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VARIETY

By NEAL ESTES

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman, he grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves, while he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave though the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

Many Merchants Use Paper To Send Greetings

In this issue of The Stanton Reporter many merchants have used the columns of the newspaper to extend special holiday greetings to their friends and customers.

There is no better way to tell the people, all the people, you have appreciated their business. It has been customary for years in Martin County for merchants to let the people who have patronized them know of this sincere feeling at Yuletide.

Some merchants elected to use the Christmas issue for messages and others will prefer to send greetings for the New Year in the next issue of the paper.

An advertising man will be around to solicit appropriate copy for next week's paper.

If you were out of town, missed this issue, and want something in the way of a New Year's message call 756-3344 as soon as you read this message.

Editor's Mail

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

December 6, 1967

Stanton Reporter
Stanton, Texas

Dear Friends:
My records here indicate that my subscription to your newspaper will expire soon, and I wish to renew the subscription.

I am enclosing a check made out in the amount which, according to my records, was paid for the subscription last year. If there has been a change in your subscription rate, or if I have made an error, please let me know and I will make appropriate changes, remitting any amount still owed to you. Thanks for handling this for me.

My best wishes to all of you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Sincerely,
George Mahon.

Local Churches Set Christmas Service Times

The First Methodist Church of Stanton, will present a Christmas program Sunday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m., with a reception in Fellowship Hall immediately following.

The program will include along with traditional Christmas music sung by the congregation, a brass sextet, a bell choir, folk carols, activity story, scripture readings, and special songs, under the direction of Mrs. Bob Halslip.

Special Masses will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton, and St. Isidore's Church at Tarzan. Mass will be held at Tarzan December 24, at 8:00 a.m. and Christmas Day, December 25, at 8:00 a.m. and December 24, at Stanton, at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and Christmas Eve midnight mass. Christmas day, December 25, at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Farmers Union Holds First Meet Dec. 14

The Farmers Union held their first meeting December 14, at the Grady School.

The charter was presented, and the following officers and directors were elected, Newel W. Tate, president; J. E. Pollock, first vice-president; Delbert Dickinson, second vice-president; Charles Hale, secretary-treasurer; and directors W. J. Harlow, northeast of Stanton; John Davis, Lomax, and Jim Franklin, Lenorah.

There will be an additional four directors appointed at a later date from various parts of Martin County.

The next director's meeting will be held at the Lenorah Gin Company, January 15, 1968, at 7:00 p.m.

SEN. RUSSELL LONG, Democrat of Louisiana, said the past week that the JOHNSON administration must slow down on the passage of legislation. He indicated there would be very little "passing" and more understanding before voting, in the next session of Congress. LONG said the 90th session, the one just concluding, was devoted mostly to slowing JOHNSON constant demands for more spending down. LONG deplored the hundreds of laws passed under JOHNSON in the 89th session and he attributed the defeat of the tax raise bill wanted by LBJ as the result of congressman's unwillingness to raise taxes before going back to the public for re-election this year. LONG is a shrewd politician, but the voters are not going to send any member of the House or Senate back to Congress this year who refused to promise them that he will not vote for a tax increase. The voters are simply tired of labor unions and two or three minority groups running the country. It's too much like the tail wagging the dog.

Lenorah Couple Found Dead Of Asphyxiation

A prominent Martin County couple, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fryar were found dead in separate bedrooms of their farm home near Lenorah early Sunday.

Justice of the Peace Martin Gibson of precinct one, ruled the deaths accidental by asphyxiation from a faulty gas wall heater.

The bodies were found by the couple's 16-year-old grandson, Elvis Burton, who had slept in a closed bedroom in another part of the house.

Sheriff Dan Saunders and other investigating officers said there was a strong odor of gas fumes in the home and no evidence of foul play.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Baptist Temple in Big Spring with interment in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley - Pickle Funeral Home of Big Spring.

The couple had resided in Martin County since 1962 and operated a farm while living here.

They are survived by one son, Jack D. Fryar, Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. Marie Hartup, Pampa, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Fryar is survived by six brothers, Clarence Fryar, Stanton, Shirley Fryar, R. V. Fry-



We are deeply grateful for the fine response many of the merchants and businessmen of Stanton made to our invitation to join in sending their friends and patrons Christmas greetings through the columns of The Reporter. We feel like this edition is a worthy effort to show to all the people in the Stanton trade area that their business through the years has been sincerely appreciated. The many advertising messages contained in this issue are expressions of faith in the future of Martin County and in-

dicating the goodwill local merchants have toward the people who trade with them and support them with business throughout the year.

The Stanton Reporter is happy to announce that our circulation is now at an alltime peak for the county paper and at this Yuletide season we wish to extend personal thanks to all of our friends, subscribers, advertisers, and supporters. We salute you all with a wish for A Happy and Merry Christmas.

Lighting Contest Winners

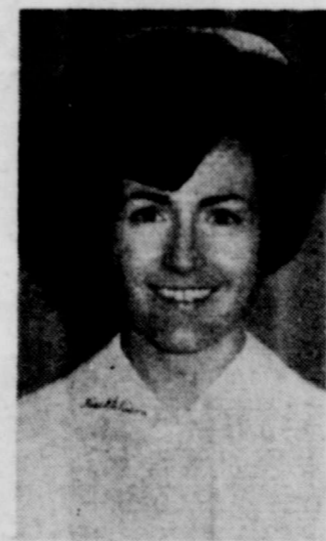
The Christmas Home Lighting Contest was judged Tuesday night. The winners were named and they include: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cook, 800 East Broadway, first place; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore, 501 Burleson, second place; Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, 705 N. St. Francis, third place. Other home drawing particular interest of the judges included: Tom Ed Angel home, Jimmie Barnhill residence, Don Keaton home, G. W. Alsup home, D. L. Boyce residence and Guy Eiland home. The contest was sponsored by the Stanton Garden Club. The judges were from Big Spring.

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Miss Atchison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Atchison, 2504 Stanolind St., Midland. While at LHS she was active in the Future Homemakers of America and National Honor Society. She is vice president of the junior nursing class and co-chairman of the student nurses' activity committee.

Miss Atchison attended Lubbock Christian College before entering the nursing school.

Recent visitors with Mrs. Ralph Kelly and Ima were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eaker of Big Spring, Rex Kelly of Ira, Preston Kelly of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Nichols.

Mrs. Ralph Kelly and Ima visited Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eaker in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart, Ted, Lewis, and T. B., attended the funeral of their uncle, Arthur Bailey, age 83, in Stanton, December 18.

Gulf Oil Extender Completed

By JAMES C. WATSON

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1 Fay Hildebrand has been finished to extend the Credo (Wolf-camp) pool a mile southwest into Glascock County.

On the 24-hour potential it produced 335 barrels of 37.3-gravity oil daily from perforations between 7,746 and 7,750 feet flowing through a 20/64-inch opening with tubing pressures at 340 pounds. Gas-oil ratio was 1,192-1 and the zone had been stimulated with 2,500 gallons of acid.

No. 1 Hildebrand is 13 miles southeast of Garden City, 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 24, block 30, W&NW survey.

It was drilled to total depth of 8,100 feet and the 5½-inch production pipe was set at 7,834 feet for the completion.

Library Lines

Mrs. Ralph Caffey, Librarian

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 1-5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The library will be closed during the holidays, Saturday, December 23, through January 2, 1968.

My New Year's Resolution has already been made, to try to get more books on the shelves faster. The resolution will be helped by the fact that the county commissioners are giving the library a book allowance for the coming year. This is true progress and we are thankful for this.

I will not be able to get the favorite book of each and every patron, but at least I (Continued on back page)

Yuletide Blessings Bountiful

Martin County residents have been busy preparing for another calm Christmas and are making final arrangements for the celebrating of the birth of Christ.

In local churches and schools special programs and parties have been held or will be held before Christmas day. Many families have planned Yuletide reunions and several residents have either gone to visit friends and relatives in other cities or will be going out of town during the holiday season.

School children in Martin County will be dismissed Friday afternoon and classes will resume on January 2.

Business places in the county will all be closed on Christmas day.

Courthouse offices will shut down on Friday and will open up for activity again on Tuesday morning, December 26.

Federal offices in the city will observe the usual holiday periods and the postoffice will follow the schedule suggested by the Postmaster General, Lawrence O'Brien.

Various clubs and organizations have their holiday parties behind and club members will devote the Yuletide to private entertainment in their homes with their families and friends.

Some county churches will hold special Christmas services on Sunday, December 24. Local residents who plan to travel on highways crowded with holiday traffic have been briefed on safety rules and regulations. Caution will be the watch word in the area because of the Department of Public Safety's prediction of a possible 41 deaths in traffic.

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A junior majoring in English speech, she is one of 135 recently accepted as new members. The top five percent of the junior and senior classes, graduate school and law school are invited as members.

Santa Claus Schedule

Santa Claus is returning to Stanton on Thursday and Friday nights.

He will be in the downtown section both nights from 5 to 8 p.m. He will stroll in stores and talk to children and bring candy and gum along with him as gifts.

Treasure hunt tickets have been posted in participating store windows. Enjoy the hunt and collect your gift if you happen to be a winner.

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Hospital Notes

Physicians Hospital and Clinic

Patients admitted Dec. 11 Through Dec. 16:

Lydia Hicks and baby, C. S. Bevers Jr., Ann Alsbrook and baby, Jane Amberson, Mary Lou Hambrick, Mrs. J. D. Reynolds, J. D. Dwinelle, Walter C. Lankford, Nadine Huffman and baby, and Ruby Snow Henson.

Baptist Church News

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nowlin were hosts to the Ruth Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church, Thursday night at their home, 505 Carroll St. Rev. W. H. Uhlman, voiced the invocation. The turkey Christmas supper was served buffet style and quartet tables were used.

L. D. Stripling showed slides and movies, and gave a com- (Continued on back page)

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Carolers Were Once Dancers

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

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

Birthday News . . .

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

The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity, the Incarnation and the Annuncia-

tion. Later, ones on shepherd themes and the Epiphany were composed, and there were also many of folk origin on the festivities of the Christmas season.

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

First In Latin . . .

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

The saint, who lived from about 1230 to 1306 A.D., had a good precedent for his interest in carols in St. Francis himself. To St. Francis is trac-

ed the creation of the first creche or manger scene, in 1223 A.D. Villagers gathered around the scene and sang hymns to the Christ Child.

"The Boar's Head" . . .

"The boar's head in hand bear I,
Bedecked with bays and rosemary."
"The Boar's Head Carol," source of this quotation, appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queens College, Oxford.

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

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

Feast Of Stephen . . .

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

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

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

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

Shepherd Maiden . . .

Shepherds are familiar figures in Christmas stories and

carols, such as "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

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

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

SILENT NIGHT

It is amazing to remember that Silent Night, which has become one of the best known and most loved of Christmas carols, was written hurriedly in an emergency, because the organ of a tiny, impoverished church in Bavaria broke down and could not be fixed in time for Christmas Eve services (1818). The organist, Franz Bruber wrote the music and the vicar Joseph Mohr the verses, and the carol was first heard the next day in a three-part arrangement, accompanied by a kuitar.

WE, THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Like so many favorite hymns and carols, this popular favorite was written during the last century. It was composed - both words and music - by John Henry Hopkins, Jr., who was the son of the second Bishop of Vermont. A noted clergyman himself, Mr. Hopkins was also a poet and musician of wide accomplishment (although most of his other works are ancient modes to establish the atmosphere of this carol.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

With this carol, the words came first. They were written in 1739 by Charles Wesley, brother of the founder of the Methodist Church. Then, one hundred and one years later, the melody appeared in a Cantata by Felix Mendelssohn, and then, still fifteen years later, the words and music were joined by Dr. W. H. Cummings, then organist of Waltham Abbey in England, and presented for the first time on Christmas Day, 1855.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

A young Rector from the Holy Trinity Church in Phil-

adelphia, Phillips Brooks was inspired by his ride on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem shortly before Christmas 1865 and wrote these words. The children of the Sunday School loved the poem and urged organist Lewis Redner to write music for it. Inspiration evaded Redner until Christmas Eve, when the melody suddenly came to him. The new carol was played for the delighted children the very next morning.

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

The words for this lovely carol were written by the Rev. Edmund Hamilton Sears and published in the 1850 Christmas Register. Sometime later Dr. Sears asked a friend to set it to music, and the tune that the friend wrote is still sometimes heard. However, in 1851 Richard Willis of Boston set the poem, and set it to the beloved melody that is familiar to us all.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL (Adeste Fideles)

This is one of the oldest hymns in the Christmas service, the first manuscript known to scholars dating from 1751, although the melody is in fact much older and

its origins are unknown. Although it is sometimes called the Portuguese Hymn, 1st association is not with Portugal itself but from a possible relationship to the Portuguese Chapel in London.

THE FIRST NOEL

This carol is believed to be of French origin, probably about 1500, although no one is really certain. Sometimes "Noel" is used, sometimes "Nowell" in the old English usage. Europe knew the song in the seventeenth century, but it made its first known appearance in print in 1833.

THE COVENTRY CAROL (LULLY, LULLAY)

This ancient carol was first heard in 1534, at a pageant presented by the shearmen and Tailors' Guild of England. The words were written by Robert Croo, to a melody which has been traced back nearly 60 years earlier.

JOY TO THE WORLD

These words were written in 1719 by Isaac Watts, who did not intend them to apply to any special part of the calendar. Originally they were printed in a book called PSALMS OF DAVID. Later, they were set to a rather plain tune, and the song was

In its earliest form, public street lighting was done by placing lighted candles in the windows of homes along the street.

Four newspaper in Japan account for nearly half of the circulation of that country's approximately 100 daily papers. Mainichi Shimbun, one of the largest, employs 5,000 persons, more than 1,000 of them on the editorial staff.

not even thought of as a Christmas carol until in 1830 Lowell Mason matched the words to a melody taken from the "Aitnoeh" portion of Handel's MESSIAH.

Carelessness KILLS



A railroad grade crossing is no place to play here! Those few seconds you might try to save by beating a train could cost you your life. Trains can NOT stop on a dime. Cross crossings cautiously.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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SAN ANGELO STANDARD TIMES

BIG SPRING DAILY HERALD



Here's hoping that all the joys of this Holiday season will be yours in fullest measure...and that the New Year will be richly rewarding in warm friendships, good health and happiness.

Eiland Insurance



Merry Christmas to All

We say Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers...

We want you all to know how much we have enjoyed your patronage and friendship and we take this opportunity to wish you and yours...

a holiday complete with happiness to last forever and ever!

TRI-CITY DR PEPPER BOTTLING COMPANY
HIGHWAY 80
STANTON, TEXAS

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Singing Of Carols Is Yule Tradition

In homes all over the world families will soon be taking part in one of the most joyous traditions of Christmas—the singing of Christmas carols. The accompaniment in most cases will be on the piano, the most popular instrument, now played by an estimated 24 million amateur musicians. Many of these carols were written long before the piano came into being and have interesting origins.

Many of the carols are centuries old. In ancient times, plays performed in cathedrals during the Christmas holiday were set to music. In the 13th Century, St. Francis of Assisi spread this tradition outside the church by incorporating the songs in street festivals. Among the earliest carols is "O Come, All Ye Faithful," which has been translated into around 120 languages and dialects. Some scholars believe the Latin text was by St. Francis of Assisi. The text of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" was written as a hymn in 1739 by Charles Wesley. The music used today was not written until a century later when Felix Mendelssohn composed it as a secular cantata. It was adapted to the carol in 1856. "Silent Night" is not exactly what we consider music for the guitar. It was composed on the instrument we now associate with rock 'n roll. The poem was written in 1818 by Austrian clergyman Father Josef Mohr for the evening Christmas service. The church organist, Franz Gruber, is said to have composed the music

in two hours that afternoon, using a guitar because the organ was broken. America is the origin of at least three famous carols, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Bishop Phillips Brooks of Boston and Philadelphia. "We Three Kings of Orient Are," are composed about 1857 by Rev. Dr. J. H. Hopkins of Pennsylvania, "Away in the Manger," is probably the last to have gained fame. The music was composed in 1895 by the famous American Gospel - song composer, W. J. Fitzpatrick.

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Christmas Cookie Baking Time Just Around Corner

Jingle bells—the Christmas season has begun. Now is the time to plan those very special cookies you plan to wrap beautifully and present to selected friends and relatives.

Santa's Strawberry Blondes And Chocolate-Scotch Patties
 2½ cup shortening
 2¼ cups (1 pound) firmly packed brown sugar
 2¾ cups sifted all-purpose flour
 2½ teaspoons baking powder
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 cup chopped nuts
 6-ounce package (1 cup) butterscotch flavored morsels
 1 6-ounce package (1 cup) semisweet chocolate morsels

Basic Dough
 Cream shortening and brown sugar; beat in eggs, one at a time. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Blend into cream mixture. Stir in nuts. Divide dough in-

to two equal parts (about 2¼ cups each.)

Santa's Strawberry Blonde
 Stir butterscotch morsels into one part of basic dough; turn into greased 9x9 2-inch pan; smooth the surface. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) 20 minutes. When almost cool, cut into 1½-inch squares. When thoroughly cool, spoon strawberry frosting into cake decorator with star tip; make rosette on each square. Makes 3 dozen squares.

