiden wept because she had no gift to lay before the Babe in the Manger.

An angel, hearing why she wept, touched the ground where her tears had fallen with a branch of lilies he carried and immediately the spot was white with Christmas roses. She gathered them joyfully and laid them on the manger.

Auld Told Bell Legend of Christmas

From the familiar Christmas tradition stories by William Auld comes the legend of the Christmas bells. When Christ was born and Satan died, the bells of the church were rung.

At exactly midnight, the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Savior.

Be Careful of Tree Fires at Christmas

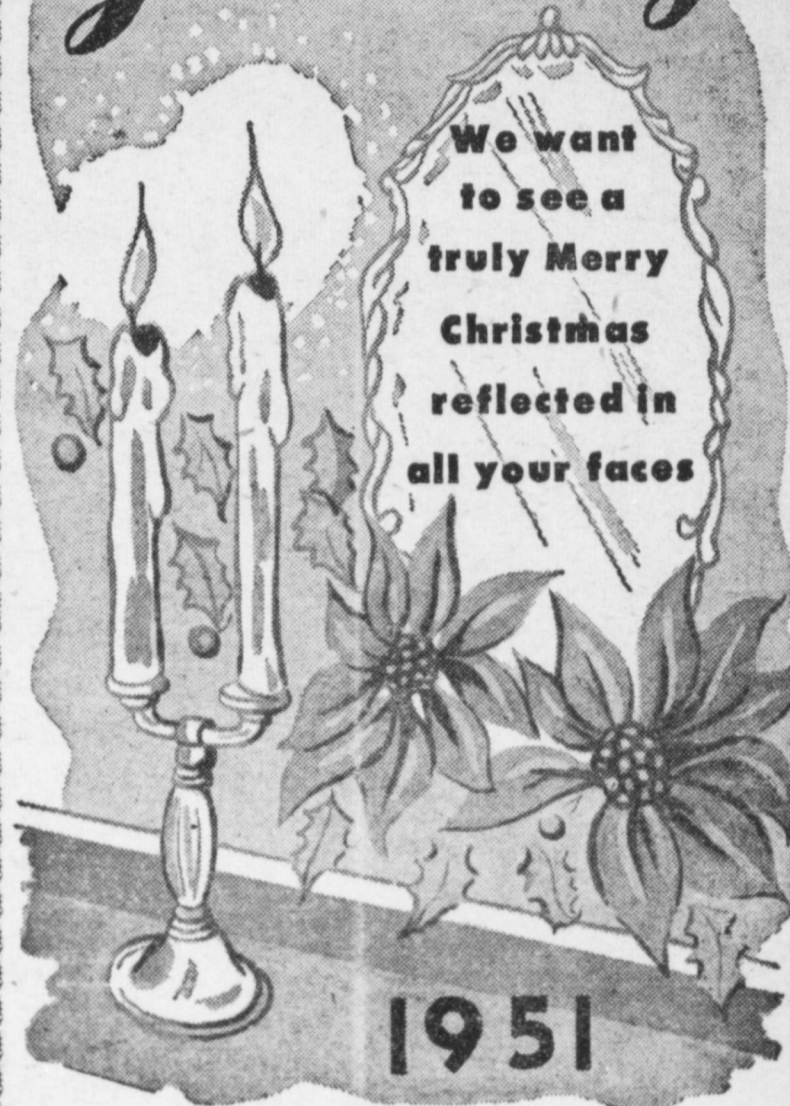
Again this year the fire department in all cities are urging people to remember that Christmas trees can be a fire hazard if care is not used. The average tree can burn in two minutes and that doesn't allow time for the fire department to get there!

The precautions to follow are: Use a live tree wherever possible with its roots in moistened soil. Use non-flammable trimmings on the tree. Check Christmas tree lights carefully for frayed spots in the wires.

Never use lighted candles. Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family isn't home. Check your tree regularly to see if needles near the lights are turning brown, and if they are move the lights to another spot. Finally, when your tree gets dried out, don't leave the lights on for more than a half-hour at a time.

