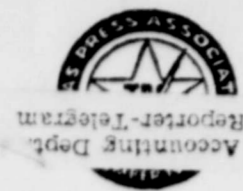


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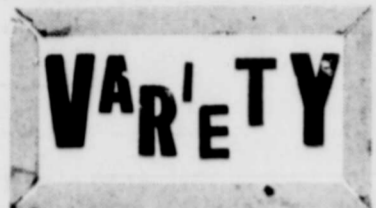
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Christmas Calm Cloaks Community

By NEAL ESTES

A few poetic lines from the aged Beggar's rhyme has always impressed your writer as a kind of special spirit exhilarated at Christmas time. So we quote: "Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, Please to put a penny in the old man's hat; If you haven't got a penny, a ha-penny will do, If you haven't got a ha-penny, God bless you!"

All evergreens are treasured Christmas decorations. Because they remain green through the year, that have for ages symbolized eternity. The pine is especially dear to Christians because of the legends that associate it with the Christ Child: the first lighted Christmas tree, and the protector of the Holy Family on the flight into Egypt. The holy was revered because it was dedicated to the Sarvoir at His birth and was closely associated with Him until His death. Ivy, that trails gracefully on our mantels and tables during the Christmas holidays, besides symbolizing eternal life, denoted fidelity and friendship. As for the white chrysanthemum, a single one bloomed at the stable door, a sign to the Magi, groping along the rock streets of Bethlehem where the new-born King could be found.

The lights are really up in Stanton. I observed some clever decorations at the BOB HERZOG home with the candles, inside tree and background illuminations. R. S. and KATHLEEN LEWIS have their home decked out in soft blue lights and the SID CROSS home across the street is decorated with Christmas bells and appropriate lights. JIM and MILDRED EILAND and MARK have their electric pole saturated with red lights and the PAUL JONES inside tree reflects warmth and the holiday mood, I can see the lights from the BOB COSEY residence from my front yard nightly and they are beautifully arranged. I mentioned the lights up at the GUY AL-SUP home recently. MORGAN and BUELAH MAE HALL have climbed into the spirit of the season with a nice arrangement. The RAY SIMPSONS have up a ledge of lights featuring traditional green and red, and the RICHARD PAYNES have a picture window bordered with beaming lights and a tree furnishes a background. The lights are strung in order at the CLAUD HOUSTON home and the JAMES JONES are displaying a huge Christmas wreath and other lights on the inside and outside. The JOHN PINKSTON home is trimmed in blue lights. I saw some pretty decorations at the GEORGE COSTLWS, the PRENTISS HIGHTOWERS, and many others in their neighborhood. The DICK MADISONS have lights running along the fence to the house and decorations are well arranged around their residence.

The Stanton Reporter wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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.

Stanton Firms Will Close For Yule Holidays

Several stores in Stanton will be closed all day Wednesday for Christmas. Some stores will observe December 26 as well as December 25. Unfortunately, the list in this category could not be verified at press time. But remember, if you find a store closed on December 26, it will be open up for business as usual on December 27.

The Stanton Reporter will be placed in the mail before Christmas in order to insure some fine holiday reading for the subscribers.

Neighborhood Holiday Party Held Recently

Santa Claus made his appearance at a Christmas party at the Martin-Glasscock Neighborhood Center recently and his visit was heartily approved by all.

Fifty-needy children were treated to the visit with the jolly old gentleman dressed in red. Santa passed out gifts to each child present.

Besides presents, goodies in the form of ice cream, cookies and punch was served to children and parents alike. Each child also received some candy, apples, and oranges. About 80 persons were present to welcome Santa Claus. The center wishes to thank the following for their contributions in making the party a success. Mr. T. B. Stewart, The Salvation Army, Buddies, Stanton Food Market, Borden's, and members of the Optimist Club.



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.

Chamber Directors To Be Chosen

President Paige Eiland of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce has announced that three new directors will be elected by membership ballot and the results made known on January 1, 1969.

Each of the new directors will serve a three-year term. Names of candidates for the three positions appearing on the official ballot include Owen Kelly, Jack Ireton, F. O. Rhodes, Jim McCoy, Benny Welch, and Bruce Key.

All ballots are due to be marked and returned to the Martin County Chamber of Commerce office by 5 p.m. December 30.

The membership will also vote on the proposed holidays to be observed in the coming year. Ten holiday listings are included on the ballot but traditionally only about five of the big ones have been observed in Stanton.

Subscribers Invited To Renew Papers

Postal rates are advancing again on January 1.

Subscriptions to The Stanton Reporter can be ordered now for the same old rates. Give a new subscription for Christmas, subscribe for a loved one, or renew your personal subscription before January 1 at only \$2.50 in the county and \$3 outside the county.

Advertising is a deductible item on income tax reports but it has to be paid for before January 1, 1969, or it cannot be considered as a charge off.

Several calls have been to the paper asking for statements to be mailed in order for merchants to claim their deduction. All statements will be in the mail by Friday, December 27. If you do not receive yours telephone the newspaper if interested in saving on your income tax report for 1968.

Delinquent advertising accounts after January 1 are not deductible.

Cotton Classing Office Operating Full Capacity

Daily receipts picked up considerably last week, and we are about three days behind on classing, says B. B. Manly, Jr., officer in charge of the U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office, Abilene.

With the good weather we had last week, harvesting reached full momentum in all of the counties that we serve.

We processed 26,000 samples last week compared to 14,000 for the same week last year. Our seasons total now stand at 406,000 sample classings compared to 185,000 at this time a year ago.

Grades were slightly lower last week with 27 per cent in the white category, 69 per cent in the light spotted category, and 4 per cent in the spotted category. Six per cent were called bark, one per cent less than the previous week.

Staple was down a little with 30 being the predominant length at 43 per cent. Other lengths were 29, 2 per cent; 31, 39 per cent 32, 10

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 county churches and schools programs and parties have been held. Many families have planned Yuletide reunions and several persons have either gone to visit friends and relatives in other cities or will be going out of town during the holidays.

Postal Rates To Increase January 1

Postal rates on second class mail, mostly magazines and newspapers, go up Jan. 1. The increase is a part of a three-step raise enacted by Congress in 1967.

In the first step, which was effective last July 7, rates went up on all classes of mail, including an increase from 5 cents to 6 cents for first class letters and 8 to 10 cents for airmail.

The second step, effective Jan. 1, 1969, does not affect first class or air mail but primarily second class mail.

It includes: For in-county mailing an increase from 1.3 cents to 1.4 cents per pound on pound rate matter.

For outside county mailing, on editorial matter, the per pound rate goes from 3 cents to 3.2 cents. The rates on advertising matter are based on how far the publication is hauled. For Zones 1 and 2 the rate goes from 4.6 cents a pound to 4.9 cents, and for Zone 8, for example, it goes from 15 to 16 cents.

Another increase for second class rates is scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, 1970.

Famed Babson Report To Be Published

The Stanton Reporter will publish the famed Roger Babson Report in the next issue of the newspaper to be circulated January 2.

The annual appearance of the forecast is traditional with this newspaper. It costs the paper to get the rights to publish and The Stanton Reporter has purchased the right for this community and will pass it along as a public service feature.

Babson, one of the oldest firms in America, has been very accurate on predictions on all fronts in the past.

In addition to the Babson feature the newspaper will publish a review of the news made in this community during 1968.

School children in Martin County have been dismissed for the holidays. Some county schools will resume scheduled classes on January 2. Others will not go back to work until January 6.

Business places will all be closed on Christmas day. Some merchants will observe two days. Others will remain closed the remainder of the week.

Courthouse offices will be closed along with many government offices and agencies on Christmas day, and many of the government facilities will remain closed until January 2. The United States postoffices will resume schedule on Thursday, December 26.

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.

Local residents who plan to travel on highways crowded with holiday traffic have been briefed on safety rules and regulations. Caution will be the watchword. The Department of Public Safety will patrol the highways to insure safe driving in an effort to hold down fatalities.

With peace lacking in the world and with many area homes touched with the absence of loved ones now in the armed forces in foreign lands, Martin County people are looking forward to a quiet Christmas.

Family gatherings around the trees and holiday tables will be the appropriate manner to observe this calm Christmas.

Sorority Holds Christmas Party

The Rho Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a buffet dinner and Christmas party for members and their husbands Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Charles Elmore. Gifts were exchanged, and games of '42' were played.

Gifts were brought for patients at Big Spring State Hospital, and canned foods, toys and money were brought for a needy family for Christmas.



