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## Towns Told Keep Guard On Rights

BY ROGER W. BABSON  
New Boston, N. H., Dec. 23—At the present time, in most states, the rural sections control the legislature. This is due to the fact that the cities, especially the large cities, have grown so much more rapidly than the small cities and rural sections, with reapportionment.

Conference Of Mayors  
As a result, the last conference of Mayors made a special drive for reapportionment. As an illustration they showed that Los Angeles and San Francisco together make up 48 per cent of the population of California and, yet, are represented by only 5 per cent of the members of the upper House of the California legislature. This means that a vote of one farmer in California is worth the vote of ten citizens of Los Angeles.

Yet, I insist that the present setup is in the interest of good Government. Rural people have better character and much more time to think and read than do large city people. The children of rural people are today supplying the best citizens for the large cities. The vote of people in small cities and rural communities should count more than the vote of the ordinary city man.

What About Relief?  
A statistician is also entitled to comment on relief as well as on population. Eighty percent of the relief money of most states goes to the large cities of said States. This especially applies in periods of unemployment. Large cities are the main source of poverty, gangsters, immorality, etc. The liquor traffic which, in my judgment, is a curse to the nation, is entrenched in the large cities. Frankly, I believe that the small cities and rural areas are the hope of America.

I surely do not believe in so-called "referendums" which are now in the interest only of the big cities. In a referendum the vote of a California farmer counts no more than the vote of a tramp in San Francisco. This is one reason why the friends of good Government are opposed to referendums. When it comes to an election to legislative and national offices, the rural interests should continue in control.

What History Teaches  
I am convinced that if our large cities had existed when the Constitution was originally drawn up, there would have been some form of "limited voting," with an examination for voters. The only reason it was not then done is because, at that time, over 90 per cent of the population were rural people of character who could be depended upon to vote for what was right.

Most big city voters are ignorant people. They know nothing about Government and are largely controlled by unscrupulous ward healers. If they wish to follow any trade, to be an electrician, house painter, or even as a barber, they must pass a stiff examination. Yet, these same men can go out and vote for City, State and Government officers without any knowledge of any form of government. If a proper examination should be given to the voters of any large city, only one in fifty would be given to the voters of any large city, only one in fifty would pass. The rural communities would have a much better record.

Let The Small Cities Beware  
Another thought: The Constitution carefully protects the rights of the States against the Federal Government; but it purposely made no mention of the rights of large cities.

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## Re-Enactment Of The Christmas Story



The above scene from the Christmas Story of the birth of the Christ Child was taken on the second night of the Christmas Pageant presented each year by the Presbyterian Church. The scene pictures the coming of the shepherds while Mary and Joseph watch over the child. The angels watch over the humble stable in which the Savior was born. (Staff Photo by Roy Hardee.)

## Farmville And Grifton Reach New Peak In Yule Decorations

### Christmas Trees In Farmville Business District

Farmville—Residents of Farmville boast the most unique and what they believe the most beautiful Christmas decorations in this section of the state. Peculiar only to Farmville is the use of over 100 six to seven foot Christmas trees which have been decorated, complete with lights, and placed along the business district.

Placed on the light poles above the Christmas trees are huge imitation candy walking canes. The canes are actually red and white striped stove pipes with big red ribbons tied around them.

The small Christmas trees and canes were added in addition to the regular overhead lights seen in Farmville each year.

But the Christmas decorations do not end there. Most of the homes have Christmas trees in the windows and a number of lawn displays have been produced.

Among the popular decorations are the door wreaths of greenery which are illuminated by spotlights situated out on the lawns.

Residents of and near Farmville have toured the town nightly, this week viewing the decorations. Farmville's big Christmas celebration was held on December 3 when Santa Claus made his visit to the community as a highlight of the first parade to pass through Farmville's business district since before the war. Santa was seated in a sleigh made from a converted jeep. Four plywood reindeer gave it a realistic touch. The parade included over 30 floats sponsored by the various business houses of the town.

Winning honors in the parade were the Farmville high school and the Fountain elementary floats. The

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### Grifton Merchants Put Big Effort Into Occasion

Grifton—This little Pitt County town is getting ready for its biggest Christmas.

And everyone had his part in making the Yule season a memorable success.

Every merchant in town joined in a few weeks ago at the Merchants Association's suggestion that they all come together to decorate the town and give Grifton its biggest Christmas ever.

Today the Christmas lights shine down the business section of the town. The stores, experiencing a last minute Christmas rush, are decorated as they never have been in the past.

Lawn shrubs are bedecked with Christmas lights and nearly every home in the community has its Christmas tree.

Citizens declare the Christmas spirit is at a peak never before experienced in this end of Pitt County. They say it all began with the history making Santa Claus parade here early in the month.

It was Grifton's first Christmas parade and it attracted between 3500 and 5000 spectators. The merchants went to a lot of expense to sponsor the floats and everything in the parade but it was the big thing that we ever had here," Ivan Bissette, local business leader, commented this week.

He spoke of the parade with pride and assured: "Yes sir, that's what we started and now we're getting ready for the biggest Christmas we ever had."

## Substitute Can Become A Star In Grand Opera

New York, N. Y., Dec. 23—(AP)—Opera, it was demonstrated today, can have a punch climax like football. A substitute can come off the bench and become a star.

Helena Braun did. The blonde, blue-eyed, young German soprano substituted in the exacting role of Brunhilde in Wagner's "Die Walkure" on four hours notice at the Metropolitan Opera Company Wednesday night when the noted Helena Traubel was stricken with laryngitis. She sang it to thunderous applause.

Today she had the promise of Metropolitan general manager Edward Johnson that there would be more appearances in the same and other Wagnerian roles.

## Took Big Share Of Tobacco Crop

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24—(AP)—A total of 103,304,641 pounds of tobacco was taken under loan during the past auction season by the Fluorocured Tobacco Cooperation Stabilization Corporation.

This was 8.47 per cent of the gross sales poundage on the five fluorocured belts. The poundage amounted to 1,220,246,912.

GRANGE CONFERENCE  
Greensboro, Dec. 24—(AP)—The 11th annual North Carolina Grange Youth Conference will be held Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 at Schley Grange near Hillsboro.

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## Pitt May Again Have Christmas Without Snow

### Prospects Poor For White Christmas Despite Arrival Cooler Weather

Even with the cooler weather which settled over this area last night and today, the people of Pitt County don't find much basis on which to found their hopes that tonight will bring them their first white Christmas in more than 10 years.

The thermometer has settled in the surprisingly high 60s in the county for the past several days, and although the unseasonably warm weather has shown signs of breaking, the weatherman is not giving any encouragement to the kids and grown-ups alike who would like for Santa to find a little snow when he rides over Pitt County tonight.

For the people of the county, however, a Christmas without snow will be nothing new. The closest Pitt has come to having a white Christmas in the past ten years was in 1942 when a three-inch white blanket settled over the area on December 16.

Mrs. Carl Maiden, local weather observer who has kept tab on the climatic condition in the county for the past several years, said Christmas has brought cold rains and windy days to Pitt County, but no snow for half a decade. During the past ten years, Mrs. Maiden said, temperatures on Christmas days in Greenville have ranged from a shivering 18 degrees to a record high of 71 degrees. This Christmas, she guessed, would strike a happy medium between the two extremes—but no snow.

The heaviest snow for the immediate vicinity in several years was recorded last February when 10 1/2 inches was recorded.

## County Jail Not To Be Forgotten

### Big Christmas Dinners Scheduled For Jail And Camp

Some 18 prisoners will hang up their stockings in the Pitt County jail tonight. There may be more than that when everyone learns of the big Christmas dinner which will be served there and at the state prison farm.

Jailer W. G. Leggett, taking time off from decorating the jail's Christmas tree, said the cooks are scheduling turkey dinner for the prisoners on Christmas Day.

"If we can't get the turkey we'll have to settle for three or four chickens," Leggett said. Either way they will have "all the trimmings," he assured.

Capt. Paul Taylor, superintendent at the state prison farm near Greenville, announced the menu for the well over a hundred prisoners being confined there. And they are in for a treat too.

One hundred and 18 turkeys will be served at the Sunday dinner. That's something like a pound of turkey per man. Aside from the usual turkey trimmings the prisoners

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## Plan Pilgrimage Under Armistice Under Armistice Procession To Bethlehem To Cross Lines Of Sentries

Jerusalem, Dec. 24—(AP)—Blinding fog blanketed the barren mountains of Jerusalem and nearby Bethlehem, but weather prophets forecast the mist may lift in time for the annual pilgrimage to Christ's birthplace.

A double procession will start from the Holy City tonight for the traditional journey to the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where a High Mass will commemorate the birth of Jesus.

The clergy and other pilgrims will take a route starting in the Hashemite Jordan-occupied, old walled city and journey through Arab territory to Bethlehem.

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## Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus

One December day in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the New York Sun:

"I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?"

The answer to Virginia O'Hanlon's question, written in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament reflecting two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.

"Yes, indeed!  
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. "In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a well covered-up reason which not the fondest man, or even the strongest of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, honest, pure, joyous, unselfish, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

## Salvation Army To Brighten Christmas

### The Ill, The Imprisoned, The Aged And The Needy Will Have A Merrier Holiday Because Of Hard-Working Group

The ill, the imprisoned, the aged and the needy all will celebrate a somewhat merry Christmas this year. Their celebration will climax with the Salvation Army's biggest annual project.

The solicitations, the familiar "miles of dimes" and the relentless work of local Salvation Army workers will bring a touch of brightness to the County Home. Pitt General Hospital, and they will filter happiness through the iron bars of the Pitt County jail and the State Prison Camp.

Maj. W. H. Stanley and his Salvation Army co-workers began the Christmas Cheer program Thursday when they visited the prison camp. Prisoners there, most of them for long terms, were given fruits and other Christmas goodies and each was presented a War Cry, Salvation Army magazine.

Today committees from the Salvation Army will go to the hospital where each patient will be visited. The patients will be given Christmas Cheer bags and copies of the Sal-

## Puts A Limit On Theft Of Candy

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 23—(AP)—Someone with a craving for candy turned burglarious in Wilmington last night, but local police said he was nice enough to limit his thieving to what would satisfy his sweet tooth.

Police Captain Coy Etheridge reported today that a Wilmington eating place had been entered last night by someone who gained admittance through a restroom.

Missing this morning was merchandise valued at five cents. The thief had taken just one bar of nickel candy.