Choco-Scotch Patties
 Stir chocolate morsels into second part of basic dough; drop from teaspoon 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 13 minutes. Cool on rack. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

Strawberry Frosting
 2 tablespoons quick strawberry milk-flavoring mix
 1 tablespoon milk
 1 cup sifted confectioner's sugar, divided
 2 tablespoons softened butter or margarine
 Dissolve strawberry milk-flavoring mix in milk. Beat ¼ cup of the sugar with the butter. Beat in the milk mixture alternately with the remaining sugar.

Those who would a-wassailing on Christmas are indebted to Henry VII. World Book Encyclopedia says the English king introduced the drink of hot ale and spices from the Scandinavian countries in the 1400's. In some parts of England, trees and fields were "wassailed," or toasted, to insure a good crop.

If Mount Everest were submerged in the deepest part of the ocean, more than a mile of water would cover it.

Invented Mechanism
 Historians of a watch manufacturing firm are of the opinion that the gear train that is the basic mechanism in practically all clocks was invented by Archimedes in the 3rd century B.C.

Samuel Morse, a famous inventor was an artist in early days. He was a founder of the National Academy of Design, of which he was the first president.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Here they are!
 The season's best wishes to all our wonderful friends.
 May you enjoy to the fullest every minute of this glorious holiday.

DECKER'S WELDING AND MACHINE WORKS

Living Christmas Tree Has Many Advantages To Homeowner

The living Christmas tree, though not as large and spectacular as a cut tree, has many advantages. It will retain its leaves throughout the Christmas season, remain colorful, and become a conversation topic later as a part of the landscape plan for the home.

Live trees, with the roots wrapped in a ball of soil, are sold to be planted outdoors after Christmas.

Select a well shaped specimen that is either balled or burlapped or growing in a container. Be sure to get a variety that is adapted in the area and will fit into the landscape. The eastern red cedar will grow in almost every section of Texas.

To improve the chances of the tree's survival after it is planted outdoors, water the tree thoroughly as soon as yet get it home. Do not move the tree indoors until it is to be decorated. Avoid placing the tree where hot afternoon sun or warm air from the heating system will hit it. Be careful in placing the tree lights so that leaves and branches are not damaged from excessive heat. Spotlights are excellent for showing up the

tree decorations.

While the tree is in the house, make sure its roots do not dry out. Watering every day or two may be necessary. After Christmas remove the decorations, move the tree out of doors and water thoroughly. It can be hosed down to remove dust and freshen the leaves.

Plant the tree as soon as possible. It may be desirable to plant the tree in a spot where it can be used as an outdoor Christmas tree the following years.

The live Christmas tree may be used for two or three seasons if it is planted in a container. It can then be used as a patio or terrace decoration. The container must be large enough to accommodate the tree for the next two or three years and provide the drainage needed. Container grown plants require more frequent watering than those growing in the garden.

Condition Poor
 British lecturer Gerald Brooke, serving a five-year sentence in a Soviet prison for carrying anti-Communist literature, described himself in a letter as "a bag of bones" his mother said.

No Santa, Tree At Christmas In Bethlehem

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

What is Christmas like in Bethlehem?

There's generally no snow, for one thing, for winters are mild in the Judean Hills around Bethlehem. No Santa Claus listens to children's pleas, for he's an American invention based on a European saint. And there's probably no decorated Christmas tree in the village square; that custom originated in Germany.

Instead, the focal point of Christmas in Bethlehem is the Church of St. Mary of the Nativity, supposedly built over the spot where Jesus was born. Here pilgrims from all over the world gather on Christmas Eve. First there is carol-singing in the square facing the church. Then all enter for the solemn midnight mass. After the service, an image of Christ is carried in a procession down into the grotto, and is placed in a manger where it lives until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

'Stained Glass' Home Window Easy To Make

You can quickly make your own Cathedral "stained glass" window in your home!

Just take jewel-colored cellophane and cut into many shapes. Apply to a clear glass door or window with rubber cement or scotch tape.

Let your imagination wander with the subject and shapes that please you. The materials are very inexpensive and if you make a mistake, just start over again!

By crinkling the cellophane you get a textured look of pebbled glass!

The lights in your home at night will shine through the colors and design and you'll be amazed at the striking effect!

NO CHRISTMAS!

"Hear ye, hear ye! Christmas will not be celebrated. All who observe that abominable day will be severely punished!"

An unlikely message for a town crier? Not in the time of Oliver Cromwell!

Cromwell and his Puritan Party did indeed consider Christmas a "abominable day," and on December 24, 1653, they succeeded in getting the English Parliament to pass a law making Christmas celebrations of any kind illegal.

Imprisonment or exile was the penalty for disobedience. A few days before Christmas, town criers went through the streets warning against holiday celebrations.

In England, the ban lasted eight years — and even longer in the United States. The belief that Christmas merry-making was sinful came to the New World with the Pilgrims.

New England states outlawed Christmas observances until the middle of the nineteenth century. In Boston, for instance, Christmas was illegal until 1856!

Brooklyn, N. Y., has more factory workers as residents than Pittsburgh and Detroit combined.

Cards Tell Of Changes

The tradition of exchanging Christmas cards is a charming part of the joyous holiday, and it has a history of its own.

One of the most interesting parts of that history is the way that greeting cards serve to record changing social customs, manners and fashions through the years, points out Miss Ester Mooney, curator of the Norcross, Inc., greeting card collection.

For instance, an English card of 1892 shows the formality existing between parents and children during the Victorian era. Here a little girl kneels solemnly at her mother's knee, sedately offering her a Christmas bouquet, with the wish, "May your life be a Merry Christmas."

Modern cards take a livelier, more light-hearted approach. Even earlier, greeting cards began to reflect an easier sort of family relationship. Declares a 1930 card: "3 cheers 4a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!"

Merry Christmas

TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS AND MANY FRIENDS

We hope to continue to serve you with friendliness and courtesy 'til Christmas rolls 'round once more.

Penny and Jess Woody

Merry Christmas

The Christmas season is upon us, accompanied by the peace and joy this happy holiday always brings. May we wish you, our loyal patrons, a large measure of all the good things Christmas offers, and thank you for the many joys your continued friendship has brought to us.

Western Production Credit Association

MERRY Christmas

There's no place like home when Christmas comes... and there's no time like Christmas to wish all you folks the merriest holiday ever.

Cain Tractor & Supply

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

TAX MAN SAM SEZ

The 1968 edition of "Your Income Tax" is on sale at all Internal Revenue Offices now. This well-indexed booklet has the answers to more than 90 per cent of the tax questions that an individual taxpayer might have. It is presented in simple, non-technical language, that tells the

taxpayer "pay the tax" or "You don't owe anything." It will pay you to invest four bits and spend a little time studying your tax situation.

The Stanton Reporter staff wishes all of you a Very Merry Christmas!

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa:
 I am a boy 1 years old. I would like an electric train, and a .007 gun. I have tired to be good.

Thank you,
 Love,
 Robert Cox.

Dear Santa:
 I am 3 years old and try to be good. Please bring a walking doll, and don't forget my brothers.

Love,
 Jonanna Cox.

Dear Santa:
 I'm a big boy almost 4 1/2 years old. Will you please bring me Giant Builder Tinker Toys and some surprises. Don't forget any of the other boys and girls.

Love you,
 Bryan Thomas Angel.

Dear Santa:
 I'm almost 8 years old and am in the second grade at school. I would like to have a "Incredible Edible Thingmaker set" and a few surprises like games, just anything you have for me.

Love,
 Lesa Bess Angel.

Dear Santa:
 The Mother Goose Kindergarten children have been exceptionally good all year. They are awaiting your arrival. They hope all boys and girls have a very good Christmas.

These are the requests from the boys and girls:

Kenneth Cook want a walkie-talkie.

Randy Koonce would like a superman 1 suit, gun, and an army helicopter.

Lloyd Brown wants a B-B gun with B-B's, a Creepy Crawler, a truck, and a cowboy suit.

Denby Snell desires a bicycle with a light that works, and Creepy Crawler.

Ernest Byrd would like a rocket and a car.

Melinda Cravens wants a guitar, easy-bake oven, and play money.

Kerry Holcombe wants a race cat set, a Supermen suit, 2 walkie-talkies, and an Incredible-Eatable.

The Nursey School children have been very good this year. They have such a warm place in their little hearts for you Santa.

Here are their wishes:

Amanda Swinson wants a Baby Drowsy, silver skates, a stove and a refrigerator (that doesn't really get cold.)

Farm & Ranch Review

Catfish Farming — An estimated 20-25 million pounds of catfish were harvested in Texas in 1966 compared with only a few thousand pounds in 1963, reports Wallace Klusmann, extension specialist in wildlife conservation. He added that the expansion had continued in 1967 and expects it to increase from 100 to 200 percent by 1970. Better marketing and management will add stability to the new industry, he says. The first conference on fish farming was held at Texas A&M University in February 1967. Information from the conference has reached more than 1,000 fish farmers in 25 states and 2 foreign countries, reports Klusmann.

U. S. Cotton Crop Smallest Since 1895 — USDA's Crop Reporting Board, as of Dec. 1, estimated the nation's 1967 crop at 7.6 million bales. Down almost 50 percent from the 1961-65 average and the smallest since 1895. Reasons—more

acres diverted, one of the worst planting seasons on record, substantial abandonment and early freeze damage. The harvested acreage of 8-1 million acres was the lowest since 1869.

Restraint Asked On Poultry And Livestock Production — Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman says the large grain supplies this fall pose a threat of over expansion in the production of livestock and poultry products next year. He has stressed the need for producers to hold production during the coming year in line with demand.

Wool Program — The 1967 marketing year under the wool and mohair program ends December 31. Payments for the current year will depend on completing all details of marketing either wool, mohair or lambs by that date. Applications for 1967 payments may be filed at the county ASCS office anytime.

Baptist Church Activities

"Life Through His Name," theme for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, was impressed upon the hearts and minds of the members of the First Baptist Church, as the Young Woman's Auxiliary presented a program Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m., ending the week of prayer, Dec. 3-10.

The interest center set on the platform was laid with a red satin cloth displaying a golden cross flanked by huge brass candle holders with oversized candles burning. A Bible was set in front of the cross with a portrait of Christ below. The backdrop for the center, was a seven-foot high, fifteen-foot wide folding panel designed to depict a stained glass window of the map of the world. Members of the Young Woman's Auxiliary participating were dressed in costumes dening the nations and races of the world. A spotlight upon the center, was the only light in the auditorium, set the meditative mood.

Meditations were given by Mrs. Clyde Parnell, YWA director. Speakers were Linda Holder, Melrae Angel, Luana Louder Jane Hodges, and

Gib Wheeler wishes for a sharp rocket, play paper money, 1 sharp bow and arrow, 2 guns and holsters with strips around it with bullets tucked in it.

Goergeann Herzog wants a Mattel - A - Phone, and Baby Hungry.

Shana Briggs wishes for a Baby Hungry, a twist and turn Barbie, a po-go stick, and a baton.

Georgie Cravens wants a Jack-in-the-Box, and an easy-bake oven.

Jennifer Jones desires a Baby-First step, and the roller skates.

Dear Santa:
 I would like a little Miss Fussy, and Silly S, and wrist watch, and in Credible Edible.

Love,
 Amy.

I will leave you some cookies and milk.

HD Club News

Mrs. Roger Fleckenstien was hostess December 14, for the Koffe Kup Club Home Demonstration Club Christmas party and salad luncheon.

Games were played with candy canes given for prizes. Gifts were exchanged, and secret pals were revealed. New secret pals were drawn for next year.

The luncheon was enjoyed by Mrs. Billy Morrow, Mrs. Tom Johnson, Mrs. Dale Snell, Mrs. Nolan Simpson, Mrs. Delbert Hopper, Mrs. R. P. Odom,

Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. Roger Fleckenstien, Mrs. Herman Lander, Jr., Mrs. James Doyle, Mrs. Jackie Thomason, Mrs. Stanley Barnes, Mrs. John Webb, Jr., and Mrs. Bobby Owen.

The Stanton Home Demonstration Club met December 13, in the home of Mrs. W. T. Wells, for their annual Christmas party.

The group enjoyed playing games and singing Christmas carols.

Refreshments were served from a table beautifully deco-


rated in the Christmas tradition to Mrs. N. L. Riggin, Mrs. Cecil Bridges, Mrs. Sam Wilkinson, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. W. T. Haynie, Mrs. D. E. Ory, two new members, Mrs. P. G. Yates, and Mrs. Morgan Hall, and the hostess, Mrs. W. T. Wells.

Use the classified ads for anything you want to sell, trade, or buy!

The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Company



GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Bells ring out merrily for all our loyal friends and patrons. May we wish you the same generous measure of happiness you've given us over the years with your valued patronage.

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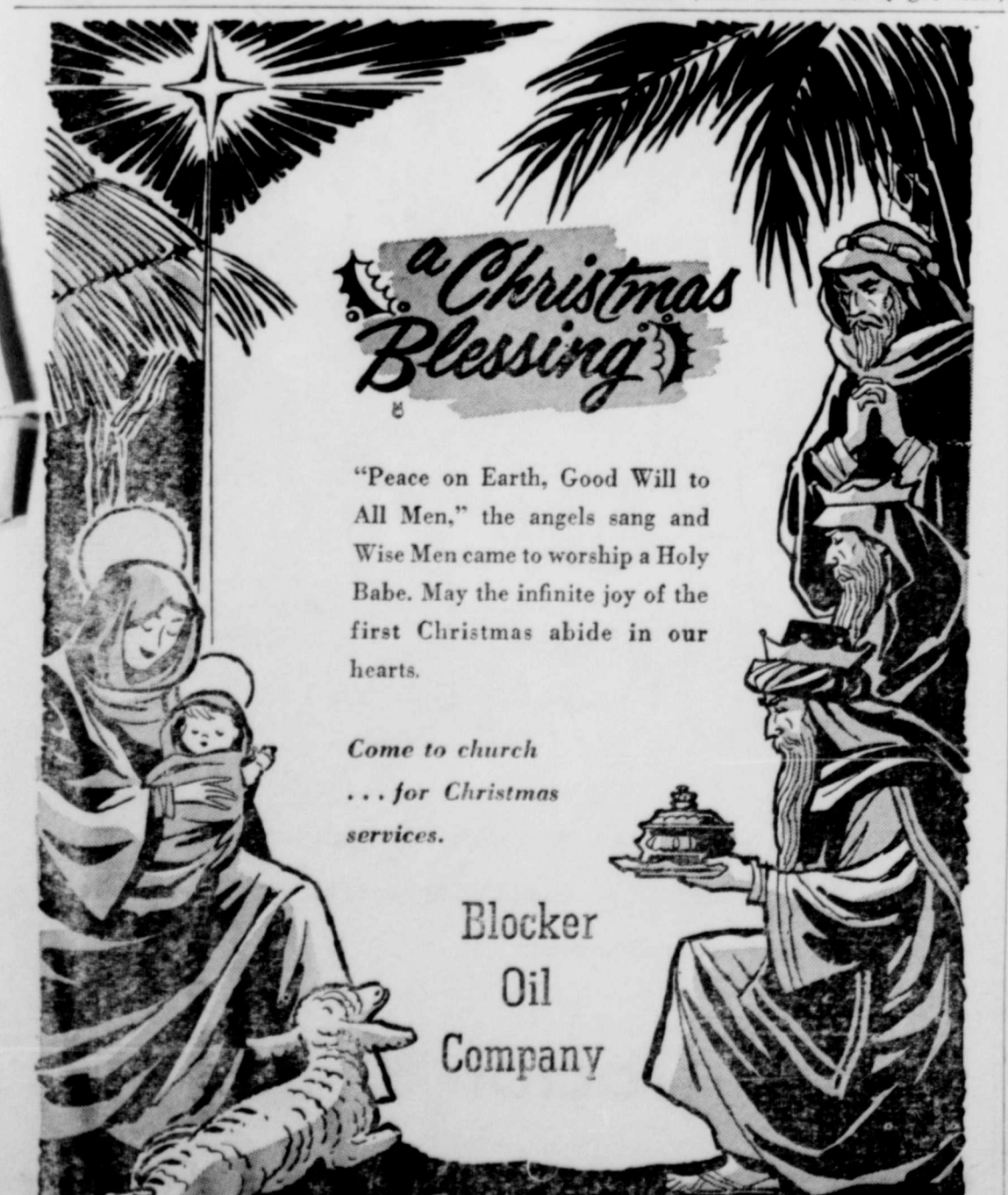


a Christmas Blessing

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men," the angels sang and Wise Men came to worship a Holy Babe. May the infinite joy of the first Christmas abide in our hearts.

Come to church ... for Christmas services.

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Our gift to you... the comfort and convenience assured by the bright blue flame of natural gas.

At this time of the year, particularly, it is extremely gratifying to be providing a service which contributes so much to warmth and contentment in the home during the Holiday Season.

So from each and every one of us at Pioneer, Best Wishes for good health — and the happiest Christmas you've ever had!