To the optimist it is a rose bush, but to the pessimist it is a bush of thorns.

Season's Greetings

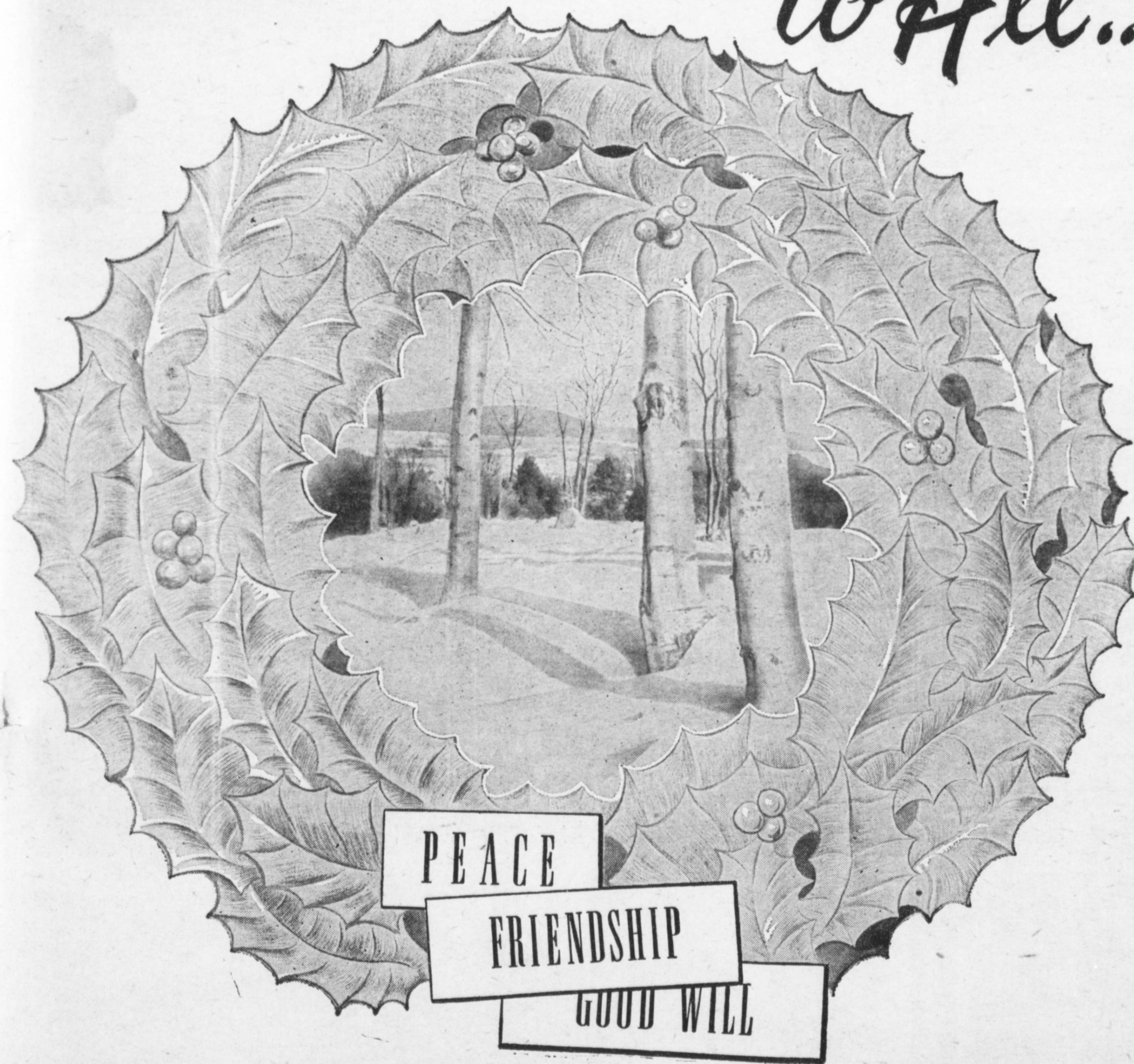


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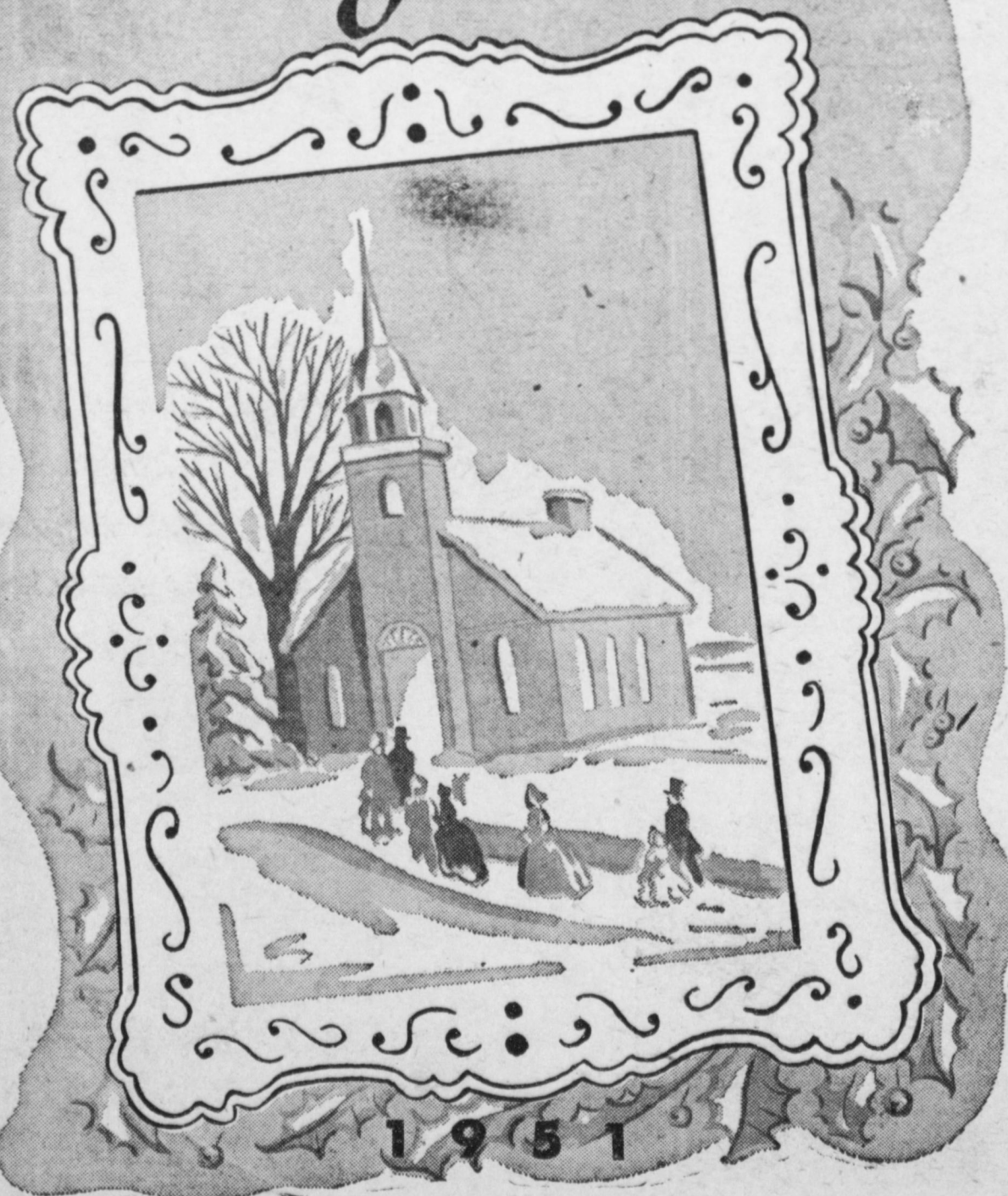


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**CANDLES
FOR
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Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ child on his way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nutshells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas eve, each carrying a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the good-folk attend the services.

