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Variety

By NEAL ESTES



What, indeed is Christmas? Ask a child and he may tell you that it is a time of snow and bright lights, and Santa Claus and presents under the tree. Ask a hundred grownups, 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 the eyes and see again the snow-covered fields and to hear again the crunching sound of heavy boots plodding through the snow and visualize the little white church on the hill. In the silence of a darkened room one can so 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 the new generations. These are the things which reflect the spirit of Christmas. It is in the spirit of love and goodness, of close communion with God and with mankind and with it all is mixed a sense of awe of the wonderful miracle brought into 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.

The town is beautifully decorated, especially in the residential section this year. The lighting contest has ended and the winners have been declared. They are listed elsewhere in this issue of the paper. I want to salute MR. and MRS. JOHNNY VALLES on winning the first prize in the residential lighting contest. Their home has indeed been a wonderful sight to behold at night.

A note of sadness and sorrow broke into the community pattern of life this week when it was announced in Stanton that young GARRY DOSHIER had lost his life in an accident in New Mexico. The son of MR. and MRS. HARRY DOSHIER was killed in a crash near Deming. Funeral rites were conducted for him in this city on Monday afternoon. GARRY was a personable young man with a wide circle of friends. His untimely death, as the untimely death of any young person, is always doubly mourned by those who loved and admired him. I send my personal sympathy to the surviving members of the family.

There is no time left for Christmas shopping but there is time for all of us to rejoice in our blessings during the past year and to try and set higher goals and be better men and women in the months ahead. It has been said that New Year resolutions are only made to be broken. I do not totally agree. Determined resolutions are vital and there is no better feeling than to start the year off by improving our respective lives.

Many of us failed to mail Christmas cards this year. I wish to use this paragraph to (Continued on back page)

Garden Club Holds Annual Parade Of Homes

The Stanton Garden Club held its annual Parade of Homes, Sunday, December 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The homes of Mr. and Mrs. James Elland, Drs. Allen and Sue Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hazlewood, Sr., and Mrs. Oma Womack were toured. Each home was decorated with scenes of Christmas.

Refreshments of candies, sandwiches, nuts, tea and coffee were served in the home of Mrs. Oma Womack after the tour was completed.

Approximately 95 guests were in attendance, and the money raised will go toward service projects during the incoming year.

Junior High Band Presents Christmas Concert

The sixth and seventh grade cadet band held an assembly on Tuesday, December 15 in the Junior High gym.

The band presented a Christmas concert to the student body and faculty, under the direction of George Walker, band director.

Ten selections were played by the band, and included: "Christmas March," by C. Paul Herfurth; "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," by Willis; "Deck The Halls," by Gruber; "Sweet Sounds of Christmas," by John Kinyon; "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," by C. Paul Herfurth; "Stormy," by Buddie Buie and J. R. Cobb; "The Christmas Parade," by John Kinyon; "Carol of the Bells," by John Kinyon; "Silent Night," by Gruber, and "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Rae Avery, president of the cadet band; Ronnie Hanson, vice-president, and Gary Hanson, secretary and treasurer of the band presented Mr. Walker with a gift following the program.

USDA Cotton Spokesman Says Samples Slow

Sample receipts are dropping off sharply at the USDA Cotton Classing Office, Abilene.

Officer-in-charge, B. B. Manly, Jr., reports that 28,000 samples were classed for the week ending December 18, 1970, compared to 27,000 for the same period last season. The season's total is now 311,000 samples classed, compared to 149,000 for a season's total a year ago.

Twenty-four per cent of the samples classed was in the white category, 71 per cent was in the light spotted category, and 5 per cent was spotted.

Predominant staple lengths were 30, 57 per cent, and 31, 20 per cent.

Micronaire readings showed 67 per cent reading in the premium range, compared to 78 per cent the previous week.

Pressley or strength readings showed 81 per cent reading 80,000 PSI (pounds per square inch) or better.

The Consumer and Marketing Service, Abilene, reports average gross prices for some predominant qualities were: 3229 brought 18.95c; 3230 brought 19.55c; 4229 brought 18.45c; 4330 brought 19.00c.



May your house be aglow with all the joys of Christmas. May your heart be warm with happiness and success through all the days to come.

Phillips Petroleum Plans No. 1 Fryar Re-entry

Phillips Petroleum Co. plans to re-enter and plug back to 8,900 feet as a Canyon lime wildcat at No. 1 Fryar, depleted Strawn opener and marginal Fusselman producer in the Big Spring multizone field of Howard County.

It presently is producing 11 barrels of oil per day from the Fusselman.

Located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north and slightly west of the depleted Canyon lime opener, it spots 665 feet from north and 1,986 feet from east lines of section 1, block 32, T-1-N, T&P survey, 10 miles northeast of Big Spring.

The Canyon lime discovery, completed in August, 1956, produced 122 barrels of 43-gravity oil daily, with gas-oil ratio of 2,000-1, from an interval above 8,700 feet.

Roark & Hooker of Abilene, staked site for No. 1 Jack Wilcox as a 3 8-mile south offset to the two-well Leonard area of the Hutto, South multipay field of Howard County, four miles east of Big Spring.

Location for the project which is slated to 6,600 feet, is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 6, block 31, T-1-S, T&P survey.

Roark & Hooker have plugged No. 1 W. K. Furrh, an offset to the Hutto, South field of Howard County, at a total depth of 6,500 feet. It is located 1,980 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 5, block 31, T-1-S, T&P survey, four miles east of Big Spring.

Adobe Oil Co., Midland, is responsible for three new producers in the Spraberry Trend Area of Martin County.

No. 1 Hamm, one mile north of Lenorah, was completed through perforated interval from 8,039-9,026 feet and a 13-64-inch choke, to flow 275 barrels of oil on a 24-hour potential test. Gas-oil ratio was 840-1. Producing section had been treated with 4,500 gallons of acid and 80,000 gallons and 240,000 pounds of fracture material. Five and one-half inch casing was set at 9,100 feet, total depth.

Location $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile southwest of production,

it spots 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 33, block 36, T-2-N, T&P survey.

No. 2 Howard, being a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile south and east extension, flowed 224 barrels of oil on a 24-hour potential test, through and 18-64-inch choke and perforations between 7,927-8,913 feet, which had been treated with 2,000 gallons of acid and fractured with 80,000 gallons and 240,000 pounds. Total depth of 9,020 feet, with 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch casing on bottom.

Wellsite is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 38, block 37, T-1-N, T&P survey, six miles northwest of Stanton.

No. 1 Knox, a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile north and west extension, was completed to flow 256 barrels of 39.6-gravity oil per day, with gas-oil ratio of 814-1, through a 16-64-inch choke, and perforations at 8,333-9,229 feet. The section had been acidized with 4,500 gallons and fractured with 80,000 gallons and 240,000 pounds.

Drilled to 9,320 feet and plugged back to 9,296 feet, it has 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch casing set on bottom.

Wellsite is 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 5, block 38, T-1-N, T&P survey.

RK Petroleum Corp., Mount Carmel, Ill., completed one project in the Trend Area, and filed application to drill two others.

No. 1 J. N. Woody, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of production and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Tarzan, produced through perforated interval at 8,342-9,053 feet, to pump 204 barrels of 37.5-gravity oil and 34 barrels of water on a 24-hour potential test. Gas-oil ratio measured 690-1. Perforations had been treated with 4,000 gallons of acid and 100,000 gallons and 200,000 pounds of fracture material.

Drilled to a total dept of 9,120 feet, where 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch casing is set, operator plugged back to 9,074 feet.

Wellsite is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 38, block 37, T-2-N, T&P survey.

The two new outposts are

in the Sale Ranch portion of the field, and in section 17, block 37, T-2-N, T&P survey.

No. 1 L. E. Castle, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile northeast, is 1,320 feet from north and east lines of the section.

No. 2 R. C. Stewart, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ mile northwest outpost, is 1,320 feet from north and east lines of the section.

Western States Producing Co., Midland, completed No. 1-A Epley as a $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile west extension to the area, seven miles northwest of Stanton.

On a 24-hour potential test, it flowed 274 barrels of oil plus 20 barrels of water through an 18-64-inch choke and shot holes at 8,136-9,037 feet.

Drilled to a total depth of 9,100 feet with 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch casing on bottom, producing section had been treated with 3,000 gallons of acid and fractured with 80,000 gallons and 180,000 pounds.

Location is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 41, block 36, T-2-N, T&P survey.

Same operator filed site for No. 2-A Cross, a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile northwest offset to production in the Trend Area, to be drilled as a 9,100-foot project.

Located 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of Stanton, it spots 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 25, block 37, T-1-N, T&P survey.

D&W Oil Corp., of Midland, completed No. 1 Rocky as a $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile northwest extension to the Playa area, 10 miles northeast of Stanton.

It pumped 247 barrels of 38.6-gravity oil per day, and 10 barrels of water, with gas-oil ratio of 850-1, through perforations at 7,025-8,329 feet. It has been fractured with 80,000 gallons and 160,000 pounds.

Wellsite is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 9, block 35, T-1-N, T&P survey.

WD Oil Corp. of Midland, staked three sites in the Playa part of the field, 11 miles northeast of Stanton. All are slated to 8,600 feet and are in block 35, T-1-N, T&P survey.

No. 1-8 Carpenter Acadian, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of pro-

Garry Doshier Accident Victim In New Mexico

Harry Garry Doshier, 26, was killed in a car accident early the past Saturday morning nine miles west of Deming, New Mexico, on Interstate 10.

Funeral services were conducted in Stanton at 2 p.m. Monday afternoon in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Payne, pastor of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Young Doshier was born November 30, 1944, in Dumas, and moved to Stanton with his parents in 1952. He was a graduate of the local school, and made his home in this city until three years ago when he moved to New Mexico. He was employed in Deming by the Ellenburg Exploration Company as a driller.

Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Doshier of Stanton; two sisters, Mrs. Donnie Thompson, this city, and Mrs. Jim Laney, Dallas; two brothers, Bobby of Odessa, and Randy of Stanton; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mayberry, Stanton.

Pallbearers included: Herb Armstrong, Jerry Don Parum, Kenneth Hale, Gene Wheeler, Jack Mims, James Mashburn, G. P. Harrell, Jr., and David Poe.

Johnny Valles Home Wins First Lighting Contest

The Christmas lighting contest was judged Sunday night, December 20. First place winner was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Valles at 504 Burleson. Second place went to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Madison at 1111 Carpenter, and third place went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Eiland, at 510 West Second Street.

Honorable mention went to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hankins, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Morrow, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blocker.

The contest was sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, with Cecil Bridges as chairman of the lighting committee.

Following the judges' decision, a reception for the winners and judges was held at the Texas Electric Service Reddy Room.

Texas Electric furnished the first place prize, which was a yard light, and Deavenport's Dry Goods, furnished second place prize, and Stanton Electric, furnished third place prize.

No. 1 Fraser, 1,320 feet from south and east lines of the same section, is 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile northwest of production.

No. 1-9 Hamby-Acadian, one mile northwest, spots 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 9.

John L. Cox of Midland, filed two applications for the Trend Area.