## Squared A Debt Left In Germany

Wiesbaden, Germany, Dec. 24—(AP)—James W. Gragg of Ruth, North Carolina, squared by mail a debt he left behind when he was a soldier in Germany.

The U. S. commissioner's office here received a letter from Gragg containing some money and a request that the money be used to pay a German mechanic who had fixed his Jeep several months ago. Gragg said he was transferred out of Germany so suddenly he had no chance to pay the bill before he left.

## Medina Is Named Man Of The Year

By SHERRY BOWEN  
AP Newsfeatures Writer  
New York—Judge Harold R. Medina, who presided at the year-long trial of 11 top U.S. Communists, was "Man of the Year" for 1949. He has been so named by vote of Associated Press newspaper editors.

The court drama started Jan. 17 and did not end until all defendants were sentenced Oct. 31. Defense attorneys helped make headlines by their disruptive tactics. They kept the court in an uproar day after day, refused to heed warnings from the bench and, in the end, won jail sentences for contempt.

Judge Medina won headlines early in the trial for his patience in dealing with the lawyers. But in one hectic session he had to call a recess and retire to his chambers for a few minutes to calm his nerves.

It was not patience alone that got attention for the judge. It was also his firmness in insisting that no one, defendant or attorney, would be permitted to benefit from disorder. Warnings were followed by action. Inappropriate testimony was cut off. Side remarks were stricken from the record.

Before the trial, Medina had not been widely known. When he came to the federal bench in 1947 he gave up a \$100,000-a-year practice for the \$15,000 job. He was known as a lawyer's lawyer and had written 15 books on federal law.

When the editors voted for the leading men in special categories, they found that President Harry S. Truman was first in politics; Dean Acheson, U.S. secretary of state, led in foreign affairs; Philip Murray was top man in labor; Henry Ford II in industry; "Vernon Riffe, president of California Institution, was the leader in science, literature, Thomas Merton, a trappist monk and author of two best-selling books, was chosen. But Pina, opera basso turned music comedy star, got the nod in entertainment.

As head of the Democratic party President Truman watched it show new strength in the 1948 election. He had to deal with no spectacular political problems during the year. But he did face some turbulent disputes between factions. Many observers noted that the President "sat on the lid" without major political disruptions.

Acheson promoted more frankness in dealing with Russia during the year. Sharp comments on matters in the Russian sphere and on the cold war were common.

He took office as secretary of state in January. The Berlin blockade ended in May. The year also saw the Atlantic treaty completed. This gave the United States a defensive alliance with European countries and later Congress voted arms aid for Europe.

During the year, the State Department issued a "white paper" giving the background of the failure of the U.S.-approved Nationalists in China. Also in the talk stage are plans for U. S. aid to backward lands.

Murray won his vote as head of both the CIO and the steel workers. In steel he led the strike that won company-paid pensions for the men. In the CIO Murray led the ouster of left wing unions. He also started a drive to replace them with "right wing" unions.

This year the Scottish-born Ford was again named head of the CIO, which he has led since 1944.

## Success, Or Failure?

### Reorganization Of Government Agencies For Sake Of Economy; Progress Report By One Of First, And Most Important Of Reorganized Units; Steps Taken

By Clarke Beach

Washington—Is reorganization working? It isn't enough merely to realize and consolidate the various government agencies to accomplish the purpose of the Hoover Commission—to save money and promote efficiency.

The reorganized agencies also must produce results. A progress report has now been turned out by one of the first and most important of the reorganized units, the General Services Administration (GSA). Jess Larson is GSA administrator.

GSA, created six months ago, is responsible among other things for the procurement, use and disposal of all supplies and personal services for the civilian agencies of the government. It coordinates its work with the military establishment, but has no authority in the military field. Larson's acts and plans up to now seem to fall generally into three categories.

1. Devising cheaper and more efficient method of doing government business.

2. Eliminating such "five percent" as get fat fees for acting as go-betweens for businessmen but whose work isn't necessary or legitimate.

3. A plan is being developed for government agencies to exchange within geographical regions any property not in use.

4. A central traffic agency now helps government offices to ship

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# Social and Personal

All items for this page received after 10 A. M. will be published the following day. Dial 5886-5 A. M. to Noon; 1 to 4:30 P. M.

Mrs. C. M. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. John Adams will have as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Earl Westbrook and daughters, Mary Ann, Carolyn and Jana, of Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Moye, Anne Moye and Milton Moye, Jr., of Tarboro, Mr. Fred Jones of Houston, Tex., and Miss Ada Ward of Washington, D. C.

Mr. G. J. Woodward is a patient in Pitt General hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Gus Forbes and family of Laurinburg will arrive Sunday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Forbes, Sr.

Cadet Philip Spiggle of Massanutten Academy, Woodstock, Va., is spending the holidays with his parents. Dr. and Mrs. Spiggle in Grimesland. He has as his guest his roommate, Cadet Bias Lemmo, of Curacasa, Venezuela.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hellen, Jr. and little son of Greensboro will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hellen.

Donald J. Haddock has returned from State College, Raleigh, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Haddock, of Winterville.

Erwin Haddock has returned from Wake Forest College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haddock of Winterville.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Bridgers and two little sons have arrived from Durham to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bridgers.

Jimmy Futrell has returned from Duke University to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Futrell.

Major and Mrs. Charles Miller and little son, Kaye, of Bloomsburg, Pa., and Will Verkerk, of Philadelphia, are house guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Keusenkamp.

Miss Adelaide Warren, of Richmond, will arrive tonight to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Warren.

Miss Mary Ruth Carter of Washington, D. C., is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott of Robersonville are spending the holidays with Mr. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scarborough and little Bill Scarborough of Hickory are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Whitehead of Elizabeth City, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson and Miss Margie Jackson of Cherry Point are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Scott.

## SOCIAL CALENDAR TODAY

1:00 p. m.—Mrs. Evelyn H. Glenn and Mrs. Tim Payne will entertain at luncheon in honor of Miss Rosalie Taylor, bride-elect.

### F. W. B. Church Services

The Free Will Baptist church will have special Christmas music rendered Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the church choir and the J. C. Moye family directed by Mrs. R. L. Taylor. The pastor's sermon subject will be "God's Gift." Sunday at 7 p. m. the young people of the church will present a playlet entitled "They Presented Gifts" under the direction of Mrs. Herman Nobles. Please notice the time of the evening service and be present for all services Sunday.

### BABY PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Coroner Griffin H. Rouse reported today that Linda Lee Jones, eight-months-old daughter of David and Thelma Jones, Negroes, died of pneumonia without the services of a physician today. The family live on the B. J. Edwards farm near Galloway's Crossroads. There will be no inquest.

### Norris Merritt Is Winner Fine Award

R. Norris Merritt, a member of the firm of V. A. Merritt & Son, Greenville, was recently awarded a Lord Eigin watch by the Walker-Martin Company, distributor for General Electric products, for outstanding salesmanship on home freezers. Merritt was one of the high men in sales of the freezer units in Eastern Carolina. The competition was keen, a representative of the company said, and Merritt made a high mark in the General Electric contest. V. A. Merritt & Son has been General Electric dealers here the past 18 years. V. A. Merritt is president of the company.

### Hunters Fined For Violating North Carolina Game Law

In Magistrate Frank Brooks' court, Elbert Pollard and J. Pollard, rural residents of the Belvoir section, were fined \$10 and costs for violating the state hunting law. District Game Warden J. O. Teel testified that the men were hunting with improperly loaded automatic shotguns. The fines and costs in each case totaled \$10. Attorney R. B. Lee, counsel for the Pollards, gave notice of appeal to the higher court.

The state game law requires that automatic shotguns be plugged so that they will not contain more than three shells.

The case against Johnny Whitehurst, charged with hunting without a license and shooting meadow-larks, a migratory bird, will be tried before Magistrate Brooks on Dec. 30.

## Annual Dance Tuesday Night

The Eastern North Carolina Club will hold its third annual Christmas dance at the Greenville Armory on Tuesday night, December 27, with Roy Cole and his orchestra furnishing music for the occasion.

The dance, which will begin at 10 p. m. and last until 3 a. m., is expected to be one of the highlights of the holiday season for more than 400 out-of-town guests who are expected to attend the affair.

Plans for the dance call for the armory to be decorated in the blue and white colors of the University of North Carolina, the institution at which the club was organized.

Roy Cole and his orchestra, a student organization from U.N.C., has played for the dance for the past two years and was the unanimous choice of the club to play again this year.

The dance, in keeping with the tradition of the previous years, will be strictly formal and refreshments will be served throughout the evening in the game room of the armory.

The organization, which was formed at the University for college students in 1947, has had great success with its dances in the past two years and, as a result, its membership has been steadily increasing. The club, which originally had members from only the cities east of Raleigh, now has members from all parts of North Carolina and some members from South Carolina and Virginia.

### James Warren Plays In Scarritt Drama

James Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Warren, Greenville, is one of the delegates from Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee, to the fourth quadrennial conference of the national Methodist student movement. The conference is to be held December 27-January 1, at the University of Illinois, Urbana. Warren is to play the central role in "Things to the Power" written by the liturgical drama class at Scarritt, which will be presented at the conference December 30.

### Erskine Duff Is Santa Claus For Greenville Elks

By CHESTER WALSH

Greenville Lodge No. 1645 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at its meeting last night, made the occasion a Christmas event after Erskine Duff, chairman of the Welfare Committee, reported that the Elks will distribute "good cheer" at the homes of 14 worthy and deserving families Christmas Eve. Elected Ruler Charles E. Blair, who presided, said Duff, chairman of the Christmas committee and his assistants had thoroughly investigated the merits of each family. Chairman Duff and other Elks will distribute the baskets Christmas Eve afternoon here and in various parts of the county.

An interesting part of the Elks Lodge Christmas meeting was that Chairman Duff reported that he and his committee had turned back to County Welfare Supt. K. T. Futrell the names of four families on their list who were not worthy of assistance. Futrell expressed appreciation for the information.