The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, DECEMBER 24, 1968

YOU ★ DESERVE ★ BOTH ★★

1 BIG CASH SAVINGS 2  GREEN STAMPS ★★★

OPEN 8 A. M. THROUGH 8 P. M. MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

Del Monte Tuna CHUNK STYLE
1/2 Flat Can

25c

PRICES GOOD
Thurs., Dec. 26 Thru
Tues., Dec. 31
CLOSED NEW YEARS
DAY



Coffee

FOLGER'S
Lb. Can

53c



DR PEPPER

6 Btl. Ctn.
King Size
Plus Deposit

39c

Shortening SNOWDRIFT
3 Lb. Can

49c

DIAMOND 300 Can

Blackeyed Peas 7c

Chili WOLF BRAND
ALL MEAT, No. 2 Can

59c

Detergent COLD WATER
ALL, Giant Size

59c

Flour GOLD MEDAL
10 Lb. Bag

89c

MEAT POT PIES BANQUET
8 Oz. Pkg.

5 For **\$1.00**

CREAM PIES BANQUET
14 Oz. Pkg.

29c

PINTO BEANS KIMBELL
U. S. No. 1, 2 lb. bag

25c

PAPER NAPKINS GALA
60 Ct. Pkg.

10c

Salt Jowls Lb.

19c

GROUND BEEF Lb.

49c

HEAVY BEEF Pound

Chuck Roast . **49c**

ARM ROAST HEAVY BEEF
Lb.

69c

Roast SEVEN BONE
HEAVY BEEF, Lb.

59c

GROUND CHUCK Lb.

69c

Bacon DECKER'S
QUALITY, Lb.

65c

BEEF LIVER Lb.

39c

Stew Meat LEAN BONELESS
Lb.

69c

POP CORN POPSRITE WHITE Or YELLOW 2 Lb. Bag

25c

PORK & BEANS KIMBELL 303 Can

10c

BLEACH KALEX 1/2 Gal.

28c

DETERGENT BONUS King Size

\$1.09

BUTTERMILK METZGER'S 1/2 Gal.

39c

WHIPPING CREAM METZGER'S 1/2 Pint

29c

MELLORINE GANDY'S 1/2 Gal.

33c

CREAM CHEESE PHILADELPHIA BRAND, 8 Oz. Pkg.

29c



Dash

Detergent \$1.89

JUMBO SIZE

SPRAY STARCH FAULTLESS 22 Oz. Can

59c



SUPER SPECIAL

WITH PURCHASE OF \$5.00 OR MORE
(EXCLUDING CIGARETTES.)

Imperial Sugar 5 Lb. Bag

33c

Treat the Family to
FRESH VEGETABLES

BANANAS Lb. **10c** **APPLES** RED ROME Lb. **19c**

ORANGES CALIF. NAVEL Lb. **19c** **POTATOES** RUSSET Lb. **49c**

YAMS EAST TEXAS Lb. **10c** **GREENS** Lb. **10c**

GRAPEFRUIT TEXAS RUBY RED 2 FOR **29c**

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Bible Comment—

HE SO LOVED . . .

He Taught The World To Love

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . .

How meaningful are these words today, nearly two thousand years after the humble beginning of that One Great Life at Bethlehem. How holy and purposeful was this life upon earth that it comes to us again and again in the spirit of Christmas to remind that the real joys and the rich goodness of life lie not in riches and good, or self attainment, but in thoughtful and unselfish service and love.

For He so loved the world that He taught the world to love. Through one, great and wonderful life upon earth. He set down for all mankind and for all time the supreme example of the good life. In His every deed and action He portrayed the qualities of love and faith and kindness.

These qualities—and more—are all a part of the Christmas. But, by His example they are qualities that should abound in our lives throughout the year.

In thankfulness to God, for all His goodness and love, we should keep the Christmas in its true and joyful meaning the spiritual occasion of the birth of Christ. And if we can truly keep the Christmas, then perhaps we can keep the spirit of Christ within our hearts throughout the year.

Bobby Hamm and Frankie Joe Saunders are home from Graceland College at Lamoni, Iowa, for the holidays. Christmas, Florida, is a town of 250 people near Irlando. 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 mailing cards, letters, and packages. In one year it handles over 300,000 pieces of mail. Lately a permanent Christmas tree with waththerproof ornaments has been erected.

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.

WATERVILLE, W A S H., EMPIRE-PRESS. "Under our present welfare system millions of our citizens are kept in a state of government imposed economic bondage, without the means or the incentive to improve themselves. The worst effect is on the children of those dependent upon welfare. It has achieved one objective, it's a disincentive for recipients to work . . . It would appear that incentives should be worked into the program, along with training of the children of welfare recipients so they know that there is another way of life in America."

BRIDGETON, N. J., SOUTH JERSEY STAR. "One reason the Czechs could not put up stiffer resistance to the invading Russians is that all their guns had been turned over to the civil authorities. This fact should give pause to those who think we should be so willing to register our firearms, which would enable anyone in authority to confiscate them with considerable ease."

RED BLUFF CALIF., NEWS. "In a little over a year the 1970 census will be upon us. Some of what it will reveal about the population of the United States can already be foretold with some confidence. . . . By 1970, it is already evident, half of all Americans will be 27 years of age or younger. In 1960 the corresponding figure was almost 29. It follows that political decisions will be made by younger people than was the case some years ago."

TORRINGTON, WYO., TELEGRAM. "This information was passed out at last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting and we thought it was great: SEVEN STEPS TO STAGNATION: "We're not ready for that. 2. We're never done it that way before. 3. We're doing all right without it. 4. We tried that once before. 5. It costs too much. 6. That's isn't our responsibility. 7. It just won't work."

NORTHWOOD, N. D., GLEANER. "Over the years there has been a continual downgrading of our . . . form of government. Individual dignity and ruggedness have become submerged in collectivism, group dynamics, mass psychosis, culminating in group self-criticism . . . resulting in hysterical demands of gun legislation, campus demonstrations, defiance of law and order, destruction of public and private property . . . to what end?"

Classified Ads

ANNOUNCEMENTS A

Special Notices A-2

"We buy producing Oil and Gas Royalty interest. Reply held in confidence. Rotary Oil & Gas Company, Box 451, Hobbs, New Mexico." 88240. 12-51-6tc

BUS. OPPORTUNITIES E

Business Chances E-1

AVON world's largest cosmetic company, has immediate opening in Stanton. Tarzan, and Courtney. If you want to work and earn money, check on the wonderful earning opportunity Avon has created. Write Box 4141, Midland, Texas 79701. 1-25-tnc

EMPLOYMENT H

Help Wanted H-1

Needed: All-around farm hand 4 room house, water, lights and gas furnished. Call 459-2250. Charles Blake, 3 1/2 miles east of Lenorah. 12-50-3tc

PERSONNEL NEEDED: National building material company expanding, additional personnel required. Experience beneficial, but not requirement. Salary commensurate with ability and experience. Incentive and fringe benefits in addition to salary. Send resume to P. O. Box 1862, Waco, Texas. 12-51-3tc

Appliances K-1

Have your GIFTS and PARTY FAVORS personalized with monogramming. We do it in all COLORS, NAPKINS, F.I.L.L.F.O.I.D.S., STATIONERY and MATCHES. STANTON DRUG STORE.

Household Goods K-3

KEEP carpet cleaning problems small use Blue Lustre wall to wall. Rent electric shampooer \$1. James Jones Hardware.

Mrs. Helen Lancaster is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Koonce in Iran.

REAL ESTATE M

Acreage For Sale M-1

Farm For Sale: 160 acres 3 1/2 miles north of Stanton. 61 acres cotton, 80 acres milo. Call Rick Orson, 872-7616, Lamesa. 12-12-19-26-Jan-2

DEER HUNTERS—If you have deer meat you don't need give it to West Texas Boys Ranch. Please leave the deer at your nearest processor or food locker and notify us to pick it up. WEST TEXAS BOYS RANCH phone 949-3849 or 949-3797. P. O. Box 3568, San Angelo, Texas.

Houses For Sale M-4

For Sale. My home and furniture. Furniture may be bought separate. 501 W. Front Street. Millie L. Henson, 713 666-3671. Houston, Texas. 12-51-4tc

For Sale: 1 bed room stucco house and lot. 609 School St. \$125.00 down, \$40.00 monthly. If interested call 267-8209. Big Spring. 12-51-4tp

House For Sale: Anyone can do repair work for the down payment. Very small payments will buy this house. Located near the South Side Church of Christ in southwest Stanton. Approximately 1/2 mile south of rail road tracks. Call Reeves collect: Area Code 806 No. 792-6371. 12.52.24.1.2.9

Baptist Church Activities

The Ruth Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church, met December 17, at 7:00 p.m., for their annual Christmas dinner party.