**Redeemer's Birthplace
In Ancient Bethlehem
Still Scene of Worship**

The scene of the Redeemer's birth at Bethlehem is the site of a full day's worship and prayer each Christmas Eve. The faithful come from all parts of the world to join their voices in adoration and to see the solemn reenactment of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Discontinued for six years during World War II, the pontifical mass and ceremony was renewed in 1945. As the stars on the hillside and the pale moon wrapped the town of Bethlehem in an aura of holiness, the voices of the humble echoed in prayer from the little Church of St. Catherine, built on the hallowed rock of the most sacred spot of the Christian world.

The mass was celebrated at 10 p.m., the voices of the choir-boys ringing out over the surrounding hills. At the stroke of 12 the great bells of the tower of the nativity rang out, loud and clear.

The vicar, holding an image of the Christ Child, joined a procession of priests, acolytes and choir-boys. By flickering candlelight the procession filed over the stone steps leading to the grotto of the nativity. The vicar placed the tiny representation of Christ on the sacred spot where, many years before, the Redeemer came.

**Balsam Recommended
As Best Yule Tree**

In choosing a Christmas tree, many look for trees that will not shed needles quickly indoors. Highly recommended are balsam and Douglas firs, which usually will hold their needles as long as two or three weeks in a warm house.

Balsam is fragrant beyond all other Christmas trees, has long



lower branches and thick spire-like top. Its needles do not stab the hand. Like the needles of all firs, they are usually flattened, not squarish.

For longer life, place the tree outdoors in a bucket of water for 24 hours before putting it up, or place in a waterproof container of wet sand and keep the sand moist.



I HOPE, I HOPE . . . There is an expression commonly used during the days just before Christmas—and this is it, on the face of the lad with the football. If things work out the way they usually do, he'll get his wish.



May the peace of
the season be in
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Thru Friday, Dec. 28

Custom of 'Pinata'. Observed in Mexico. Is Spreading to U.S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time.

The pinata is made of thin, fragile clay, and is filled with sweetmeats and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling.

Each of the guests, not always only just children—is blindfolded and given a stick. The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children. Tradition decrees that they must wait until the final day of the 21-day Christmas season to receive their gifts.

Christmas Helps World's Economy

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense, this is true to some extent.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an overstatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominate theme one of giving, rather than of receiving? Christmas and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain, the Christmas story.

GREETINGS to All at Christmastime



Best wishes for a very
merry holiday



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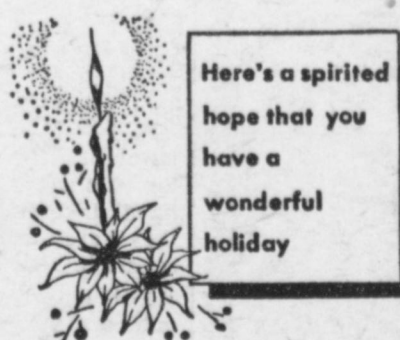
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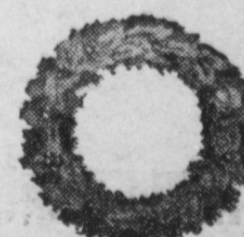
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May the angels bending
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you an abiding peace



In the spirit of the blessed
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CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Wyland Wright are the parents of a baby girl, born in the Aransas Pass hospital this morning, Thursday, Dec. 20. A boy, J. J. Hawes, Jr., was born Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the Rockport Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hawes.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Itschner of Ingleside, have a son, born in the Rockport Hospital Dec. 20. His name is Royce Glenn.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. James Small, Sr., that their son, S.S.A. James Small, Jr., stationed at San Diego, Calif., will be home on a 14-day leave. He expects to arrive in Rockport Sunday night, Dec. 23.