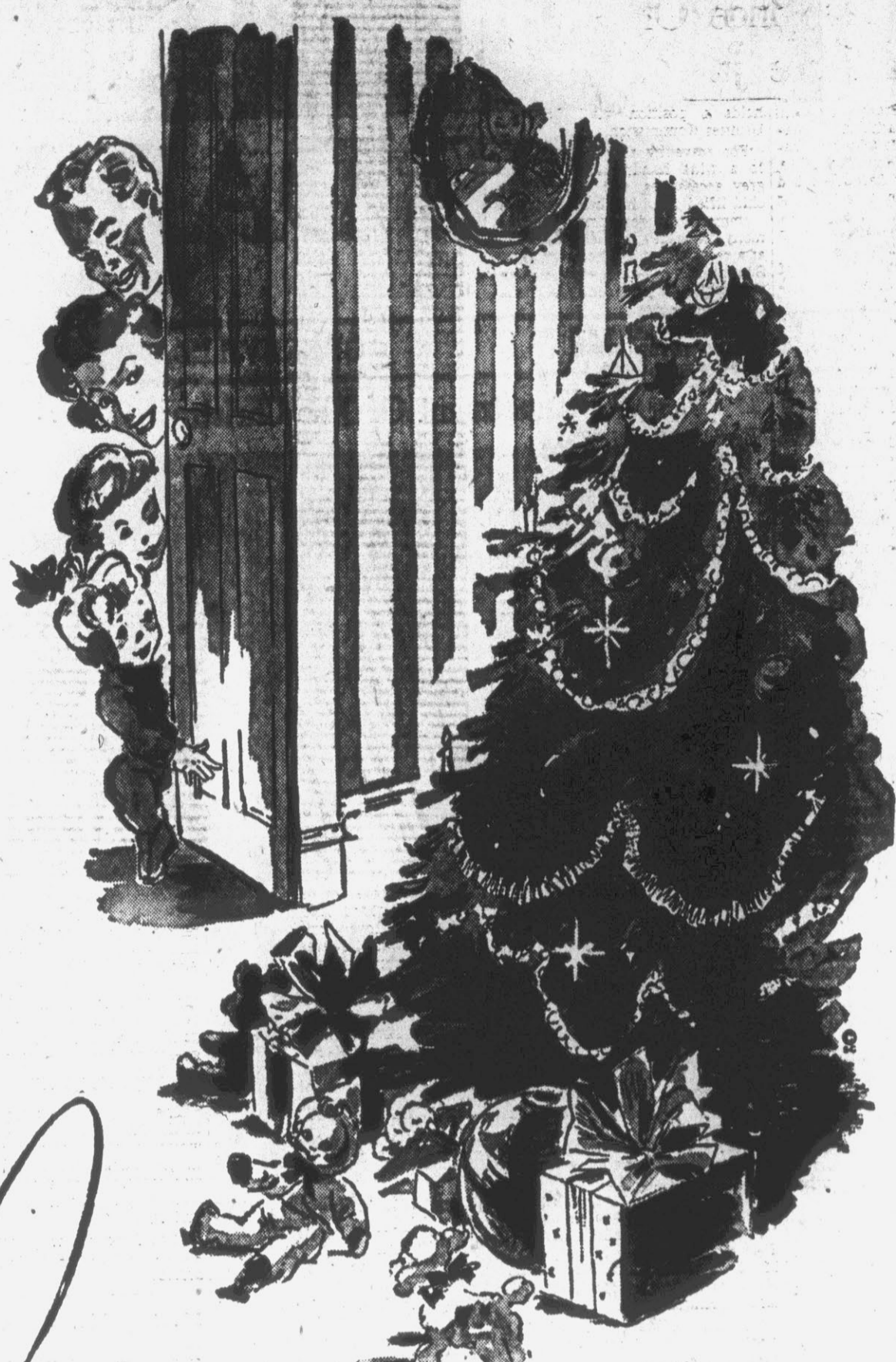
The most important social event with the Greenville Elks every year is the Christmas party on Christmas Eve, when no one is invited, but the members go out as Santa Claus and provide "Christmas Cheer" with gifts of clothing, food fuel, and so forth.

Tige Gardner announced that the Elks' annual Christmas party is scheduled for Thursday night, December 29 at 8:30 when the members and their wives and sweethearts assemble for "fellowship and mingling in a neighborly way."

The Greenville Elks each year donate several thousand dollars for charitable purposes.

**TEENAGERS**  
Schedule for teenage club every day next week:  
2:30-5:30 p. m.  
7:30-10:30 p. m.  
Big dance Friday night.

**ANOTHER TERM**  
Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 24—(AP)—R. Flake Shaw of Greensboro has accepted appointment to another one-year term on the U. S. Agriculture Department's tobacco advisory committee. Shaw is executive vice president of the North Carolina farm bureau federation.



# Christmas

Here it is . . . caught for a moment . . .  
the wonderful excitement of Christmas morn!  
Eager eyes and quick-beating hearts  
anticipate the thrill of having wishes come true  
with every opened package!  
So many of these exciting packages  
are all tied up with our gay ribbons and our best wishes  
that your Christmas be everything beautiful . . .  
everything happy!

## BLOUNT-HARVEY

"Eastern Carolina's Shopping Center"

*A Christmas Wish*

May the joyful pleasures of your Christmas Holiday become the core of happy memories for the coming year!

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

The season of hope and good cheer is at hand, and to friends and neighbors we send our sincere greetings.

**Hendrix-Barnhill Equipment Company**

# Kathleen Bratha Reagan Becomes The Bride Of Ray Carl Abee Jr.

Miss Kathleen Bratha Reagan, daughter of Mrs. Bratha Mott Reagan and the late Mr. Reagan, became the bride of Ray Carl Abee, Jr., son of Mrs. Roy Carl Abee and the late Mr. Abee in a candlelight ceremony on Sunday, December 18, at four o'clock in the afternoon in the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Reverend J. A. Nelson, pastor of the bride officiated using the double ring ceremony. A program of nuptial music was rendered by Mr. Leon Fleming, Jr., organist, and Mrs. Moye Dall, soloist. Mrs. Dall sang "Because" by de Harlelot and "I Love You Truly" by Carrie Jacobs Bond. "The Lord's Prayer" was used as a benediction.

The church was decorated with plumosus, huckleberry, oregon ferns, gladiolus, and large white chrysanthemums. Tall cathedral candles were lighted in four seven-branched candelabra with single candle stands by the kneeling bench. The pews reserved for the two families and close friends were marked with satin bows and chrysanthemums.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. Billy R. Corey, wore a gown of magnolia satin, fashioned with a sheer yoke outlined by a bertha edged in seed pearls, calla pointed sleeves and a basque bodice. The offiant skirt ended in a wide circular train. Her veil of bridal illusion was held in place by a tiara of seeded pearls. She carried a bouquet of brides roses, carnations, stephanotis, centered with a purple throated orchid.

Mrs. Billy R. Corey of Greenville, was her sister's matron of honor. She wore a gown of turquoise satin, fashioned with a portrait neckline and a full skirt worn over hoops caught up over a ruffled petticoat. She had matching mitts and carried an arm bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums tied with yellow satin ribbon. Her headpiece was of matching flowers and ribbons.

The bridesmaids were: Miss Mary Lea Abee, sister of the groom, and Miss Jane Broadwell, both of Greenville. Their dresses were of ming gold satin identical to that of the honor attendant with matching mitts and headpiece. They carried arm bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums tied with green ribbons.

Mr. Vinson Howell, Jr., of Greenville, attended Mr. Abee as best man. Ushers were Leslie Garner and Robert Russ, Jr., of Greenville. Waldon Williams of Morehead City and Herman Moore, Jr., of Kinston, North Carolina.

Mrs. Reagan, mother of the bride, wore a fallie dress of Bombay blue, black accessories and a corsage of deep yellow roses. The bridegroom's mother wore a dress of slate blue crepe, matching accessories, and a corsage of pink roses.

The bride graduated from Greenville High School and attended East Carolina Teachers College. She now holds a position with the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Mr. Abee graduated from Greenville High School and attended East Carolina Teachers College and now

holds a position with Greenville Utilities Commission.

For traveling the bride changed to a wine handmacher suit with grey accessories, and wore the orchid lifted from her bridal bouquet.

Immediately following the ceremony the bride's mother entertained at a reception at her home on South Summit Street, which was decorated with white chrysanthemums, carnations, and tapers.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Haynes greeted the guests and introduced them to the receiving line composed of Mrs. Bratha Mott Reagan, Mrs. Roy Carl Abee, Sr., the bridal couple, Mrs. Billy R. Corey, Miss Mary Lea Abee, and Miss Jane Broadwell.

In the dining room an artistic arrangement of white baby mums, carnations and gladiolus centered the table which was covered with a handmade lace cloth. Silver holders with tall white tapers tied with baby mums and bonbon dishes filled with decorated mints and salted nuts were placed at intervals. Mrs. William M. Shelton, assisted by Mrs. E. J. Steinhoff and Miss Doris Broadhurst served lime ice punch and bridal cakes.

Mrs. Vinson Howell, Jr., invited the guests to the gift room where Miss Annie Laurie Askew presided at the register.

Out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Major and Mrs. W. M. Shelton and Lynn, of Columbia, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Steinhoff, Miss Mary Jo Steinhoff, Miss Jackie Steinhoff, and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Steinhoff of Carolina Beach, N. C., Mrs. R. R. Jernigan and Mrs. Edmund Loftin of Mt. Olive, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cannon, Jr., of Ayden, N. C., Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Everhart, and Miss Nancy Everhart of New Bern, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Ward Williams of Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Miss Dorothy Manning of Williamston, N. C., Mr. Eric Whitchard of Stokes, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Williams of Morehead City, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore of Kinston, N. C., Miss Ethel Elks of Grimsland, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Harris W. Haskett, Harris, Jr., and Margaret, of Wilmington, N. C., Mr. C. C. Fleming and Miss Sylvia Turner of Jamesville, N. C., Miss P. Fleming of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bullock and Miss Elsie Seago of Rocky Mount, N. C., Mr. J. R. Russ, Sr., of Washington, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bulard, of Kinston, N. C.

Miss Bratha Reagan and Mr. Carl Abee, Jr. were honored on Friday evening, December 16, when Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Briley entertained informally at their home on Harding Street from 8 to 10 o'clock. Miss Reagan was presented a corsage of white carnations upon arrival. Callers were greeted at the door by the host and hostess and honor guests. The Christmas decorations were used on the mantel, table, and tree in the living room. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Corey invited the guests in the dining room. The

Mrs. Roy Carl Abee



buffet was covered in evergreens flanked by lighted tapers and centered with a lovely bride doll. The chandelier was showered with silver bells and white ribbons. The table was covered with a Madeira cut work cloth and centered with an arrangement of white carnations and roses in a silver bowl flanked with lighted tapers. Mrs. B. M. Reagan, mother of the bride-elect, and Mrs. R. C. Abee, Sr., mother of the groom-elect, served punch. They were assisted in serving salted nuts, mints, dainty candies, cheese wafers and decorated cakes by Miss Mae Briley.