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Christmas Much More Than Tinsel And Toys . . .

Getting ready for Christmas can be a hectic and busy affair. Is it any wonder, then, that oft-times the true meaning of Christmas is lost completely . . . buried under the tinsel, tissue paper and turmoil.

This year, why not try to make your holidays different by going back to the fundamental reason for Christmas: to celebrate the birthday of the Infant Jesus, who came down to earth to save men's

souls. Why not think of Him this year and plan your celebration to include family worship and attendance at church.

And if you have children, there is no present you could give them more lasting and vital, than to resolve to offer them the gift of faith this year.

Start by pointing out to the family that Christmas began as a religious feast. It is literally Christ's mass, when all

the Christian world celebrates the birth of the Saviour in the stable at Bethlehem. You get one of the beautifully illustrated children's books about the Infant Jesus and read it aloud to the family. It's a story that one never grows tired of hearing. You might tell the children, that in the same way that the Magi brought gifts and adored the Lord, you will all go to church and bestow your gifts of prayers and hymns at His feet on Christmas.

The Stanton Reporter wishes you a Merry Christmas!

PLAN YOUR CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Christmas cookies low in shortening should be baked three to four weeks before the holidays and stored to develop flavor. Cookies rich in fruit, or tender soft cookies may also be baked early. Store them in an airtight container. A cut piece of apple or orange in the jar helps keep cookies moist; change fruit frequently. Rich butter cookies are best when baked shortly before using. If you have freezer space, they may be baked ahead of time and frozen.

Use the classified ads!

Shepherd Maiden

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

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

"Dou viens-tu, bergree?" (or, "Whence Come, You Shepherd Maiden?") was brought to Canada in early 17th century, by early French settlers. In the carol, a question asks the shepherdess where she has been and what

LAZY WRAPPING

When wrapping gifts, place a lazy susan in the center of the table and put seals, tape, scissors and other items in the various compartments. Several members of the family can work around the table and have wrapping materials within reach.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Shipp from Dumas visited his father, Herbert Shipp, and other friends and relatives, this past week end.

she has seen, and she in turn describes the manger scene.

Holiday Candy Fun To Make

Christmas time is the perfect time of year to give homemade candies or other goodies to your friends.

Here is an idea for you — make fudge and molasses treats — several types of creamy, quick-cooking candies. These varieties have qualities which make them "failure-proof."

Top with the holiday fruit—bright Christmas-red maraschino cherries. Make up gift packages of these cherry candies and for your special friends; put the candies in glamorous glasses or dishes that they can use later.

Sea form candy is a variation of divinity.

It has the taffy flavor addition of unsulphured molasses, and this same molasses also gives the candy smoothness of texture. Once the sugar, unsulphured molasses and water are combined and stirred over heat until the sugar dissolves, there is no more stirring until the candy reaches the soft ball stage.

The reason why this candy, and so many other homemade varieties, are not stirred in the final boiling period is to prevent the formation of sugar crystals which give a granular texture to candy.

Molasses nut crunch is a variation of brittle, no stirring-until - thickened is required. The taffy or caramel flavored candy is turned into a pan and cut into squares when cool.

Molasses taffy is one of those old-fashioned classics which never loses its appeal.

It should be made on a night when youngsters or family members can help pull it into light-colored candy ropes. That means the cooled taffy is rolled into a ball with lightly buttered fingers and then pulled until light in color and ready to harden. Then it is stretched into a long rope, 1/2-inch wide, and cut into 1-inch pieces.

Sea Foam Candy
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup unsulphured molasses
1/2 cup water
2 egg whites
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup chopped nuts

Combine sugar, molasses and water in 3-quart saucepan. Place over medium heat. Stir until sugar is dissolved; boil without stirring until temperature of candy thermometer reaches 250 degrees or when small amount of syrup dropped in cold water forms a hard ball.

Remove from heat. Beat egg whites until stiff; add syrup in a steady stream, beating constantly. When mixture is stiff, fold in vanilla and nuts. Drop by tablespoons onto waxed paper. Yield: 1 pound.

Nut Crunch
1 cup unsulphured molasses
1 cup sugar
1 tbs. butter or margarine
1/4 tsp. baking soda
2 1/2 cups chopped nuts

Combine molasses, sugar and butter in a 2-quart saucepan. Place over low heat; stir until sugar is dissolved. Cook over medium heat until candy thermometer reaches 270 degrees or when small amount of syrup dropped in very cold water separates into threads which are hard, but not brittle.

Remove from heat, stir in baking soda and nuts. Turn into greased 2-inch square pan; spread quickly. Cut into squares when slightly cool. Yield: 1 3/4 pounds.

Molasses Taffy
1 1/2 cups unsulphured molasses
3/4 cup sugar
2 tbsps. butter
2 tbsps. cider vinegar
1 tsp. lemon or rum flavoring

Combine molasses, sugar, butter and vinegar in a 3-quart saucepan. Place over a low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to boil. Boil until temperature on candy thermometer reaches 260 degrees or when small amount of syrup dropped in cold water forms a hard ball. Remove from heat; stir in flavoring.

Pour into greased 15x10-inch baking pan. When mixture is cool enough to handle, pull until light in color. Roll into long rope 1/2-inch thick. Cut into 1-inch pieces. Wrap pieces in transparent plastic wrap. Yield: 1 pound.

Cherry Fudge
2 tbsps. butter

2/3 cup (small can) undiluted evaporated milk
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups about 16 medium) diced marshmallows
1 1/2 cups (1 1/2 6-oz. pkgs.) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1/4 cup flaked coconut

Combine butter, evaporated milk, sugar and salt in saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, and cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly. (Start timing when mixture starts to "bubble" around edges of pan.) Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, chocolate and vanilla.

Stir vigorously for 1 minute, (or until marshmallows are completely melted and blended.) Pour into 9-inch square buttered pan. Sprinkle with coconut. Top with cherries. Allow to cool. Cut in squares. Yields 2 pounds.

Almond Fudge
2 tbsps. butter
2/3 cup (small can) undiluted evaporated milk
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups (about 15 medium) diced marshmallows
1 1/2 cups (1 1/2 6-oz. pkgs.) caramel pieces
3/4 tsp. lemon extract
1/4 tsp. almond extract
1/2 cup flaked coconut
Maraschino cherry halves

Combine butter, evaporated milk, sugar and salt in saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, and cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly. (Start timing when mixture starts to "bubble" around edges of pan.) Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, caramel, lemon extract, and almond extract. Stir vigorously for 1 minute (or until marshmallows are completely melted and blended.)

Pour into 9-inch square buttered pan. Sprinkle with coconut and top with maraschino cherry halves. Allow to cool. Cut in squares. Yield: 2 pounds.

Christmas Date Set Officially In 4th Century
The history of the Christmas observance is one that has intrigued clerical and lay scholars for countless years. Researchers have found that as far back as the fourth century, the Christmas festival was already an established custom dating back to earlier eras.

The word Christmas began as "Christ's Mass" or as in old English "Christes Massess" or the Mass of Christ, following the custom of the church in observing the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births.

It was not until St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, set out to affirm one day for a universal observance that Christ's Mass was changed from its previous celebration in the spring as we now observe Easter).

The good Bishop was granted permission by Pope Junius I to appoint a group of theologians to determine as accurately as possible, the exact date of Christ's nativity.

Too many years had elapsed for absolute accuracy, and after discovering various contradictions of calendars, astronomical calculations and the date for the celebration of Christ's Mass was set by the Church for December 25.

So it is that since the year 354 A. D., this date has been observed as the date of the Saviour's birth.

Members of the Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches celebrate this on January 6.

To this day, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates throughout the world.

Dec. 6 is the day when Christmas is observed in most Western European countries and marks the beginning of a long, happy holiday season.

The Stanton Reporter staff wishes all of you a Very Merry Christmas!



Season's Greetings

To everybody, everywhere, we extend our sincere wishes for an old-fashioned Yuletide...warm with friendship...richly endowed with happy memories...bright with promise for the future...abounding with good health and good fellowship...a season filled with deep and lasting joy.

We will be closed Christmas Day.

Damon Boyce

Joy Morgan

Alton Turner

Ernie Sanchez

Juan Montez

Allene Boyce

Ruth Holder

O. C. Turner

Margie Sims

Erline Mashburn

Pat Bruton

Nick Sanchez

Claude Straub, Jr.

Alice Moore

Stanton Thriftway Super Market

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS TREE LEGENDS

The trimmed Christmas tree, as we know it today, is little more than a century and half old, yet legends trace the origin of the tree back to earliest times.

One legend concerns an early Christmas missionary, St. Wilfred, who once came upon a band of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

According to the story, St. Wilfred had the tree cut down and almost immediately, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of new faith and there after the Druids set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmas time, surrounding them with feasting and laughter and love.

There is also the story of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt. With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, it was still necessary that Mary rest awhile so they sought shelter in the low trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldier approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. Today, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was really an apple tree. And, although the fir tree has long since replaced its predecessor for Christmas use, the tinsel baubles we use on the tree are said representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his redemption by the birth of the Saviour.

Yule 'Good Old Days' Today For Tomorrow

At Christmas time, nostalgia for "the good old days" is as prevalent as turkey and trimmings, decorations and gifts.

Everybody had more fun — or so the felling goes — during those good old-fashioned Christmases when life was simpler and, according to tradition, the snow drifts were always piled high, the foods for feasting were always home-grown and home-cooked, the gifts and decorations always lovingly handmade and the tree itself always chopped down by the head of the house on a personal foray to some hillside or lot.

Christmas nostalgia has even been known to affect heads of state — to be specific, a President of the United States. It was everyone's duty, the President felt, to make Christmas merry. He had his family, he declared, were going to have an "old-fashioned" Christmas tree.

A search through recent newspapers, or even through recent history, would provide no details, however, about this resolve. For the president was Benjamin Harrison, who, on December 22, in 1891, announced to reports his plan for a "good old-fashioned Christmas."

Most people today whose thoughts turn to Christmases of yore would certainly settle for a date much later than 1891 as the time when the "good old-fashioned Christmas" had ceased to exist.

But if the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas didn't vanish as early as President Harrison feared it had, when did it go? Or has it really disappeared forever?

Most of all, an "old-fashioned" Christmas is made up of traditions. Even in northern climates, only hope, luck and the weatherman can say, each year, whether the traditional snow drifts will be forthcoming. Other traditions, however, may not necessarily belong only to the past.

Gift Giving At Christmas

Santa Claus is inseparably associated with the spirit of gift-giving in America, but in other lands, various gift-bearers are just as eagerly awaited.

Commemorating the arrival of the Magi on Epiphany, the Wise Men leave presents for good boys and girls as they pass through Spain during their annual journey to Bethlehem.

Yule Tree First Lighted Here By Enemy Soldiers

Just as soldiers long for their homeland all over the world today, so did the mercenaries, as they were called, who aided the British "for pay" in the American Revolutionary War.

It was Christmas Eve and a group of Hessian soldiers huddled around their snuffing fire at their camp on the icy banks of the Delaware River. They sadly missed the Gemuetlichkeit, the good cheer, shared by family and friends during the holy season.

Soon some of them hauled fir trees and brought them indoors to be decorated with berries and whatever else they could find in the snow. . . makeshift ornaments that reminded them of happier times.

They lighted candles on the trees and, just like at home, gathered 'round the tree to sing familiar Christmas hymns.

A few days later these soldiers would be taken prisoner and a harsh world would dispel the pretty visions like smoke from their fires. But by this spontane-

ous act, in a strange land, enemy soldiers left an imprint on the new country which has become part of our own heritage.

Especially from Germany come the traditions we cherish so to this day.

So important is this custom of decorating trees, a leading greeting card manufacturer has displayed an unusual exhibit of Christmas trees on Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Virtually every example of decorated and ornamented tree graced the collection, each decorated by a well-known person . . . including Shakespearean actors, princes of the Church, famous authors and others who gave their tree — trimming a special, individual distinction.

So, whether you trim your tree with stars and bells and conventional decoration, hanging cookies and grumdrops on it, or make it topical with moemen and space — magic, the tree you trim can speak especially for you and your love of this beautiful Season, expressed in a tree that has become in a very real sense your creation.

Legend Of Animals At Christmastime

There are numerous legends concerning the strange behavior on animals at Christmastime.

Many of these stories, in which animals drop to their knees at midnight on Christmas Eve, sheep march around the folds, fish come out of the sea and bees hum throughout the night, have come to us down through centuries and help form the traditions of Christmas.

In many of the old world countries it is believed that cattle, sheep and horses know the exact hour of Christ's birth, and will at the moment kneel humbly in their stables, turn their heads toward Bethlehem, thus paying tribute to the Christ child.

Berries Brighten

The bright red berries of the Christmasberry, an evergreen shrub native to California, are widely used as Christmas decorations.

This shrub, with its thick dark green leaves, can grow to a height of 15 feet.

Its flowers are white, its berries yellow or bright red. The Christmasberry is often known as the toyon.

DURABLE TOYS

Toys for a child should be sturdy and made from durable materials. Children have amazing ability to break play-toys. Also, paints should be non-toxic, and all edges, surfaces, and parts of toys should be well-finished.

Writing Carols

Men from many walks of life have contributed to the Christmas chorus of carols. Francis Scott Key was not only a lawyer and the author of the Star Spangled Banner; he also wrote carols. And the comedian, Harpo Marx, authored a carol now sung in many churches, "Guardian Angels."

NAMING CHRISTMAS

Christmas means both prayerful worship and festive merry-making. The holy meaning of the day is expressed in its name.

The Latin name for Christmas translates as the Feast or Birthday of Our Lord. The English Christmas means the Mass of Christ, a meaning which is closely paralleled by the Dutch "Kermis." In Germany it's "Weihnacht," or sacred night.

The Stanton Reporter staff wishes all of you a Very Merry Christmas!

Date Of Christmas Has Not Always Been Dec. 25

Candlelight and music, pageants and prayer fill churches everywhere as Christmas celebrate, at special services, the birth of Christ. The joy and wonder of new life, hope and promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," finds expression many way.

In choirs singing the praises of the Babe of Bethlehem, in scenes symbolizing the birth of a Child in a manger, in the gleam of candles reflecting the light of a Star, in the sound of voices raised in carols gathered from around the world and showing the true brotherhood of man, Christmas in all its beauty and glory goes out to hearts young and old.

"Christes Masse" To Western Christian believers, December 25 carries all the deep religious meaning appropriate to the anniversary of the birth of Christ. As the date for the celebration of "Christes Masse," the Mass of Christ, it was selected some centuries after the Nativity—selected from a number possible dates, among them January 6, March 21, March 29, April 9, May 20, September 29 and November 17.

In some Eastern Orthodox churches, Holy Night comes on January 6, Christmas Day on January 7. The Armenian church celebrates Christmas on January 19.

Generally, researchers are agreed that the correct date and year of Christ's birth are lost in the past, although some tentative conclusions can be drawn. Since it is the meaning of the day that counts, the date that has for centuries symbolized the coming of the Saviour will undoubtedly continue its holy significance in Christendom.

To those who like to ponder on the world as it was when the Infant Jesus was born, and on the growth of Christianity, some delving into the researches about Christmas can be a rewarding experience. Any tendency to take Christmas for granted disappears in the fascinating study of the early Christian church

and its growth in the face of resistance.

A comparison of Biblical references with archaeological and historical researches discloses that Christ was probably born before 4 B.C. — in other words, the present year is note 1967 of the Christian era but at least 1971.

Evidence to support this relates the reign and death of Herod. An eclipse of the moon in 4 B.C., which coincided with a Jewish religious festival, has helped historians to fix the death of Herod at about this time — and when he died, according to the New Testament, the young Jesus, Joseph and Mary were living in Egypt.

Date For Taxes That the birth of Christ may have occurred as early as 7 B.C. is deduced from archeological discoveries indicating that one of three major tax collections in the reign of Augustus Caesar may have taken place then.

Selection of December 25 as the birth date of Christ may have been an effort on the part of early Christian leaders to counteract the pagan appeal of the Roman Saturnalia, a festival held at the turning of the year.

Off-Tree Lighting Recommended For Metal Trees

If you are using a metal Christmas tree this year, the de-writers recommends that you use off-the-tree lighting with colored lights to give a softer and more beautiful illumination.

Placing strings of Christmas lights upon any metal tree sets up the possibility of electric shock if the cord becomes frayed or the interior of a light socket comes in contact with the tree.

Play it safe and use off-the-tree lighting with any metal tree.

Merry Christmas to you all!

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

What, indeed, is Christmas? Ask a child and he may tell that it is a time of snow and bright lights, and Santa Claus and presents under the tree.

Ask a hundred grown-ups and you may get a hundred slightly related answers, for Christmas is many things to many people.

But, for all of us, the happiest memories of childhood are those associated with the celebration of this great holiday. How easy it is to vividly call up scenes of long ago when a happy family gathered by the warm glow of an open fireside; to close their eyes to see again the snow-covered fields and to hear again the crunching sound of heavy boots plodding through the snow and visualize the little white church on the hill. In the silence of darkened room one can easily revisit that little church, breathe again the aroma of evergreens and burning candles and sense anew the presence that is so obvious in the quiet and solemn stillness.