ALTAR SOCIETY MET TUESDAY

The Sacred Heart Altar Society of the Catholic Church had their regular business meeting Tuesday afternoon in the Sacred Heart School building.

The president, Mrs. Arley Shivers, presided at the meeting and final arrangements for the Christmas services were completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lamm of San Antonio spent Thursday and Friday of last week greeting friends in Rockport.

Miss Annie Lee Small was in Corpus Christi four days last week because of illness in her sister's family.

ROCKPORT P-TA HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Rockport P-TA held its regular meeting in the auditorium Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Roe's and Mrs. James' second grades presenting the program.

The stage represented a home with a Christmas tree and a chimney. Steirly Rozzell, Jr., acted as master of ceremonies and gave "The Night Before Christmas" which the children acted out.

The Choral Club, under direction of Grady Kincannon, sang carols and Rev. T. H. Pollard was the speaker of the afternoon. Rev. Peterson gave the prayer.

The attendance prize went to Mrs. James' second grade. After the business meeting there was a social hour in the cafeteria. The table was centered with Turks cap and Mrs. Harry Mills poured the punch.

Hayes Atwood, W. F. Close, and Buddy Warden went deer hunting at Freer this week. Atwood and Warden each got an eight point buck and Close killed a thirteen pointer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beasley and sons were in Houston last weekend and visited Mrs. Beasley's sister, Mrs. C. A. Dalton. Mrs. Lota Hatchett, Mrs. Beasley's mother, returned home with them to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sellers of Goliad, were guests of Mrs. Paul Reese Wednesday. They are the parents of Don Sellers, who is now employed at the United Carbon Co. plant. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers are former residents of Rockport.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. ED GOEDDE

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Osborne honored Mrs. Ed Goedde with a birthday party, Wednesday evening, Dec. 19.

Canasta was the game of the evening. Mrs. Osborne served birthday cake, ice cream and coffee.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Runnels of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. George Graner of San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Bertha Williams, Sgt. Robert E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goedde, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Osborne, host and hostess.

C. O. Bailey's Mother Dies In Port Arthur

C. O. Bailey received word Monday of the passing of his mother, Mrs. Stacie C. Bailey, at Port Arthur, Texas. Her funeral was held Tuesday.

Lt. Commander and Mrs. R. Goether (Mrs. Goether is Mr. Bailey's daughter) of Cabanis Field, and two of his daughters from Houston, attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Cladron Grason of Freer, Tex., visited Mrs. Grason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Small of Rockport, last weekend.

Roy Hinton and James Small, Sr., have returned home after touring Alabama, Mississippi and Florida.

The Victory Bell at Annapolis is rung only on the occasion of a navy victory over the army, in football.

REBEKAHS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

After the regular lodge session Tuesday night, members of the Rebekah Lodge and their guests enjoyed a Christmas party and tree.

After a short program gifts were exchanged. These gifts were placed in two huge stockings, one held gifts for men and the other held gifts for women.

The Christmas tree was placed on a table with a beautiful white Christmas cake, decorated in sugar spun holly leaves and berries arranged around it. The cake rested on a red and green ruffle. Coffee and cookies were also served.

MRS. SMITH HOSTESS TO V.F.W. AUXILIARY

Mrs. Cleo Smith entertained the V.F.W. Auxiliary with a Christmas party at her home last Tuesday night.

The group sang songs and Mrs. Reese read Christmas poems, and gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Smith had a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and she served sandwiches, hot chocolate and fruit cake, mints, and candy, to her guests.

Pfc. Jimmy Hayden has a ten-day leave from Randolph Field, which he is spending with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayden, and other relatives and friends in Rockport.

O. D. Little was able to return from Spohn Hospital Tuesday and is spending a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Little before going to his own home.

Public Dance!