On Saturday evening following the rehearsal Mrs. R. C. Abee, Sr., Miss Mary Lea Abee and Major and Mrs. W. M. Shelton entertained informally at their home on Chestnut Street honoring the Abee-Reagan wedding party and out of town guests.

The living room was decorated in keeping with the Yuletide season. In the dining room a color scheme of green and white was used. The dining table was covered with an Italian cut work cloth which held an arrangement of baby mums, lighted tapers in silver holders and a three tiered wedding cake. After the bride and bride-groom elect had cut the first slice, Mrs. J. A. Nelson served

## Rules Radio Can Break Contract

Boston, Dec. 24—(AP)—Can a radio station break a contract for a broadcast?

A Federal Judge ruled yesterday a station has that right if it believes a proposed program does not best serve the public interest.

## Yuletide Traffic In Area Heavier

Christmas travel through Greenville last night and today—Christmas Eve—reminded observers at the bus station that traffic of people down here in North Carolina sometimes takes on the aspect of a metropolitan center. Hundreds of persons, heading for home and a Yuletide holiday with loved ones, crowded the bus station. The Christmas spirit prevailed and the travelers were good natured.

Bus station manager John H. Smith, "here, there and everywhere," looking out for the welfare of travelers, and his assistants listened to many stories of long-time travel toward home and routed those making connections here so that they would be home in time for Christmas.

Bus drivers going into the station to "check up" many of them weary from long Christmas holiday hours, were "courtesy personified," an observing Reflector reporter records in this Christmas Eve story.

Hobnobbing with passengers on some of the buses at the station, the reporter learned that some passengers had traveled from 1,200 to 1,500 miles in order to get to their homes to celebrate Christmas.

Many had packages containing Christmas gifts. Some had small children—some, infants—heading for home and Christmas as "it used to be."

The Christmas spirit prevailed today at the Greenville bus station. Carolina Trailways and Seashore Transportation buses were passing through on exceptionally good schedules. Rickus Tours, a local bus line, was transferring through passengers to outlying stations of the county and beyond.

## Last Rites Today For Mrs. A. A. Hicks

Oxford, Dec. 23—Mrs. Archibald Arrington Hicks, 78, member a prominent Oxford family died at home here Friday morning following a several weeks illness.

Funeral rites will be conducted at 3 p. m. Saturday at the residence by the Rev. Dr. S. A. Maxwell, her pastor, and burial will be in Elmwood cemetery. An alumna of Greensboro college she was a teacher here for many years and a member of the Granville library board at the time of death.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Leslie Hummel, formerly of Wilmington, Miss Allene Hicks, of Raleigh, and Mrs. J. W. Crawford, of Oxford; a son, former Mayor W. M. Hicks of Oxford; two brothers, R. M. Minor of Oxford, W. T. Minor, of Charlotte; four sisters, Mrs. L. C. Skinner of Greenville, Miss Lillian Minor of Norfolk, Miss Allienne Minor of Greensboro, and Mrs. D. M. Moore of Oxford; and seven grandsons.

## Tyson Twins Celebrate Their Sixtieth Birthday



Leon Tyson (left) and Raymond Tyson, twin brothers of the Red Oak community, celebrated their 60th birthday at a party given in their honor at the Red Oak community building. Here they are pictured behind the table on which rested their birthday cake and many gifts which were brought them by a large number of friends. (Daily Reflector photo).

It was away past midnight on December 18th, 1889, Poor Mr. Stork was tired indeed for all day long he had been dropping "little bundles from heaven," and he still had two left.

He was almost ready to give up, when he passed over the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Noah Tyson and saw a light burning. He let go the bundle with "Leon" on the tag and went wearily on his way with the last one. He flew and he flew and about two hours and a half later he decided that he would fly back over the Tysons and leave them another one and so the bundle with "Raymond" on it was deposited gently in the same home.

They turned out to be two little black-headed hazel-eyed boys and grew to manhood in the same community.

Last Saturday the folks of the Red Oak community and many friends from far and near came together and helped these twins celebrate their 60th birthday.

A lovely birthday table with white candles and a huge birthday cake with sixty burning candles was placed at one end of the Red Oak Community building which, had been

decorated in keeping with the Yuletide season.

Another long table held all the attractively wrapped birthday presents which their neighbors and friends showered them with.

Mesdames Raymond Tyson, Leon Tyson and Bernice Causey served punch, nuts, mints and party cakes. Singing, piano and accordion music and stunts were enjoyed by all present.

Congratulations and "many happy returns" of the day were said as the twins bade the guests goodbye.

## Nickname Might Be More Useful

Torrance, Calif.—(AP)—How to abbreviate names like Paseo de la Estrella, Calle de Anda Lucia or Via Monte D'Oro? That's the problem facing city manager George Stevens who plans to install street signs in the suburbs.

Stevens figures the signs should be no more than two feet long with letters at least six inches high and proportionately wide. That only leaves room for 12 to 15 letters.

## Midnight Mass Celebrated Here

High Mass, an impressive religious service, celebrated in Catholic churches at midnight Christmas Eve all over the world, usually draws overflow congregations.

Protestants, interested in the celebration of Christmas, make up a large part of the congregation on these occasions. In the larger cities, attending Midnight Mass—whether Catholic or Protestant—is an important part of the celebration of Christmas.

High Mass will be celebrated in the two Catholic churches in Greenville Saturday night. Rev. Father Charles J. Gable will officiate at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Second Street; and Rev. Father Maurice Tew will officiate at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church on West Fifth Street.

Services begin at midnight.

## Municipal Wage Raises Slow Up

Chicago—(AP)—There has been a slowdown in pay raises for people on city payrolls.

The International City Managers Association and the Civil Service Assembly made a study of pay rates in 100 cities, and reported:

"Fewer cities gave pay raises during the first six months of 1949 than during similar periods in 1947 and 1948. Forty per cent of the 100 reporting cities raised pay rates during the first half of 1949 compared with 47 and 61 per cent for the first half of 1947 and 1948 respectively."

## Hungary Admits American Held

Budapest, Dec. 24—(AP)—The Hungarian government announced last night it had arrested Israel Jacobson, American Jewish welfare worker, on "suspicion of spying against the Hungarian state."

Jacobson, director in Hungary of the American Joint Distribution Committee, was arrested a week ago after returning here from a leave in the United States.

## Startled

Liverpool, England, Dec. 24—(AP)—George Clitherow, a Liverpool jeweler, is 70 years old. Last night a man walked into his shop, pointed a gun at him and said: "Give me the money in the safe."

"I'm an old man, anyway," Clitherow said thoughtfully. "Go ahead and shoot." The robber's jaw dropped. He did his gun. And he ran outside and rode away on a bicycle.

# Friendly Greetings

To all our many friends, we extend the wish that this Christmas be a truly Merry one, and the coming New Year a happy one!

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Belk-Tyler and its entire personnel extend to you and your family its best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. We appreciate your patronage for the year just ending and we hope your confidence and satisfied feeling will again give us the pleasure of serving you again during the coming year.

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# 'Christmas Wonderland' Presented In Show By Garden Club

## Scene Of Splendor And Beauty In Woman's Club

By ROY HARDEE

Have you ever walked into a Christmas wonderland filled with all the sparkling pretty things which you have only seen before in magazines? If not then you have never attended one of the annual Christmas Shows, sponsored each year by the Greenville Garden club.

The curtain went up on the 1949 club Christmas show at the Woman's Club Friday afternoon, December 9, revealing a combined show of splendor and beauty which is rarely found in one spot.

The main entrance of the building appeared as one big display of blue lights, nestled against silver pine and green shrubs, arranged together forming an impressive greeting from the front doorway. Quirly and Cotten Rooms

The two front rooms of the Woman's club were set aside for a display of children's art from the local schools, some of which received high praise from the visitors. The Quirly parlor housed the school art show. Several of the paintings of a young artist were so admired by a lady visitor that she promptly made an offer to the small painter, which was readily accepted by the artist.

The Cotten parlor was a typical Christmas scene lifted in detail from the home of Mrs. Sallie Southall Cotten, and contained many of the items which were of an historical interest to citizens of Pitt county.

Victorian furniture, lamps, tables, pictures and many of the other furnishings used to decorate the Cotten room were taken from the Cottendale home and used in setting up the room in the club.

Included in the display in the room was a picture of Mrs. Cotten when she was married and a picture taken later with her three children.

**Tables for All Occasions**  
Hundreds of items, suited to all types of home and occasions for use in decoration during the holiday season were on display everywhere. There were tables laid in silver, china and crystal and tables on which only things obtainable at the five and ten cent stores were used. Arrangements for material varied from paper cutouts to alabaster madonnas, from pop corn strings of

1890 to the aciform of today. Christmas trees as high as twelve feet decorated in notes of music and gay strings of lights, flanked the mantel and fireplace in the main room of the building.

Small Christmas trees trimmed with dried seed pods, and colored in gay colors, offered a variety in tree decorations. The trees were prepared by the city school children.

There were swags, mantels decorated in a variety of ways, party favors, and placecards. Hundreds of people paused to study the table filled with dozens different kinds of Christmas sweets, and many found ways of adapting foods to the season theme. Notebooks carried in the hands of the many visitors were much in evidence as people wandered through the building observing the many Christmas ideas and displays.

**Attracted Large Crowds**  
Not only local people were present for the Christmas show which has gained in popularity since its beginning, but many out-of-town persons were noted among the crowd which swelled the Woman's Club during the Christmas showing.