These are the things about Christmas that have not changed and will not change with the modes and mannerisms of new generations. These are the things which reflect the spirit of Christmas. It is in the spirit of love and goodness, of close communion with God and with mankind and with it all is that little church, breath again the aroma of evergreens and being on that first Christmas night at Bethlehem so long ago.

This is the spirit of Christmas, and so it shall remain until the end of time.

Lo . . . Even The Lowly Cranberry Has History

Delightfully tangy yet sweet, the cranberry lends a jolly, colorful note to Christmas . . . frequently helping it trim the tree.

Yet the berry we take so for granted has a noble, even a distinguished history. It has consorted with governors and "head of state," as well as the common man, since America's early beginnings. It has even been served medicinally.

The American cranberry (Vaccinium macrocarpum), was used by the Indians when the colonists settled this country. The Indian word for cranberry, Ibibim, meant "bit-ter berry." The Colonists saw cranes feeding on this fruit, which grew near water, and they called it crane berry,

The name Dublin is a corruption of Dubh Linn in Gaelic and means "black pool" after the color of the waters of the River Liffey, which divides the capital of Ireland in two.

which in time became cranberry.

Indians made a paste out of the berries and ate it with their dried meat, which they had pounded into a pulp and mixed with hot grease. This pemmican, as they called it, was a highly concentrated food that could be carried for days without spoiling.

Indians also used cranberries as a poultice for blood poisoning. . . They taught the Colonists to eat the cranberries, and because they were so colorful, housewives strung them with popcorn to decorate Christmas trees.

A Revolutionary War veteran, Henry Hall, cleared a swamp and started cultivating cranberries back in 1816. Today there are many such farmers.

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a

Merry



Christmas

Hope your Day is a happy one, filled with all the special joys of the holiday season.

Hicks Auto Supply, Ltd.

To all of you, whose friendship and loyalty have made this such a happy season for us, we send our warmest Holiday Greetings...and a sincere wish that the New Year may prove memorable for the many joys that it will bring to you and yours.

Greetings

Henson's Grocery

DORIS and BOB COSTEY

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS . . .

Moore's Poem Has Become A Classic

'Twas the night before Christmas
 . . . when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse—
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.
 And mama in her 'kerchief and I in my cap,
 Had just settled our brains for a long winter nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
 Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below.
 When, what to my wandering eyes should appear,
 But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came
 And he whistled and shouted and called them by name—

"Now, Dashier; Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer. Now, Vixen!
 On Comet! On Cupid! On, Donner and Blitzen!"
 To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
 "Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky;
 So, up to the house-top the coursers flew,
 With a sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.
 As I drew in my head and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

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

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
 He had a broad face, and round little belly
 That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
 A wink of the eye, a twist of the head;
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings, ten, turned with a jerk.
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And 'way they all flew, like the down of a thistle.
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
 "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night,"

—Clement C. Moore

Poor Usage

"Xmas," now generally con- sider poor usage as an ab-

breivation for Christmas, was often used as a symbol in the early Christian church "X".

in Greek, is the first letter in Christ's name.

A Merry Christmas To All!

Jehovah's Witnesses were organized in the United States in 1982.

'The Messiah' Was Written In 24 Days

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

The work had its first performance in Dublin in 1742. It was written and performed for charity, the \$40 received being divided among the prisoners, the Charitable Infirmary, and Mercet's Hospital. The following year it was given in London; but it met with such a storm of protest from the clergy that Handel was forced to advertise its name as "A Sacred Oratorio."

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

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

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

Wild Rice Companion To Turkey

A casserole of wild rice is a glorious accompaniment for the traditional Christmas turkey. Wild rice has long been a gourmet companion for fowl, whether it be pheasant or turkey.

To prepare this epicurean version of wild rice, wash and soak 2 cups of wild rice. If possible, let it soak overnight. Boil the rice in 1 quart of salted water until almost tender. Drain the rice. Place it in a casserole.

1 1/4 quart porcelain enameled casserole with a gay Festa design is ideal for this festive dish because it can go from the oven to the table and is fancy enough for the party.

WILD RICE 'N' MUSHROOM SAUCE
 Add one cup of turkey stock to the rice in the bake and serve dish. The stock can be made by boiling the turkey giblets and neck in water. Bake covered in 350 F. oven for one hour. About 1/2 hour before serving mix one can of condensed mushroom soup with one cup of sour cream. Spoon the mixture over the wild rice and bake uncovered for 1/2 hour longer. Serve hot in casserole. This gourmet edition of Wild Rice 'N' Mushroom sauce serves eight.

Santa Claus Has Different Names

Santa, the giver of many gifts, is a man of many names, too. While he is becoming almost universally known as Santa Claus, Santa or St. Nick, many European children still wait for the arrival of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas was the first of Santa's names and came from a real bishop in the fourth century, A.D. He is said to travel not by reindeer but on horseback, and wears bishop's robes.

Over the years, Santa has gained still other names. In France he's Pere Noel, in Finland Father Christmas, in Germany Kris Kringle, in Russia Father or Grandfather Frost.

It's A Holiday

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

Bells Tradition Of Many Years During Holiday

Through the ages, bells have served many purposes—announcing the approach of vehicles, for instance, or signaling the beginning of curfew. Early associated with churches, by medieval times the pealing of the bells had come to signify the rejoicing of the Christmas season.

An early custom was the tolling of church bells on Christmas Eve, during the hour before midnight. The tolling announced the death of Satan, and at midnight joyous peals told of the birth of Christ.

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored, family-taught art, the tuneful bells ring out at seven-thirty on Christmas morning.

It takes years of training and practice to learn the ringing of complex "changes" as the different chants and tonal combination are called.

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

Mistletoe Kissing Is The Berries

One of the happiest customs of the Christmas season is stealing a kiss under the mistletoe. To adhere strictly to the old Norse tale from which this pleasant pastime springs, bussers should pluck one of the white berries for each kiss.

According to Davey tree experts when the berries are gone, the sprig loses its magic power to bring happiness.

Holiday Sparkle

Home Christmas decorations take on a sparkling air when done in silver or gold. Spray a large sheet of construction paper and let it dry. Then trace and cut stars, trees, deer or Santas to use as ornament, mirror and window decorations or place cards during the season.



I Have A Secret, Santa!

I have a secret, Santa!
 I knew you'd come today;
 I heard the neighbors tell each other,
 "Santa's on his way."

"If little girls are good," they said,
 "Santa comes to call
 And brings with him a bag of toys
 That's sure to please them all."

I heard you, Santa, on the roof
 With Dancer, Prancer and the others.
 "Let's check our list of girls," you said,
 "Who mind their dads and mothers."

I have a secret, Santa,
 To whisper in your ear.
 I love this pony very much,
 I'm glad you left him here.

Mommy takes my picture
 Riding him this way.
 She'll see again the fun we had
 This Merry Christmas Day!

—Jeanne Cole

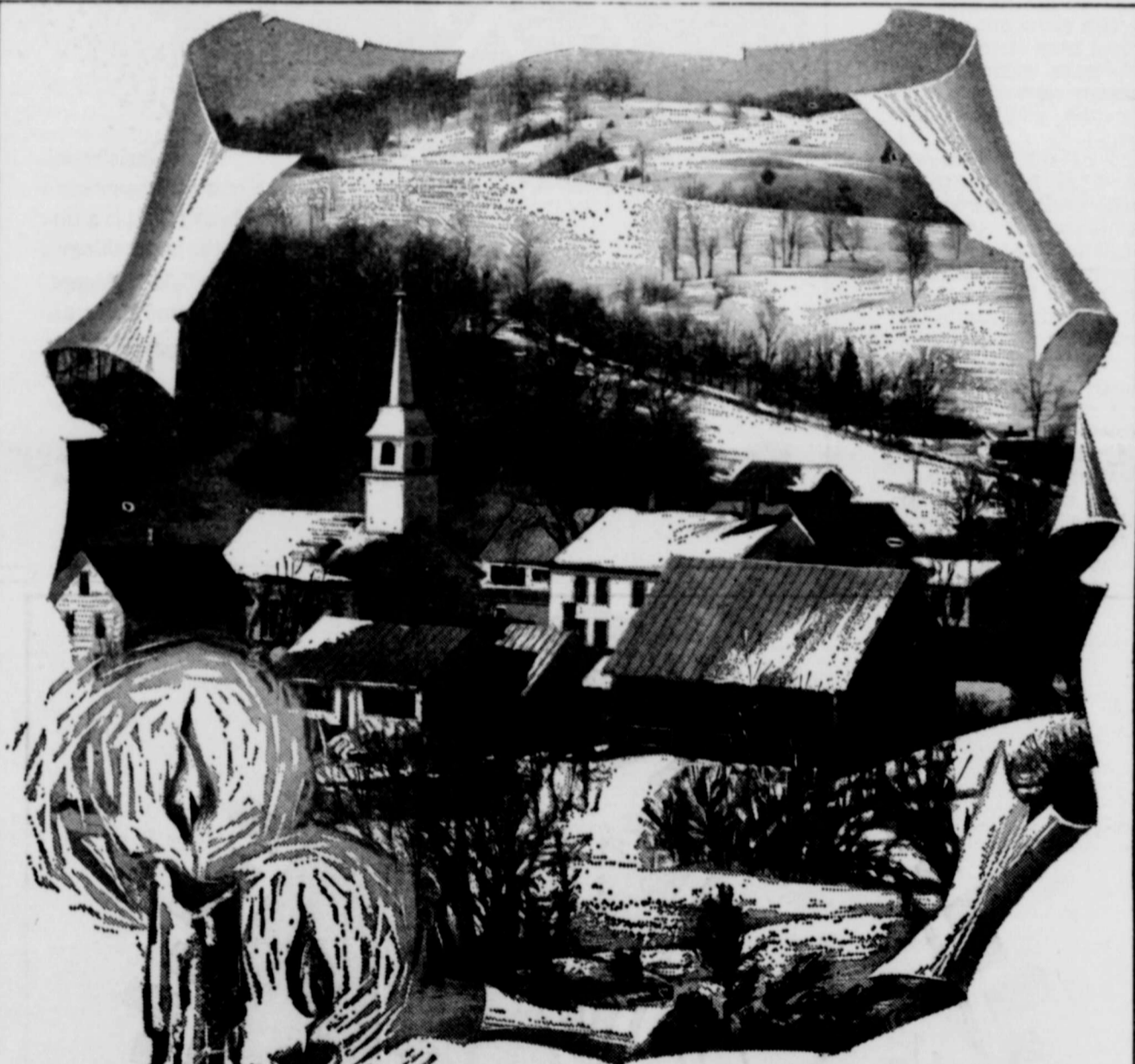
'Jingle Bells' Sings Of Snow And Sleigh

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

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

"Now the ground is white; go it while you're young;
 Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song.
 Just get a bobtailed bay, two-forty for his speed;

REFRAIN:
 Then hitch him to an open sleigh; and crack! you'll take
 Mixed a sense of awe at the wonderful miracle brought
 into the lead."
 "Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way!
 Oh what fun it is to ride, in a one horse open sleigh."



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Candles glowing warm and bright, countryside in snowy white tell of Christmas peace and pleasure, full of joys for all to treasure. Hope you'll be blessed with the Season's best!

Texas Electric Service Co.

CECIL BRIDGES, Manager

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

Let us harken to the clear-voiced choristers, as they hail the approach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year.



Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Fowler

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Gifts Not Tradition

In early times, even christianity, pagan followers exchanged gifts at the New Year. At first the gifts were collected by priests and distributed to the poor. The exchange of Christmas presents is not a tradition of modern vintage. With christianity, the exchange of gifts was changed to Christmas.

In Argentina

In Buenos Aires, a young priest has been teaching the catechism to the tune of Western music strummed on a guitar. The use of the guitar for religious music was even a subject of interest at the Ecumenical Council in Rome.

"Silent Night"

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

Finding The Bean

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

Teach Children Christmas Meaning

What does Christmas mean to your child? What should it mean? How can you give direction and meaning to Christmas for your child?

These are serious questions that parents should consider now and throughout the entire year, says Vera Barnett, Ohio State University extension family life specialist.

Mrs. Barnett points out that the child cannot be taught the true meaning of Christmas in just one day. He is taught what Christmas stands for by the examples set for him by older people everyday of the year. Parents must lead children toward the day when they will understand who Christ is and what He stands for — a day when they are able to accept Christ for their own, believes Mrs. Barnett.

The family life specialist notes that a good definition of the Joy of Christmas is found in the following saying: J is for Jesus; Y is for you; O is for others for whom Christ came that you might serve others.

Together, they spell JOY. And without Christ and without service, there can be no real joy, concludes Mrs. Barnett.

Glass Bubbles Provide Yearly Family Industry

The fragile bubbles of glass with which we adorn our Christmas trees are largely a family industry in Europe, especially Germany, and also in Japan.

In the tiny villages that cling to the steep mountainside, whole families engage in the process of turning out Christmas decorations.

Special shapes and designs are the exclusive properties of certain families, the patterns handed down from father to son, for centuries unchanged.

Using a flame, the father carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape with the aid of an iron mold. His son removes the hot ornament to the cooling table.

Next the mother silvers the inside, and the daughters apply painted designs.

Tallest Tree

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U. S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind.,

"tree"—the Soldier and Sailors Monument. At Christmas the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

In Northern Europe, where Santa Claus arrives on a white horse, boys and girls put out food for the horse.



We say Thanks to our Many Loyal Customers And Add our Best Wishes that Your Holiday Be Warm and Glowing

The Corner Barber Shop

C. E. (CLARENCE) WALKER — Owner

Last-Minute Cookie And Candy For Christmas

There are many excellent ideas for last-minute cookies and candy, if you've waited until now to bake.

Here are several fine ideas for Christmas baking.

CHRISTMAS CRISPIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1 package (6-ounce) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 1/4 cup shredded or flaked coconut
- 20 to 24 (4-ounce jars) maraschino cherries, finely chopped

Cream together the shortening and sugar. Add eggs and beat well. Sift together and add the sifted flour, soda, baking powder and salt. Add remaining ingredients. Drop by teaspoon on greased cooking sheet. Bake in hot gas oven, 400 F., 12 to 15 minutes. Makes about eight dozen.

YANKEE DOODLE FUDGE

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon soda
- Dash salt

- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 to 2 cups chopped pecans

Combine in large saucepan sugar, soda, salt and corn syrup and stir in buttermilk. Cook over medium gas flame, 225 to 25 F. dial setting on controlled burner, stirring until sugar dissolves. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until small amount forms a soft ball in cold water, 234 F. Remove from flame. Cool without stirring until lukewarm. Add vanilla. Beat until creamy. Stir in pecans. Drop from teaspoon onto waxed paper or spread in greased 9-inch pan. When cool cut in squares. Makes about 40.

SOUR CREAM DROPS

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt and nutmeg. Cream shortening and

Legend Of Animals At Christmastime

There are numerous legends concerning the strange behavior of animals at Christmastime.

Many of these stories, in which animals drop to their knees at midnight on Christmas Eve, sheep march around the folds, fish come out of the sea and bees hum throughout the night, have come to us down through centuries and help form the traditions of Christmas.

In many of the old world countries it is believed that cattle, sheep and horses know the exact hour of Christ's birth, and will at that moment kneel humbly in their stables, turn their heads toward Bethlehem, thus paying tribute to the Christ-child.

brown sugar. Add eggs and raisins and mix well. Add dry ingredients to sugar mixture alternately with sour cream. Stir in walnuts. Drop from teaspoon on greased baking sheet. Bake in hot gas oven, 400 F., 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 4 1/2 dozen.