No. 1-B Inez Woody, a 9,500-foot project, 1,650 feet from north and 1,320 feet from east lines of section 37, block 37, T-2-N, T&P survey, is a one-mile west-southwest outpost.

No. 11 Dickenson was filed as a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile north and west

Yuletide Blessings Bountiful

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

In local churches and county schools special programs and parties have been held or will be during the Christmas holidays.

Many families have planned Yuletide reunions, and several residents have either gone to visit friends and relatives in other cities, or will be making trips out of town during the upcoming holidays.

The public schools closed down sessions on Tuesday, and will not reopen for class room activity for twelve days. The January term will start on the fifth of the month.

Plans have been announced for all business places to be closed on Friday, December 25, Christmas Day. Several of the stores will close on Thursday, December 24, but all will be open in the retail circle on Saturday, December 26.

Municipal and county offices will be closed from noon on Wednesday to Monday morning.

The First National Bank will close on Thursday at noon, and be ready for business as usual on Monday, December 28. The Stanton Reporter will close down following publication until Monday morning.

All federal offices, including the postoffice, will be closed from Christmas until Monday morning.

Various clubs and organizations have their Christmas entertainments behind. No special church services are planned for the Sunday following Christmas.

Local citizens who plan to travel on the highways, have been briefed on safety rules and regulations. Caution will be the watchword in the area during the Department of Public Safety Deathwatch period.

With total peace lacking in the world, and with many area residents touched by the absence of a loved one now in the armed forces in foreign lands, Martin County people are looking forward to a quiet, calm Christmas. Family gatherings in the homes and around the holiday tables and the tree will be the appropriate manner of celebrating Christmas.

Martin County's recently gathered multi-million dollar cotton crop, has been the inspiration for special blessings and served as the point progress and prosperity maker along with stepped up drilling activity in the area.

ESTES' SERVICES TODAY:

Stanton Editor Dies At Work

Neal Estes, a longtime resident of West Texas and Editor of the Stanton Reporter, died Wednesday morning of an apparent heart attack.

He was putting out this week's edition of the Reporter at the time of his attack, and the columns, "The Launching Pad" and "Variety," in this edition of the Stanton Reporter were the last written by Estes, and they were written for this edition.

Estes was a veteran of 40 years in the newspaper business, and had served as editor of The Stanton Reporter since 1958. He was 63.

Funeral services will be held today at 2:30 p.m. at the Goff Funeral Home Chapel in Commerce. Interment will be in the Rose Mound Cemetery in Commerce.

Estes is best described by his former friends, and non-friends as "his own man." He made friends for a lifetime, and he made enemies easily. He was outspoken, but warm. And none who worked in the newspaper profession ever doubted his talent.

He was born in Commerce Nov. 12, 1907, and spent most of his life in the East Texas area.

Estes graduated from East Texas University, and attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He was a Rotarian, and a member of the Carthage Methodist Church in Carthage.

Prior to coming to Stanton in 1958, he had served as editor of the East Texas University paper, the Panola Watchman in Carthage, and The Longview Daily News. He had been active in the Martin County Chamber of Commerce since he arrived in Stanton, and is a member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his brother, Joe E. Estes, a U. S. District Judge in Dallas; one sister, Mary Lou Estes of Dallas, one son, Neal Estes, Jr., of Carthage; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Janet) Peck, of Commerce; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Carl Estes of Longview.

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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.

J. A. Wilson Dry Goods

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THE FAMILY LAWYER

Copyrights And Copycats

To the would-be writer, few things are as precious as the words and ideas he has put together into a manuscript. Disquieting thoughts of literary copycats may cross his mind. Wouldn't it be wise to rush his manuscript off to Washington and have it copyrighted?

The trouble is, most kinds of literary material cannot be copyrighted in that manner. The only way to copyright a book or an article or a story is to actually publish in and to include, with the first publication, a "notice of copyright" (the kind of notice title page usually found on the back of the title page of a book).

Only after publication will the Copyright Office accept the material for registration. The registration, although not a copyright in itself, is useful in establishing the writer's rights in case of dispute.

Then what does protect his manuscript before it is published? It is protected, very effectively, by an ancient rule of law often called "common law copyright."

Under this rule, the writer owns his work automatically—just as the man who builds a bookcase owns it automatically. He need not go through any particular formalities in order to establish his rights.

Nor must he keep the manuscript secret to protect his "common law copyright." He may let friends read it. He may submit it to editors for possible sale. By doing so, he no more gives up his ownership than a person gives up ownership of a watch by submitting it to a jeweler for appraisal.

Furthermore, his ownership has no time limit. While an ordinary copyright cannot last more than 56 years, a "common law copyright" may last indefinitely—so long as the work remains unpublished.

In one famous case, an unpublished story of Mark Twain came into the possession of a collector. But his plans to publish the story were blocked in court.

The judge held that even though 73 years had gone by since it was written, and even though Twain had been dead for 33 years, his "common law copyright" was still good.

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

colors and design and you'll be amazed at the striking effect!

Tax Man Sam Sez:

The good tax folks have a lot of friends among their neighbors, acquaintances, and (yes) customers. It is customary at this time of the year for many of the friends of IRS employees to engage in a little good-natured ribbing. They greet the tax man with "Merry Christmas—Ho! Ho!—and Many Happy Returns!"

Since about two-thirds of the income tax returns have a refund coming—Ho! Ho!—the tax folks receive millions of "happy" returns. If you have a refund coming you might consider filing your happy return. That refund check could get back just a few days after you have paid your Christmas bills. You might even get your creditors to wait a little while.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

Please bring to me letters from my former pupils at Stanton, Texas. My classes were organized into "Young Texas Citizens"—Citizenship Clubs.

We'd love to hear from all of them.

We have retired to our farm at Franklin, Texas, due to Mr. Batton's ill health. He has been very sick for two years.

We think of our Stanton friends often. Say "Hello" to them for us.

I'm trying to be a good old lady.

Thank you, Santa,
Mrs. L. H. Batton,
Box 415
Franklin, Texas 77856.

December 18, 1970

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Baby Tender Love, diaper bag, and a surprise. I will leave you something to eat.

Love,
Lesa Renee Louder,
Stanton, Texas.

Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., established the first professional forestry curriculum of collegiate rank in the western hemisphere in 1898.

The Chesapeake Bay oyster fleet is the last in the United States to work under sail. Only on Mondays and Tuesdays are motorized small craft permitted to dredge for the Bay's famed bivalves.

VA has eliminated its 5 per cent funding fee on guaranteed and direct loans to post-Korean vets.

Peace on Earth

O, Holy Night, when all the world was still. There, in the distance, shone a mighty star with a luster that burns brightly now in the hearts of all men of good will. May thoughts of that first Christmas bring peace to all.

Thank you for your generous consideration.

Alsup Chevrolet Co.

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

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

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

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

The lights in your home at night will shine through the

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our dear friends, neighbors and loyal patrons, we wish all the spirit and the joys of a good old-fashioned Christmas and extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your friendship.

Mason And Lillian Coggin

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

We wish you harmony and glad tidings at this jolly season. Sincere thanks for the privilege of serving you.

JACK COOK'S ENCO SERVICE STATION
Interstate Highway 20 and Hwy. 187

Tidings of Gladness and Joy

We'd like to extend wishes that this Christmas be a joyful one and that the spirit of His birth remain in your hearts always. A most sincere thank you, friends.

WEILAND, GERTIE,
FRANK and WAYNE
ATCHISON,

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1970

Seeds From The Sower

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

"Mother," asked a boy, "who made God?" "Pointing to her wedding band, she said, "This is a love ring. Your daddy gave it to me when we were married. Look at it closely. Tell me where it begins and ends." The boy examined it carefully and replied, "Mother, there's no starting place and there's no stopping place." "It is like that with God," she explained. "He had no beginning and will have no end. Yet He encircles our lives with His love. Nobody ever made God. He always was, He is, and He will always be."

One who was well acquainted with God said in Psalm 90:2, "Before the mountains were ever brought forth, or ever

Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God."

While the atheist says there is no God, and the agnostic claims that he can not tell whether there is a God or not, and the materialist brags that he does not need a God, the Christian testifies that he could not live or die without God who sent His only Son to bring us eternal life through His death.

I expect to be living with God for ever. Why? Because I have received His Son and have become a partaker of His eternal life. Have you?

Questions And Answers

(This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service, and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.)

Q) I took a loss on some stock share I sold this year. Is there any change in the way I handle this for tax purposes?

A) Yes, the Tax Reform Act of 1969 made changes in the tax treatment of capital losses.

Capital losses continue to be deductible and can be used to offset capital gains. In addition, capital losses can be used to offset other income up to a maximum of \$1,000 a year.

However, while short term capital losses are fully deductible from ordinary income only one half of net long term losses are deductible. For example, if your net long term capital loss is \$1,000 and there are no other gains or losses, then half of it or \$500 can be used to offset your other income.

Q) My dentist is doing some bridgework for me. Can I de-

HD Club News

The Stanton Home Demonstration Club held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. A. Wilson recently. The home was decorated in Christmas arrangements.

The club prayer was repeated by the members, and then Crystal Webb presented to the club a story of the birth of Christ entitled, "My Son," by Armand L. Currie.

The club revealed secret pals, and announced that it would hold its next meeting the first Wednesday in January, in the home of Beulah Mae Hall.

Those present included: Crystal Webb, Eula Eubanks, Beulah Mae Hall, Minnie Wells, Mrs. W. W. Clements, and Tince Ory.



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bethell on the birth Tuesday, December 15, of a baby boy born in a Big Spring hospital.

The baby is named Craig Allen, and weighed seven pounds and 13 ounces at birth, and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Spier of Big Spring, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bethell, also of Big

duct the full cost on my 1970 return?

A) Dental expenses are subject to the same provisions as medical expenses. The total of the expenses that qualify may be deducted to the extent it exceeds 3 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Include dental expenses only if they were paid in your 1970 tax year. If the expenses come to \$350, but you paid only \$175 of that in 1970, just list the \$175 when adding up medical and dental costs.

Q) My income will be lower than I expected this year, and I don't think I'll have any additional tax to pay. Can I just forget about my next estimated tax payment?

A) If you now estimate that you will have no additional tax to pay when you file your 1970 return, it is not necessary to make further estimated tax payments for 1970. Use your estimated tax worksheet to figure out the revised amount of tax liability and whether this will be met without making an estimated tax payment as scheduled in January.

Q) If I pay someone to take care of my baby while I'm working can I deduct the cost?

A) This may qualify as a child care expense. In that case you may deduct up to \$600 of the amount you send for the care of a dependent while you are working or looking for work. The deduction is raised to \$900 when care is paid for two or more dependents.

Note that tax law limits the deduction when the combined income of a working couple is over \$6,000. Then the deduction is reduced by the amount their income exceeds \$6,000. This and other rules are explained in Publication 503, Child Care and Disabled Dependent Care, available free from your IRS District Office.

WITH AMERICANS

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

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

CHRISTMAS DINNER OF THE 19th CENTURY

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

Spring Bethell is the Junior High coach at Stanton, and young Craig was welcomed into the world by a sister, Michelle, two and one half years old.