Leslie Stripling said grace and the buffet style dinner was served to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Uhlman, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stripling, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nowlin, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan White, and guest, Mr. Swain, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blair, Mrs. Glady's Phillips.

Poage Commends Texas Producers For Progress

The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee recently commended cotton farmers for their progress in research and promotion.

Rep. W. R. Poage (D-Texas), in a statement released in Waco recently, said that in the relatively short period since cotton farmers voted overwhelmingly to assess themselves \$1 per bale under the Cotton Research and Promotion Act the accomplishments have been "everything which possibly could be expected."

As the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee during consideration and passage of the legislation, the Texas Congressman was a leader in bringing about its enactment.

Representative Poage said the farmer's money is being put to work in a highly effective manner, citing progress toward development of all-cotton durable press fabrics. Durable press is a major consideration in markets involving 42.2 million bales of cotton.

Consumers are being made aware of the benefits of improved cotton products, he noted furthermore, through promotion under this program that sells these products in volume.

"I mean the type of promotion that during 1968 caused the Cotton Producers Institute to be named the grand winner of an award from the National Retail Merchants for performance in assisting retail stores to increase their sales."

Mr. Poage said such progress is being realized because of the outstanding support being given the program by growers and those responsible for collections.

"As you know," he said, "the 1967-68 crop was very short — down to 7.3 million bales. However, collections to date total almost 97 per cent of ginnings."

"The cooperation of first buyers played an important role in this success story, and they are commended for the contribution they are making to the program by collecting the dollar per bale."

Mrs. Walter Graves, Miss Elma Sprawls, and guest, Mrs. Allie Sprawls, Mrs. Jessie Lee Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reynolds.

Mrs. Nowlin, president, gave the welcome, and introduced the class teacher, Mrs. Stripling, who gave the devotion entitled, "His Name Is Wonderful." Mrs. Nowlin read "Christmas Prayer Thought For You." A background of soft Christmas music played during the entire evening.

Rev. Uhlman dismissed the group. Gifts were then exchanged and games played.

Martin County Abstract Co. P. O. Box 766 Stanton, Texas 79782

For 1969 the producer trustees of Cotton Producers Institute have budgeted \$10 million for research and promotion, contingent upon collections from the 1968-69 crop. This represents a 25 per cent increase over 1968.

The House Agriculture Committee chairman pointed out that the self-help effort was a favorable influence in the successful battle to obtain an extension of the government farm program.

"With farmers a small, diminishing minority in the nation," he warned, "it is getting harder and harder to get legislation in behalf of agriculture and especially in behalf of cotton. There are many in Congress who question the worth of saving cotton if it is going to be a heavy, perpetual drain in the Treasury."

"In my judgment, the fact that cotton farmers were putting up their own money provided strong proof that they intend to become competitive in the market place, and that they deserve further government assistance over a reasonable period of time in reaching that objective."



New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lane of Amarillo, are the proud parents of a baby boy born November 23, weighing eight pounds, one ounce. He has been named Bradley James.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Corene Manning of Stanton. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Terry of Ralls, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thadd Koonce are the proud parents of a baby girl, born December 18, in an El Paso hospital. She weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, and has been named Timberle Ann.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brice of Clovis, New Mexico. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Koonce of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Koonce are spending the Christmas holidays in Independence, Mo.

LOANS

Mid-City Credit Co. Stanton Supply Finance L.O. 3-1377 756-3422 Midland-Odessa Stanton

Manly Says Grades Still Holding Good

We are a little behind on dry before harvesting and classing says B. B. Manly, Jr., officer in charge, U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office, Abilene.

With the fair weather that prevailed last week, farmers were able to resume harvesting and our daily receipts again became greater than our daily classing totals. The fact that grades were up last week indicates that most producers are waiting for their cotton to

lengths were 30 to 50 per cent; 32, 18 per cent; 33, 6 per cent; 34, 3 per cent, and 35 and longer, 3 per cent.

Micronaire readings were about the same with 90 per cent falling in the 3.5 - 4.9 or premium range. Three per cent were 3.0 - 3.2; 3 per cent 3.3 - 3.4, and 4 per cent 5.0 - 5.2.

Strength readings were about the same, with 62 per cent reading 80,000 PSI (pounds per square inch) and above. The Consumer and Marketing Service, Abilene, reports that prices were steady and

range from 50 to 200 points above the government loan rate. Some average net prices were: Middling 30, 19.05c per lb.; Middling 31, 20.07c per lb.; Strict Low Middling 30, 17.89c per lb.; Strict Low Middling 31, 18.81c per lb.; Middling Light Spotted 30, 18.48c per lb.; Middling Light Spotted 31, 19.15c per lb.; Strict Low Middling Spotted 30, 17.65c per lb.; and Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 31, 18.34c per lb.

Trade with your hometown merchants and save!



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!

MRS BOB COSTEY
LILLIAN COGGIN
ALICE MOORE
SHIRLEY SCOGGINS

Dwain Henson
Bob Costley

CARL DEAN

DAVID WORKMAN, JR.
ERNIE SANCHEZ
JOY MORGAN
RODNEY MORGAN

Stanton Food Market

A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year From Roueche Printing Company

Notice Of Sale Preliminary Loan Notes

Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton

Sealed proposals will be received by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton (hereafter called the "Local Public Agency") at 400 North Saint Peter Street in the City of Stanton, Texas, until, and publicly opened at one o'clock P. M. (E. S. T.) on January 14, 1969, for the purchase of \$900,000.00 Preliminary Loan Notes (First Series 1969), being issued to aid in financing its urban renewal projects.

The notes will be dated February 11, 1969, will be payable to bearer on February 13, 1970, and will bear interest at the rate or rates per annum fixed in the proposal or proposals accepted for the purchase of such notes.

All proposals for the purchase of said notes shall be submitted in a form approved by the Local Public Agency. Copies of such form or proposals and information concerning the notes may be obtained from the Local Public Agency at the address indicated above.

Cecil Bridges is ill at his home with a case of flu.

Supt. and Mrs. Russell McMeans and children will visit friends, relatives and spend some of the holiday at Buchanan Lake.

In its earliest form, public street lighting was done by placing lighted candles in the

windows of homes along the street.

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.

Four newspapers 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.

Read The Stanton Reporter for all the county and community news!

Can you make your insurance policy more effective with a special rider? Ask your Southwestern Life Agent. He has the answers.

J. WOODFORD SALE
Representing Southwestern Life INSURANCE COMPANY SINCE 1903

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, DECEMBER 24, 1968

Austrian Yellowstone than 1,300 square miles, and Austria is planning to establish its first National Park modeled after Yellowstone National Park in the United States, says the Austrian State Tourist Department. The park, to cover an area of more

ner, Austria's highest peak.

Doll Museum

The Yesteryears Antique Doll Museum near Sand Lake, N. Y., contains more than 1,000 dolls dating from the 17th century to first Shirley Temple doll.

Real Live Puppy Best Possible Christmas Gift

No matter how exquisite the windup toys become—walking, talking, eating, drinking, crying tears and carrying on like science fiction robots—they'll still never equal that best of all possible Christmas gifts for children of all ages: a warm puppy.

If you're a parent, a grandparent or a doting aunt or uncle and thinking in this gift direction, better give thought or two to the problem of selecting exactly the right puppy then training and caring for him afterwards.

On the subject of choosing 112 different breeds are acknowledged by the American Kennel Club.

Unlike people, dogs can be pretty dependably "psyched out" as to their temperamental and physical characteristics if you know something of the breed and its background.

Physically, they range from minuscule to mammoth and temperamentally from friendly to reserved, comic to serious lethargic to hyper-active and from docile to strongly self-willed.

The trick is to study the breed and aim for one with native traits that promise to more or less match your own general outlook on life.

If you're opting for a mongrel, of course, the "uncertain lineage" factor will make your predictions a bit more problematical.

To avoid any real surprises

(like picking a pixie-like ball of fur that turns into a beehemoth with llama-like hair, a few months hence — it's happened!), try to at least know something of the pup's mother, her size, coloring, coat and disposition.

This will provide clues to the probable character of your small mystery package when he grows up.

Dog for dog, the mongrel is fully as intelligent and lovable as the pure bred, so don't hesitate to choose one so long as you have reasonable knowledge of the dog he will likely become one day.