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

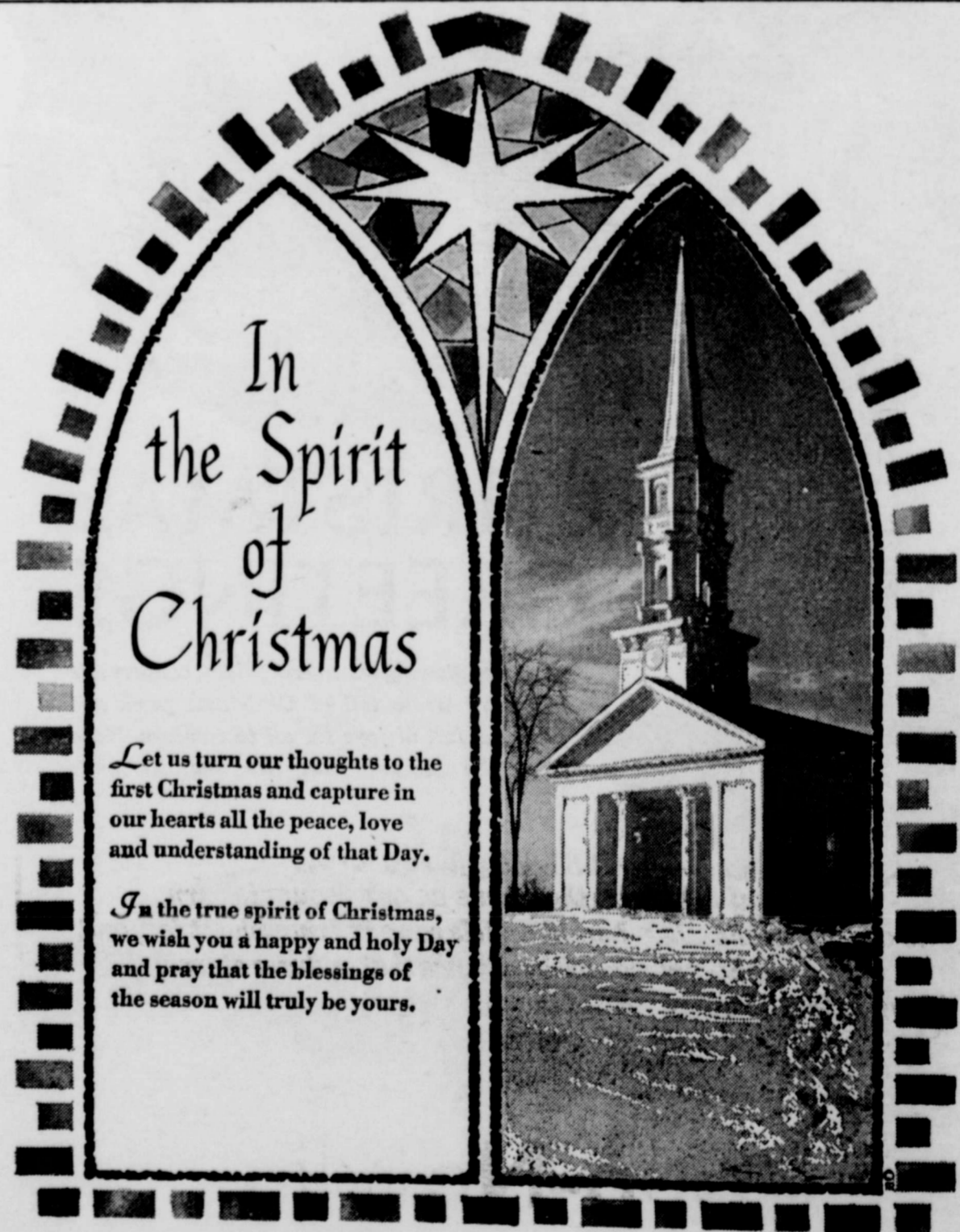
Stallings Insurance Agency



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

J. A. Wilson Dry Goods



In the Spirit of Christmas

Let us turn our thoughts to the first Christmas and capture in our hearts all the peace, love and understanding of that Day.

In the true spirit of Christmas, we wish you a happy and holy Day and pray that the blessings of the season will truly be yours.

Cap Rock Electric Cooperative

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a football game, erector set, a bulldozer scraper. Please bring new toys to the orphans in Abilene, too. I will leave you some milk and pie and sugar for your reindeer. Thank you for the gifts you left us last year.

Love,
Mike Swinson,
Age 7.

Dear Santa,

I love you. Thank you for the toys you left us last year. May I have a Drowsy doll, and silly sand this Christmas? I have been sweet most of the time.

Please leave some new toys for the little kids in Vietnam, and some food and clothes.

Love,
Mandy Swinson,
Age 5.

Hi Santa,

Hope you have a good trip. I liked my toys last year, and still play with baby first step. Do you have a Drowsy doll and bank for me? I promise to be good as usual.

My friends want some toys, too. They are Koy, Eddie, Brain, Jinger and Bobby.

Love,
Melinda Swinson,
Age 3.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl all year.

I want a ball, I want some boots. I want a chair. I want a saddle. I want a doctor set. I want a record player.

I like Christmas and I love you too.

Love,
Santa Claus,
From
Mary Franklin.

Dec. 14, 1967

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good little girl. I want you to bring a Baby First Step doll, a stove, and a refrigerator. Don't forget the other children.

Thank you,
Karen Tracy Chandler.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl, and my brother has been a good boy. I want a Baby First-Step, and John Clayborn wants a motorcycle.

Love,
Jennifer.

Dear Santa:

My name is Kresl, and I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl this year, so please bring me a baby doll with a bottle, and a set of dishes.

I love you,
Kresl JaNa Lander.

Dear Santa,

I think I have been a pretty good boy this year so would you please bring me a chemistry set, a green ghost, a slap-trap, a whiplash skee ball game, and a spirograph.

Love,
David Payne

Dear Santa Claus,

I have tried to be a good girl all year. So if you think I've been good enough, please bring me a small electric organ, baby's hungry doll and some skates. Bye Bye Santa.

Kristi Turner
P.S. I will be six years old this Thursday the 14th.

The first "true" Christmas in America was celebrated three-hundred and forty-four years ago, in Jamestown.

Animals Play Part In Christmas Legend

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

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

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

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

Their Feast

Because ancient tradition holds that animals helped to spread the glad tidings of the birth of Christ, barnyard animals in many countries are

still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

Cattle Speak

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

Other legends broaden this to include all animals.

From Spanish Lore

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

Kneeling Deer

Early French-Canadian settlers in Quebec bewilder the Huron Indians by their stran-

ge — to the Indians — preparations for the celebration of Christmas. As a result, many legends about "the Day developed among the Indians.

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

Cats get special treatment during the Christmas season in French sections of Canada. Special food is set forth for Puss, since according to legend, if the cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve, bad luck will follow.

High Court Rules Again

The United States Supreme Court has done it again! And this time its action particularly is hazardous to the nation's security.

The court, overriding objections from the Justice Department, has declared unconstitutional a section of federal law which bars members of Communist action groups from working in defense plants.

If this doesn't make one's blood boil . . . what will? Just think of it, permitting, as the decision does, Communist-action group members to march right into United States defense plants as regular, day-by-day laborers . . . and at the authorization of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Why, this is beyond the fondest hopes perhaps of Communist leaders anywhere and everywhere . . . opening wide the door to American defense plants, all without a physical struggle.

Just think what this does to security measures and regulations of defense plants across the land. But above that, think what it could mean to the defense of the nation now, with the Vietnam war underway, and in time of declared war. Defense plants don't stand much of a chance against such odds.

Chief Justice Earl Warren said the provision, a section of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, "is an unconstitutional abridgement of the right of association protected by the First Amendment."

He said further, "The statute quite literally establishes guilt by association alone, without any need to establish that an individual's association poses the threat feared by the government in prescribing it. The inhibiting effect on the exercise of First Amendment rights is clear."

Clear to the six justices voting the decision perhaps, but confusing, frustrating, disgusting and frightening to many others, including the Justice Department, who foresee the dangerous possibilities of such a decision.

It should be noted that Justices Byron R. White and John M. Harlan dissented in the 6-2 vote. Thurgood Marshall did not participate.

The Justice Department, incidentally, had urged the court to uphold the ban, contending it was a proper exercise of congressional concern over threats to the national defense.

Warren said in the decision that the court was aware of the concern, but that it would be ironic to use national defense as a sanction for what he called "the subversion of one of those liberties . . . which makes the defense of the nation worthwhile."

The court seemingly went far-out in this instance, way beyond the original intention of the authors of the amendment.

Yes, the U.S. Supreme Court has done it again. And Communist groups around the world undoubtedly are smiling. —The Midland Reporter-Telegram

CHRISTMAS TREE LEGENDS

The trimmed Christmas tree, as we know it today, is little more than a century and a half old, yet legends trace the origin of the tree back to earliest times.

One legend concerns an early Christmas missionary, St. Wilfred, who once came upon a band of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

According to the story, St. Wilfred had the tree cut down and almost immediately, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of new faith and thereafter the Druids set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime, surrounding them with feasting and laughter and love.

There's also the story of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt. With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, it was still necessary that Mary rest awhile so they sought shelter in the low trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. Today, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmas time, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was really an apple tree. And, although the fir tree has long since replaced its predecessor for Christmas use, the tinsel baubles we use on the tree are said representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

The First Tree Electrically Lighted In U.S.

One of the most famous hotels that dot the California coast line is the luxurious Hotel Del Coronado in California.

Few people know that it is the birthplace of the first electrically-lighted living Christmas tree.

The event goes back to 1904, the gaslight era, when electric lights were still an oddity. It was during that year on Christmas Eve that colored electric lights were strung on an evergreen tree growing on the Coronado's lawn.

The occasion was so momentous that none other than Thomas Alva Edison, the father of the electric light, directed the placement and stringing of these first Christmas tree lights.

Every Christmastime since that date, with the exception of World War II years when a blackout was imposed on the coastal region, that same evergreen is festooned with a multitude of gay Christmas lights to commemorate the occasion. As a matter of fact, the lighting of that particular Christmas tree has become a festive Christmas tradition in Southern California (attracting hundreds of people each year.

The use of the fir tree as part of the tradition of Christmas dates all the way back to the 8th century, when Boniface, an English missionary, introduced the idea of a Christmas tree to the pagan Germans.

Martin Luther is said to have adorned the first Christmas tree with lighted candles eight centuries later and German Prince Albert, consort to Queen Victoria, took the idea to Great Britain 300 years later.

Boniface suggested decorating the fir in honor of Christ to substitute for sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak. This came 400 years after the Christian church adopted Dec. 25 as the time for celebrating Christmas. This date coincided with the Mithraic rite of the birth of the sun, and the Teutonic Yule feast.

HELPING POOR

Principles of Christianity are reflected in Christmas giving to the poor and unfortunate. An old legend says that on Christmas Eve the Christ Child roams the earth, dressed as a beggar, in search of food and shelter. People believed that any kindness shown a beggar expressed a love for Jesus.

Candles Made From Bayberry Trees

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

Christmas Spirit

All of the preparations for Christmas have become traditional. The decorations for the house, the tree, fixing good things to eat, choosing the right gifts and remembering everyone that we should — all of this has become traditional.

Washington's Christmas

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This Christmas night was a crucial moment for a new republic which yet had to gain its freedom. But the cause was chartered by a great leader and a great American president, George Washington. His words of inspiration remain to this day: "This is it, gentlemen — victory or death. That is our only watchword."

And victory it was. Fired by the courage and inspiration of the man who became known as "the father of his country," a tattered band of patriots crossed the dangerous river of ice and marched to Trenton where they surprised and humbled the Hessian mercenaries and recorded a great Christmas story in the pages of American history.

ACCIDENT-PROOFING TOYS

Parents should know these major accident causes: Misuse — toys should be used as directed by their maker.

Reuse of toys — a toy safe for one child may be dangerous for another. Check toys periodically for any worn or broken parts that could be dangerous.

TREE PARTICULAR

When picking out a tree, choose a fresh one. Stand the tree in water from the time you buy it until you dispose of it. Do not rely on chemical

preparations to "flame-proof" your tree. Set the tree away from radiators or fireplaces and never where it might block your escape in case of fire.

Merry Christmas to you all!



May
your
Christmas

be richly filled with the spiritual blessings that come as our thoughts turn to a Holy Night when herald angels sang in triumphant joy, and a Star shown with radiance that endures eternally. May you find, in the miracle of the manger, a deep Christmas happiness and contentment that surpasses all others.

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Christmas in our community is a special time, when friends and neighbors get together, and time spent with our families is precious. May we wish you a Christmas season that's filled with joy and love.

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Gifts Not Tradition

In early times, even christianity, pagan followers exchanged gifts at the New Year. At first the gifts were collected by priests and distributed to the poor. The exchange of Christmas presents is not a tradition of modern vintage. With christianity, the exchange of gifts was changed to Christmas.

In Argentina

In Buenos Aires, a young priest has been teaching the catechism to the tune of Western music strummed on a guitar. The use of the guitar for religious music was even a subject of interest at the Ecumenical Council in Rome.

"Silent Night"

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

Finding The Bean

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

Teach Children Christmas Meaning

What does Christmas mean to your child? What should it mean? How can you give direction and meaning to Christmas for your child?

These are serious questions that parents should consider now and throughout the entire year, says Vera Barnett, Ohio State University extension family life specialist.

Mrs. Barnett points out that the child cannot be taught the true meaning of Christmas in just one day. He is taught what Christmas stands for by the examples set for him by older people everyday of the year. Parents must lead children toward the day when they will understand who Christ is and what He stands for — a day when they are able to accept Christ for their own, believes Mrs. Barnett.

The family life specialist notes that a good definition of the Joy of Christmas is found in the following saying: J is for Jesus; Y is for you, O is for others for whom Christ came that you might serve others. Together, they spell JOY. And without Christ and without service, there can be no real joy, concludes Mrs. Barnett.

Glass Bubbles Provide Yearly Family Industry

The fragile bubbles of glass with which we adorn our Christmas trees are largely a family industry in Europe, especially Germany, and also in Japan.

In the tiny villages that cling to the steep mountainside, whole families engage in the process of turning out Christmas decorations.

Special shapes and designs are the exclusive properties of certain families, the patterns handed down from father to son, for centuries unchanged.

Using a flame, the father carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape with the aid of an iron mold. His son removes the hot ornament to the cooling table.

Next the mother silvers the inside, and the daughters apply painted designs.

Tallest Tree

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U. S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind.,

"tree"—the Soldier and Sailors Monument. At Christmas the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

In Northern Europe, where Santa Claus arrives on a white horse, boys and girls put out food for the horse.



We say Thanks to our Many Loyal Customers And Add our Best Wishes that Your Holiday Be Warm and Glowing

The Corner Barber Shop
C. E. (CLARENCE) WALKER — Owner

Last-Minute Cookie And Candy For Christmas

There are many excellent ideas for last-minute cookies and candy, if you've waited until now to bake.

Here are several fine ideas for Christmas baking.

CHRISTMAS CRISPIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1 package (6-ounce) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 1/4 cup shredded or flaked coconut
- 20 to 24 (4-ounce jars) maraschino cherries, finely chopped

Cream together the shortening and sugar. Add eggs and beat well. Sift together and add the sifted flour, soda, baking powder and salt. Add remaining ingredients. Drop by teaspoon on greased cooking sheet. Bake in hot gas oven, 400 F., 12 to 15 minutes. Makes about eight dozen.

YANKEE DOODLE FUDGE

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon soda
- Dash salt

- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 to 2 cups chopped pecans

Combine in large saucepan sugar, soda, salt and corn syrup and stir in buttermilk. Cook over medium gas flame, 225 to 25 F. dial setting on controlled burner, stirring until sugar dissolves. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until small amount forms a soft ball in cold water, 234 F. Remove from flame. Cool without stirring until lukewarm. Add vanilla. Beat until creamy. Stir in pecans. Drop from teaspoon onto waxed paper or spread in greased 9-inch pan. When cool cut in squares. Makes about 40.

SOUR CREAM DROPS

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt and nutmeg. Cream shortening and

Legend Of Animals At Christmastime

There are numerous legends concerning the strange behavior of animals at Christmastime.

Many of these stories, in which animals drop to their knees at midnight on Christmas Eve, sheep march around the folds, fish come out of the sea and bees hum throughout the night, have come to us down through centuries and help form the traditions of Christmas.

In many of the old world countries it is believed that cattle, sheep and horses know the exact hour of Christ's birth, and will at that moment kneel humbly in their stables, turn their heads toward Bethlehem, thus paying tribute to the Christ-child.

brown sugar. Add eggs and raisins and mix well. Add dry ingredients to sugar mixture alternately with sour cream. Stir in walnuts. Drop from teaspoon on greased baking sheet. Bake in hot gas oven, 400 F., 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 4 1/2 dozen.

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

Stallings Insurance Agency



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

J. A. Wilson Dry Goods

In the Spirit of Christmas

Let us turn our thoughts to the first Christmas and capture in our hearts all the peace, love and understanding of that Day.

In the true spirit of Christmas, we wish you a happy and holy Day and pray that the blessings of the season will truly be yours.

Cap Rock Electric Cooperative

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football game, erector set, a bulldozer scraper. Please bring new toys to the orphans in Abilene, too. I will leave you some milk and pie and sugar for your reindeer. Thank you for the gifts you left us last year.
Love,
Mike Swinson,
Age 7.

Dear Santa,
I love you. Thank you for the toys you left us last year. May I have a Drowsy doll, and silly sand this Christmas? I have been sweet most of the time.
Please leave some new toys for the little kids in Vietnam, and some food and clothes.
Love,
Mandy Swinson,
Age 5.

Hi Santa,
I hope you have a good trip. I liked my toys last year, and still play with baby first step. Do you have a Drowsy doll and bank for me? I promise to be good as usual.
My friends want some toys, too. They are Koy, Eddie, Brain, Jinger and Bobby.
Love,
Melinda Swinson,
Age 3.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl all year.
I want a ball, I want some boots, I want a chair, I want a saddle, I want a doctor set, I want a record player.
I like Christmas and I love you too.
Love,
Santa Claus,
From
Mary Franklin.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good little girl. I want you to bring a Baby First Step doll, a stove, and a refrigerator. Don't forget the other children.
Thank you,
Karen Tracy Chandler.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl, and my brother has been a good boy. I want a Baby First-Step, and John Clayborn wants a motorcycle.
Love,
Jennifer.

Dear Santa:
My name is Kresl, and I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl this year, so please bring me a baby doll with a bottle, and a set of dishes.
I love you,
Kresl JaNa Lander.