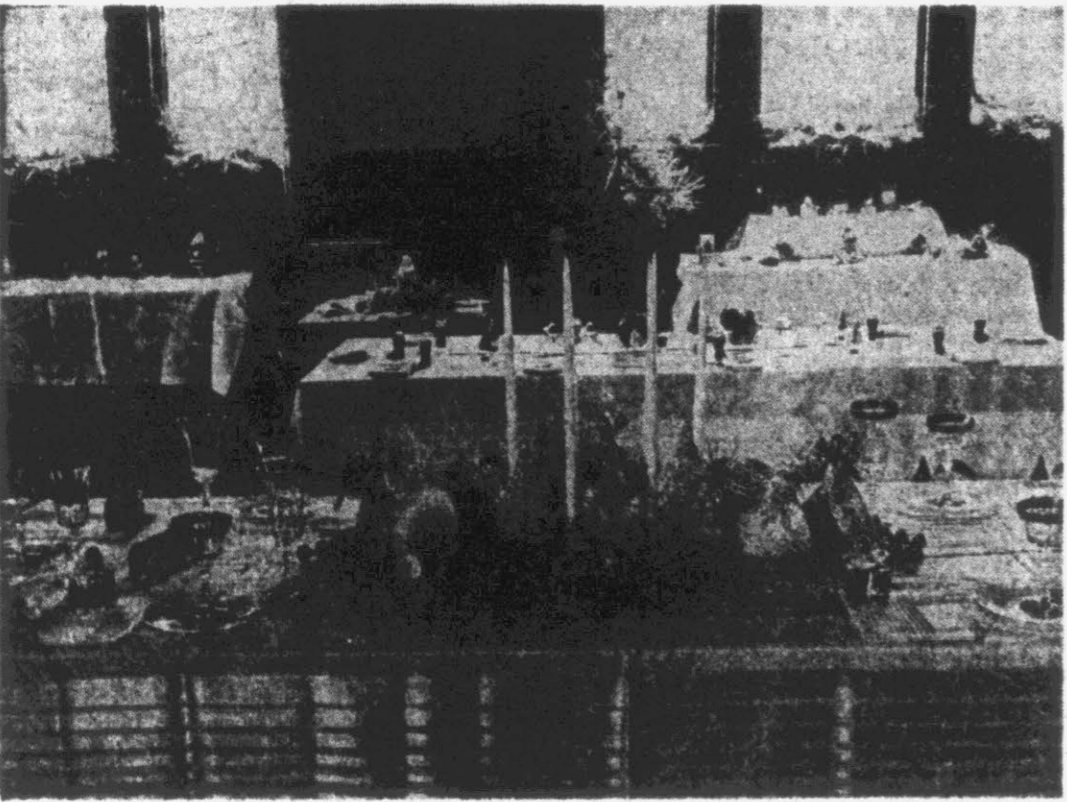
This year for the first time the Garden Club was aided in the fixing of the displays by other social clubs in the city.

All during the show the patrons were treated to Christmas carols sung by students of the various city school choirs. Mrs. Glenn Scott at the solovax played many carols in the evening during the show.

**Clubs and Displays**  
The clubs and the displays which they sponsored are as follows: porch and balcony, Business and Professional Women; front door and vestibule, Literature department of Woman's Club; arch and stairway, Altruism; Sallie Southall Cotten parlor; End of the Century; Rosa Quirly parlor, Clio-School Participation; large mantel, the Ladies of the Round Table; large Christmas trees, Thalian; adult trees, Sans Souci; children's tables, Junior Woman's Club; swags, Chatham; windows, Athenium; background, Cosmos; favors and placecards, Lector; packages, Aries; sweets, Inter Se; special arrangements and mantels, American Home Department of Woman's Club.



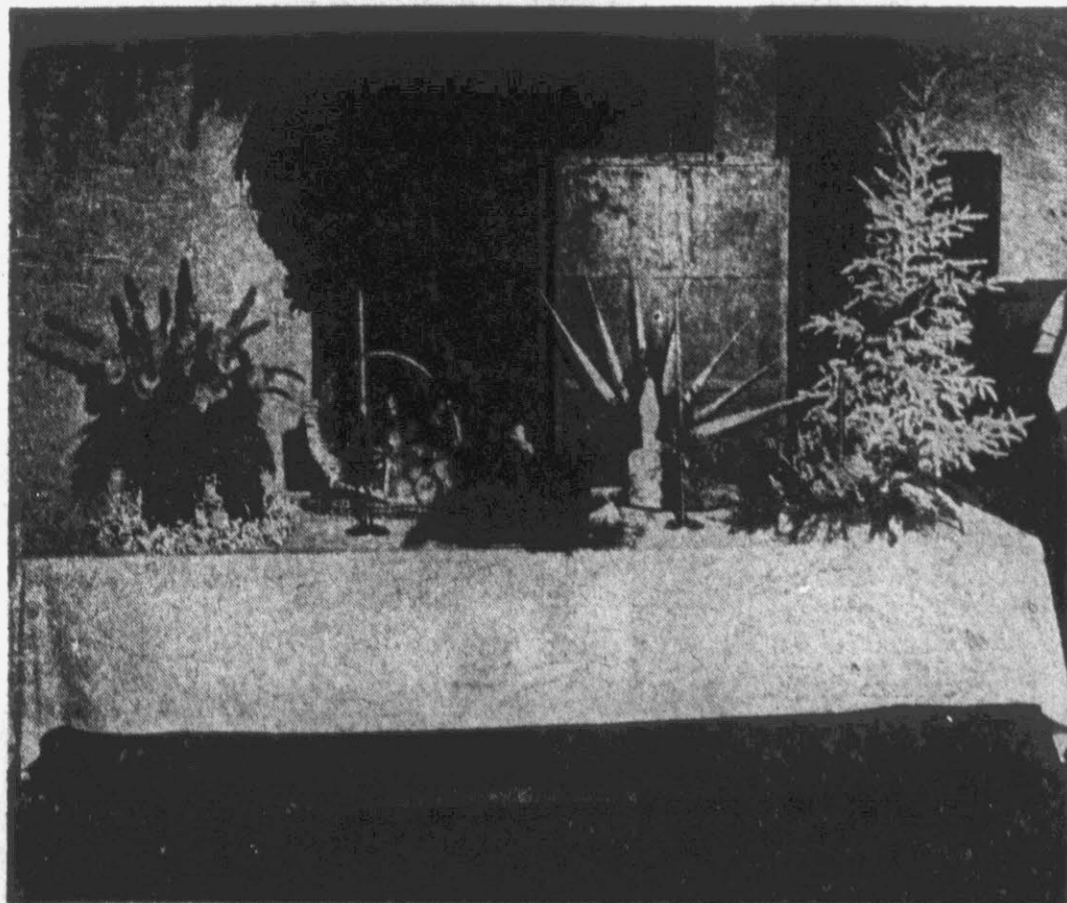
The formal table of silver and plate settings above was displayed by the Sans Souci Book club in the annual Garden Club Christmas show which opened in the Woman's Club building on December 9th.



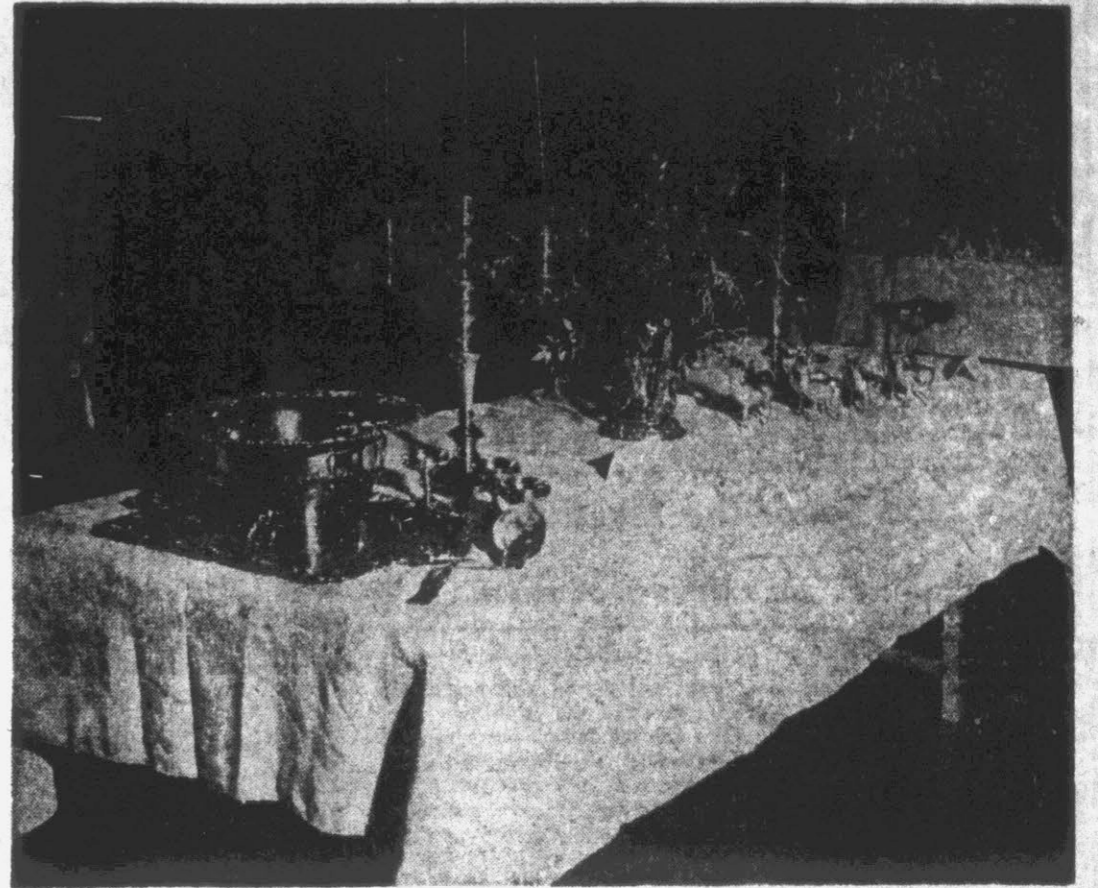
In the foreground is the bride's dessert table prepared by the Sans Souci Book club. In the background may be seen the children's tables which were made up by members of the Junior Woman's club.



Above is shown the Sallie Southall Cotten room, decorated by the End of the Century club, depicting a typical Christmas scene in the days of Sallie Southall Cotten in her home at Cottendale. The furnishings were taken from the home and placed in the room according to the way they appeared in the original setting. On the back wall may be found a picture of Sallie Southall Cotten.



Flowers of all types were on the special display table which was devoted to special arrangements of Christmas flowers. The American Home Department of the Woman's Club arranged the display.



Shown above is one of the many table displays of silver which made up a part of the show sponsored by the Greenville Garden Club. The arrangement, a Christmas punch table, was prepared by the Sans Souci Book club, which helped the Garden Club with its annual project this year.