The average puppy will not be too hard on your pocket book.

Most pure breeds (aside from the rare and exotic breeds favored by movie stars and maharajahs) range in price from about \$50 to \$100. Mongrels may be "accepted" at almost any figure—from free on up.

After you've made your choice and brought your puppy home, consult a handbook carefully on feeding, training and care.

Follow that good advice and you'll raise a healthy, happy dog that will still be giving love, joy and companionship to everyone in the family, long after the windup toys have come unbound!

A Very Merry Christmas to our readers!

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

Priests from the United States advanced the opinion that recorded guitar music

provides a fine background for Mass in areas where an organ is impractical, or where economy dictates a worthy substitute.

May you and your loved ones keep the spirit of this holy season always in your hearts, perpetuating its strength and comfort.

Give the gifts that go on giving...



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You give year-around better living when you give electrical gifts. Electric kitchen appliances, for example, save time and work for mother in preparing food for the family. Select an electric roaster-oven that cooks delicious meals automatically... an automatic electric skillet that fries foods to perfection right at the table... or an electric rotisserie that roasts, broils and grills to a king's taste. Or choose from dozens of other useful electrical gifts on display at your dealer's. You're sure to please when you give something electrical!



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Christmas is 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Teaming Up for Stanton's Progress



STANTON'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM members are: (seated, left to right) Bill Terry, Jim Eiland, George Costlow, Chuck Elmore, Ed Hall; (standing, left to right) Paige Eiland, Sam Houston, John Roueche, Cecil Bridges, Jimmy Stallings, R. O. Anderson, J. R. Dillard. Other team members (not shown) are Stanley Wheeler, Bob Deavenport, Juil Reid, Jimmy Wheeler, O. L. Snodgrass, Stanton White, Woodford Sale, Billy Reager, Ellis Britton, Russell McMeans, Gerald Hanson, Finley Rhodes.

These members of the Stanton industrial team recently completed an industrial team training course, prepared by Texas Electric Service Company and presented with the cooperation of the Texas Industrial Commission.

Through their efforts in this program, the members of the team have shown their interest in community progress and are now

better prepared to sell the advantages of this area to prospective new industries.

The industrial team concept is a modern and effective method of organizing community efforts for attracting industry.

The Texas Electric Service Company training course, which combines many of the most productive features of successful programs in other areas of the

nation, recently won the top award in its category among programs from 22 states which are included in the Southern Industrial Development Council.

Texas Electric Service Company pledges its support to the industrial team and other community workers in their efforts directed toward community growth and progress.

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY

Working to make our service ever more helpful

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, DECEMBER 24, 1968



GOOD WISHES for everyone

To each one of you, we wish the greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors ... and with sharing the Holiday with Him, in His house.

And to this wish we add the hope that the New Year brings to you a full measure of good health and prosperity.

Woodford Sale Insurance

Plants Rejoiced; Yule Legends Grew

When we choose our tree this Christmas, cut our holly or mistletoe for the home; gather a stray chrysanthemum that Jack Frost overlooked; or bring home a flaming poinsettia, our thoughts turn unerringly back to that first Christmas and the part these and other plants played on that wonderful night of the Nativity.

Their value to man was significant at every turn in his daily life; their beauty and inspiration ever present. Even as the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men," flowers were pushing up through the snow in that radiant light heralding the Christ Child's birth.

Throughout the world, old legends tell us, that to this time trees bloom and bear fruit, animals kneel in their stalls, and best of all, men forget and forgive old animosities, on Christmas Eve. Some even say that animals talk to each other in man's language, always about the birth of the Saviour.

One legend tells us what four Christmas Eve conversationalists said: The rooster proclaimed, "Christ is born;" the ox asked, "Where?" The sheep named the place; Bethlehem, and the burro brayed "Let us go."

They, and many other ani-

mals and birds went, and so did many, many flowers, carried because of their beauty and worth, in the hands of wise men and little children alike.

Those who had no gold and jewels, no animals or fruit to offer as gifts to the Holy Family, reached out for charming little flowers that would express their love and homage.

And they brought joy to the Bethlehem Babe and to His Mother.

An angel showed a little shepherd girl, weeping because she had no gift for the Christ Child, pure white little flowers blooming in the snow. When she offered a bunch of them to the Child He smiled and touched them. Instantly they became tinged with pink. Today they are Christmas Roses.

Hellebore, a small boy, rushed down a hill carpeted with blossoms of all shades as thickly as if it were summer. As he ran, he grabbed up an armful of bright yellow ones. When he handed them to Mary, she called them her "gold," Marygold, today.

When the Wise Men, seeking the newborn King, rode their dromedaries along the dark streets of Bethlehem, they were guided to the stable door by a white chrysanthemum, blooming there alone.

And the Guiding Star, having shown the Magi the way

to the little town, burst into a million fragments that fell to earth as little white starry flowers, Stars of Bethlehem.

Centuries later a little destitute Mexican girl, weeping at a cathedral door because she had no gift to lay at the Christ Child's altar, was told by an angel to take what she could find outside the church, but with love in her heart. She broke a coarse weed and when she presented her offering it burst into a flaming red flower: Flor de la Noche Buena; Flower of the Holy Night.

Many herbs are known as the Christmas Herbs. Thyme became fragrant when Joseph brought it in with hay he gathered in the fields for Mary's bed.

Rosemary, sage, lavender and others with blue or lavender color on their branches from Mary's robe and their fragrance when she hung her garments and those of the Christ Child upon them to dry.

Both the holly and mistletoe were dedicated to the Christ Child at His Birth. Holly was the Holy Thorn or Christ Thorn, that connected Jesus' birth with his death at Calvary. It sprang up in his footsteps as He walked the earth and was thought to have formed the crown of thorns. It expressed love and good will to enemies.

Frozen Foods Star Holiday Entertaining

The Yule season, more than any other, abounds with "open house" invitations when friends make their rounds to share in the holiday spirit.

The hostess is called upon to set the pace for the merry-making and provide for refreshment. As your turn comes, why not plan something novel — a "supper of miracles?" With frozen individual dessert pies, you can turn simple fare into elegant imagination. This is what you do.

In years past, what ordinarily would have been a time-consuming task now becomes a minute chore as you take 5-ounce mince and pumpkin pies from the freezer and bake them about 30 minutes. Cool. Before serving, place a tiny Christmas decoration on the golden-crust mince pie — a pair of tinkly bells colored a gold or silver tray for a small conversation piece and delicious dessert.

As each frost-nipped guest finds his way to the buffet table, greet him with a bow from 2 frozen condensed soups, bright yellow corn and a touch of green parsley, this is a chowder which finds itself at home in your best tavern. Here is the recipe:

Yule Chowder

10 1/2-oz. can frozen condensed cream of potato soup
10 - oz. can frozen condensed cream of shrimp soup
1 cup milk
1 cup water
1/2 cup cooked whole kernel corn
1 tbsp chopped parsley
4 drops Tabasco
In saucepan, combine all ingredients; heat. Stir now and then. Makes 4 to 5 generous servings.

★ Christians make up the largest religious group in the world.

Gay Icing Trims A Cake Tree

Tree trimming time is occasion enough for this Tree Cake. And it's easier to do than the satin bows on a special present.

You start with a rectangular cake of your choice — one of your own recipes, or a prepared cake mix — baked three inches thick or in two layers to make a 3-inch-thick finished product.

If, for example, your cake is 9-12 inches, cut off a slice 9-2 inches from the short side. Cut this in half (4 1/2 inches.) Slice the remaining 9x10 portion diagonally, and arrange the diagonal pieces

back to back along their 10-inch sides to make a triangle.

Now, at the bottom center place the 4 1/2x2-inch pieces to form the 4x4 1/2-inch tree base section. With a knife, cut out branch indentations along the sides of the triangle.

Cover the assembled tree with a generous amount of lightly tinted green frosting using your favorite butter frosting. With a toothpick sketch in "Merry Christmas" lettering and outline it in cake decorating gel in tube such as Cake-Mat Gel. All branches using the plastic

writing tip on tubed green icing.

Fashion the poinsettia on the base using the interchangeable plastic leaf tip on a star tip on your own icing tube or red icing in decorating tube. The flower's center is a short squeeze of yellow icing, using a star tip.

Green decorating gel may be added to the branches, or green icing may be used as it is used for top and bottom borders. Other icing decorations may be added as your imagination please.

Happy Holiday Front Door Fun To Make

You can create a "happy holiday" front door with a little imagination and weather-proof oil cloth.