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

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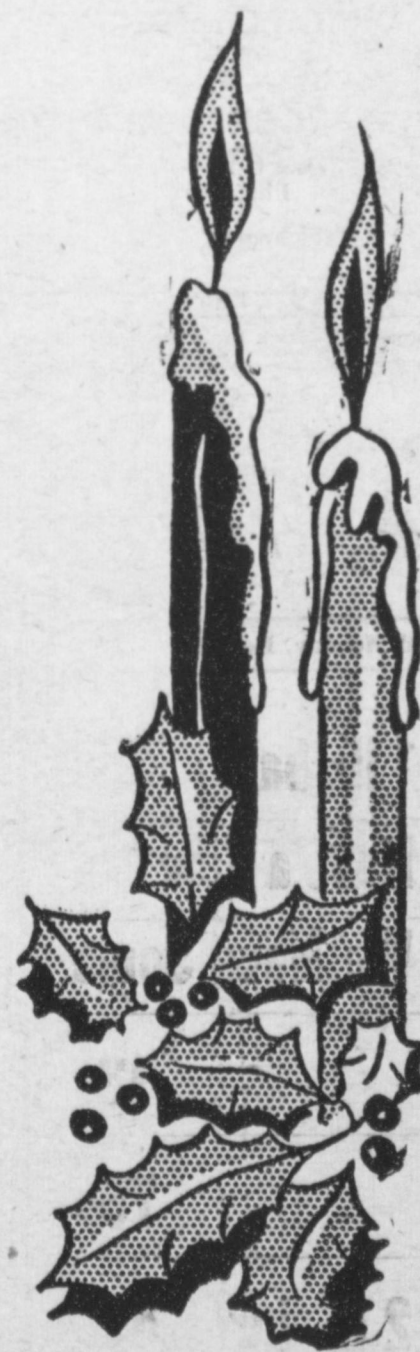
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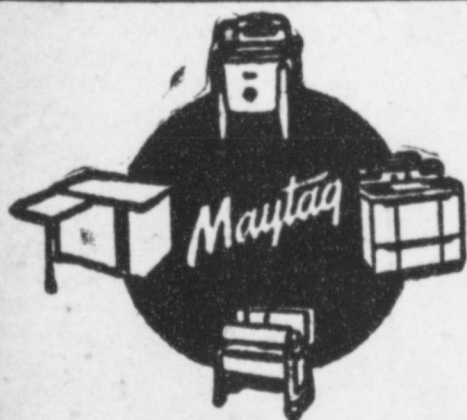
EVERY DAY SAVINGS

Specials for Friday, Saturday and Monday, Dec. 21-22-24

RED & WHITE WHOLE	Big No. 2 1/2 Can
Spiced Peaches	35c
ALL FLAVORS	
Jello, 2 pkgs.	15c
QUEEN ANNE	Pound Box
Chocolate Cherries	49c
OCEAN SPRAY STRAINED OF WHOLE	Tall Can
Cranberry Sauce	16c
DRIP, REGULAR OR PULVERIZED	
Folger's Coffee, pound can	83c
PURE IMPERIAL CANE	
Sugar, 5 lbs.	45c
POPULAR BRANDS	
Cigarettes, carton	1.95
Spry, 2 lb. can	89c
SWIFT'S PREMIUM	
Ham	Swift's 3 1/2 to 5 lb.
SHANK HALF	Lb. 59c
BUTT HALF	Lb. 63c
CENTER SLICES	Lb. 91c
WHOLE HAM, small sizes	Lb. 61c
PLUMP AND FULLY DRESSED	
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Pork Roast, lb.	43c

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Chocolate Drops, 1 lb. bag	35c
X'MAS TREES, We Have a Few Yet	
X'MAS TURKEYS, We Have Some	
POWDERED AND BROWN	
Sugar, lb.	13c
YARBOROUGH'S	
Coffee, 1 lb. bag	79c
BAMA	
Peach Preserves, 2 lb. jar	45c
ASSORTED FLAVORS	
Jello, 2 for	15c
Candy, Nuts and Fruit for X'mas	

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FOR LEASE: Ideal site for industry or tourist courts, block 412, Manning Addition. Railroad spur and highway available.