Coffee plus assorted aperitifs, wines, liqueurs, etc.

CHRISTMAS, FLORIDA

Christmas, Florida, is a town of 250 people near Orlando. As a fort it was completed on Christmas, 1835, and so received its name. Connected United States mail, the post office has been kept busy throughout December remail-

If you have been visiting in other towns and states, please let us know so we can let the people in Stanton and Martin County know about your trip.

Now is the time to subscribe

ing cards, letters and packages. In one year it handles over 300,000 pieces of mail. Lately a permanent Christmas tree with weatherproof ornaments has been erected.

to the Ole Reliable for another year. If you have relatives or friends you would like to have The Stanton Reporter, now is the time to subscribe. We appreciate any subscription that you care to be mailed to your out of town friends and relatives!

The staff of The Stanton Reporter wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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TO WISH YOU
Christmas Blessings
May your family be blessed with a truly joyous holiday, filled with all the peace and happiness of that first Christmas Day.

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May your Christmas be richly filled with the spiritual blessings that come as our thoughts turn to a Holy Night when herald angels sang in triumphant joy, and a Star shown with radiance that endures eternally.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1970

Letters To Santa Claus

Star Route
Stanton, Texas 79782
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa,
I'm new this Christmas and I sure don't want you to miss me! I want a big stuffed animal and lots of little toys. I have two new cousins at Garden City that I don't want you to forget either, and our big cousin, Julie, will be looking for you. We love you Santa and we'll all be watching for you.
Your friend,
Mandy Franklin.

Dear Santa Claus,
This is my first experience of writing to you. It seems everyone starts by telling how good they have been. Well, I think I have been a perfectly adorable little girl, but you would never get my mother to agree with that. Daddy would though.
I would like a baby doll to put in the bath tub with me,

a tricycle, a cow girl outfit with guns, and anything else you think a two year old girl would enjoy. I've also asked for a baby brother, but mother says I have to wait awhile for that.

Since everyone else is leaving you a snack, I will too, but don't blame me if you get too fat.
Lots of Love,
Dedi Graves,
Rt. 1, Oakmont Circle
Belton, Texas 76513.

P. S. — I guess you've noticed I moved since last year too.
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I am seven years old. I would like for you to bring me a Baby Tender Love, a Lite 'n Brite, and View Master with some reels.

Also please bring me a spiro-graph, and some surprises.
Love,
Karla James.
P. S. — Please bring my baby brother, Brad, a peek-a-boo-bear pull toy.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl. I am going to kindergarten this year.

LEE ANN FINCHER HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

A birthday party was held Thursday, December 10, in the home of Mrs. Arvil Fincher honoring her daughter, Lee Ann, on her seventh birthday. Birthday decorations were carried out as the theme for the party.

Refreshments of birthday cake and punch were served to the guests: Kammy and Steven Boyce, Johnny Paul, Deonne Kelly, Jill Simpson, Connie and Gary Miller, Jona Mae Cox, Clint and Tonya Moore, Dana Pinkerton, Chad Fincher, and the honoree.

Please bring me a set of cowboy guns, and etch-a-skech, romper stompers, building blocks, a Popeye puppet, and a talking telephone.

Love,
Karen James.

P. S. — Please bring my baby brother a little stuffed monkey, and a little helicopter push toy.

Gift Centerpiece For Christmas

A Christmas tree decoration that could double as a centerpiece or handsomely conceal a gift is one made from wrapping paper and ribbon.

Choose one of the flocked papers, in red, white, or gold, cut a half circle with a 30-inch circle. Twist it into a cone shape, wide enough to fit over a milk glass or cased glass compote.

Tape cone together, cutting away any rough edges. About four inches from the bottom, mark six points equally spaced around the cone. From each of these, stretch a gold ribbon to the top of the cone and tape in place. Carefully punch a hole in each marked point, then insert ties of a previously made ribbon bow, and tape to inside. Use two ribbon bows for the top point.

The cork oak is a live oak tree, abundant in Spain and Portugal.

Tornadoes are more frequent in the spring.

Jesus Inspired His Followers To Get Things

If we were to disregard the things about Jesus which make Him the unusual figure that He is, we would still find that He stood as a remarkable figure in the pageant of history.

Other men have become famous for the books they have written, power they have won, organizations they have founded, or codes and laws which they have created.

But Jesus wrote nothing, organized only teachers and evangelists, and established no codes. He did not even organize His teachings in codified form.

There was something casual about His life, yet this apparent casualness seems to have been part of God's purpose. The Christian religion, like the Master Himself, was not to become a circumscribed thing, but was to take a free course.

Perhaps it was essential of the future well-being of Christianity that such an attitude

as this remained with the early church. The problems to come were many. If there had been no room to adjust to changing conditions, the church would have lacked much of its early vitality.

In this way we see the general pattern of His effective influence. The Master, who did not write a book, inspired what was to become the greatest book of our time. Though He had no formal organization of His own, He so inspired the disciples that they carried on after Him and became Christian leaders.

Their church became so well organized it spread out across the world, finding bases for operation in many countries. Later it went still further to reach every part of the globe.

These things are being done today. With the strength and inspiration found in the New Testament, Jesus' twentieth century disciples are still working and building the structure based on His teachings.

It is our privilege, as friends of Jesus, to carry on.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER ORDER OF SALE: EXECUTION SALE (STATE OF TEXAS) COUNTY OF MARTIN

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 118th Judicial District Court of Martin County, Texas, on judgment rendered in said Court on the 23rd day of November, 1970 in favor of the Sweetwater Cotton Oil Company and against said Tarzan Marketing Association, et al, in the case of Sweetwater Cotton Oil Company against Tarzan Marketing Association, et al, No. 2887 in such Court, I did on the 2nd day of December, 1970, at 1:00 o'clock P. M., levy upon the parcels of land situate in the County of Martin, State of Texas, as the property of Tarzan Marketing Association, to-wit:

TRACT ONE: Being a part of the South East 1/4 of Section No. Nineteen (19), Block No. Thirty-seven (37), Township 2 North, T & P. Ry. Co. Survey, in Martin County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the West line of the South East Quarter, of section No. 19, 300 feet South of its N. W. Corner, THENCE South along said West line of said SE 1/4 of said Section Sixty (60) feet to point for S.W. corner of this tract; THENCE East parallel with the N and S lines of said Section 300 feet to point, for S.E. corner of this tract; THENCE North parallel with the E & W lines of said Section Sixty (60) feet for the NE corner of this tract; THENCE West parallel with the N and S lines of said Section 300 feet to the place of beginning, being a tract of land out of the NW corner of said SE 1/4 Sixty (60) feet Northward and Southward by 300 feet Eastward and Westward, being the same property conveyed to Tarzan Marketing Association by H. S. Blocker, et ux, by deed dated February 10, 1951, recorded in Vol. 61, Pages 237-238, Deed Records of Martin County, Texas.

TRACT TWO: All that certain tract or parcel of land being a Block 600 feet by 300 feet as hereinafter more particularly set out, out of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Block 37, Township 2 North, Martin County, Texas, situated in what is generally known as the town of Tarzan, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of the tract of land 60' North and South and 300' East and West heretofore conveyed to Tarzan Marketing Association, by deed dated February 10, 1951, and set out in Vol. 61, at Page 237, of the Deed Records of Martin County, Texas, this southwest corner for the point of beginning; THENCE Southward and parallel with the West boundary line of the said Section 240 feet to a corner being the Southwest corner of this particular tract conveyed herein; THENCE Eastward and parallel to the North boundary line of the said section 300 feet to a corner, this corner being the Southeast corner of the tract of land herein described; THENCE Northward on line parallel with the West boundary line of this land conveyed 240 feet to the Northeast corner of this tract and the Southeast corner of the small tract 60' x 300' heretofore first described; THENCE Westward along the line parallel with the North boundary line of this Section 300' to the place of beginning, being the same tract of land conveyed to Tarzan Marketing Association by H. S. Blocker, et ux, by deed dated August 1, 1954, recorded in Vol. 71, at Page 302, Deed Records of Martin County, Texas.

TRACT THREE: Being a part of the East one-half (E 1/2) of Section Nineteen (19), Block 37, Township 2 North, T & P. Ry. Co. Survey, described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at the NE corner of a tract of land heretofore sold to South Plains School Trustees for school purposes; THENCE

North with W. line of East 1/2 of Section 19, Block 37, Twp. 2 North, in Martin County, Texas, a distance of 87 1/2 feet for corner; THENCE East at right angle to line just run and parallel to N. line of the block of land now in use by South Plains School, a distance of 498 1/2 feet for the N.E. corner; THENCE Southwardly at right angle to line just run and parallel with the E. line of the block of land now in use by South Plains School, a distance of 387 1/2 feet for the S.E. corner of this tract of land; THENCE Westwardly at right

angle to line just run a distance of 72 1/2 ft. to the SE corner of a tract of land heretofore deeded by G. T. Hall said deed recorded in Deed Records of Martin County, Texas, in Vol. 36, Pages 48-49; THENCE northwardly with the E. line of said tract of land heretofore deeded by Hall to South Plains School above referred to, to NE corner of said tract, a N.W. corner of the tract of land; THENCE Westwardly at right angle to line just run and on N. line of tract first purchased by the South Plains School, said deed recorded in Vol. 29, Page 84 Deed Records of Martin County, to the place of beginning, containing one and one-half (1 1/2) acres of land; and being the same tract of land heretofore conveyed by C. S. Capwell et ux to Trustees of South Plains School District, recorded in Vol. 37, at Page 638, Deed Records of Martin County, Texas, to which reference is here made.

FOURTH TRACT: Being a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section No. Nineteen (19), Block Thirty-seven (37), T-2-N T&P RY Co. Survey in Martin County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the West boundary line of said quarter section of land 50 feet southward from its Northwest corner, said beginning point being the Southwest corner of a tract of land which was conveyed by Tar Lindsay, et ux., to James W. Sale by deed recorded in Vol. 48, Pages 340 to 341, Deed Records of Martin County, Texas;

THENCE Eastward at a right angle, and following the South boundary line of said tract heretofore conveyed to the said James W. Sale for a distance of 300 feet to its Southwest corner and the Northeast corner of the tract involved herein;

THENCE Southward at a right angle, 145-1 5/8 feet to the Northwest corner of a tract which was conveyed to Dan K. Boren by a deed recorded in Vol. 51, Pages 229 & 230, Deed Records of Martin County, Texas;

THENCE Westward, at a right angle, and following the North boundary line of said tract conveyed to said Boren for a distance of 300 feet to its Northwest corner, a point in the West boundary line of said quarter section, and the Southwest corner of the tract involved herein;

THENCE Northward, at a right angle, and following the West boundary line of said quarter section of land for a distance of 145-1 5/8 feet to the Northwest and beginning corner.

And all improvements, including but not limited to buildings, docks, ramps, towers, machinery, appliances, equipment, furniture and fixtures now located upon and hereafter to be placed upon the herein before described property, and belonging to TARZAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION in Martin County, Texas.