For example, cross wide red bands against a white door to give a "gift package" effect. Or shape self-adhering oil cloth in bows, and decorate them with sprigs of holly.

Remember to wash the door with hot soap and detergent suds before you decorate, as not even the most artistic design can enhance a dingy surface. And wash the door again, later to erase all traces of holiday decoration.

GREETINGS

The scene is set for Christmas—every heart aglow with a spirit that makes this the happiest of Holidays. To all our cherished friends we extend this sincerest of greetings—May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may good health accompany you throughout the coming year.

R. L. Straub Grain Company



Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

Comes Christmas... and warmly we welcome another opportunity to extend best wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a very happy Holiday Season, filled to overflowing with all of the best things in life.

Dalashanta Dress Shop

JANE CRAVENS, Owner

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, DECEMBER 24, 1968



Peace

To the gifts of gold, frankincense, myrrh, wise men of the world offer the Child their gift of love, insuring peace for all mankind.

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, *ibimi*, meant "bitter berry." The colonists saw cranes feeding on this fruit, which grew near water, and they called it crane berry, 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 pemican, 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.

Elevate Feet

To keep your feet healthy elevate them occasionally during the day, or sleep with a pillow under your knees.

Read The Stanton Reporter for the latest news from your home county!

New Mexico Celebration Goes Back 2000 Years

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

In Santa Fe, homes gleam with hundreds of luminaries — paper sacks lighted by a single candle inside each sack.

Roaring bonfires are lighted and miracle plays 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 feasting 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 on 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.

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."

'The Messiah' Was Written In 24 Days

George Friedrich Handel was born in Halle, Saxony, Feb. 23, 1685. He composed "The Messiah" in 1741 and 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 Mercer'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 form 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.

Berries Brighten

The bright red berries of the Christmasberry, an evergreen shrub native to California, was 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.

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 1/2 quart porcelain enameled casserole with a gay Fiesta 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.

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.

Patronize your hometown merchants and save!

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 for a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!"

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 an "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!

May the joys of the Holiday Season surround you and your family, and linger long in your home and in your heart, to brighten the days that lie ahead. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

White Motor Co.

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

Stanton Chemical and Seed Company

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, DECEMBER 24, 1968



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

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Fowler

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 there after 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 from 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 men in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

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.

There 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 every day 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,
 O is for others
 Y is for you,
 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.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus"

Sixty-two years ago, and 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."

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.

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.

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 guitar.

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.

In French Language

"D'ou vient-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.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hanson and children will spend the holidays visiting relatives and friends in Stamford and Fort Worth.

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, busses 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.


Read the Ole Reliable for the latest hometown news!

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.

Western Production Credit Association
 DAVID WORKMAN, Manager



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The fond memories of an old-fashioned Christmas stir misty recollections of snow-covered hillsides, the freshly cut family tree, kitchens rich with the aroma of holiday delicacies, the cold, clear air ringing with friendly greetings. Today, we echo those same warm sentiments as we wish you all a very Happy Holiday!

Wheeler Motor Co.

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, DECEMBER 24, 1968



Santa's Here!

We're popping up now to say "Thank You" ... and to extend to you our best wishes for a wonderful, **CHRISTMAS!**

Stanton Cleaners

Christmas Carol Symbol Of Joy

What is a Christmas carol? How did the custom of carol singing start? What is the symbol of light at the Christmas season?

Children all over the world once again are asking these questions as the season approaches.

The word "carol" once meant to dance in a ring. The carol began the area of "modern music," which has always a favorite carol. It has been based on the dance, as a spontaneous musical expression of folklore.

As puritanism, which had suppressed the drama and the dance, began disappearing in the 14th and 15th centuries, the newly acquired right of self expression by the people took the form of the fresh and buoyant poem - song, which later became the carol.

A brilliant light at Christmastime is symbolic of the "Star in the East," of course. The Wise Men following its steady guidance, made their pilgrimage to Bethlehem.

In many towns and cities carolers still lift their voices on Christmas Eve. They still carry their word cards, and though the torches of old may have been replaced with propane lanterns to light the cards, the joy in their hearts is as new as it ever was through the years.

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.

The employees of The Stanton Reporter wish a Very Merry Christmas for the subscribers and merchants of Martin County, and may the New Year bring happiness and peace to everyone!

The Christmas Story

(Birth Of Jesus—Luke 2:1-19)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. An Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.)

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

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

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over the flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone about them; and they were sore afraid.

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

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

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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

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

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

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

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

(Flight To Egypt—Matthew 2:1-23)

New when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east of Jerusalem.

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet,

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, art not the least among the princes of Judea, for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring the word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt.

And was there until the death of Herod; that might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,

In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted because they are not.

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt.

Saying, Rise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel: and dwelt in a city called Nazareth.

CHRISTMAS EDITION

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, starving 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 Candlemass Eve, (February 1), each leaf will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

Stocking Up Starts With Santa Claus

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

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

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

Hanging up stockings thus became part of the holiday ritual.

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.

The Holly

Because holly grows in most parts of the world, far 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 ivy 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 decorations, and its beauty needs no further explanation.



Yuletide Greetings

Here's wishing to our many friends in an old-fashioned way . . . that the many blessings of Christmas time, linger long past Christmas day . . .

J. T. Berry and Son

Merry Christmas

Doorways wear garlands of welcome . . . candles beckon with a hearty glow. The season of good cheer arrives, in all its friendly warmth. May the joys of Christmas be yours!



W. W. Atchison

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 1



Light up Christmas candles

Bright glow of Christmas candles reflected in all our hearts and in the warm, hearty wishes we extend to you to express our deep thanks and appreciation of your friendship.

James Jones Hardware

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, DECEMBER 24, 1968

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."

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

With this carol, the words came first. They were written in 1738 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 Philadelphia, 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.

Mistletoe Was Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a symbol of death, later became to be considered as 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 European considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure as a charm promoting fertility for ulcers and epilepsy as well.

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 throughout the whole world mistletoe has been recognized as a symbol of lasting peace.

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 and see again the snow-covered fields and to hear again the crunching sound of heavy boot 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 that little church, breathed again the aroma of evergreens and close communion with God and with mankind and with it all is 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.

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 sometime heard. However, in 1851 Richard Willies of Boston read 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, its 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 COVENTARY CAROL (LULLY, LULLAY)

This ancient carol was first heard in 1534, at a pageant presented by the shearmen and Tailor's 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.

Merry Christmas from the staff of The Stanton Reporter!

CRMWD To Appeal Court's Ruling

The Colorado River Municipal Water District will file for a rehearing in the Third Court of Civil Appeals ruling last week reversing and remanding a condemnation case to Coke County Court.

James Rosser, attorney for the district, said that the district has 15 days from the date of the ruling to ask for a rehearing. Should this petition be denied, the district will appeal to the Texas Supreme Court.

A special commission pegged an initial award of \$754,515 for 4,014 acres of land and damages, but in the county court trial of the case the award was lowered to \$545,580 and Mrs. Helen Wilcockson, et al appealed.

The appeals court bounced the case back to county court for retrial, ruling that the trial judge had erred in including in his charge reference to what the district planned to do to protect mineral interests.

O. H. Ivie, general manager of CRMWD, had testified of Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Anderson and Glenda Ivie of Seminole.

side causeway or barge service to them so that wells could be operated in the dry after the lake above Robert Lee is impounded.

The Third Court of Civil Appeals held that this matter included in the charge, should not have been submitted to the jury as obligations of the district, to be used by the jury in affecting the value of mineral interests owned by Mrs. Wilcockson after the taking.

This case has widespread interest, especially in view of the release recently of the new Texas Water Plan, which includes proposals for numerous additional reservoirs.