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a pretty good boy this year so would you please bring me a chemistry set, a green ghost, a slap-trap, a whiplash skee ball game, and a sprogaph.
Love,
David Payne

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl all year. So if you think I've been good enough, please bring me a small electric organ, baby's hungry doll and some skates. Bye Bye Santa.
Kristi Turner
P.S. I will be six years old this Thursday the 14th.

The first "true" Christmas in America was celebrated three hundred and forty-four years ago, in Jamestown.

Animals Play Part In Christmas Legend

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

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

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

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

They Feast
Because ancient tradition holds that animals helped to spread the glad tidings of the birth of Christ, barnyard animals in many countries are

still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

Cattle Speak
An old German legend has it that cattle kneel in their stalls at midnight on Christmas Eve. Then, for a moment, they have the power of speech. Other legends broaden this to include all animals.

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

Kneeling Deer
Early French-Canadian settlers in Quebec bewildered the Huron Indians by their stran-

ge — to the Indians — preparations for the celebration of Christmas. As a result, many legends about the Day developed among the Indians.

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

Cats get special treatment during the Christmas season in French sections of Canada. Special food is set forth for Puss, since according to legend, if the cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve, bad luck will follow.

High Court Rules Again

The United States Supreme Court has done it again! And this time its action particularly is hazardous to the nation's security.

The court, overriding objections from the Justice Department, has declared unconstitutional a section of federal law which bars members of Communist action groups from working in defense plants.

If this doesn't make one's blood boil . . . what will? Just think of it, permitting, as the decision does, Communist-action group members to march right into United States defense plants as regular, day-by-day laborers . . . and at the authorization of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Why, this is beyond the fondest hopes perhaps of Communist leaders anywhere and everywhere . . . opening wide the door to American defense plants, all without a physical struggle.

Just think what this does to security measures and regulations of defense plants across the land. But above that, think what it could mean to the defense of the nation now, with the Vietnam war underway, and in time of declared war. Defense plants don't stand much of a chance against such odds.

Chief Justice Earl Warren said the provision, a section of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, "is an unconstitutional abridgement of the right of association protected by the First Amendment."

He said further, "The statute quite literally establishes guilt by association alone, without any need to establish that an individual's association poses the threat feared by the government in prescribing it. The inhibiting effect on the exercise of First Amendment rights is clear."

Clear to the six justices voting the decision perhaps, but confusing, frustrating, disgusting and frightening to many others, including the Justice Department, who foresee the dangerous possibilities of such a decision.

It should be noted that Justices Byron R. White and John M. Harlan dissented in the 6-2 vote. Thurgood Marshall did not participate.

The Justice Department, incidentally, had urged the court to uphold the ban, contending it was a proper exercise of congressional concern over threats to the national defense.

Warren said in the decision that the court was aware of the concern, but that it would be ironic to use national defense as a sanction for what he called "the subversion of one of those liberties . . . which makes the defense of the nation worthwhile."

The court seemingly went far-out in this instance, way beyond the original intention of the authors of the amendment.

Yes, the U.S. Supreme Court has done it again. And Communist groups around the world undoubtedly are smiling.
—The Midland Reporter-Telegram

CHRISTMAS TREE LEGENDS

The trimmed Christmas tree, as we know it today, is little more than a century and a half old, yet legends trace the origin of the tree back to earliest times.

One legend concerns an early Christmas missionary, St. Wilfred, who once came upon a band of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

According to the story, St. Wilfred had the tree cut down and almost immediately, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of new faith and thereafter the Druids set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime, surrounding them with feasting and laughter and love.

There is also the story of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt. With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, it was still necessary that Mary rest awhile so they sought shelter in the low trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. Today, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmas time, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was really an apple tree. And, although the fir tree has long since replaced its predecessor for Christmas use, the tinsel baubles we use on the tree are said representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

The First Tree Electrically Lighted In U.S.

One of the most famous hotels that dot the California coast line is the luxurious Hotel Del Coronado in California.

Few people know that it is the birthplace of the first electrically - lighted living Christmas tree.

The event goes back to 1904, the gaslight era, when electric lights were still an oddity. It was during that year on Christmas Eve that colored electric lights were strung on an evergreen tree growing on the Coronado's lawn.

The occasion was so momentous that none other than Thomas Alva Edison, the father of the electric light, directed the placement and stringing of these first Christmas tree lights.

Every Christmastime since that date, with the exception of World War II years when a blackout was imposed on the coastal region, that same evergreen is festooned with a multitude of gay Christmas lights to commemorate the occasion. As a matter of fact, the lighting of that particular Christmas tree has become a festive Christmas tradition in Southern California attracting hundreds of people each year.

The use of the fir tree as part of the tradition of Christmas dates all the way back to the 8th century, when Boniface, an English missionary, introduced the idea of a Christmas tree to the pagan Germans.

Martin Luther is said to have adorned the first Christmas tree with lighted candles eight centuries later and German Prince Albert, consort to Queen Victoria, took the idea to Great Britain 300 years later.

Boniface suggested decorating the fir in honor of Christ to substitute for sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak. This came 400 years after the Christian church adopted Dec. 25 as the time for celebrating Christmas. This date coincided with the Mithraic rite of the birth of the sun, and the Teutonic Yule feast.

HELPING POOR

Principles of Christianity are reflected in Christmas giving to the poor and unfortunate. An old legend says that on Christmas Eve the Christ Child roams the earth, dressed as a beggar, in search of food and shelter. People believed that any kindness shown a beggar expressed a love for Jesus.

Candles Made From Bayberry Trees

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

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"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus"

Sixty-two years ago, an eight-year-old girl wrote to the New York Sun to ask quite simply: "Is there a Santa Claus?" The newspaper's reply was, in part, as follows:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary the world would be if there were no Santa Claus!

It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment then, except in sight and sound. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. . . .

"Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children or men can see. . . .

"No Santa Claus? Thank God! He lives, and lives forever. A thousand years continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

America's Town Of Bethlehem

Every Christmas, as pilgrims gather in Bethlehem in the Holy Land to celebrate the Nativity, others journey to another Bethlehem for the same reason. . . . A Bethlehem right here in the United States.

The town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was named after the original Bethlehem by Moravian settlers in 1741. Members of the Moravian Church, they had fled persecution in the Old World and with them brought their beliefs and customs, many of which are still observed.

Holiday observances center on the Children's Love Feast and Christmas Eve Vigil. Music plays an important part in the services but the highlight of both services is the moment when sacrists enter the church, bearing trays of lighted candles. The candles are passed on to the worshipers and lights are dimmed until the church is aglow with hundreds of tiny candle lights.

The making and decorating of these candles is another interesting Moravian custom. The candiemakers wear 18th century costumes as they prepare the candles, which are made of beeswax and decorated with tissue in a wide variety of colors.

Make Old Toys Look Like New

By salvaging and making useful again discarded toys of your children, you will gladden the heart of some eager youngster whose stocking will not be too full on Christmas morning.

That old teddy-bear will be just as lovable as ever when he has a new pair of shoe-button eyes, and it takes only a minute to sew them in place.

Repair pingpong and tennis racquets. Trucks, wagons, sleds, and blocks will look new again with a coat of bright paint. Old cigar boxes are just the thing for making doll furniture. And colored wash cloths, cut to fit, make fancy-looking rugs for a doll house.

Revamp an old doll. If her wig is stringy, give it good curl with the curling iron. Then make her a brand new wardrobe. Some little girl will think she is the most beautiful doll in the world.

MYSTIC MEANING BEHIND CANDLES

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

Story Of The Nativity Never Grows Old

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." — Luke 2:16-18.

Thus, in the New Testament, Luke tells the story of humble shepherds watching in the fields — shepherds to whom the herald angels brought "good tidings of great joy," that they might seek and find the Infant Saviour. In still another Biblical account of the Nativity, Matthew writes of the Wise Men, who followed a Star to Bethlehem.

"And when they were come into the house they saw the young Child, with Mary His Mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him. And . . . they presented unto Him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." — Matthew 2:11.

At Christmas, as Christians everywhere celebrate the birth of Christ in church and home devotions, the story of the Nativity is told and retold — but it never grows old. Always, the well-remembered words of two of his disciples, Matthew and Luke, seem to resound with renewed meaning and inspiration, bringing to all some measure of that awe and wonder experienced by the shepherds and the wise men, long ago.

And now, as then, the supreme, the all-absorbing moment in the sacred story is that moment at the manger when first "they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother."

St. Francis Planned For First Creche

In the miracle of the manger, in the Madonna and Child, mankind sees and ever present reminder of the love of God, the glory and promise of Christmas. Each year as

New Mexico Celebration Goes Back 2000 Years

The Yuletide spirit in Santa Fe is a mixture of Indians, luminarias and pinatas, singing processions and holiday fun.

In Santa Fe, homes gleam with hundreds of luminarias — paper sacks lighted by a single candle inside each sack. Roaring bonfires are lighted and miracle play take place. Families gather to break pinatas — colorful dolls filled with candy and hung from the ceiling to be broken by blindfolded children.

Finally on Christmas Day, Santa Fe bursts with fiesta fun. In homes are roasted turkeys stuffed with pinon nut dressings. There are also marranitos — roast suckling pig. And there is corn, rice, squash, tortillas and a glass or two of sugary chokecherry wine.

Early in December, the luminarias go up on the flat roofs and walls of Santa Fe homes. Traditionally the lights lead the way for the lost Christ Child, El Nido Perdido, who will walk among the faithful at Christmas time.

The fiesta of the Virgin of Guadalupe begins Dec. 11 and honors the patroness of the Americas. Then comes the nine-day re-enactment of the holy family's search for shelter in Bethlehem.

In Rio Grande village around Santa Fe, folk plays with local casts are performed. Stories of the ancient shepherds — Los Pastores — are retold. Churches in the villages are lighted by incense candles made by the natives especially for Christmas.

First Yule Card Designed In 1843

It was the "Golden Age of Christmas." The personal exchange of good wishes, visiting homes to toast a friend's good health, carol-singing, bringing in the Yule log and great family dinners were all in vogue.

A new book was published that year. It told of Christmas goose and plum pudding, of happy family parties. It presented, and made immortal, Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim. The book was Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," and the year was 1843.

Appropriately, during this "Golden Age of Christmas," the now universally-popular custom of sending Christmas greeting cards began.

The very first card, authorities now agree, is the celebrated Cole-Horsely, designed and printed in London in 1843. Only a dozen of the original 1,000 copies are known to exist, and two of these, including the only unsigned and unposted specimen, are part of the Hallmark Historical Collection.

When not on display in museums and similar institutions, the collection is filed in a specially constructed vault at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Mo.

Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman, and founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum, asked his friend, John C. Horsely, noted artist, and member of the Royal Academy, to design the now-famous card as an unusual means of expressing his kind wishes to friends at the holiday season.

The Poinsetta

This symbol of Christmas is wholly American. The flower was discovered in Mexico in 1828 by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first United States ambassador to that country. Cuttings of the plant were sent to the botanical gardens in Edinburgh, Scotland.

It is also known that Poinsett visited John C. Fremont in California, and that he may have introduced the plant there.

The people of Mexico and Central America called the plant "Flor de la Noche Buena," which means Flower of the Holy Night, because it reached full bloom at Christmas. It is an extraordinary plant, in that the blossoms are not the red leaves but the small yellow flowers clustered in the center.

In New Zealand

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

The Stanton Reporter wishes you a Merry Christmas!

Christians return in heart and spirit to Bethlehem and the manger, the joyous message lives anew. In cities, churches and homes, manger scenes symbolize once again the birth of a holy Child.

The treasured tradition of recreating the manger has a long and notable history. The first creche or crib, scholars say, was erected by St. Francis of Assisi and his brethren, in the tiny Italian village of Greccio in 1123.

As the people of the town gathered about the manger, the first Christmas carols were sung — joyous songs in honor of the Saviour's birth. St. Francis felt that, through the manger scene and the cheery Christmas songs, even the humblest member of the congregation could participate more fully in the observance of Christmas.

Both craftsmen and artists have been inspired by the manger, and have shared their inspiration with many. The Madonna and Child appear again and again in countless famous paintings, and the Christmas creche in miniature, created by the loving hands of skillful craftsmen, is a precious tradition in many lands, in many homes.

In song, too, "the young Child with Mary His mother" lives anew. Gathering around the manger scene, glad voices joyful carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon Virgin Mother and Child . . ."

Re-Creating the Nativity In Art, Song

Through the years, the meaning of the manger has been enriched by hundreds of thousands of reverent re-creations.

Strangers begin to smile and speak to you on the street. Someone offers to help Mom with the dishes. Children never fail to say "Sir" and "Ma'am."

The bus driver sees you running — and waits an extra minute. You find yourself feeling fine and looking at the world through rose colored glasses.

Star Singing

As they go from house to house carol singers may be aided by the rays of an electric lantern or a flashlight. This reflects an old custom known as Star singing.

Early carolers in Europe used to make their rounds carrying a large, lighted star, representing the Star of Bethlehem. Later the star was replaced by lanterns and torches.

Christmas Is Near

Strangers begin to smile and speak to you on the street. Someone offers to help Mom with the dishes. Children never fail to say "Sir" and "Ma'am."

The bus driver sees you running — and waits an extra minute. You find yourself feeling fine and looking at the world through rose colored glasses.

THE YULE LOG STORY

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

The Scandinavian feast of Winter Solstice was observed by the kindling of huge bonfires to the god Thor. In England the Yule Log was burned amidst great noise and song.

Snow Remover

To get rid of the push-button "snow" with which youngsters decorate windows at Christmas time, apply sal soda concentrate in solution form or dry to the area with a stiff brush.

Lighting Candles

Martin Luther the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles

and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen—a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

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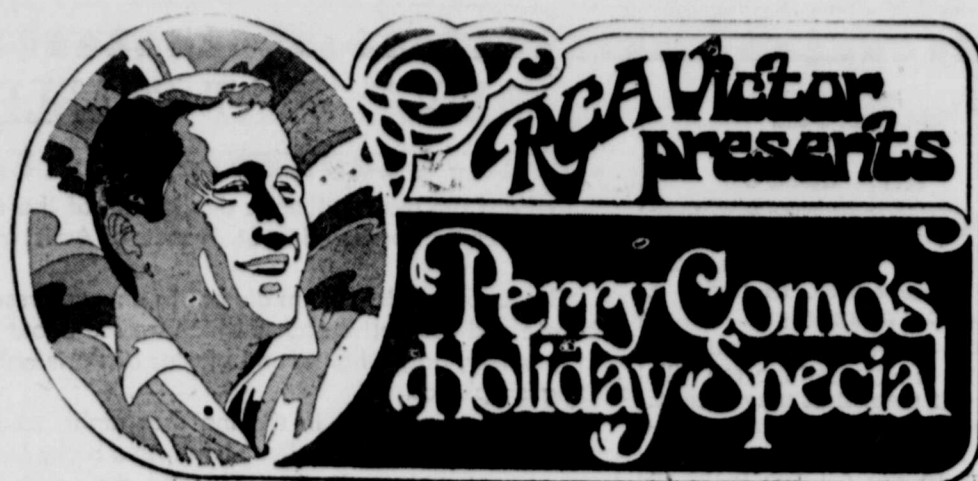
For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 p.m. when carolers wake the villagers with seranades. At dawn, when everyone is awake and assembled, some attend church while others take care of preparing the feast.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Let us stop, this day, to reflect on the true spirit of Christmas...the spirit of Charity and Good Faith...the spirit of Humility and Good Will Towards All. And let us pray that from this day forth, the Christmas Spirit will abide with us through all our lives, that we may be the better for it. May we take this opportunity to wish all our friends the very best on Christmas and for all of the days to come.

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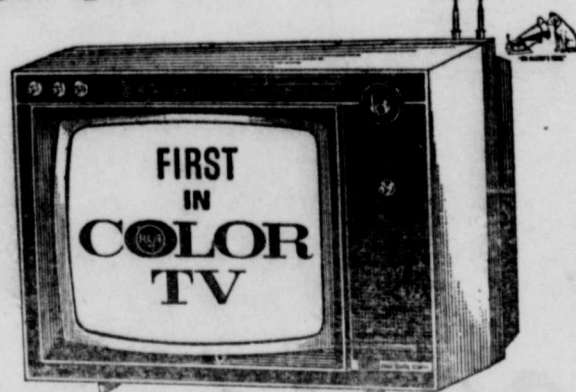
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Cranberried Chicken Is Perfect Party Dish

Christmas Eve! It's a perfect time for a supper party before the evening church services or perhaps joining with the roving carolers. Choose a simple feast, no fuss at all, such as Baked Cranberry Stuffed Chicken, and fresh asparagus served with Hollandaise Sauce. Accompanied by a salad of the season, this menu will not tax any hostess.