And on the 5th day of January, 1971, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A. M. and 4:00 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the Courthouse door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all of the right, title and interest of said Tarzan Marketing Association in and to said property, as under execution and satisfaction of said judgment.

DATED at Stanton, Texas this 2nd day of December, 1970.
DAN SAUNDERS,
Sheriff, Martin County,
Texas
By G. B. THERWHANGER,
Deputy.
12-10-3tc

Mistletoe Was Once Symbol Of Evil

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

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

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as charm promoting fertility.

The custom today of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

Although frequently called "white ants," termites share no relationship with ants. The ant is its enemy. The 2,100 species of termites are distant cousins of roaches.

High tide does not always come at the same hour. Each high tide is about 50 minutes later than the preceding morning, later than the preceding morning, later than the preceding morning, later than the preceding morning.

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1970

Twenty-Four Years Ago

The Stanton 4-H Club held its first meeting in the elementary school and elected officers. Officers include Sue Jane Zimmerman, president; Nance Rouemore, vice-president; Jo Jon Hall, secretary-treasurer, and Lou Verna McCoy, reporter.

Marge Richards entertained the Delta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority October 5, with a breakfast in her home. Attending were: Eloise Brandt, Winifred Connell, Irene Long, Vera Blackford, Jendo Turner, Cora Kelly, Sammie Laws, Mary Grace Latimer, and the host-

ess. —24 YA—
Sgt. Marshall Louder, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Louder, has notified his parents that he has arrived in the United States from Manila, and will be home soon. He served 20 months in the Pacific with the infantry.

—24 YA—
A new Sunday School class, the Sunbeam Class, was organized Sunday at the First Methodist Church. Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Finley Rhodes.

—24 YA—
Rev. H. C. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Big Spring, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Lions Club. He spoke on "Loving a Good Fight."

High School News

By KAY LYNNE HANKINS

"Tests" was the thing the last week before the holidays. The students had been reviewing their nine week tests, which was held on Thursday and Friday, December 17 and 18. They continued their studies through the week-end in order to be prepared for the mid-term tests which were held on Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22.

—SHS—
The Faculty vs Booster Club basketball game was held on December 15 in a faculty vic-

tory of 54 to 51. Following the game all the 1970 football players, as well as the 1970 basketball players and coaches were auctioned off. All these auctioned athletes and coaches pledged to work for their buyer for eight hours on a chosen Saturday. Proceeds of the game and the auction went to help with the construction of the athletic field house. There was approximately \$750.00 raised.

—SHS—
The winners in the door competition were selected on Tuesday, December 15. The results were seniors; first place; sophomores, second place, and juniors, third place. The Spanish Club received honorable mention.

—SHS—
The Buffalo basketball teams played in Iraan on Tuesday, December 15. These games were started at 5:15.

—SHS—
The annual choir and band concert was held on Friday night, December 18. The concert was slated to begin at 7:30.

Following this concert was the Christmas dance sponsored by the Student Council. "Just Us Four," furnished the music, and was held in the High School gym. Admission was \$1.00 per person.

The Stanton High School pep squad has elected officers: They are: Nadine Cross, president; Jeanne Davis, secretary; Belle Jones, reporter; Betty Bennett, Betty Blissard, Edith Davie, and Lurlene Geurin, yell leaders.

Stanton Buffaloes played Crane last Friday night and

Farm And Ranch Review

Fish Farmers In A&M Meeting

The first annual convention of the Catfish Farmers of Texas, Inc., and the third annual Fish Farming Conference will be held in Texas A&M's Memorial Student Center, Jan. 7-8, 1971. Wallace Klussmann, extension wildlife specialist, says any person interested in fish farming is invited to attend. Some 500 persons are expected. Discussion will center around two major problems, parasites and diseases and marketing. Fish farming equipment will also be on display during the two days, he said. Local county agents have details.

Annual Texas Fertilizer Conference Announced

The annual Texas Fertilizer Conference will be held at College Station's Ramada Inn, Jan. 6-7, 1971, and theme for the program, says C. D. Welch, extension chemist, is "Marketing for Profit." It is sponsored by the recently formed Texas Plant Food Institute, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Attendance is expected to reach 200 persons who will represent all phases of the fertilizer industry, from users to manufacturers, to dealers, and research workers.

Texas Veterinarians Complete Special Training

Sixteen Texas veterinarians are back on the job after completing special diagnostic training in hog cholera identification at the National Animal Disease Laboratory, Ames, Iowa. Their specialized training, says W. W. Bailey, extension livestock and meats specialist, should materially aid in the Hog Cholera Eradication Program which is now in the stamping out phase in Texas.

Detached Retina Believed Inherited

A Texas A&M University geneticist believes that heredity plays a strong role in an affliction known as detached retina in human eyes. Dr. N. A. McNeil, as associate professor of genetics, has completed a study of four generations in one family, and bases his belief on these findings.

Brush Control

Basal treatment of individual trees is best done when soil is dry and cracked away from the trunk at the surface. Conversely, mechanical methods like chaining are most successful when soil moisture is adequate to permit uprooting.

From 1970 Yearbook Of Agriculture

Nearly three-fifths of the Nation's land area is privately owned rural land. A high percentage of this land is in crops, pasture, range or other non-forest agriculture. Thus the watersheds that sustain municipal and industrial uses are largely agricultural. And even the most highly urban populations, whether they realize it or not, must look to farmers and ranchers for production of their basic resources.

Efficiency Of Agriculture

Total manhours required in farming have declined from 14 billion in 1930 to 15 billion in 1960. Consequently, output per manhour doubled in the two decades between 1930 and 1960, and almost tripled in the 20 years since 1950.

Holiday Season Accidents

Deaths from accidents in the U.S. last December totaled 10,100. Down slightly from the monthly average. Top killers were motor vehicle accidents, followed by fire and falls. National Safety Council studies show that it pays to be doubly careful during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The life you save could be your own.

Rufus Hyde, Stanton High School coach, was married to Miss Edna Andrews, at Texarkana. Miss Andrews is a teacher in the gammer department of Stanton schools.

In 1930, the Internal Revenue Service estimated the profits of Al Capone's criminal empire at \$95 million per year from gambling, prostitution, narcotics and illegal liquor trade.

Patronize your hometown merchants and save money!



SHS CHOIR—Front row, left to right: Kathy Linney, Esiquia Aguirre, Rosa Sanchez, Jana Dickenson, Judy Trimble, Mary Villa, and Janie Padilla. Second row, left to right: Rhonda Kuhlman, Pam Petree, Shane Farson, Molly Adkins, Vickie Graves, Jackie Cook, Diane Peden, Eladia Salgado, and Anna Belle Hernandez. Back row, left to right: Larry Jones, George Dean, Ricky Menefield, Bobby Hull, Larry Adams, Bill Pardue, Don Williams, and Danny Saunders.

FREE LUNCHES

Family Size	Income	Number of children in school											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
1	Below \$1,200												
2	Below 1,800												
3	Below 2,400				All Free								
4	Below 3,000												
5	Below 3,500												
6	Below 4,100												
7	Below 4,600												
8	Below 5,100												

REDUCED PRICE LUNCHES

Family Size	Income	N. of children in schools or service institutions											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
1	\$1,200-\$1,920	20c											
2	1,800- 2,520	20c											
3	2,400- 3,120	20c	10c										
4	3,000- 3,720	20c	10c	F									
5	3,500- 4,270	20c	10c	F	F								
6	4,100- 4,820	20c	20c	10c	F	F	F						
7	4,600- 5,320	20c	20c	10c	F	F	F	F					
8	5,100- 5,820	20c	20c	20c	10c	F	F	F	F				

NOTE: Add \$450 to the above amounts for each additional family member.

Beta Sigma Phi News

Xi Epsilon Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Texas Electric Reddy Room December 17, for their annual Christmas party. Hostesses were Mrs. Roy Koonce and Mrs. Granville Graves. Husbands of the members were guests.

A salad supper was served, and besides the good food the group enjoyed a lot of good conversation and fun. After supper they played a number of games of bingo for "gag" prizes.

The members exchanged gifts, and then drew for new Phi Pals for the coming year. Allie Anderson, president, gave all the members a gift.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chenault, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Ory, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan

Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schwalbe, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Wallace Kelly, Mrs. James Manning, and Mrs. Jess Angel.

Abilene, Kans., Reflector-Chronicle: "All over America men and women are throwing clay, binding buttonholes, sanding two-by-fours sham-

pooling rugs, mitering and dovetailing drawers, needling and knotting yarn... and finding these things the way to instant thrift, therapy, and creative joy. The phenomenal rise of do-it-yourself is making cash registers ring merrily and spreading happiness in many industries."

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkston Honored On 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkston were honored with a reception in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 13, in the Cap Rock Electric Auditorium.

Assisting the honored couple and their children in the receiving line was Mrs. Alta Brooks of Waco, Texas, Mrs. Brooks served Mrs. Pinkston as her maid of honor at her wedding in 1920.

Tom Ed Angel presented piano selections throughout the afternoon. Guests were registered from Stanton, Waco, Odessa, Big Spring, Snyder, Andrews, Levelland, Lubbock, Franklin, Knott, and Midland, Texas, Carlsbad, Melrose, and Hobbs, New Mexico.

Billings, Mont., Times: "Abolishing the ROTC because you don't like was is like abolishing the fire department because you don't like fires."

Carmi, Ill., Times: "Democracy cannot exist where the public is misinformed, misled, or kept in ignorance; newspapers are the source of the information necessary in the conduct of our political, social, and economic lives."

Shelbyville, Ky., Sentinel: "The following concise evolution of poverty was provided by Dottie Snyder in the Adairville, (Ky), Enterprise: 'I used to think I was poor. Then they told me I wasn't poor. I was needy. Then they told me it was self-defeating to think of myself as needy, that I was culturally deprived. Then they told me I was underprivileged. Then they told me underprivileged was overused, that I was disadvantaged. I still don't have a dime, but I have a great vocabulary.'"

First National Holds Annual Christmas Party

The First National Bank of Stanton held its annual Christmas party Saturday night, December 12, at the Texas Electric Service Company Reddy Room.

The bank employees and their families were honored with a Christmas dinner.

President R. O. Anderson rewarded the employees of the bank with a bonus check.

Those in attendance included: Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hernandez and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Allred and family, Mrs. D. A. Stanley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barber and JoAnna, Terry Britton, Mr. and Mrs. Ulen North and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Esparza and family, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Payne and family, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Blocker.

Grassroots Opinion

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I would like a spring horse and a talking telephone for Christmas.

Thank you, Rowdy Harrison.

Dear Santa, I am almost two years old. Would you bring me a wagon, a slide, a tricycle, some tools, and some books?

I will be waiting for you. Love, Daniel Glen White Lenora, Texas.

December 17, 1970 Dear Santa Claus, I am 15 months old, and I have been a pretty good girl this year.

Please bring me a tricycle, and a baby doll for Christmas.

Love, Kristi Fryar.

Elk Point, S. D., Leader-Courier: "There was a poor turnout for the election in South Dakota this year, the poorest for many years. Off year elections do not attract as much interest but are just as important in many respects. In European countries 90 percent or more of the people vote when they have the opportunity, but here 50 to 60 percent is considered a good turnout."