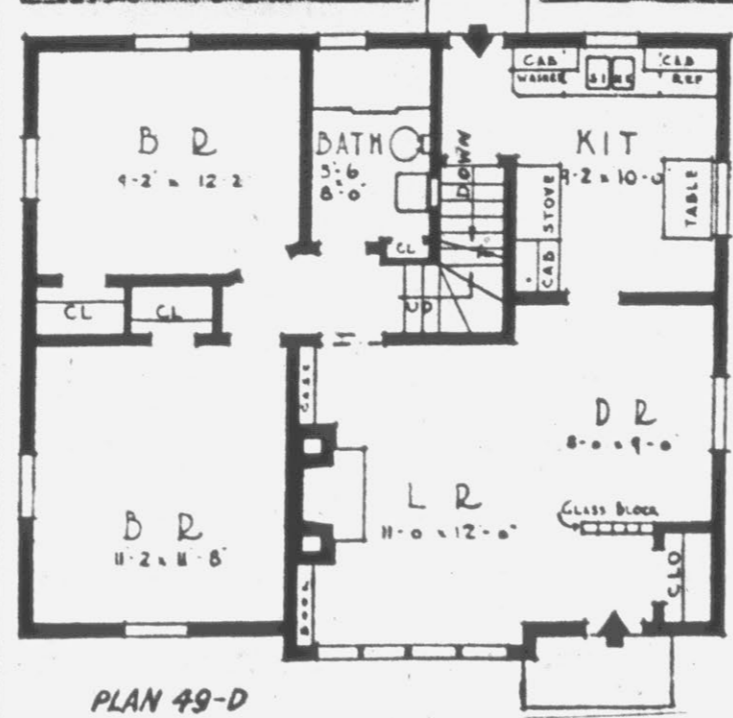
The eyes of everyone who entered the main show room were focused on the fireplace and mantel at the back of the room. Two, tall graceful fir trees, donned with musical notes and covered with colored lights flanked the fireplace. A large sheet above the mantel beamed out a cheery welcome to all who entered. The display was prepared by the Ladies of the Round Table. (Staff Photos by Roy Hardee).



This striking Christmas morning breakfast table in the above photo was arranged by members of the Sans Souci Book club.



One of the displays which drew the largest crowds was that of the table of Christmas sweets, prepared by the Inter Se club, and the mantels decorated by members of the American Home Department of the Woman's Club. The sweets featured many styles of preparing various Christmas foods, while the mantels offered two forms of making a pretty setting above the fireplace.



**AP Newfeatures**  
ECONOMY without skimping is the keynote of this plan for a small house with complete basement and expansion attic for additional rooms. This is plan 49-D by A. Raymond Ellis, architect, 967 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, Conn., who developed it from the basic "economy house" idea of covering an area of only 768 square feet. The architect contends that inclusion of a fireplace adds enough attraction and comfort to a living room to offset the cost of this feature.

By DAVID G. BAREUTHER  
AP Real Estate Editor

The "Economy House" has grown up. It was born last spring as a little basic cottage to meet the demand for a modern home within the reach of most family budgets. But when people saw it, they wanted this and that added, so during the year it began to grow.

Launched with the blessing of the Government's Federal Housing Administration, the "economy house" was championed by builders who saw it as private industry's challenge to public housing. The National Association of Home Builders backed it.

It was a house with a ground area of 24 by 32 feet, or thereabouts, covering 768 square feet. This was enough to accommodate two bedrooms, kitchen, bath, living room and dining alcove. Where local building codes permitted, the house was built without a basement. Where buyers' acceptance permitted, the roof pitch was lowered to save further costs.

But as the year went on, and needs for growing families were expressed, expansion attics and basement storage space came into demand. Because of the preference for basement heating plants in northern states, the first enlargement of the basic plan provided a cellar.

first to point out the shortcomings of the basic "economy house." He found that enlarging a minimum house by 20 percent to add an extra bedroom would increase total costs by only 10 percent.

Now Ellis has designed a "full grown economy house." Working with the same basic plan of 768 square feet and two bedrooms, the architect has planned a house with complete cellar, heating system and recreation or hobby space.

"The living room is made more attractive and comfortable," he explains, "with a wood burning fireplace and bookcases at each side of it. The roof is high enough to add two chambers on the second floor, or one of these can be left unfinished as a storage attic."

The architect points out that in localities where the basic "economy house" could be built for less than \$7,000, and its next brother with a basement could be produced for around \$7,500, this complete six-room model can be built for less than \$9,000.

"This compact six-room plan," he says, "combines all of the popular features of larger houses and is attractive and modern in all details. Any type of heating plant can be used as well as different materials without making the cost too high. It is designed to meet FHA, bank and building department requirements. The combined living areas of the first and second floors are 1,150 square feet."

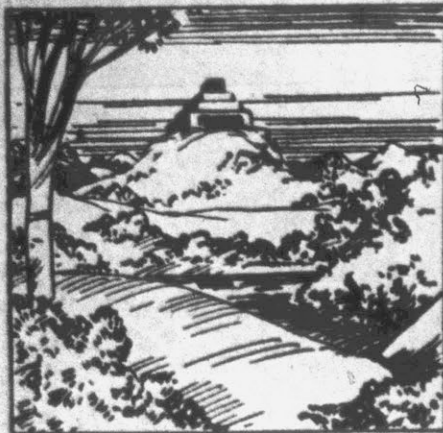
A. Raymond Ellis, West Hartford, Conn., architect, who formerly served with the FHA, was among the

God Sends the Messiah

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:1-7; 11:1-9; Jeremiah 33:14-18; Luke 2.



Isaiah prophesied that at the last the Lord's house should be established on the top of the mountain, and that all nations should come to worship there.

Again Isaiah prophesied that the people that walked in darkness should see a great light, and it would shine on those that dwelt in the shadow of death.

There would come a time, said Isaiah, when the wild beasts should dwell in peace with the domestic animals—"and a little child shall lead them."

When the shepherds had gone away, Mary thought of all that had happened and "pondered them in her heart."

MEMORY VERSE—Luke 2:10-11.

God Sends the Messiah

ANGELS HAIL HIM AS PRINCE OF PEACE

Scripture—Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:1-7; 11:1-9; Jeremiah 33:14-18; Luke 2

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

AT THIS TIME in world history, when people everywhere are troubled about many problems, it is sweet to recall the story of Jesus' birth, when hope was given that peace would eventually come to all people.

It is a story that is old but ever new. Every year we re-read it and gain a feeling of joy and hope that peace may be realized in spite of present conditions of unrest and fear for the future.

The first part of our lesson refers us to the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah, which were uttered several hundred years before Christ's coming to earth. Isaiah said:

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

In the first verse of this chapter of Isaiah, Zebulun, Naphtali and Galilee are mentioned. The northern part of Naphtali was inhabited by a mixed race of Jews and Gentiles of the Phoenician race, which bordered on it. It

poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth."

Jesus did indeed come "out of Galilee"—in Bethlehem—a descendant of the line of David. He did not judge "after the sight of His eyes, neither decide after the hearing of His ears." In dealing with people Jesus dispensed judgment with understanding of those who were brought for judgment—not as common men judged them. He "judged the poor with equity" which is not always the case in modern courts.

We all know the story of the Holy Birth. Joseph, being of the line of David, was obliged to go to Bethlehem from the town of Nazareth, where he lived, to be taxed, according to a recent decree.

There, because they could find no better place to spend the night, the Babe was born in a manger—or cave—in the court of the inn. Mary wrapped the newly born child in the usual outfit for a Jewish baby—swaddling clothes—and laid Him down to sleep.

"And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night

MEMORY VERSE

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:10-11.

was contemptuously called "Galilee of the Gentiles," by southern Jews of purer blood.

However, it was in Galilee that Jesus carried out most of His ministry, and most of His apostles came from Galilee. He was born there.

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The predictions for the coming of the Messiah were always that He should come as a child; not as a grown man.

Again Isaiah prophesied: "And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit."

"And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah."

"And His delight shall be in the fear of Jehovah; and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither decide after the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness shall He judge the

over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them: Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: or there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

"And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased."

Even as you and I would have done, the shepherds betook themselves to Bethlehem, found the Child, worshipped, and went away, telling everyone of the wondrous thing they had seen and heard.

And the Babe slept peacefully in His humble bed, and His mother, Mary, doubtless watched Her beautiful Child and pondered on the circumstances of His birth—the angels and the shepherds—and kept these things close in her heart—as mothers will.

Home In Ashes, Friends Raised Fund For Family

Charlotte, Dec. 24 (AP)—Christmas came early for the Robert Short family of the Indian Trail community near Charlotte.

When Mrs. Short returned from her work at a Charlotte hosiery mill Monday night she found her home in ashes. Everything except four pieces of furniture neighbors had managed to save was destroyed.

While Mrs. Short was at work and her husband on his job with a lumber company they had left

their two small children in the care of a neighbor.

Friday, her co-workers presented Mrs. Short a purse of \$700 and many gifts for every member of the family. They decided to take up a collection Tuesday morning and company officials matched their efforts to make up the purse.

Theft Suspects To Face Trial

Greensboro N.C., Dec. 24 (AP)—Two Kansas City men implicated in the theft of \$148,683 in bonds, jewelry and cash from Belk's Department Store safe here last Sunday will be tried in Guilford County

The Golden Text



The angels and the shepherd.

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:10-11.

Superior Court next month.

The defendants, John Murray Gould, 38, and John Radazzo, 35, waived a preliminary hearing. They were ordered held in \$25,000 bond each for trial at the Jan. 9 term of Superior Court.

Guns For China Request Denied

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—The State Department has announced it has turned down a request from a private firm for permission to send 100,000 rifles to Nationalist China.

Officials said it was rejected because the firm had no rifles on hand and no specific source of supply for them. They said the proposal came from the Driggs Engineering Co. of New York.

Slight Drop In Wholesale Index

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Labor Department reported Friday that average wholesale prices dropped one-tenth of one per cent in the week ended Dec. 20.

The index of the Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics was 151 per cent of the 1926 average, which is considered as 100. The index was 2 per cent below a month ago and 6.8 per cent below the same week a year ago.

A favorite dish in the French province of Champagne is dandelion and bacon salad.

CHURCHES

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH Fourth and Greene Streets Rev. Richard E. Hardaway, pastor. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday school, E. R. Conway, superintendent.

11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. Sermon by the Pastor, Subject: "The Wise Men."

There will be no evening service on Christmas night.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Prayer service.