Baked Cranberry Stuffed Chicken

3 frying chickens,

quartered
6 slices enriched toast
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 (8-ounce) package stuffing mix
1 (No. 1) can condensed chicken-rice soup
½ cup water
2 teaspoons salt
¼ cup melted butter
1 pound (can whole cranberry sauce)
Wash chicken and pat dry. Cut toast slices in half, dia-

gionally. Combine parsley, stuffing mix, chicken-rice soup and water. Grease shallow baking pan. Spread out toast triangles in shallow baking pan. Place ½ cup stuffing on each piece of toast. Salt chicken pieces and place them, skin side up, over stuffing. Cover and bake in a hot oven (400 F.) for 30 minutes. Uncover, bake 15 minutes. Spread cranberry sauce over chicken, bake another 15 minutes. Will serve 12.

White House Guides Yule Traditions

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

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

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

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

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

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

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree

The origin of the Christmas tree is uncertain. Decorated trees were part of pagan ceremonies in pre-Christian times, and the custom of decorating small evergreen trees at Christmas time seems to have begun in Germany.

One legend suggests that St. Boniface, the English missionary to Germany in the 8th Century, started the custom. He is said to have replaced the pagan worship of a sacred oak with a young evergreen tree, adorned to symbolize the new faith.

Another legend has it that Martin Luther introduced the tree lighted with candles, representing the dark and starry heavens from which Jesus came.

The Christmas tree arrived in America before it reached England. Hessian soldiers in the employ of George III decorated trees during the American Revolution. And even earlier, German settlers in Pennsylvania were decorating trees with lights, sweets, and colored paper.

The Christmas tree became part of the traditional English celebration only after the marriage of the German Prince Albert to Queen Victoria.

Today it is still a custom most widely observed in Germany, England and the United States.

at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

Animals Play Holiday Parts

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

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

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

Feeding Birds
In Scandinavian countries people place sheaves of grain and bits of suit on trees and rooftops, so bird can feast.

They Feast
Because an ancient tradition holds that animals helped to spread the glad tidings of the birth of Christ, barnyard animals in many countries are still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

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

Other legends broaden this to include all animals.

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

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

The Holly

Because holly grows in most parts of the world, for centuries it has been used as a decoration at festivals. In ancient times people believed that anyone who wore a wreath made of the berries would be gifted with second sight.

Holly bears fruit and stays green in winter. Thus it became a symbol of immortality. During the rise of the early church many Christmas legends were linked to holly. One says that holly was the burning bush from which God spoke to Moses in the wilderness.

Another has it that because the holly hid Jesus from Herod's soldiers during the flight into Egypt, it was blessed with green leaves all winter.

In certain early yule celebrations holly represented the male and the female. Whichever was brought into the house first at Christmas told whether the husband or wife would rule the home for the next year.

Few of these legends persist today. Holly has become a part of the traditional Christmas decoration, and its beauty needs no further explanation.

A Merry Christmas To All!

Fingers Of All Ages Reach For These Tasty Cookies

There's nothing more heart-warming than a gift of homemade goodies at Christmas time. Two of the most delicious and easiest to make in large quantities, are crisp "Double Peanut Drops" and No-bake "Jiffy Fruitcake Squares." Because of the rich flavor of peanut butter, these two very different cookies appeal to all ages. Here's how to make them.

Double Peanut Drops
¼ cup peanut butter
½ cup butter or other shortening
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup crushed peanut brittle
1 cup sifted flour
Cream peanut butter with shortening. Beat sugar in

gradually. Add vanilla and brittle. Gradually stir in flour. (Mixture will be crumbly.) Measure heaping teaspoons and, with fingers, shape into round flat cookies. Bake in 325 degrees F. oven for 15 minutes. Makes 45 cookies.

Jiffy Fruitcake
15 ounces raisins
1 lb. pitted dates
¼ cup crunchy peanut butter
2 lbs mixed diced candied fruit

Grind raisins and dates together. Add peanut butter and mix thoroughly. Add candied fruit and mix well. Line two 8x8 2-inch pans with wax paper and press half of mixture into each. Chill in refrigerator 36 hours before cutting into squares. Makes 50 pieces.

Article Gives Tips On Yule Tension Control

Christmas is a joyous and festive holiday. Yet, to do all the things that have come to be a part of Christmas the average person spends more time, energy and money than in any other period of the year.

Result: Strain and tensions arise that are not normally experienced. To find out how this problem of tension-filled holiday can be avoided, a few suggestions are given.

Christmas is more than gift-giving and card sending. Don't get caught up in the commercial aspect of Christmas and overlook its spiritual aspects.

Don't engage in excesses — financial or physical. Be sen-

sible about the money and energy you spend preparing for Christmas. If you know your limits, you will not be confronted with debts you can't afford or depressing fatigue at the end of the holidays.

Get pleasure from your giving. If your gift-giving was not satisfactory last year, try a new kind of giving this year, perhaps with greater emphasis on sharing and giving to help less fortunate people enjoy the holidays.

And above all, expect only what Christmas can really give. Don't encourage your children to think that Christmas is only a time for receiving everything they want.

Young Folks Can Help Make Jaunty, Puffed Rice Snowman

Puffed rice, coconut and marshmallows are the "snow" for a delightful snowman decoration. Youngsters can help make him.

To make the Jaunty Snowman you'll need 9 cups puffed rice (1, 4½ oz. package), ¼ cup butter or margarine, 32 large marshmallows, flaked or shredded coconut, white confectioners' sugar frosting. Heat puffed rice in shallow pan in moderate oven (350 F.) 10 minutes. Pour into large greased bowl.

Melt butter and marshmallows over very low heat (may use double boiler.) Stir to blend. Pour over puffed rice, stirring until kernels are evenly coated. With greased hands, shape into three balls for the "body" and two small

ovals for the "arms." Immediately roll each part in coconut.

Assemble, using confectioners' sugar frosting to attach balls and toothpicks to attach "arms." Use raisins for eyes, gumdrop for nose, red candied cherry for mouth and red cinnamon candies for buttons. Make a top hat from red construction paper, trim with holly. Makes one large snowman.

Nola Birthplace Of Church Bells

The use of church bells is said to have been inaugurated during the fifth century by Bishop Palladius of Nola, in Campania.

Although the derivation is doubted by some authorities, it appears that the Latin word for bell — campanula — was coined during the fifth century by Bishop Palladius of Nola, in Campania.

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CHRISTMAS CANDLE LEGEND

Candles have long had place in legends and in the observance of the holiday of Christmas.

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

The first use of candles for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation but according to an old legend the "Christ Child Candle" is burned in the window to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Children's Task

During the early days of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve of Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:

"To learn your luck for the year they say,
Burn a bayberry Dip on Christmas Day.
If the flame burns bright and the light
shines clear,
Good luck will be yours throughout the
year."

Tissue Tree Easy Holiday Decoration

A popular Christmas decoration is the miniature tree made out of paper tissue. It can be made in any pastel color, decorated with glitter in bright colors (red or white).

Here are the instructions for making the tree.

Materials needed are three feet of 12-inch chicken wire, one large box of paper tissues, a package of pipe cleaners, a bottle of glitter dust and a bottle of colorless nail polish.

Form a cone by rolling the chicken wire from end to end. The diameter of the base should be about six inches for best effect.

Next, make flowers. Take a tissue folded in half and cut along the crease. Accordion pleat the tissue from end to end.

Twist the end of a pipe cleaner around the center of the pleated tissue.

Fan out the pleats, then separate the four thickness of tissue to form the flower.

Brush edges of flower with colorless nail polish and dip into glitter before polish dries.

You will need 35 to 50 flowers, depending upon how tightly they are placed on the wire base.

To fasten flowers to the base, place one at top of cone and twist pipe cleaner ends inside of cone. Continue placing flowers around cone, working down until bottom is reached. Arrange flowers close together so wire does not show through.

CITRUS BUYING

It is citrus time in Texas. When buying choose fruits that are heavy for their size. Smooth, thin skinned fruits have the most juice. Avoid fruits with withered, sunken or soft areas.

Pineapple And Cranberries In Two-Tone Salad Mold

Now that the holiday season is just around the corner, and you're entertaining more frequently, new salads are much in demand. There are many times when individual molded salads will fit into your party plans.

Golden pineapple tidbits and scarlet cranberries are featured in these two-tone molds. The bottom layer is a combination of cranberry-orange relish in raspberry flavored gelatin. The top layer is a subtle combination of pineapple, cream cheese and chutney encased in lemon gelatin.

If you're looking for extra elegance to add to your holiday table, these Pineapple-Cranberry Salads will provide both glamour and palatability.

PINEAPPLE CRANBERRY MOLDS

- 1 cup fresh cranberries
- 1/2 unpeeled orange, de-seeded
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 package (3-ounce) raspberry-flavored gelatin
- 2 cups boiling hot water
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 1 package (3-ounce) lemon-flavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup syrup from pineapple
- 2 (3-ounce) packages cream cheese
- Tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup chopped chutney
- 2 cups drained pineapple tidbits
- 1 apple, sliced
- Salad greens

Grind cranberries and orange together. Add sugar and set aside. Dissolve raspberry flavored gelatin in 1 cup boiling water; add the cold water. Chill till syrupy. Dissolve lemon-flavored gelatin in second cup hot water; add pineapple syrup. Cool slightly. Soften cream cheese with lemon juice. Gradually add cooled lemon-flavored gelatin a little at a time, until mixture is smooth.

Chill until it will mound slightly. Fold in chutney, 1 cup pineapple tidbits. Spoon into about eight individual

molds or custard cups. Chill firm. Blend cranberry and apple into thickened raspberry gelatin. Spoon over firm white layer. Chill firm. Unmold and garnish each salad with salad greens, pineapple tidbits and a few pomegranate seeds if you like. Makes 6 to 10 salads, depending on size of molds.

Jewelry Holiday Rainbow

Costume jewelry rivals the ornaments on the Christmas tree this year with its massed blaze of color.

All the jewels of Aladdin—rubies, emeralds, sapphires, diamond and pearls—are present and available, in dazzling make - believe, within reach of any budget. Massed in multiple - strand necklaces, king-size earrings and glittering bracelets, they make a gay splash of color to brighten holiday costumes.

The new look in jewelry this season is bold and massive. Necklaces come in multiple strands, in every color of the spectrum, to act as dramatic accessories, matching or contrasting with the costume color.

Germany Had First Cards

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

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

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

First English Card

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

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

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

Unfolded Pasteboards

The first cards were unfolded pasteboards printed in color. Late in the 1850's and 60's, cards were die-stamped with designs combining ornaments and lettering. Larger cards became more popular in the 1880's.

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

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

Sponsored Art Contests

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

Yule Log Ceremony Scandinavian

One of the most warm and glowing ceremonies of Christmas is the log ceremony, which is of Scandinavian origin.

In ancient times, mammoth logs, often with roots attached, were used for the solstice (the name by which the celebration is known). They were blessed and burned with a prayer that they would forever bring light, warmth and comfort to them. The ritual seems to have been associated with the legendary Tree of the Universe, a giant tree of Norse mythology whose roots united earth, heaven and hell.

The custom was brought to England by the men of the North and eventually yule log became an emblem of Christmas cheer. In olden days, the log was selected months ahead so that it would have time to cure. The largest log available was used, its size limited only by the measurements of the fireplace. It usually required the entire household to drag it in.

Quite often it was still decked with greenery.

In some lands, today, the log is decorated with flowers and wreaths and anointed with wine before it is put in the fireplace and set ablaze. It was said that this also routed any ghosts in the vicinity.

While the log is burning, it must be watched carefully to see that it does not burn out during the Christmas season. For if it is kept aglow, you are assured of good luck. However, a small part of it must be kept from burning, and this must be guarded well throughout the year, so that it can be used to start the fire the following year.

In many places the ashes of the log are considered to have magical powers of fertility when scattered over the farmland. For this reason the farmers keep the ashes in a safe place and toss them onto their land on New Year's Day. Thus, according to the belief, they are assured of a fine crop that coming

About Mistletoe

There's more to mistletoe than the excuse to invite a kiss from a pretty girl.

The white berried plant actually is a parasite, often killing off trees that play it host. In recent years Australian foresters resorted to flame throwers to kill off the plant in some wooded areas. The popular promoter of Yuletide romance has a bad habit of sapping the water and mineral salts from the trees, straving them to death.

The mistletoe does serve one useful function in the outdoors, however, as it provides a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries, the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree - young branches or buds - and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves of the guest plant.

Thus the mistletoe plays dual characters and at least according to one superstition, can change from one character to another in the twinkling of an eye. For instance, if the Yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemas Eve, (February 1), each leaf will produce a robin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

The present date acknowledged by the modern world as the birthdate of Christ is December 25th. This was established as late as the sixth century.

According to custom, the mistletoe is accompanied by singing of Christmas carols and then is followed by feasting. The feast is quite elaborate and takes days of painstaking preparation. There are many tempting dishes and pastries which are prepared just once a year, especially for this momentous occasion.

ABOUT THAT STABLE

Perhaps the most authentic duplication of the first manger scene was that prepared by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1200.

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the elaborate and decorative scenes which we see about us today, with greenery, bright lights, and plaster of Paris animals and adoring shepherds.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable; a crude shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and bare of ornaments.

With our many modern conveniences of today, we find it hard to imagine that weary Judean travelers often spent the night in such caves, welcoming rather than disdaining joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth.

The cave which was the birthplace of the Saviour is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has still embellished it with comfort and ornamentation.

Many U. S. Towns Have Names Which Relate To Christmas

Scattered here and there about the United States are numerous towns and cities whose name reflects the Christmas idea in one way or another.

Best known, of course, are the towns of Santa Claus, Indiana, Bethlehem, Conn., and Christmas, Fla., whose post offices each year handle floods of mail from senders wishing to brighten their packages with Yuletide postmarks.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town with exclusive rights to its Yuletide postmark, although there is a Santa, Idaho. The privilege of the exclusive Santa Claus postmark is reserved to the Indiana post office by congressional act. There is only one Christmas, the one in Florida, although Maine boasts a Christmas Cove.

Bethlehem, Conn., has plenty of competition, however, as there are six other Bethlehems—in Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Maryland, and New Hampshire.

There are two Noels, one in Virginia and another in Missouri. Looking elsewhere about the

country, one can find numberless towns and cities with names which call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is an Advent, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

One Wiseman is found in Arkansas and another in Alaska and it is reasonable to assume that another may be found in Wisemantown, Ky. In the spirit of the season, West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri boasts of Peace Valley, and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.

For the Christmas party Turkey is available in four states, Cranberry in three. In the decorative theme, one can find an Evergreen in six states, a Pine in seven, a Holly in three. Trees in Louisiana, and finally, Mistletoe in Kentucky.

Priests from the United States advanced the opinion that recorded guitar music provides a fine background for the Mass in areas where an organ is impractical, or where economy dictates a worthy substitute.



Merry Christmas

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The Mistletoe

Long before Christian missionaries arrived in Britain, the Druids (Celtic priests) gathered mistletoe and used it in religious ceremonies. Dressed in white robes, they climbed trees to which the plant had attached itself and cut down the mistletoe branches with golden sickles.

They believed mistletoe had medicinal powers and was sacred. It was said to bring good fortune. The house in which it hung was magically protected against witchcraft. One Christian source likened mistletoe to a link between

heaven and earth since it grows without touching the ground.

Mistletoe was also considered the plant of peace, and under its enemies in ancient Scandinavia met and reconciled their differences.

From this came the English custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe—the one tradition which has survived to the present. The sprig of mistletoe no longer signals young warriors to throw down their weapons. Instead it invites young and old to stretch out their arms and embrace in the Spirit of Christmas.

Former Holidays Time Of Strange, Fearful Beliefs

"Merry" Christmas? Not always, according to some ancient beliefs once associated with the day.

Take, for instance, the old belief that cattle and other stable animals were given the power of speech on Christmas Eve.

Any person who heard the animals speak with die within a year, so superstition said.

Somber omens of death were read into still other Yuletide legends. When the Yule log burned, bystanders were told to watch the shadows on the walls. If the shadows of any persons appeared to be headless, this supposedly meant death for those persons, again within a year.

Salt was also said to have the power of forecasting life or death, when used in connection with Christmas. The test could be made by leaving a small mound of salt on the table on Christmas Eve. If the salt melted during the night, that, too, meant death within 12 months.

If the salt remained unmelted, the forecast was for a long and healthy life.

A Christmas Wish

Humble shepherds left their flocks in the fields that holy night, and sought the Babe whose birth angels had proclaimed unto them. They beheld him lying in a manger in the City of David, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

And from the East, following the brilliant Star, Wise Men came to adore, and to offer precious gifts to the newborn King.

Today, nations and peoples share in that first Christmas, and its boundless hope and its promise of peace, with joyous celebrations.

Christmas Customs South Of The Border

In the lands of Central and South America, the Christmas festival reaches its zenith with the celebration of the Misa del Gallo (Mass of the Cock) at midnight Christmas Eve. This traditionally is the hours at which Christ was born. The name itself stems from Christian Rome's early practice of holding the first service when the cock crew.

Christmas feasts follow the midnight service, and delectables vary according to the country. While roast pig is Latin America's holiday favorite, turkey dominates tables in Mexico, Brazil, Columbia, Nicaragua, Panama and Puerto Rico.

Gift giving has always been closely linked with the Nativity. The youngsters of many lands look to the Christ Child

for presents. In certain countries, including Mexico and Puerto Rico, tots impatiently await Epiphany, January 6, and a visit from the Three Wise men. Santa Claus adds, for the parents, an expensive complication.