Covington, Okla., Record: "Paid advertising is the lifeblood of a weekly paper—when it dries up the paper dies."

Driving Tips Given By Police Chief Rogers

According to Stanton Police Chief C. L. Rogers, the increase in traffic fatalities grows larger each year, and with the Christmas holidays fast approaching, extreme caution should be taken in holiday travel. The chief stated that holiday travelers should stop and rest at an interval of every 100 miles if traveling a long distance.

The chief urged drivers to have their complete car checked before starting on a trip, such things as headlights, brakes, wipers, tail lights, anti-freeze, and tire tread should be checked whether the driver plans to encounter ice, rain, sleet, hail, etc., or not. The chief states that every driver should take advantage of rest stops and coffee breaks during a long and tiresome trip. Drivers should also exercise their legs, arms, and neck whenever they stop to rest, stated Rogers.

Drivers should take their time in getting to their destination, and should not push themselves into a state of fatigue. He should remember that the other driver may have driven farther than himself, and has exerted his physical and mental energy to the extreme — which in this case — he will have to be responsible for his driving as well as watching out for the other driver.

Legal speeds, observing rules and regulations of safe driving could save a life as well as your own, Rogers said. He also wanted to take this means on behalf of the local police department to wish everyone a sane and Merry Christmas.

The Exchange Desk

Denver City Press: "A decision on a formal operational plan for the city-county ambulance servicing Denver City and southern Yookum County — now operated by the city's police department — may be determined at next Monday's meeting of the city council."

"The ambulance situation was discussed by councilmen and county officials at a Dec. 7 meeting."

The Big Lake Wildcat: "Sandy Kirkpatrick and Larry Settle were recently named 1970 Gold Star Award winners from the Reagan County 4-H Club. They received the Gold Star Award gold medals."

"They were unable to attend the Gold Star Award banquet held for District Six 4-H winners November 14 in Crane, as both are attending college."

The McCamey News: "In the regular meeting of the board of trustees of the McCamey Independent School District on December 10, the members voted to accept the bid of Athletic Supply, Inc. for a Universal weight machine for the athletic and physical education department in the amount of \$2,295.00. The other bid for the equipment was submitted by D & L Sports Center for a Marcy weight machine in the amount of \$2,475.00."

Seminole Sentinel: "Gaines County voters Saturday will decide the fate of medical facilities in the county in a \$1.9 million bond election."

"Polls open at 8 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m. at eight polling places in the county. County voters face a dual proposition. First, on the bal-

Maharajas in India lost their power soon after the country gained independence in 1947. Nearly 600 princes were granted either cash settlements or privy purses in return for integrating their states into India. Payments currently are made to some 280 princes, the annual sums range from \$267,000 for the Nizam of Hyderabad, to \$25,600 for the Talukdar of Katodia.

lot is a \$1.9 million proposal to build a 50-bed hospital in Seminole to serve the needs of the county.

"The second proposition is a \$2.2 million issue to build a 35-bed hospital in Seminole and a 20-bed hospital in Seagraves."

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I want to thank everyone for the lovely cards, letters, gifts, and flowers, and also thank those who sat up with me while in the hospital. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. May God bless all of you.
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Dear Santa,
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Postscripts

By PEGGYE SORLEY

Well, here it is, the day we have been waiting for. That is, those of us who are really still kids at heart (and who aren't?). For the past three weeks, I have answered the question of "how many days is it til Santa Claus comes now, mama?" Now that it is THE day, I feel a little sad—we've waited so long (all we kids), and now it is here and tomorrow it will be over. I don't mean I will be disappointed. Just the thought today of waking up in the morning, (to find Herb has been up for several hours, and is debating whether to wake up the kids on let them just wake up by themselves), grab the camera and rush to the living room to get THE shots of the kids (and Herb) opening the boxes Ole Saint Nick has left under the tree. I remember last year in the hustle and bustle, we forgot to tell Santa Claus to please put the batteries in all the toys that required them, so needless to say, we just ran most of the toys on hand power until we found Santa Claus to get the batteries from him. I have written a note for him this year and WARNED him to put the batteries into the toys before he left them. BOY! IS HE EVER ABSENT MINDED!

—PS—

Christmas Day, tomorrow, will find most of us preparing huge dinners or helping other members of the family prepare the meal, the kids will be showing off their new toys—Uncle Joe will be wondering why his favorite nephew gave him the mod tie he is trying to figure out whether a message is there or not—Aunt Mary is sneezing because that little brat of her sister's gave her a bottle of perfume she is allergic to—Ann is upset because her husband presented her with a brand new set of golf clubs, (she doesn't golf)—Dad is wondering why mother isn't wearing the beautiful

red housecoat with fur he gave her (who wears a furry housecoat while preparing breakfast for five kids and a husband?) Jr wanted a chemistry set, but received a bicycle instead (there is absolutely no chance of blowing up the house with a bicycle). —
All these things will happen in someone's home this year and the next, and the next, and the next. It's just life and people are funny. I am not expecting one single incident that will upset my Christmas day—but!!!!
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The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES



BLESSINGS

True blessings of Christmas arise from that first wondrous Holy Night, and may they be yours. Thanks.

At this time of the year all Christendom casts loving eyes toward Bethlehem, where Jesus was born nearly two thousand years ago. Strange and beautiful are the legends that gather about the birthplace of a great faith. The founding of every religion has been associated with miracle and mystery, and the ground whereon a prophet has trod becomes historic and holy. Modern Bethlehem is a city of some forty thousand, but both history and legend indicate that at the time of Christ's birth it was an obscure village, one with many sacred associations. It was the birthplace of David. Rachel was buried near it and it was the home of Boaz, Naomia and Ruth. But when the Holy Babe was born there, Bethlehem took on a significance that would distinguish it from all other places, for all time to come. Neither the ancient village nor today's city however, owes its fame to its physical characteristics, not even to its early history. For it has become the symbol of a dream which man has cherished since time immemorial — the dream of universal peace and the rule of righteousness and justice. For untold centuries men have struggled upward through shadows, dreaming of a time when love would conquer hate, right would overcome wrong, and peace instead of war would reign upon the earth. But

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since that night when "God broke into history" and the Prince of Peace was born, the spiritual Bethlehem has become the incarnation of that dream. It is a dream which has not been fulfilled, but millions live in hope, looking forward to its eventual achievement. And in their hours of contemplation, they remember Bethlehem and the marvelous event that occurred there. When men think of Bethlehem they think of a Child, a Song, and a Star. These are the motifs so delicately interwoven with the most beautiful of all stories. The Christ child, the epitome of innocence and holiness, the song of the angels, heralding peace on earth and goodwill toward men; and the star which glimmered in the heavens, leading the Wise Men to the place where the newborn King was to be found. These three have taken their permanent place in art and poetry and music. They are the symbols of Christmas. And so, while the world is enshrouded with clouds which frail their black draperies over the pathway of humanity, men dream of Bethlehem and what it means to them. Much has changed since that night of heavenly glory. Kingdoms have arisen and fallen, new systems have been evolved and vanished, and men have explored the stars and walked on the moon, but humanity still treads a precarious road. And today, a desperate and despairing world again seeks the shrine the Wise Men sought and kneels in holy reverence at the spot where a dream was born.

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

"Glory to God in the highest" is the spontaneous exultant song of the angels that escaped the windows of heaven and stirred the shepherd on the Judean hills, just a stone's cast outside Bethlehem, on that memorable night when Christ was born. When God sent his son into the world, angels discovered a dimension in God they had never known before. They knew of His power and wisdom and love. But now, in the sending of His Son, they had never known before. They knew of His power and wisdom and love. But now, in the sending of His Son, they saw the spirit of self-denial in God, the spirit of self-sacrifice. When they saw God give up His only and well-beloved Son, possibly with the fore-knowledge of the anguishing cross experience before them, they saw something of God they have never seen before. One does not wonder therefore, then when all the heavenly hosts joined together to cheer Christ on in His work of redemption that they sang so loud that the shepherds heard it. "Glory to God in the highest." At this Christmas season, the editor of this newspaper sends you Merry Christmas to all!

—Neal Estes

several active Great Plains contracts with local farmers and ranchers according to the Stanton Work Unit office.

During 1970 the Great Plains program paid these cooperators to control soil erosion. This is a boost to the economy of the area beyond its value in the treatment of many acres to reduce soil and water losses, as well as pollution. These practices are permanent and not only reduce erosion and pollution, but also increase production from eroded areas.

Fields that have been eroded away and left with gullies, have been smoothed out and leveled with parallel terraces. Many pastures that were infested with mesquite have been root plowed and reseeded to permanent grasses. Old fields that were depleted through farming practices have been turned into productive pastures and hayland. Irrigation systems have been reorganized to conserve water, and be more efficient with the available and quail have benefited through increased management practices. This is also a source of income if a farmer or rancher wants to lease out the hunting rights.

The Soil Conservation Service has funds available to be spent locally to anyone interested in the Great Plains Conservation Program.

These conservation measures are a tribute to your local soil and water conservation district — a local agency that local people set up and manage to protect our state's soil, water, and wildlife resources. It is independent, and its your assurance that our natural resources will be conserved while they are being used and developed by an expanding nation.

Music Club Meet Friday, Dec. 18

The Stanton Music Club met Friday, December 18, at the

High School Auditorium for their December program. The program was a band concert presented by the band and choir of Stanton High School.

Mrs. Arthur Wilson, president of the Music Club, introduced George Walker, director of the band.

The band presented the first portion of the program, and the choir portion presented seasonal carols which included: "Carol of the Bells," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "Little Drummer Boy."

The program concluded with a musical tabloid created by George Walker.

Following the concert a reception was held for members of the band and choir. Hostesses for the reception included: Mrs. Paige Eliand, Mrs. Homer Schwalbe, Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, representing the Stanton Music Club.

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

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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 into bows, and decorate them with sprigs of holly. Remember to wash the door with hot soap or 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.

A Merry Christmas To All!

Mistletoe Kissing Is The Berries

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

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

★ POOR USAGE

"Xmas," now generally considered poor usage as 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.

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 would 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 of any persons appeared to be headless, this supposedly meant death for those persons, again within a year.

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

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

★ A Christmas Wish

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

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

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

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, goodwill 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 fruits, 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 Savior.

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 animals 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 handed them to Mary, she called them her "gold" Mary-golds, today.

When the Wise Men, seeking the new-born 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 blooms received their lovely 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 on 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. The white berries of mistletoe caught their radiance from the Guiding Star and symbolized peace.

Both holly and mistletoe were sacred to the Druids before they were dedicated to Christianity.

Evergreens symbolize eternal life, and have been our favorite Christmas trees through the years. They are rich in legend.

The pine was the first lighted Christmas tree. It grew with the palm and olive at the stable door that first Christmas. The olive offered its fruit as a gift, the palm its dates, but the pine had no edible fruit. The stars fell from the

sky to its branches so it could give joy to the Child.

On the flight into Egypt the pine hid the Holy Family from pursuing soldiers of Herod. So did the juniper, and a great old fig tree.

Because the fir is an evergreen and its tip points straight to Heaven it symbolized the Christ to early Christians.