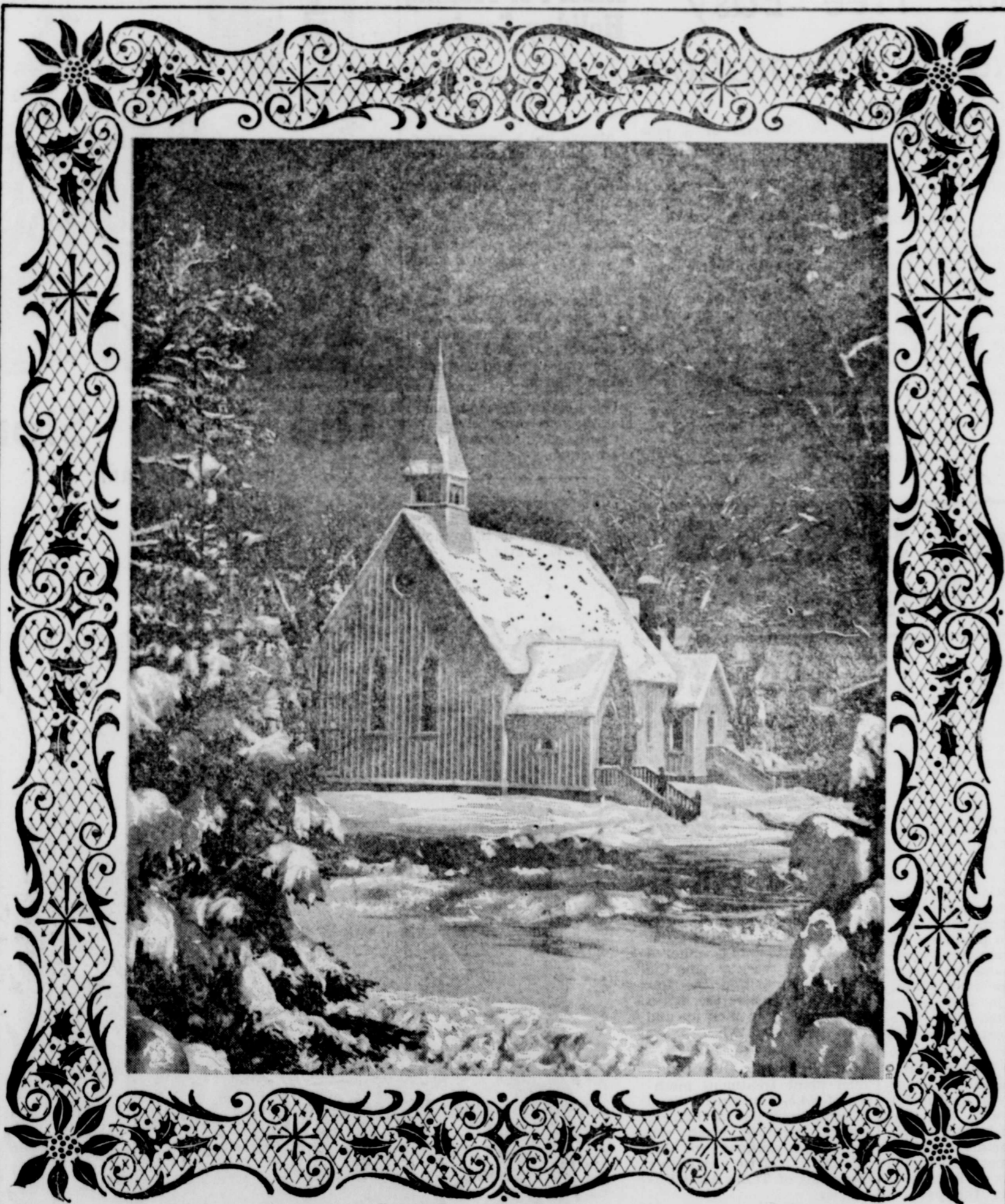
PERSONALS

The following relatives will be holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pinkerton and Wayne, Mrs. Judy Driver and David, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Dean of Muldrow, Oklahoma; Mrs. E. B. Gunter, Muldrow; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Yarwood and children of Wichita Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Anderson and Glenda Ivie of Seminole.

I Have A Secret, Santa!

I have a secret, Santa!
I knew you'd come today.
I heard the neighbors tell each other,
"Santa comes to call."
"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 off 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



Christmas Greetings

The peaceful calm of the land wearing a blanket of fresh snow gives great and simple dignity to His house. As Christians everywhere proudly celebrate the Birth of the Saviour, we take pause to offer a prayer of thanks for the good and wondrous teachings bestowed upon us through Him. May your holiday be filled with true joy and peace...

Cap Rock Electric Co-op, Inc.



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

Eiland Insurance

PAIGE EILAND

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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May the joys of the season be found in every package under your tree!

Cain Tractor and Supply

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 250 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
1/2 cup seedless raisins, firmly packed
1 egg, beaten
1/2 cup seedless raisins
1/2 cup sour cream

1 cup chopped walnuts
Stir together flour, baking powder, soda, salt, and nutmeg. Cream shortening and 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.

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.

Hints For Making Holiday Candy

To make sure homemade candies for the holidays turn out well, follow these suggestions:

Always use a heavy saucepan that holds about three times as much as the recipe calls for to keep candy from running over.

Stir until sugar is dissolved before allowing mixture to boil. Always stir with a wooden spoon.

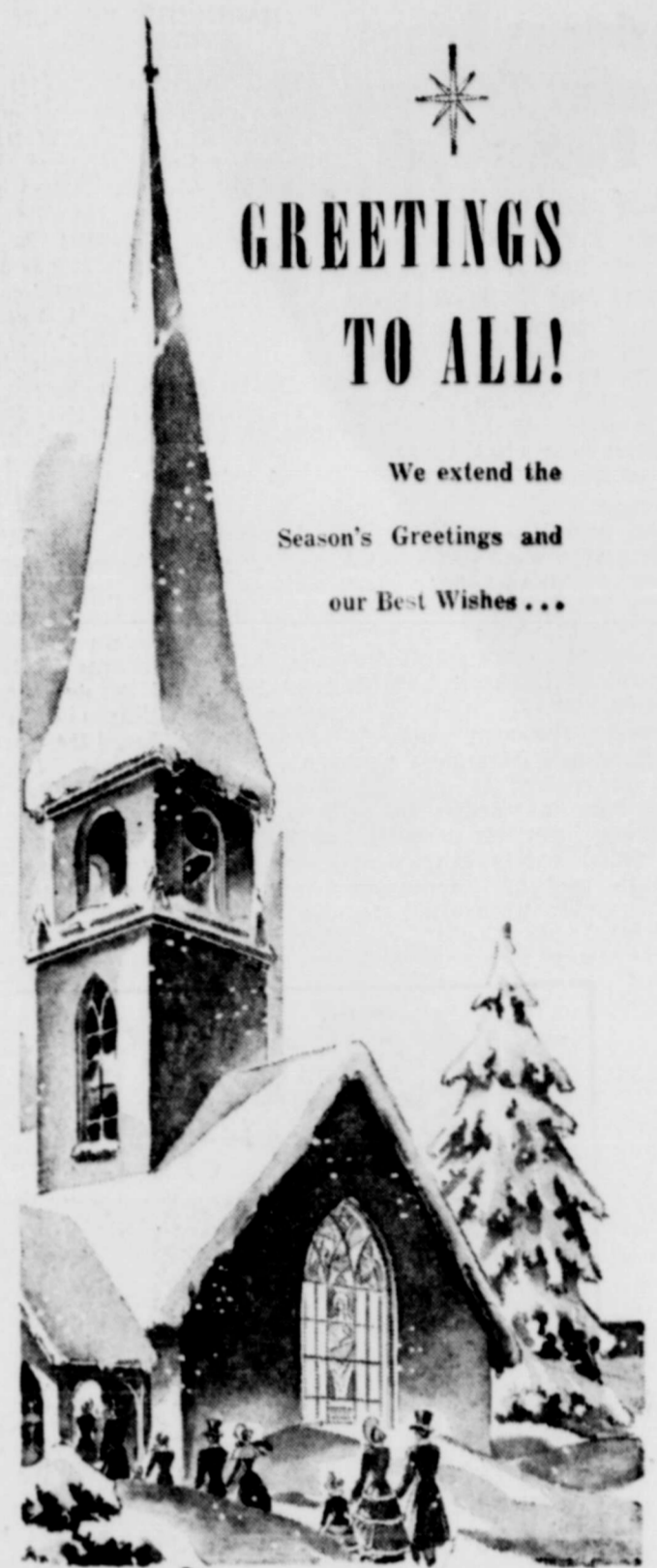
Sugar crystals will be washed down if the pan is covered for the first three minutes of the boiling period.

Let candy get almost cold before beating.

Use a candy thermometer in making your candy.

Candy cools faster on a marble slab.

The Christmas season is upon us, accompanied by the peace and joy this happy holiday always brings.