Exchange of gifts takes an unusual turn in Columbia where it is custom for merry-makers in masquerade to mill through the streets on Christmas Eve. Whenever a friend detects another's identity, he claims a reward.

Children of Latin America traditionally send the letters to "Baby Jesus, Careof St. Peter," but North American symbols of Christmas, Santa Claus, the tinsel tree, wreaths and greeting cards — are becoming familiar in the cities of several neighboring countries, notably Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

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Gift-Exchange U. S. Idea

Americans are famous the world over for their generosity toward other peoples, other nations. It seems only fitting that they for the most part originated the gift-exchange idea at Christmas.

In many parts of Europe Christmas is strictly a religious day. Gift-giving does not "intrude" on the solemn traditions.

Gift-giving as such dates back to the Roman Emperors from about 27 B.C. to 363 A.D. Everyone sent the Emper-

or gifts at the start of the New Year. Later the Romans brought this custom into their own lives, among the "common" people. As the Roman culture spread throughout Europe, so did their new custom.

The ancient Chinese also celebrated the New Year by exchanging gifts; they introduced gift wrapping and paper honeycomb.

But Christmas gift-exchange seems to have begun in the U. S.

Christmas Brings Comfort To Group Of Pioneer Folk

Even when Christmas wasn't merry, history shows that the holy holiday has brought comfort and hope into the midst of sorrow and hardship.

Such was an early Christmas in the New World, observed in 1535 at a small fortress on the banks of the St. Charles River near what is now the City of Quebec, Canada.

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

Bravely, the men celebrated Christmas. Mass was said in a log cabin, at an altar made from a wooden table; evergreen branches decorated the walls; carols were sung and the best of the meager food supplies were used for a "feast."

mas tree with weatherproof ornaments has been erected.

CHRISTMAS DINNER OF THE 19th Century

- Oysters On The Half Shell
- Game Soup
- Boiled White Fish
- Roast Goose (or Turkey)
- Boiled Potatoes
- Mashed Turnips
- Boiled Rice
- Lobster Salad
- Christmas Plum Pudding
- Mince Pie
- Delicate Cakes
- Salted Almonds
- Confectionery

CHRISTMAS, FLORIDA

Christmas, Florida, is a town of 250 people near Orlando. As a fort it was completed on Christmas, 1835, and so received its name. Connected with the other states by the United States mail, the post office has been kept busy throughout December remailing cards, letters, and packages. In one year it handles over 300,000 pieces of mail. Lately a permanent Christ-

Fruits
Coffee
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In Holland

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

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

The Stanton Reporter staff wishes all of you a Very Merry Christmas!

Candles Are Part Of Christmas

Candles have long been a part of Christmas. In medieval days, Yule candles, like Yule logs, were of tremendous size. Holes were chiseled in the stone floor to act as holders, and Christmas dinner lasted as long as the candles burned.

Decorating Trees

In ancient feasts of the windows for the celebration of the equinox, trees were adorned with trinkets. Like many

pagan customs, the evergreen tree became associated with Christian observances, and legends link it to the birth of Christ. One story says that on Christmas Eve, all trees of the forest bloomed and bore fruit.

No Dangerous Items

There are some especially hazardous holiday trim. Did you know that even metallic icicles are dangerous to children? If ingested they can cause serious lead poisoning. Also, snow sprays contain

Turkey Is Choice With Americans

Almost every nation has its own special Christmas dish. Since Americans represent people from all parts of the world, it is not surprising that one finds different holiday menus in the various parts of the country. Two thoroughly American pedigrees, however, are turkey and cranberries. Indians ate wild turkey,

Mr. and Mrs. Thadd Koonce of El Paso, are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Koonce, and other friends and relatives.

Bobby Hamm is home for the holidays from Graceland College, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hamm.

A Merry Christmas To All!

cranberries and pumpkin before the first European colonists arrived. The turkey today is a domesticated variety of the native wild turkey.

Colors Important To Yule Story

The colors red and green are an integral part of the Christmas story.

The red is explained by the "Legend of the Christmas Rose." According to this ancient story, a little shepherdess, watching from afar as the Three Wise Men presented their gifts to the Christ Child, wept because she had no gift to offer.

Tears Produced Flowers
Flowers sprang up where her tears fell, says the legend. She gathered them and hastened to present them to the Infant Jesus. While she was kneeling at the crib, His hand touched the petals and they turned a beautiful red.

A similar legend from Mexico tells how the flaming red poinsettia comes to be connected with Christmas.

A poor Mexican boy went to church on Christmas Eve in great sadness because he did not have a gift to lay before the crib of the Holy Child. He knelt humbly on the cold ground outside the church and prayed. When he rose, a green plant with dazzling red blooms sprang up at his feet.

The poinsettia was named for America's first ambassador to Mexico—Joel R. Poinsett who brought the flame-

hued plant from Mexico in 1829.

Evergreens Important
Over the centuries, evergreens have played an important part in the Christmas celebration and the color green is symbolic of them and everlasting life.

The early French and English settlers hung pieces of evergreens over their doors, to indicate that Christ was present.

Holly is believed to have sprung up where the Infant Jesus took his first baby steps.

Numerous tales are told of how the Christmas tree came to be associated with Christmas. Historians believe, however, that it was Martin Luther in Germany who trimmed the first tree with candles to show his family the splendor of the night on which Christ was born. Later, apples, candy and colored papers were added to the decorations.

Christmas Decorations
Today the colors red and green dominate Christmas decorations.

Red and green are the popular choices for ribbon at Christmas time, yet rank last—16th and 17th—during

Mistletoe Was Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a symbol of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

A mistletoe arrow, according to Norse mythology, that Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as charm promoting fertility. The custom today of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

Mr. and Mrs. Redgie Church and little son, are here from Independence, Missouri, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Church.

Merry Christmas to you all!

sales during the rest of the year.



In a lowly manger, hewn from the rocky hillside of Bethlehem, a Child was born . . . and herald angels sang. To the manger came humble shepherds, in wonder and rejoicing. Three Wise Men journeyed from the East, bearing precious gifts. And over all shone the miraculous light of a Star. In the words of the Christmas story, that light lives and shines across the ages, bringing hope and promise to all mankind. May the spiritual joys of the season bless you and yours, abundantly on this Christmas Day and forevermore.

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Christmas Greetings

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Holiday Greetings

We're grateful to be spending Christmas among all our friends and neighbors... as a measure of our gratitude, may we extend our very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and festive season.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES

(Editor's Note: This fantasy was a favorite of the late President Kennedy. I would like to reprint it in this column for the benefit of those who have not previously read it.)

WASHINGTON — Now at last, after their long journey from the East, the Three Wise Men had arrived in Bethlehem to pay homage to the Babe of peace.

They had followed the Great Star, and it had led them to the little stable near the inn. The Star had gone before them "till it came and stood over where the young Child lay."

The Wise Men were surprised and a little chagrined to find this Infant, Who was to be mankind's Savior, lodged in such humble surroundings. But there was no doubt that this was the place, for there was the Star shining overhead.

And so, although tired and worn, the Three Wise Men prepared to present themselves to the Baby. They set their servants to work on their camel packs, untying ropes and unwrapping the gifts they had brought for the King of Kings.

THERE WERE gold and jewels, and there were robes of finely spun gold and silver cloth. Frankincense and myrrh suffused the air with their pungent aromas. Each Wise Man ordered that his own gifts be piled outside the stable, and then bade his servants to carry them inside. The servants were warned to be careful and not drop anything.

As the Wise Men entered the stable they were annoyed to find that other persons had come before them. The worshippers appeared to be shepherds—ragged, unshorn men in soiled and tattered garments. One of these shepherds held the hand of a little boy of about seven, whose other hand clutched a small piece of wood crudely carved in the form of a lamb.

The shepherds seemed to sense the Wise Men's disapproval, for they fell back, bowing, so that the wise Men might approach the manger. The shepherd with the little boy had to tug at him to get him to step back. The little boy was clinging to the manger, and as the father pulled him away the lad dropped his toy lamb into the crib.

Now the Wise Men approached the manger and knelt before the Child. A halo of gold shone round the Infant's head, so that the visitors could barely make out the Holy Couple in the background. The Wise Men knelt there, awed by the Babe's Presence, humble before His goodness.

MEANWHILE, THE servants struggled forward with their costly burdens and laid the gifts at the feet of the Child. In the process, some of the gems and gold coins poured out of their bags and into the manger.

The Child lay there for a moment, unmoving. Then one hand came up from His side and reached out and touched something, and closed over it. The Child smiled.

And from the door of the stable came the happy voice of the shepherd's little boy.

"It's my lamb!" he cried, his eyes shining with delight. "He reached for my lamb!"



Alma Lea Woods

Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Xi Epsilon Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Dec. 7, at the home of Mrs. Wallace Kelly. During the business meeting, final plans were made to mail the packages to Girls Town, and arrangements completed for the chapter Christmas party.

Mrs. J. M. Payne gave a program on "Exchanging Time for Experience," and Mrs. Russell McMeans talked on "Living in Moments."

Following the programs, Mrs. McMeans conducted a candle light ritual.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Dwayne Ory, Mrs. Doris Stephenson, Mrs. Jack Ireton, Mrs. Roy Koonce, Mrs. Marilyn Payne, Mrs. Dorothy Olson, Mrs. Joe Cruise, Mrs. Fay Rhodes, Mrs. Ira Clark, Mrs. Homer Schwalbe, Mrs. Correne Manning, Mrs. Russell McMeans, Mrs. J. M. Payne, and the hostess, Mrs. Kelly.

Members of Mu Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. G. W. Graves, Dec. 7, at 7:00 p.m. with President, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, presiding.

Plans for providing Christmas for a patient from the Big Spring State Hospital were completed.

December 21 was set as the date for the annual chapter Christmas party, to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Claude Nowlin.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson gave the program, "People," "Nature."

Those attending the meeting were Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Claude Nowlin, Mrs. Jim Webb, Mrs. G. W. Graves, Mrs.

Alma Lea Woods, H. H. Kaderli Jr. Will Be Married

Mrs. and Mrs. Willard M. Woods of Oklahoma City announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alma Lea, to Holce Hilton Kaderli, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kaderli of Tulsa, formerly of Midland, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kaderli of Stanton.

The couple plans to be married at 8 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Mayfair Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

Miss Woods is a graduate of Central State College in Edmond and is an elementary teacher in the Oklahoma City public schools.

Kaderli, a graduate of Midland High School and the University of Oklahoma, attended the University of Texas. He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Rho, honorary broadcasting fraternity, and National Press Photographers Association. He is employed as a reporter and photographer with KWTU-TV in Oklahoma City.

Trade at home and save: Jess Angel and Mrs. Clyde Parnell

FLOWER GROVE NEWS

By BETH HOLCOMB

The Flower Grove basketball teams received first consolation trophies in the Garden City Tournament.

The boys won their game for the title, while the girls defeated Water Valley for their trophy. In earlier competition, the Dragons tangled with Sands, Water Valley, Norton, and Garden City.

There were two players on the all-tournament team. These players were Neil McMorries and Virginia Pribylia. In the Stanton Tournament, the Dragonettes won a third place trophy, by defeating Stanton's "B" team. The boys and girls played Barstow, Stanton Post, and Robert Lee Mary Pribylia was chosen for the position on the all-tournament team. The players on both Dragon teams wish to thank Garden

City and Stanton for the hospitality shown in their tournaments.

Pictures for favorites, pep squad, basketball, cheerleaders, majorettes, and other organizations were taken December 11, for the annual.

Preparations for the Dragons Trail are being made by the senior and their sponsor, Mrs. Maupin.

Classes were not held Friday, due to the icy roads, and they will be dismissed Friday at 2:00 p.m. for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Friday there will be a party held for the high school students.

Punch and cookies will be served, and provided by the junior girls. The tree has been decorated by the sophomore girls.

4-H Club - - -

(Continued from page 1) Steve Cook, Randy Lambert, Becky Lambert, Curtis Flanagan, Tom Hogard, David Porter, Jonni Letty, Terri Hazlewood, Mark Elland, Theodore Wells, Willie Wells, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wells.

Library - - -

(Continued from page 1) can keep a life-line of newer books going on the shelves. This will call for more help needed to file the cards, and perhaps type some also.

Anyone who wants to add "helping the library" to their list of New Year's resolutions will be received with open arms. You, the patron of the library, will benefit most from the commissioner's generosity, so why not express your appreciation to each one as you have the opportunity.

May the true spirit of Christmas invade your home and remain with you and yours throughout the New Year.

Baptist - - -

(Continued from page 1) mentary on a recent trip with his wife to Brazil. Gifts were exchanged from a varicolored lighted tree, and seasonal ornaments decorated the mantel, and the entertaining room in holiday colors of red and

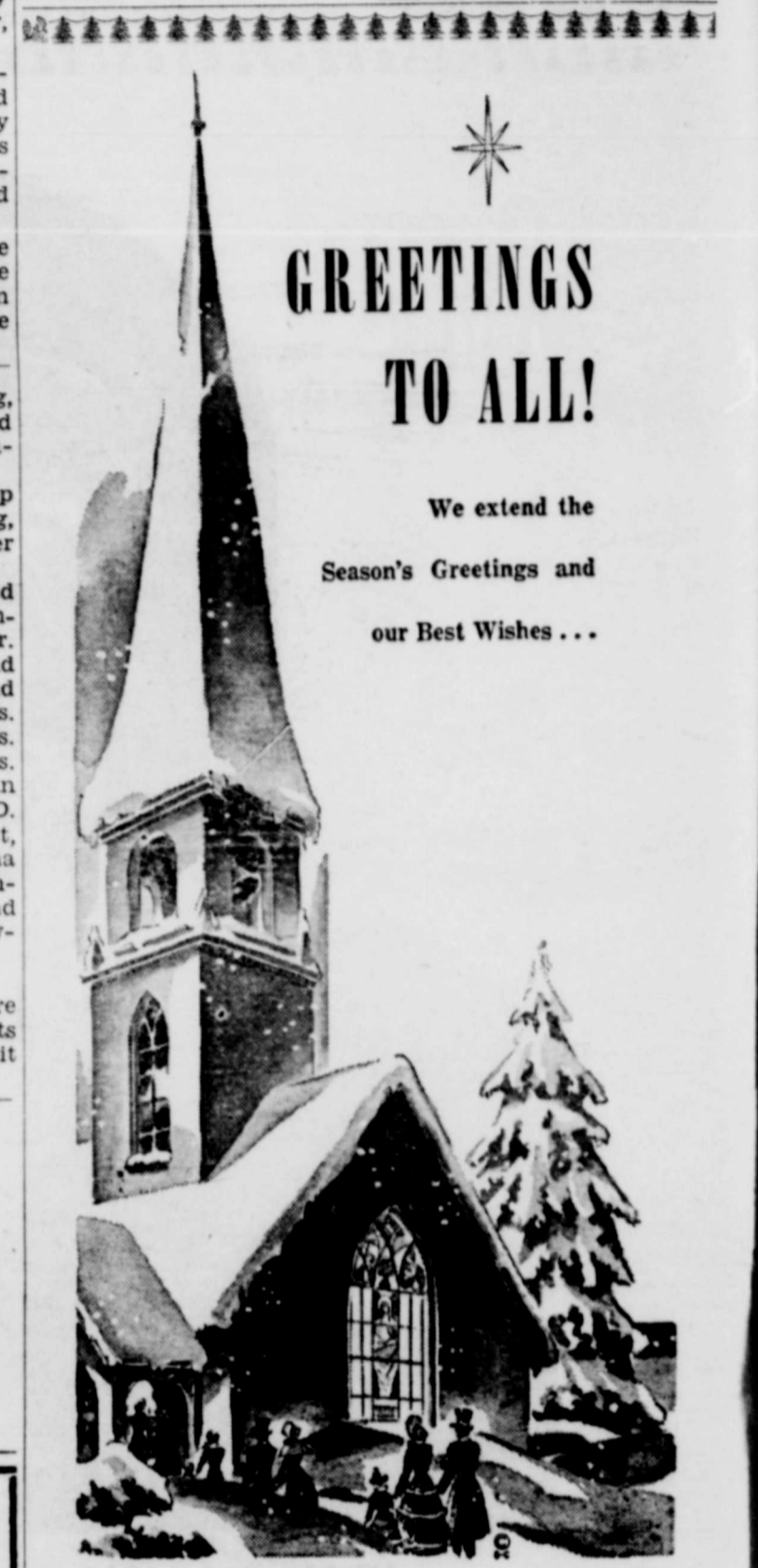
Baptist Church Activities

The Junior I and II Departments had a Christmas party Tuesday, December 12, at the First Baptist Church.

Hot dogs, cokes, and Christmas cookies were served. Spirited Christmas and ring games were played to entertain the approximately 70 guests. Superintendents Deibert Franklin and Jane Cravens

were in charge of party. They were assisted by associate-superintendents Gene Clements, and Ellene Elland, and teachers, Jack Ireton, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parnell, Mrs. B. F. White, Mrs. Travis Yater, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adkins, Clyde White, and Mrs. Gene Clements.

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