The hawthorn, which bloomed on that first Christmas, bloomed 31 years later in England, when Joseph of Arimathea, there to teach Christianity, stuck his hawthorn staff into the ground. It, or trees grown from shoots from the original tree, is said to have bloomed every Christmas since.



A Very Merry Christmas to All!

Happy holiday wishes to each and every one of you. And thanks for your very kind patronage.

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Last-Minute Cookies 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 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 1/2 cup seedless raisins
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts
- Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt, and nutmeg. Cream shortening and brown sugar. Add eggs and raisins and mix well. Add dry ingredient 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.

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.

Christians make up the largest religious group in the world.

A Merry Christmas to all!



Glad Christmas Tidings

May the peace and joy which radiates from the heart of the Holy Child, fill you and yours with the wonder and splendor of this Blessed Season. And may the miracle of His coming be an inspiration and comfort to you always. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas.

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GREETINGS

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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 to find a Holy Babe lying in a manger.

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

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

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

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

still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

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

Other legends broaden this and include all animals.

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

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

ge — to the Indians — preparations for the celebration of Christmas. As a result, many legends about the Day developed among the Indians. On Christmas Eve, the Indians believed, the deer knelt to the "Great Spirit." In the hope of seeing the wondrous sight, the Hurons would hide in the cold winter night of the forest for hours.

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

Washington's Christmas

The time was Christmas night. The year was 1776. The place was near the Delaware River. Some 2,400 tattered and bleeding men stood silently about, uncomplaining.

The Christmas night was a crucial moment for a new republic which had yet 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 — victor 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.

Off-Tree Lighting Recommended For Metal Trees

If you are using a metal Christmas tree this year, the underwriters recommend that you use off-the-tree lighting with colored light to give a softer and more beautiful illumination.

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

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

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

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LEGEND

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

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

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

Children's Talk

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."

'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 wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

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

"Now, Dashier; Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer, Now, Vixen!
On Come! 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 snow!

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

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

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, and 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 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 of stringing of these first Christmas tree lights.

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

The use of the fir tree as part of the tradition of Christmas dates all the way back in 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.

A Merry Christmas To All!

Jewelry Holiday Rainbow

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

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

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

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New Mexico Celebration Goes Back 200 Years

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

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

Roaring bonfires are lighted and miracle play take place. Families gather to break pinatas—colorful dolls filled with candy and hung from the ceiling to be broken by blindfolded children.

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

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

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

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

Merry Christmas to all!

Living Christmas Tree Has Many Advantages To Homeowner

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

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

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

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

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

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

The live Christmas tree may be used for two or three seasons if it is planted in a

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

Animals Play Holiday Parts

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

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

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

Feeding Birds

In Scandinavian countries people place sheaves of grain and bits of 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.

Glass Bubbles Provide Yearly Family Industry

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

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

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

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

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

Holiday Sparkle

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

Yule Tree First Lighted Here By Enemy Soldiers

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

It was Christmas Eve and a group of Hessian soldiers huddled around the 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 spontaneous act, in a strange land,

enemy soldiers left an imprint on the new country which has become part of our own heritage.

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

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

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

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

So, whether you trim your tree with stars and bells, and conventional decoration, hang cookies and gumdrops on it or make it topical with moon men 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.

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 vients-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.



Holy Night

And suddenly the shepherds saw, on their peaceful hillside, the angels come to proclaim the birth of a Saviour... their hosannas echoing through the holy night. As we share the wondrous tidings of Christmas, may we also share love and kindness with our fellowmen.

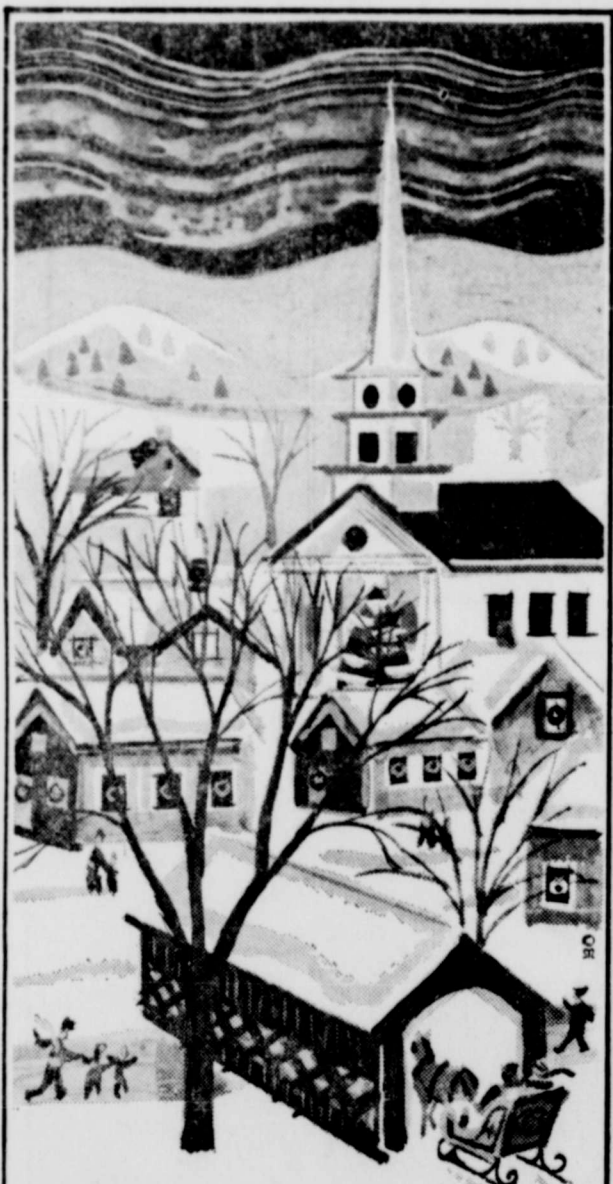


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Singing Of Carols Is Yule Tradition

In homes all over the world families will soon be taking part in one of the most joyous traditions of Christmas — the singing of Christmas carols.

The accompaniment in most cases will be on the piano, the most popular instrument, now played by an estimated 24 million amateur musicians. Many of these carols were written long before the piano came into being and have interesting origins.

Many of the carols are centuries old. In ancient times, plays performed in cathedrals during the Christmas holiday were set to music. In the 13th Century, St. Francis of Assisi spread this tradition outside the church by incorporating the songs in street festivals.

Among the earliest carols is "O Come, All Ye Faithful," which has been translated into around 120 languages and dialects. Some scholars believe the Latin text was by St. Francis of Assisi.

The text of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" was written as a hymn in 1739 by

Charles Wesley. The music used today was not written until a century later when Felix Mendelssohn composed it as a secular cantata. It was adapted to the carol in 1856.

"Silent Night" is not exactly what we consider music for the guitar. It was composed on the instrument we now associate with rock 'n roll. The poem was written in 1818 by

Austrian clergyman Father Josef Mohr for the evening Christmas service. The church organist, Franz Gruber, is said to have composed the music in two hours that afternoon, using a guitar because the organ was broken.

America is the origin of at least three famous carols, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written by Bishop Phillips

Brooks of Boston and Philadelphia. "We Three Kings of Orient Are," were composed about 1857 by Rev. Dr. J. H. Hopkins of Pennsylvania.

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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 been based on the dance, as a spontaneous musical expression of folklore.

As puritanism, which 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.

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

Rudolph Of The Red Nose Adds To Fame Of Santa's Reindeer

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

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

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

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

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

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 Snow-

man you'll need 9 cups puffed rice (1, 4 1/2 oz. package), 1/4 cup butter or margarine, 32 large marshmallows, flaked or shredded coconut, white confectioner's 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 confectioner's 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 Messiah' Was Written In 24 Days

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

The work had its first performance in Dublin in 1742. It was written and performed for charity, the \$40 received being divided among the prisoners, the Charitable Infirmary, and 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 forms of art.

The custom, which still prevails, of standing during the Hallelujah Chorus dates back to the first performance in London, when its effect was so overwhelming that at the phrase, "For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns," 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.

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.

BERRIES BRIGHTEN

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

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

This shrub, with its thick dark green leaves, can grow to a height of 15 feet. It is often known as the toyon.

Jingle Bells' Sings Of Snow and Sleigh

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

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

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

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

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.

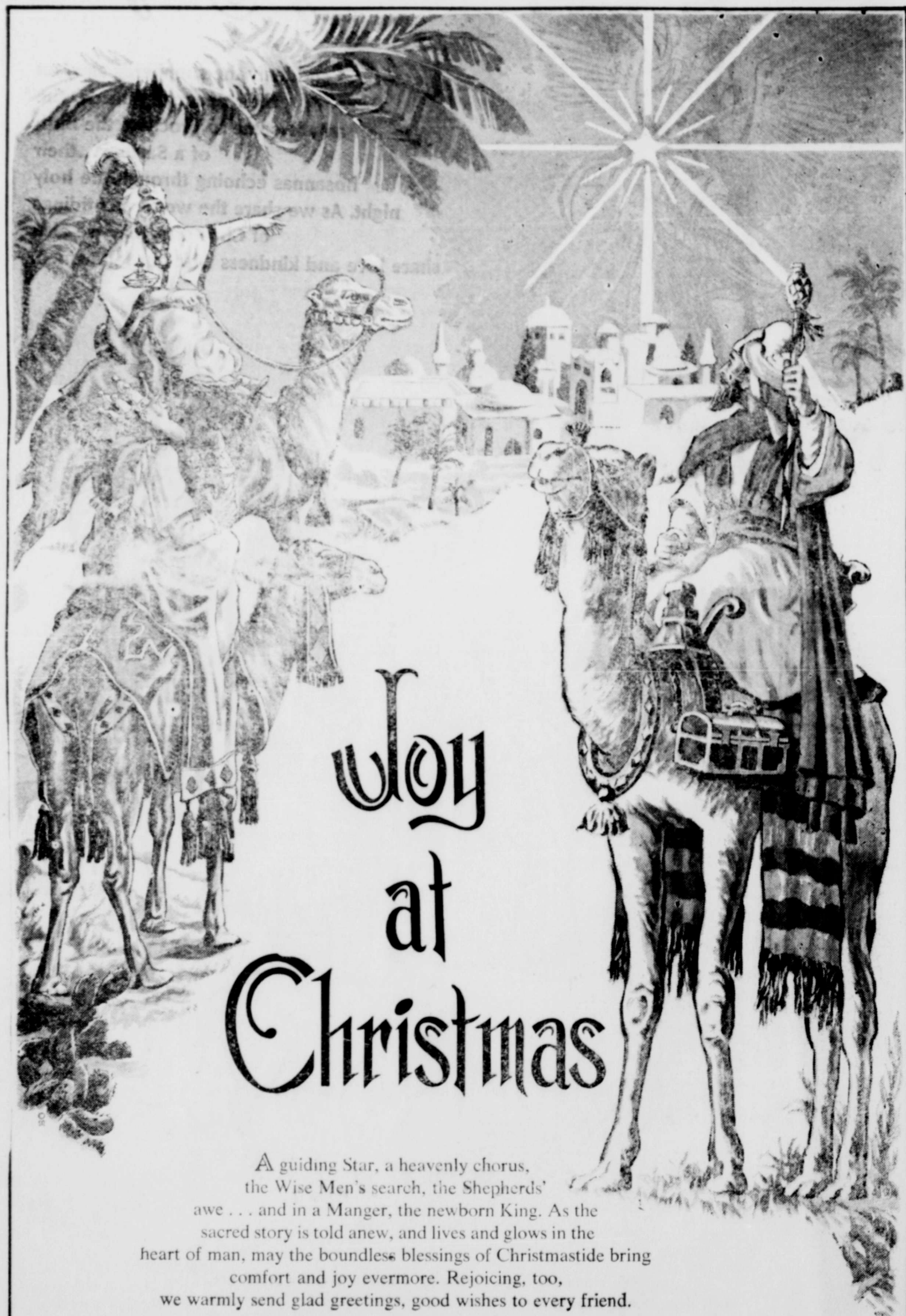
Gifts Not Tradition
In early times even christianity, pagan followers exchanged gifts at the New Year. At first the gifts were collected by priests and distributed to the poor. The exchange of Christmas presents is not a tradition of modern vintage. With christianity, Merry Christmas to all!