LOVELY LOT with 11 oak trees in Rockport's north side. I will build on it to my plans or yours. This lot is suitable for an FHA loan. Seth H. Steele, phone 482. ctf

MERRY CHRISTMAS to our many friends and satisfied customers.

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HELP WANTED: For the Lamar Grill, boy or elderly man to attend gasoline pump. Salary, room and board. Phone 3321. ctf

FOR RENT: 3-room apartment. Couple only, no pets. For Sale: 4-burner gas range. Phone 529. ctf

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FOR SALE: 50-gallon Electric hot water heater. Less than year old. Priced to sell. Phone 6171. ctf

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FOR SALE: 2-bedroom home, 12x50 foot, Clearview enclosed porch, garage and other outhouses on 100x100 foot lot. Faces Liveoak Street, across from Rockport Cottages. R. R. Fenner, Box 48, Rockport. ctf

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FOR SALE OR TRADE: 19 1/2 foot Cris-Craft speedboat. Will accept automobile or well located lot or what have you in trade. Value of boat \$1,500. John A. Cox, Phone 823. ctf

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Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hobbs, of Theo's Grill, extend an invitation to all their friends and customers to stop by the Grill Christmas Day for free egg nog.

HUMBLE DEEP TEST AT 7,608 FEET

Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 1 State Tract 190, Aransas Bay wildcat in Aransas County, 2 miles southeast of Rockport, was drilling at 7,608 feet Friday on a 10,000-foot contract.

In Copano Bay, Phillips Petroleum Co. No. 23 Copano Bay State, Tract 43, had squeezed and re-perforated at 6,950-58 feet. The No. 25 was drilling at 5,818 feet, and the No. 28, at 5,320 feet.

Louis Paulsen, playing chess against Paul Morphy, deliberated 14 hours and 28 minutes before making one move. (Morphy won).

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Girls Basketeers Play Several Games

Last Wednesday night, Dec. 12, the Rockport girls played host to the University at Austin, for last weekend.

The B team won by the score of 22-15. Marjorie Bateman was high point girl with 9 points and Shirley Harrell was second with five.

The A team defeated their opponents 28 to 14 with Janet Washington making 12 points. Despite the absence of Norma Roe, Bonnie McGregor and Jo Ann Smith, Alma Ratliff and Gena Demory filled in with Dolly Hart and played fine defense.

Odem Games

The Rockport basket ball girls played Odem Dec. 17, the B team losing by a score of 33 to 22. Shirley Harrell was high point girl with 13 points. Rockport won the A game 30 to 28 with Janet Washington scoring high with 18 points.

Flour Bluff Games

In a hard-fought game Tuesday night, Dec. 18 the B team acknowledged defeat. Offensively and defensively the teams were closely matched. In the first quarter Flour Bluff made one goal and two free shots, while Rockport managed two field goals and one free shot. The second quarter was scoreless and the score at the half stood at 5 to 4. The third quarter ended with a 6 to 6 tie. In the final quarter Flour Bluff looped the net twice on field goals. Rockport scored one free shot to make the final score read 10 to 7.

In the A game which followed the guards Gena Demory, Dolly Hart, Bonnie McGregor did a beautiful job of breaking up seven plays. The opponents were held to a score of 5 to 4 at the half time; however in the second half Flour Bluff forwards opened up on long shots which were successful. The final score was 14 to 7.

Billy Hubert Rork, Sammy Hash and Miss Marie Roberts came in from the University at Austin, for last weekend.

Lt. Commander DeWilton B. Jeffries, who is stationed at Camp Charleston, S. C., is spending the holidays with Mrs. Jeffries and the children in Rockport.

SURF THEATRE

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SUNDAY & MONDAY
Dec. 23-24

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Dec. 25-26

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Camay Soap, 3 for	25c
Bab-O, 2 for	21c
SUN-MAID	
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