A cordial welcome to all services

JARVIS MEMORIAL METHODIST Rev. Leon Russell, pastor. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, J. H. Rose, superintendent.

11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. Organ Prelude—"The Birthday of a King," Neidlinger.

Solo—"An Old French Carol," arr. by Liddle, E. O. Parkinson, Jr. Offertory—"At the Cradle," Franck.

Sermon—"Glory to God in the Highest," pastor.

The Organ Postlude—"Hallelujah Chorus," Handel. The youth meetings and the regular evening worship service will not be held.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer service.

Saturday, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.—Open house at the parsonage.

Saturday, 11:30 p. m.—Watch Night worship service in the sanctuary.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH The Rev. Ernest H. Williams rector.

Christmas Eve service.

11:30 p. m.—Choral Holy Com-

munion. Christmas Day services.

11:00 a. m.—Holy Communion and sermon.

4:30 p. m.—Church School Christmas service and Christmas party.

Wednesday, 10:00 a. m.—Holy Communion (Holy Innocents Day).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rev. Leonard W. Topping, Minister.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. Jesse R. Moyer II, superintendent.

11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. Prelude—"Mary's Song," Note.

Solo by Allison Hearne, "O Holy Night," Adam.

Offertory—"Asleep Holy Babe," Carol.

Sermon, "The Christmas Message," the pastor.

5:30 p. m.—Special Christmas vesper service sponsored by the young people. Christmas in song, scripture and color slides.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. J. A. Nelson, pastor.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. Tyson Bilbro, superintendent.

11 a. m.—Morning worship. Message by the pastor, "The Song of the Ages." Solo by Mrs. Moyer Dail.

There will be no fellowship supper and no youth fellowship meeting.

F. W. B. CHURCH Rev. R. B. Crawford, pastor.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school, Herman Nobles, superintendent.

11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. Sermon, "God's Gift."

6:30 p. m.—League Service. 7:00 p. m.—"The Presented Gifts." A cordial welcome to all services.

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 107 West Second Street

Rev. Charles J. Gable, pastor.

10:00 a. m.—The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Confessions before Mass.

EIGHTH STREET CHRISTIAN Dr. H. G. Haney, pastor.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, Robt. S. Moyer, superintendent.

11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. 6:30 p. m.—Youth Fellowship.

CHURCH OF GOD Rev. L. I. Hare, pastor.

10:00 a. m.—Sunday School. 11 a. m.—Worship.

6:30 p. m.—Y. P. E. Service. 7:30 p. m.—Evangelistic Service—Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.—Prayer Service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Rev. Ralph R. Johnson, pastor.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. 11 a. m.—Lesson-Sermon.

Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.—Mid-week service.

The reading room is open each Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Visitors welcome.

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Third Sunday, Whorton 11 a. m.; Salem 7:30 p. m.

Fourth Sunday, Providence 11 a. m.; Grimesland 7:00 p. m.

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# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

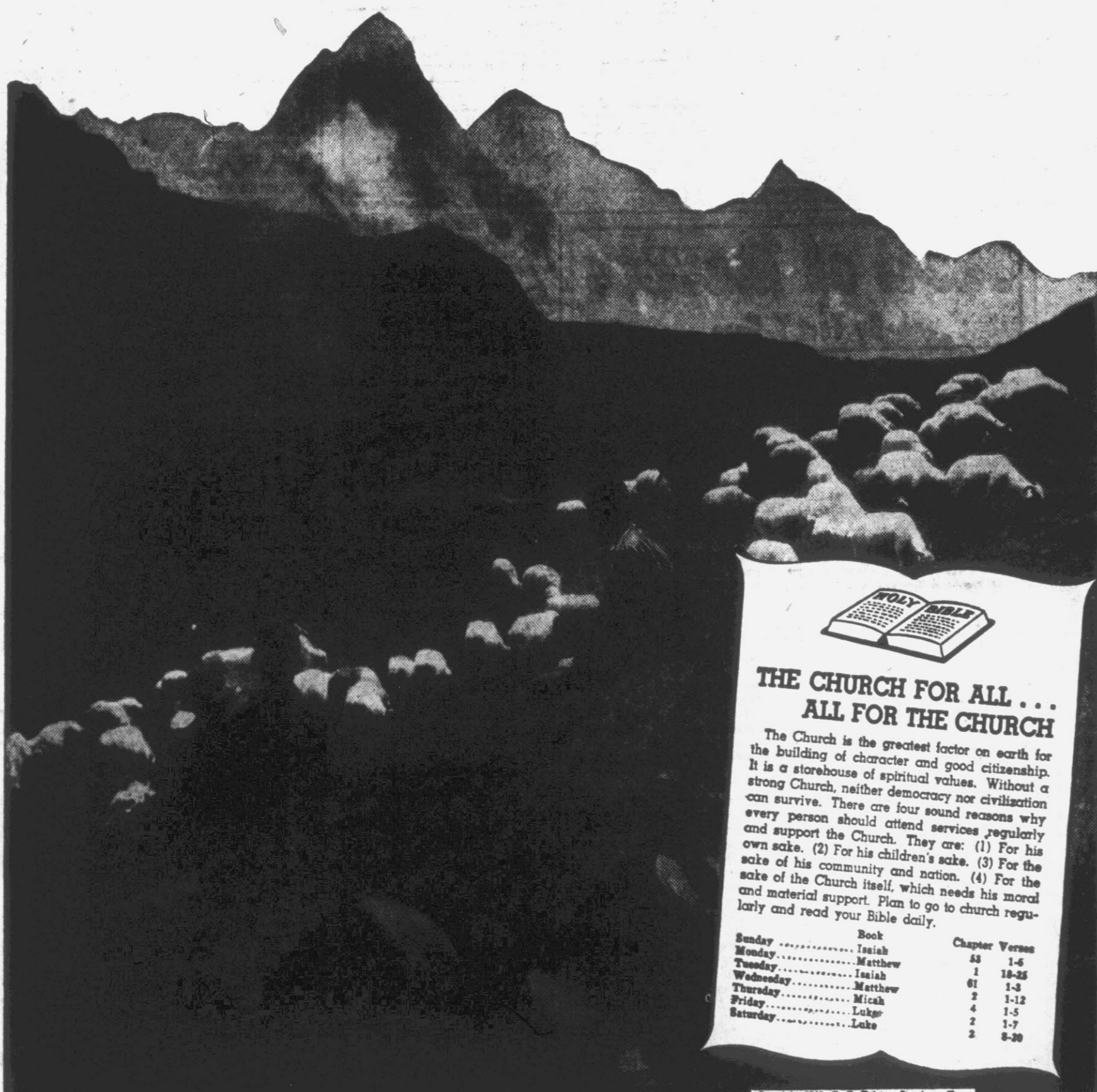
Bethlehem is a long way from the Pyrenees. And the Nativity was more than nineteen centuries ago. But shepherds have changed but little.

Shepherds are lonely men of the broad steeps. They have time to think and hope and pray. They learn to love the humble and helpless creatures of God. They are men of courage, yet men of mercy.

Perhaps that is why God chose the Shepherds to hear the Story first!

But as they hastened toward the little town to "see this thing which is come to pass" the glorious News could have meant no more to them than it can mean to every one of us.

And the King they worshipped in a humble stable, we may worship today—and always, in the churches of our community.



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Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Isaiah	53	1-6
Monday	Matthew	1	18-25
Tuesday	Isaiah	61	1-3
Wednesday	Matthew	2	1-12
Thursday	Micah	4	1-5
Friday	Luke	2	1-7
Saturday	Luke	2	8-30

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# Pitt Association To Aid Blind Reports Services

By CHESTER WALSH

The Pitt County Association for the Blind, organized here about five years ago, has a wonderful record of service to the sightless and near-sightless—hite and colored. Frank M. Brown, the association's first president, continues as its executive head.

The Greenville Lions' Club sponsored and encouraged the organizing of the Pitt County Association for the Blind and through the years has supported it in the fullest measure.

It was a Lions' Club committee, headed by Frank M. Brown, owner of the City Plumbing Company, and Paul A. Scott, owner of Scott's Dry Cleaners, which influenced the N. C. State Commission for the Blind to temporarily establish the Pre-Conditioning Center for the Blind at the old N. Y. A. Center here.

Governor Gregg Cherry was the principal speaker at the dedication exercises. He stated during his address that the Pre-Conditioning Center for the Blind in Greenville was an experiment and the first of its kind in the United States.

The State Pre-Conditioning Center for the Blind is now located at Camp Butler and its facilities have been considerably expanded, Frank Brown said today.

Miss Jennie Manning of Bethel, who has a faithful "seeing-eye" dog, is the official case worker among the blind in Pitt county. Her salary is paid by the state, county and the Pitt County Association for the Blind.

Following is a summary of services rendered to the blind and visually handicapped persons—white and colored—of Pitt County during the past year. These services were made possible by the Pitt County Association for the Blind in cooperation with the Pitt County Welfare Department, the Greenville Lions' Club, the Ayden Lions' Club and other interested organizations.

Three hundred and eight indigent persons were given eye examinations. Forty-seven persons were removed from the classification of blindness. Two hundred and twenty-four were assisted in getting glasses. Seventy-six of these were assisted by local organizations in paying for glasses. Twenty-eight were given eye operations. Twenty-three were given treatment. For thirty-three there was no recommendation for improvement of vision. Two persons were assisted in paying for artificial eyes. Transportation was provided for persons unable to pay for this service. Ophthalmologists have given unselfishly of their time and skill in helping to make these services possible.

Two hundred and fifty blind persons in the county were visited regularly in their homes and were assisted in personal and family adjustment. Some were taught to read and write Braille and were assisted in securing Braille reading material. Others were provided with talking book machines and were assisted in getting recordings of books and magazines for the machines.

Blind children were assisted in making plans to enter the State School for the Blind, and adults who had lost their vision and were interested in employment, were assisted in arranging for training and in finding employment. Persons who were unable to leave their homes for training or employment because of age or other reasons were taught occupational therapy crafts. Those interested in home industries were assisted in securing material for their work and in finding a market for their hand-made articles. Other persons were assisted in arranging for general medical care. Others were given specialized work services. Aid to the blind grants are paid from county, state, and federal funds.

There has been an increase in the number of indigent persons referred for medical eye care. During the past two months almost twice as many persons have been referred as were referred during the same period last year. Most of them have been school children whose parents are financially unable to pay for the medical treatment which they need. They will not receive this treatment unless they are assisted by other interested persons in the community.