FINDING THE BEAN

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

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."



Joy at Christmas

A guiding Star, a heavenly chorus, the Wise Men's search, the Shepherds' awe... and in a Manger, the newborn King. As the sacred story is told anew, and lives and glows in the heart of man, may the boundless blessings of Christmastide bring comfort and joy evermore. Rejoicing, too, we warmly send glad greetings, good wishes to every friend.

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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

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

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

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

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

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

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 food 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

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 "feast."

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.

Turkey Serving The Year Around

When buying whole, ready-to-cook turkey, allow about 1½ pounds per serving, when buying stuffed turkey, allow 1½ to 2 pounds per person. This will yield generous servings with leftovers for next day. When purchasing uncooked, boneless turkey, allow ½ to ½ pound per serving.

Ready-to-cook turkeys are sold both frozen, stuffed and unstuffed, and fresh chilled. Frozen stuffed turkeys come in sizes from 5 to 16 pounds. Whole unstuffed frozen turkeys range in size from 4 to 24 pounds.

For easier roasting, some unstuffed frozen turkeys come prebasted. For these, butter or fat has been inserted into meat of the fresh turkey and, as the turkey cooks, this inner basting keeps the meat tender and moist. No surface basting is required either. Some frozen turkeys are sold with a convenient stuffing clamp; just stuff the thawed bird with dressing, then re-clamp for roasting, following the package directions. Other turkeys have a cooking indicator set into the meat; when the turkey is done, an indicator stem pops out of the breast.

Frozen boneless rolled roasts help make turkey a year-round favorite because of their convenient form. Larger roasts of light and dark meat usually weigh 3½ to 5 pounds. Roast these, frozen or thawed, according to the label directions.

Smaller roasts, sold in foil roasting pans, usually weighing 2 to 2½ pounds, are white meat, dark meat or white and dark meat. A new 2-pound boneless roast is half breast of turkey and half ham.

Gravy can be made from pan drippings; some roasts even come with gravy ingredients.

Frozen prepared products include sliced turkey with gravy or giblet gravy in cooking pans or in plastic heating bags. Though sizes vary among brands, the pans usually contain from 4 to 8 servings; heat-and-serve plastic bags each contain one serving. These products are versatile; they can be served "as is" over mashed potatoes, toast points or baked dressing or used as the base for casserole or skillet dishes. Also frozen are dinners, casseroles, and creamed dishes.

Throughout the country, turkey pieces—breasts, thighs, legs, wings and quarters—are packaged and sold by various poultry processors. Frozen boneless turkey breasts, both ready-to-cook and pre-roasted, are available in some parts of the country. Frozen turkey thighs, ready for cooking, have plenty of solid meat for a variety of turkey dishes, while wings and legs, frozen and ready for cooking, provide meat for soups, salads, and sandwich fillings.

Sold in 1-pound, 14-ounce cans, canned turkey can be served cold from the can or sliced and heated for 10 minutes in its own juices. It's especially convenient for casseroles and salads.

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, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Maryland, and New Hampshire.

There are two Noels, one in Virginia, and another in Missouri.

Looking elsewhere about the

Bells Tradition Of Many Years During Holiday

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

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

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored, family taught art, the tuneful bells ring out at seven-thirty on Christmas morning. It takes years of training and practice to learn the ringing of complex "changes" as the different chants and tonal combination are called.

A delightful legend surrounds the custom of bell-ringing at Christmas. Many years ago, so the story goes, the little town of 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.

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 cen-

tury by Bishop Pallinus of Nola, in Campania. Many ants spend the winter asleep underground. Worker ants may live as long as seven years, and queen ants as long as 15 years.

We hope your holiday scores high in fun and good cheer, and we extend the best.

We thank you for your kind patronage

Martin County Farm Bureau

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Let us add our voices to those of the young carolers here, as we wish each and every one of you the very best of the Christmas season — all the merriment it holds. And may we extend grateful thanks.

Hightower Laundry
203 WEST BROADWAY

We pause in the bustle of this jolly season to greet our dear friends and patrons with good wishes. Thank you.

Dairy Treat

OWNERS: EARL and AILEEN BLOCKER

GREETINGS

Allow us this moment, to send our sincere and hearty thanks and best wishes to all our friends and neighbors, whom we have served with pleasure and pride throughout the year. May the best of holidays be yours.

Currie's Little Store

EAST HIGHWAY 80

Merry Christmas

May the essence of Christmas once again fill your heart and home with peace and lasting serenity.

To all our faithful and steadfast patrons, we wish the very best at the holiday season.

Sheila's Dress and Beauty Shop

Daylene Baugh Lila Flanagan Evelyn Stone

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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Story Of The Nativity Never Grows Old

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

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

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

At Christmas, as Christians everywhere celebrate the birth of Christ in church and home devotions, the story of the Nativity is told and retold — but it never grows old. Always, the well-remembered words of two of his disciples, Matthew and Luke, seem to

resound with renewed meaning and inspiration, bringing to all some measure of that awe and wonder experienced by the shepherds and the wise men, long ago.

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

St. Francis Planned For First Creche

In the miracle of the manger, in the Madonna and Child, mankind sees an ever present reminder of the love of God, and glory and promise of Christmas. Each year as Christians return in heart and spirit to Bethlehem and the manger, the joyous message lives anew in cities, churches, and homes, manger scenes symbolize once again the birth of a holy Child.

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

As the people of the town gathered about the manger, the first Christmas carols were sung — joyous songs in honor of the Saviour's birth.

St. Francis felt that, through the manger scene and the cheery Christmas songs, even the humblest member of the congregation could participate more fully in the observance of Christmas.

Re-Creating The Nativity In Art, Song

Through the years, the meaning of the manger has been enriched by hundreds of thousands of reverent recreations.

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

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

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.

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

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

Give Professional Touch To Wrapping Gift Boxes

Ribbons and designs on gift packages are wonderful "icing on the cake" . . . but they look best when the paper is smoothly and attractively wrapped around the box.

Here are the steps a professional used in wrapping packages:

Place the paper face down on the table. Put the box, upside down if possible, on the paper. Place it so the design will show to the best advantage when the package is wrapped around the box.

If the box cannot be turned upside down, cut the paper about 1/2" wider than is needed and turn the raw edge under. Arrange so that the overlaps will come under the ribbon or trim you plan to use.

Cut the paper wide enough

to go around the box and overlaps 1 1/2 in. (less for a very small box) and long enough to extend a little more than half the depth of the box at the ends. This extending length will have to vary slightly according to the shape of the box, and should be a trifle more for a deep box than for shallow one. Don't scrimp.

Bring the paper up over the sides overlapping as near the center of the box as possible, and fasten with tape.

Finish one end at a time. Fold the side in smoothly. Fold the top, which is to be the bottom of the package, down first, then bring up the fold that is on the table up over all the folds, securing with tape or sticker.

Turn the box over. You are now ready to add your own special trims.

Bake Christmas Breads In Pretty Candy Canes

Perky, pretty Candy Cane Christmas Breads are delicious, with lots of holiday goodness baked in.

Here is the wonderful flavor or aroma of sweet yeast bread accented with the sharp sweetness of fruit preserves. It's shaped like canes and decorated with candy stripes.

Candy Cane Yeast Bread
1 package yeast
1 1/2 cup lukewarm water
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup water
1 egg
4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 cup instant nonfat dry milk (in dry form)
1 cup preserves or jelly
3 cups sifted powdered sugar
1/4 cup water

In a 3-quart bowl, dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup lukewarm water. Add melted butter or margarine, sugar, salt, egg and 3/4 cup water. Sift flour and non-fat dry milk together. Add gradually to above mixture and beat until smooth. Knead dough until smooth and place in a greased bowl. Lightly

grease top of dough.

Allow to rise in a warm place about 1 1/2 hours or until about double in volume. Punch dough down and divide into three equal parts. Roll each part into a 15x6-inch rectangle. Place on greased cookie sheet. With scissors, make cuts from outer edge of 15-inch side 2 inches deep at 1/2-inch intervals. Spread 1/3 cup preserves or jelly down center of each rectangle. Crisscross strips across filling.

With a spatula under one end, curve dough to form a candy cane. Bake at 375 F. (high moderate) oven for 12 to 15 minutes. While warm, glaze with a mixture of powdered sugar and water. If desired, sprinkle with cut-up nuts or maraschino cherries. Makes three Candy Cans.

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 condensed soups and 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 pies — a pair of tinkly bells, a colored ball, etc. Group the pies around a brightly glowing candle on 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 bowl from two frozen condensed soups, bright yellow corn and is a chowder which finds itself at home in your best tureen. Here is the recipe:

Yule Chowder
10 1/4-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
2 tsp. chopped parsley
4 drops Tabasco

In saucepan, combine all ingredients, heat. Stir now and then. Makes 4 to 5 generous servings.

Get In Step For Christmas

Make Christmas a "mistle-toe time" — rather than a "mashed toe" time — by shopping in well-fitted shoes, suggests Fannie Brown Eaton, Texas A&M University extension specialist in clothing.

You can breeze through to Christmas Eve without a whimper if you choose proper fitting footwear, she adds.

This season's shoe styles will happily fall in with your plans for pain-free shopping sessions, spokesmen for Leather Industries of America have emphasized. There are smart lightweight leather boots, booties, pumps, ghillies and other styles to put both fashion and comfort on busy feet.

Leather's unmatched moldability assure shoppers a shoe custom-formed to the foot's contours. Since it is an animal covering, leather has pores which permit continuous intake of fresh air and expiration of moisture.

Fashionwise, the American woman is happily in bondage to the boot. While new style and leather put chic in her shopping, shearing linings take the shivers out. Leather boots braving the battle of buyers include youthful below-calf "Courreges" boots — in white and colors; slim knee-high boots in suede of smooth leathers, and dashing booties in a variety of leather textures ornamented with cuffs, fringe, buttons or lacing.

A new grained leather provides a special stain-resistant finish to boots as an extra measure of easy care. Mud marks can be wiped away with a damp cloth.