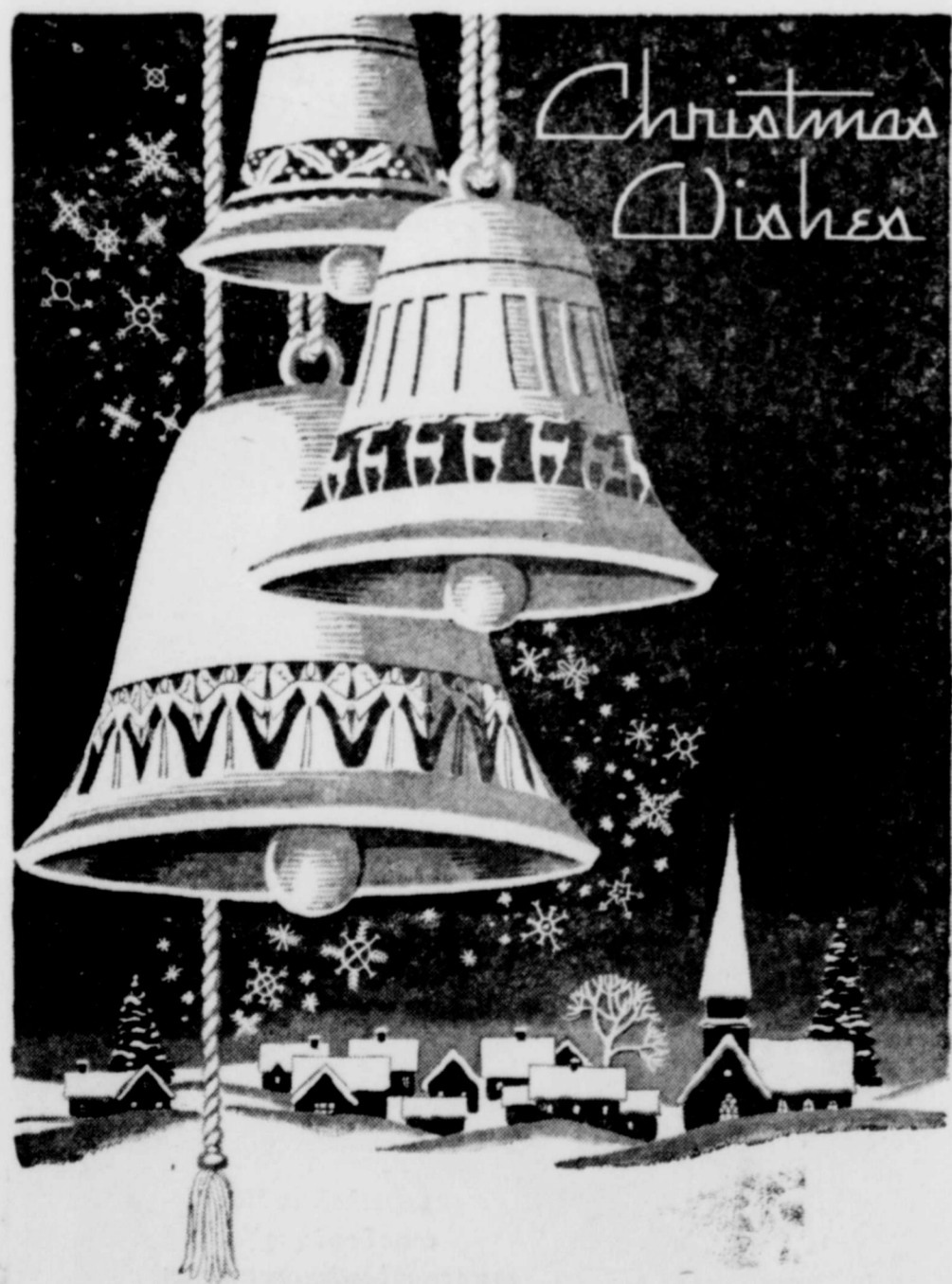


GREETINGS TO ALL!

We extend the Season's Greetings and our Best Wishes...

The Little Store

GEORGE CURRIE



Again this Christmas we rejoice as we recall the many grand associations with our many friends; To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, it is our fondest wish that you enjoy every joy, good health and happiness of this cheery season!

J. A. Wilson Dry Goods

Farm & Ranch Review

Lassie And 4-H — The popular Lassie TV show on January 5, 1969, will feature Lassie and the 4-H boys. The full half hour will be devoted to the dramatization of 4-H Club activities. Local station schedules should be checked for the time.

Go Slow — Turkey producers and processors, meeting recently in Washington with USDA officials, are calling for a hold - the - line on 1969 turkey production. The group said that an increase in next year's production would bring lower prices to producers and too many carried over in storage. The demand for turkeys in 1969 will be only slightly higher than in 1968, in the face of expected larger supplies of red meat and broilers.

Farm Co-op Business Up — Dollar business volume of farmer cooperatives, for the July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967 year exceeded \$16.5 billion, report the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Farmer Cooperative Service. This is an increase of 6 percent over the previous

year, and 59 percent over the volume of 10 years ago. Total number of cooperatives decreased almost 3 percent and membership by 5 percent from previous year totals.

Twigs On The Ground — The twig girdlers is the insect responsible for girdling small twigs and branches on trees causing them to break and fall to the ground. They work mostly in the fall when their eggs are laid on a branch. They move back and then girdle the branch, and shortly thereafter it falls to the ground. If they aren't removed these fallen twigs become the source of infection the following year. Therefore, it's a good practice to pick up and burn the girdled twigs.

Brush Control — Use individual plant treatment methods of 2,4,5-T mixed in diesel oil after frost. Use mechanical control methods when soil moisture is adequate for this treatment, advise extension specialists of Texas A&M University.

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.

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.

"SINGING NATION"

The Welsh people are called the "singing nation" because it is as natural for them to sing as it is for most people to talk. Their famous singing festivals, the Eisteddfods, have a history of many centuries.

A Merry Christmas to all!



This is the time of year when our thoughts turn with warmth and gratitude to you, our many loyal friends and customers. To every one we wish a MERRY, MERRY, CHRISTMAS!

Higginbotham-Bartlett Company

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, DECEMBER 24, 1968

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 it 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.

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 1/2 oz. package), 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.

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 Christmas time 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.

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 muddled around their sputtering 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 a special, individual distinction.

So, whether you trim your tree with stars and bells and convention decoration, having cookies and gumdrops on it, or make it topical with moonmen 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.

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 will 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.

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

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

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.

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.



Peace at Christmas

Joy to the world...the Lord has come! May the spirit of love and understanding the Christ Child inspires each Christmas remain in our hearts in days to come...leading us ever closer to the realization of peace on earth... good will toward men. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Hicks Auto Supply, Ltd.

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 playing tribute to the Christ-child.

The Poinsettia

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 the 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.

PLAN YOUR CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Christmas cookies low in shortening should be baked three to four weeks before the holiday 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER OF THE 19th CENTURY

- Oysters On The Half Shell
- Game Soup
- Boiled White Fish
- Roast Goose (or Turkey)
- Boiled Potatoes
- Mashed Turnips
- Killed Rice
- Roasted Salses
- Christmas
- Pump Pudding
- Mince Pie
- Delicate Cakes
- Salted Almonds
- Confectionary
- Fruits
- Coffee
- plus assorted aperitifs, wines, liqueurs, etc.

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



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.

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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, cat, the 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.

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 beneath on the Bay by 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 Indians.

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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 reporters his plan for a "good old-fashioned Christmas."

Most people today whose thoughts turn to Christmas 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.

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.

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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.

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

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This Christmas night was a crucial moment for a new republic which yet had to gain its freedom. But the course was charted 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.

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Merry Christmas

Here comes Santa with a sleighful of merriest Christmas wishes for our many kind friends and all the people they hold dear. We hope your holiday will be an especially joyous one, holding a wealth of happy hours. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve you, and we thank you for your most kind patronage.

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Christmas Much More Than Tinsel And Toys . . .

Getting ready for Christmas can be a hectic and busy affair. Is it any wonder, then, that sometimes the true meaning of Christmas is lost completely buried under the tissue paper and tinsel. This year, why not try to make your holidays different by going back to the fundamental reason for Christmas: celebrate the birthday of Infant Jesus, who came to earth to save men's souls, why not think of Him as your Lord and plan your celebration to include family worship and attendance at church. If you have children, there is no present you could give them more lasting and meaningful 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 book 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.

Merry Christmas to you all!

A Very Merry Christmas To All Regular Subscribers Of The Stanton Reporter!

Thank you!

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.

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
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1 pound (can whole cranberry sauce)

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.

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 root 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 summer.

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

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.

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 cintage. With Christianity, the exchange of gifts was change to Christmas.

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 off 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."

Yule 'Good Old Days' Today For Tomorrow

Candlelight and music, pageants and prayer fill churches everywhere as Christians 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 ways.

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 candle 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 of 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 Christianity.