The latest in leather walking shoes are well-equipped to weather the shopping wars. Ideas fresh from the designer's desk are found in lovely pumps of hand-stitched or antiqued leather, mid-heeled T-strappers, two-textured slip-ons and gay ghillies and

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. Christ's birth, however, is another matter.

What is Christmas like in Bethlehem? There's generally no snow, other tie-types.

So, if you don't have a pair of comfortable walking shoes, make the shoe store your first stop as you shop. With your mind off your feet, your gift buying will become a more pleasant task, Miss Eaton emphasizes.

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

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



We take this opportunity to wish every one of you a truly beautiful holiday. We enjoy serving you.

Merry Christmas.

Judy Thompson Lana Hale
Maxine's Beauty Shop
756-2131

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 sensible 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 gift-giving.

Make Old Toys Look Like New

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

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

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

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

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.



It's Christmas, and we're so glad to chime in with our own good wishes to you, your family and friends. For your loyal patronage, accept our warm thanks. We shall continue in our sincere endeavor to please you, our dear customers.

West-Texas Compress and Warehouse Company



The smiles of young carolers reflect the warmth of this joyous holiday season. Permit us to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and to extend our sincerest appreciation for being wonderful customers! Thank you!!

Franklin Gulf Service Station
308 West Front 756-2371



Greeting's

From all of us to every one of you, may we offer a sleighful of the best holiday greetings and a sincere thank you for all your kindness.

Stanton Variety
LEONA THOMAS
JUANITA HULL LYDIA VILLA

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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Stained Glass Sheds Radiance For Celebration Of Holy Day

Biblical stories and personages come to life in a blaze of color. Light and color combine to create an ever-changing mosaic. From dawn to dusk, patterns vary with the light. Designs seem to live and move as colors change in intensity.

While Christians around the world gather to celebrate the holy festival of Christmas, these dazzling effects add to the beauty and solemnity of the celebration, as stained glass windows shed their radiance throughout the churches large and small.

The art of creating stained glass windows is ancient — known in the ages before recorded history began, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana. Yet the windows themselves seem always new. As light plays upon the colors of the glass, the living beauty of the windows is constantly renewed and reborn. Appropriately, the age-old yet ever new story of the Nativity is a favorite subject for these windows. Through the centuries, artist craftsmen have preserved the spirit of the first Christmas, in stained glass.

Thus for countless worshippers this Christmastime, the light that shines through stained glass windows of their churches illuminate the wonder of Christmas.

Colored glass helps in controlling both the amount and the quality of light admitted to buildings. And the combination of light and color forms patterns appealing and restful to the eye.

Why It Began

The "why" of using stained glass windows in churches — is simple and logical. Like all windows, they're intended to admit light and keep out wind and weather.

Traditionally, stained glass windows complement the architectural design of the building where they appear.

Today's artists don't have leads and pigments. That's one advantage they enjoy that was denied to the early artist craftsman.

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
 2/3 cup shortening
 2 1/4 cups (1 pound) firmly packed brown sugar
 2 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cut 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.

Strawberry Frosting
 2 tablespoons quick strawberry milk-flavoring mix

Blend into cream mixture. Stir in nuts. Divide dough into two equal parts (about 2 1/4 cups each).

Santa's Strawberry Blondes
 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 three 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. Cook on rack. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

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 pipe cleaner dust, and a bottle of colorless nail polish.

Form a cone by rolling the chicken wire from end to end.

1 tablespoon milk
 1 cup sifted confectioner's sugar divided
 2 tablespoons softened butter or margarine
 Dissolve strawberry milk-flavoring mix in milk. Beat 1/4 cup of the sugar with the butter. Beat in the milk mixture alternately with the remaining sugar.

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 thicknesses 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE LEGENDS

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

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

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

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

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

Santa Claus Starts With Stocking Up

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 sifted 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.

The Stanton Reporter wishes express to its new and old subscribers, a Very Merry Merry Christmas. May the new year be a happy one for all of you!

NAMING CHRISTMAS

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

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


GREETINGS

May your home be warmed by the spirit of the Christmas spirit. And to our loyal patrons and neighbors we extend our thanks.

CLAY'S UPHOLSTERY
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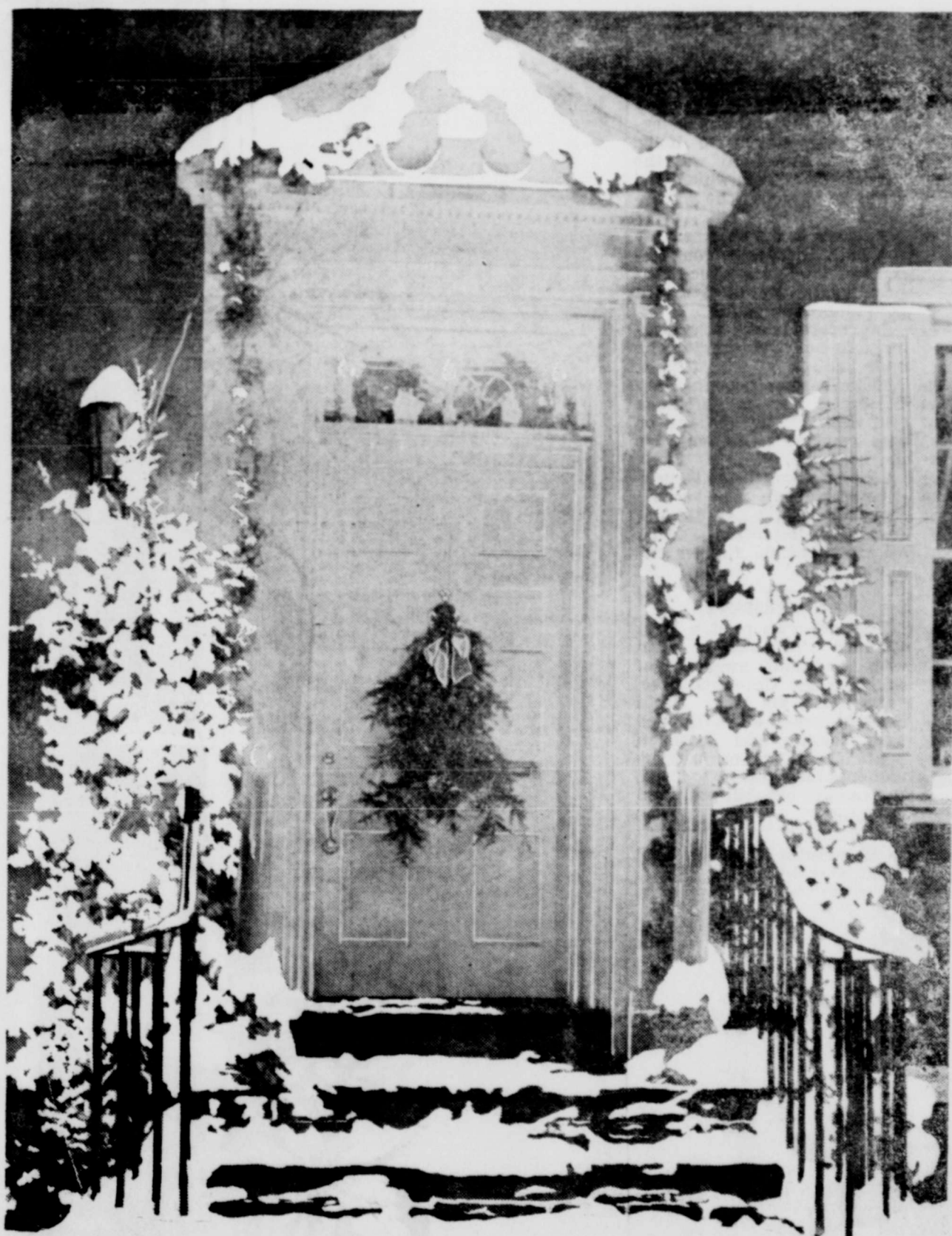
GREETINGS

At this festive time of year it is our tradition to express the gratitude we feel for the privilege of serving our fine customers and friends.



White Motor Co.

201 E. ST. ANNA756-3321



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!

Stanton Walgreen Drug

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

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FLAVORFUL

Three Pies For Holiday Enjoyment

Here are three holiday pies that are deliciously different and intune with the season. Chess pie is from old England, while the spicy nut-raisin pie and the vinegar pie are early American. The unique flavors are perfect for the Winter holidays. Try them on your family and friends and be prepared to serve second helpings.

Prepare your favorite pie shell recipe and then select one of the following fillings:

NUT-RAISIN PIE

- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 pound butter
- 1 cup mixed nuts (pecans and walnuts)
- 1 cup steamed seedless raisins
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar

Separate egg yolks and white. Cream together egg yolks, butter, and sugar. Mix nuts, steamed raisins, vinegar, nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and salt, and add to egg yolk mixture. Beat egg whites stiff and slowly, beat sugar into white; fold into other ingredients. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake in moderate oven, 350 F., about 40 minutes. Yield: One 9-inch pie.

CHESS PIE

- 1/2 cup butter
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon vinegar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons corn meal
 - 3 eggs
- Melt butter, add sugar slowly and stir. Remove from heat. Add vinegar and corn meal and cool slightly. Beat eggs slightly and add to mixture. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake one hour. Take out of oven when filling is just set. Yield: One 9-inch pie.

VINEGAR PIE

- 2 egg yolks
 - 2 cups water
 - 1/2 cup vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract
- Combine egg yolks, water, vinegar, and melted butter. Mix flour and sugar and stir into the vinegar mixture. Add lemon extract and pour mixture into unbaked pie shell. Bake in very hot oven, 450 F., for 10 minutes. Then reduce heat to 350 F., and bake 20

Legend Of Animals At Christmastime

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

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

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

The Holly

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

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

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

In certain early yule celebrations holly represented the male and 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 decoration, and its beauty needs no further explanation.

IN GERMANY

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 440 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

to 30 minutes longer. Cool. Yield: One 8-inch pie.

PLAN YOUR CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Christmas cookies in shortening should be baked three to four weeks before the holidays and stored to develop flavor. Cookies rich in fruit, or tender soft cookies may also be baked early. Store them in an airtight container. A cut piece of apple or orange in the

jar helps keep cookies moist; change fruit frequently. Rich butter cookies are best when baked shortly before using. If you have freezer space, they may be baked ahead of time and frozen.

IN NEW ZEALAND

Not all living Christmas trees are spruce or fir. In

New Zealand there's one called "Christmas tree" that doesn't even need decorating—it blossoms with its own red flowers. The tree earned its name since it blooms in December and January.

IN HOLLAND

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Rudolph would cause no

excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh.

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

A Merry Christmas to all!

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.

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.

Christmas Greetings



As voices are raised in joyful caroling, the spirit of a Merry Christmas resounds warmly in our hearts. At this most festive of all seasons, we wish you and yours the happiest of holidays. Thank you for your continued good will which indeed makes our day-to-day business a privilege and pleasure.

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Santa rings out Christmas tidings, for it's the merriest season of all! To that, add our best wishes. Thanks, loyal customers, one and all.

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