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

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 a 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.

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 not of the Christian era, but at least 1982.

Date For Taxes

That the birth of Christ may have occurred as early as 7 B.C. is deduced from archaeological 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 birthdate 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.

Christmas Date Set Officially In 4th Century

This 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 Masses" or the Mass of Christ, following the custom of the church in observing the anniversaries of death, rather than births.

It was not until St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, set out to affirm one day for a universal observance of 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 Julius 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 and astronomical calculations, 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 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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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-colored 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 rang last year—16th and 17th—during sales during the rest of the year.

Fingers Of All Ages Reach For These Tasty Cookies

There's nothing more heartwarming 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
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup butter or other shortening
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/2 cups 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
1/4 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.

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

The present date acknowledged by the modern world as the birthdate of Christ is

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 new 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 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.

December 25th. This was established as late as the sixth century.

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 Christmas 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 Horsely, 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.

'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 sement 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.

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.

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 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," was 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.

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.

Poor Usage

"Xmas," now generally considered poor usage is an abbreviation for Christmas, was often used as a symbol in the early Christian church "X" in Greek, is the first letter in Christ's name.

Finding The Bean

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

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.

Nola Birthplace Of Church Bells

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

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

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.



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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 novele, applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.

Birthday News . . .
"Nowell" or "Noel" means birthday news or a "shout of

joy" for the birth of Christ. The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity, the Incarnation and the Annunciation. Later, ones on shepherd theme and the Epiphany were composed, and there was 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 Christ-

mas songs by writing musical poems in the language of the common people.

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

"The Boar's Head . . ."

"The bear'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 bird 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.

It's A Holiday

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

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.

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

- 2 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 1/4 cups (1 pound) firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 6-ounce package (1 cup) butterscotch flavored morsels
- 1 6-ounce package (1 cup) semi-sweet 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 into two equal parts (about 2 1/4 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 1 1/2-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 1/2 cups of the sugar with butter. Beat in the milk mixture alternately with the remaining sugar.

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
- lemon flavored gelatin
- raspberry-flavored gelatin
- 2 cups boiling hot water
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 1 package (3-ounce)
- 1/2 cup syrup from pine-

- apple
- 2 (3-ounce) packages cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 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 - flav. gelatin in second cup hot water; add pineapple syrup. Cool slightly. Soften cream cheese with lemon juice. Gradually add cooled lemon-flavored mixture 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.

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.

Six Bethlehems

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

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 for ornament mirror and window decorations or place cards during the season.

There are two Noels, one in Virginia and one 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.

A Wiseman

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.

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.

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 figures 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 plantings 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 suet on trees and rooftops, so birds 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 — preparation 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 the wondrous sight, the Hurons would hide in the cold winter nights of the forest for hours.

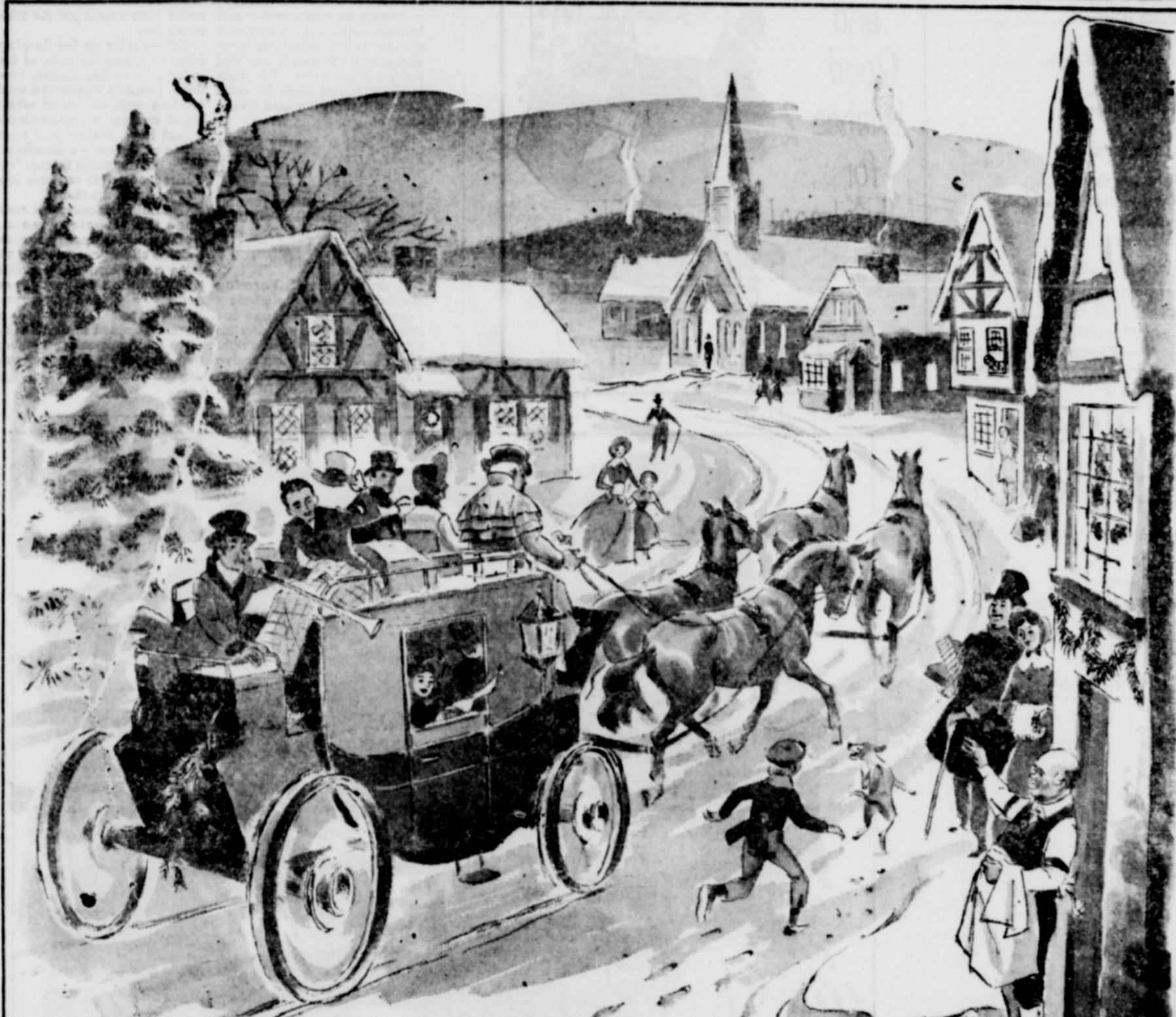
Feast Of Stephen . . .

"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 other who have rendered services throughout the year.



Seasons 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.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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'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 sleight, and eight tiny reindeer.

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

"Now, Dasher; Now, Dancer; Now, Prancer; 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,
 An' filled all the stockings, then, turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

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

—Clement C. Moore

The horse was lean and lank, misfortunate seem'd his lot,
 He got into a drift bank, and we, we got upset.

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

REFRAIN:
 "Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way!
 Oh what fun it is to ride, in a one horse open sleigh.

Greetings
and
Good
Wishes
for
Christmas!

The Roadrunner



YOUR HOME AND YOU

Snappy as a firecracker and busting out all over in stripes is this delightful bed-sitting room designed by Shirley Regendahl for two lucky sisters. The room is chock full of ideas for combination sleeping and living comfort.

Red ball fringe by Conso Products sassily trims a red and white "Holiday Stripe" shade and matching three-piece ready-made Shade-Val by Joanna Western Mills. Shade-Val is simply hung on a curtain rod. Shade is finished with Conso's red and blue tassel pull.

A do-it-yourself, Formica shelf-desk under the window serves a dual purpose for munching and study, taking full advantage of the shade's light control. A pair of inexpensive rush seat chairs painted vivid

carpet blue round out the window area. Stripes spice up the sleeping alcove making the most of the room's irregular shape. The wall, painted apple red and finished with stripes of white wood creates a three-dimensional look. Bolster and dust ruffle of Waverly's Glosheen carry out the stripe theme. The quilted coverlet repeats the sharp blue of the chairs.

Charming accessories continue the vivacious mood. Honeycombed party favors provide cheery accents as does a red and white doll's trunk holding writing paper and red, white and blue mugs. In fact, the entire room has been assembled in an imaginative and inexpensive manner that any handy teen-ager can duplicate—and enjoy!

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.

'Jingle Bells' Sings Of Snow And Sleigh

"Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
 O'er the fields 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.

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.

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!

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