## Ship Captains Told To Avoid Shanghai Area

Washington, Dec. 24—(AP)—The government warned American ship captains today that they may lose their licenses if they take their ships into Shanghai waters.

The State Department announced that this warning has twice been given to the skipper of the Isbrantsen Line's Flying Arrow.

The most recent warning was from American officials at Pusan, Korea, on Dec. 20.

A general warning was issued by the United States on December 17 to all shipping companies and ship masters. This said the port of Shanghai and its approaches "constitute a zone of danger" which is extremely hazardous to shipping because of the Chinese Nationalist efforts to close the port.

## Enchanted Evening



## Short of Murder

By Tom T. Ness

Chapter 31

On his way up the staircase Larry Hackett met Miss Reynolds descending it. She had on a trig, tangerine-colored housedress, its bodice redolent of gardenia perfume.

"What, no nurse's aid uniform?" he bantered.

She paused and leaned against the balustrade. "I hope my next case won't be so obstinate as my first," she sighed.

"Was I as bad as all that?" he laughed. "Well, you'll soon lose your first patient, for if Fred Staley has his way I leave here tonight."

"Must you go tonight?" she asked softly.

He looked quizzically into her dark eyes. "You want me to stay?"

Color mounted her face. "Oh, it doesn't matter—that is, uh," she faltered, "anyhow, not until after the doctor says you may go."

"Little lady," he whispered, "before I do go, there are three little words I wish to say to you, and they are these: A broad smile spread over his handsome face.

"Where's my gat?"

"How should I know?" She continued on down the staircase, saying as she went: "I must help the cook prepare dinner."

Fred Staley carried the daybed, and Hackett a roll of bedding, from their room to the master bedroom.

Hackett dropped the bedding onto the daybed, moved out of Staley's way, and producing his cigarette pack, leaned against a cathedral-back dresser. As he felt in his pocket for a catch his elbow knocked over a small silver-framed photograph on the dresser. He picked it up, and dropping his cigarettes started intently at the photograph, an astonished expression on his face.

He replaced the picture and for a full minute gazed blankly at his friend who was busying himself with blankets and sheets. Then he abruptly left the room and went quickly, silently, to the bedroom at the other end of the hall. After entering it and closing the door, he surveyed a four-piece rosewood bedroom set, several daintily upholstered chairs, including a rocker, and a profusion of small things dear to the feminine heart.

He crossed the room to an open closet door, searched among delicately scented garments depending on hangers—tailored ensembles, silky creations, fluffy boudoir gowns—and found a white, woolly polo-coat.

Seating himself in the rocker, he propped his elbows on his knees and rested his chin on his fists. His face strangely animated, he stared absently at a scatter rug under his feet, thinking—thinking so intently, in fact, that several minutes after he had sat down he was unaware of the bedroom door opening.

"What are you doing in my room?" came with startling suddenness in a challenging voice.

He sprang to his feet . . . and beheld the figure of Miss Reynolds in the doorway. "Oh, pardon me," he said ironically. "I thought I was in Florence Sayre's room."

She took several steps toward him, then halted, her dark eyes flashing angrily. "Even if it is her room, you've no right to enter it. And you must have known I've occupied it since yesterday."

"Quite right." He moved toward her. "Your statement, however, is not entirely accurate."

"What do you mean?" she demanded.

"Need I tell you?"

"What were you looking for in here?" Her voice trembled, but whether it was with fear or with anger the newsmar could not have said.

"Your revolver?"

"No—for Florence Sayre's polo-coat," he replied cryptically, with a wave of his hand toward the wardrobe closet.

She held his eyes level with her own. "You are not telling the truth," she accused him.

"I might have said the same thing of you, yesterday," he parried without removing the button from his foil.

"I've told you no lies," she countered spiritedly. He stepped close to her. "Do you mean," he said slowly, "you've not told me one untruth, particularly with regard to your name?"

"Yes, I mean it," she insisted. Hackett searched her face and found the truth in her unflinching eyes.

"Do you believe me?" she asked quietly.

"Yes," he said sincerely. "Accept my apology, please."

She went to the dresser and from one of its drawers produced a revolver. "In three little words," she said mockingly, "here's your gat."

"Thanks, little lady," he crossed the room to her, took the revolver, and put it in his hip pocket. "How did you come by it?"

"It fell out of your pocket when

the doctor and I carried you upstairs, unconscious," she explained. "And now that you have recovered it, your search is ended."

Smiling a slow smile, he did not answer.

"Oh," she suddenly flung at him, "were you looking for 'Fanshawe'?"

He gave a slight start and looked with growing surprise at two dark eyes that gazed mockingly at him.

"No," he managed to reply, "but I'd like to lay hands on it."

She regarded him soberly for several seconds; then a friendly smile played around her small mouth.

"You'll not find it in this house. Why don't you look for it in Boston?"

She quickly closed the door.

He went down the hall. He had almost gained the head of the staircase when, "Oh, Mr. Hackett!" she sang out, apparently determined to have the last word.

Turning, he saw her standing at her open door. He began to retrace his steps and was about ten feet away from her when she said: "You once had the book in your

possession, but you did not—" She broke off and emitted a peal of laughter. "It's my turn to apologize, for laughing at the queer expression on your face."

"When did I have the book in my possession?" he asked, approaching her.

She laughed again, tantalizingly, and, stepping backward into her room, closed the door.

Chapter 32

Reluctantly he returned to the staircase, descended to the parlor and there found Fred Staley draped over a divan.

"Fred," he said, seating himself in the Adams chair, "when you saw Inspector Lavin this afternoon, did you tell him Florence Sayre was hiding in the Squam Lake cabin?"

"Yes."

"I want to think things over," Hackett ran his fingers through his crisp brown hair. "Meanwhile, Fred, will you phone Lavin at the hotel and ask him to go with a Plymouth cop to the cabin and nab the red-head and any man that might be with her. Tell him to pick up Andy at the Out-N-Inn in Holderness; the kid will guide him to the shack."

Staley rose and stretched himself. "All right," he grumbled.

Hackett reflected, what about "Fanshawe"? What caprice had prompted her to say the book had once been in his possession? Why, he had never mentioned the book to her!

"Wow!" he muttered, sitting up with a jerk.

The thin, book-size parcel she had dropped on the floor of the hotel lobby, last Sunday night, and which he had picked up for her! If that was it, he had had the book "in his possession" for a moment. Yes, that must be it! But to whom had she given the book in Boston? Bender?

Staley returned to say he had had Inspector Lavin paged in the hotel dining room, had delivered Hackett's message to him, and that Lavin would come to The Eighth Gable as soon as possible.

Hackett began to pace to and fro. He felt in his coat pockets for his cigarettes, then in his trousers pockets, and not finding them recalled that he had dropped the pack on Franklin Sayre's dresser.

He went upstairs. He found his cigarettes, and smiling in the darkness, he was about to leave the room when he was startled by a muffled sound—a clack such as is produced by one's foot slipping from an uncarpeted stair step to the step next below. He knew that the sound had come from behind the wood-paneled wall of the bedroom. A prickly sensation crept up his back and arms, made his scalp tingle. He tipped out of the room. Halfway down the staircase, he saw Fred Staley crossing the reception hall, from the dining room to the parlor.

With a cautioning finger on his lips, Hackett continued on to the foot of the staircase. "Fred," he began in a whisper, "somebody, the killer, no doubt, is in the secret stairway. We must keep him there till Lavin arrives here. There's a key in the door of the parlor closet, the stairway outlet, next to the fireplace. Lock the door and stand guard there. If the fellow forces the door, land on him and land hard."

The big reporter made long

strides into the parlor. Hackett hastened up to the master bedroom. Revolver in hand, he felt his way along the wooden wall to the movable panel. With his uninjured ear to the panel he listened intently.

Suddenly he felt the panel move ever so slightly without releasing itself from its ball-and-socket clutch. He raised his right arm level with his shoulder, clenched his fist, and braced himself.

The panel swung open, hinged back against the wall. Hackett saw a profile silhouetted against the darkness, and drove his fist to the protruding chin. The shadowy figure toppled down the secret stairway.

All at once, to the accompaniment of a whirring noise, the lights went out; several seconds later, they flared on.

The newsmar hurriedly descended to the parlor, by way of the main staircase. Fred Staley was standing at the closet door, one of his hands clutching the fireplace poker, the other on the doorknob.

"Don't unlock that door!" shouted Hackett, striding toward the closet.

"Ye gods!" exclaimed Staley, whirling. "For a minute I thought from the rumpus I heard that the slugger had gotten you again."

"He didn't have a chance to," breathed Hackett. "I knocked him down the stairs, and when he tried to escape from the passage he found himself locked in this closet."

"But, Larry," Staley said anxiously, lowering the poker, "can't he get out at the other end of the stairway?"

"No, Fred—it's a one-way passage. The buzzing you heard as the lights



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# Christmas Memories Linger In Hearts Of Homeless Refugees

Geneva, Switzerland — (AP) — Santa Claus won't have much time for the 362,000 refugees from war and hate now under the care of the International Refugee Organization (IRO) in Germany, Austria and Italy.

But these men, women and children of many nationalities will have their memories of happier December, their hopes for the future and every bit of Christmas cheer the IRO can provide.

An IRO headquarters survey shows preparations of some dimensions underway at all camps—trees, extra rations, something for the children.

But what can you do for a man like Beranik Pereborov from the Kalmuk territory of Russia, who remembers the gay festivities along the River Don? He told IRO investigators he had not celebrated a normal Christmas since 1919. He spent Christmas, 1944, in a German concentration camp. For the next three years he was in three different refugee camps. Now he is in the IRO camp at Ingelstadt, Germany.

Ljubica Budisauljevic, a Serbian woman, will be recalling the boisterous Christmas eves in prewar Yugoslavia. Almost all residents of the smaller communities kicked their way through the snow to the nearest pine woods. There the men cut the Christmas trees while the women poured the hot wine and passed the cakes. Then the party would return to town to the music of the fiddlers and accordion players, singing and shouting. The

next day came the feast of several hours with the dining room covered with straw in remembrance of the birth in the manger.

Milan Smoljanovic, another Serb in the Bagnoli, Italy, camp has been rejected for immigration because of weak lungs. His wife was killed in the bombardment of Belgrade during the war. His son, 29 years old, refuses to immigrate unless he can take his father.

The family of Jindrich Vachal, now in the Ludwigsberg, Germany, camp, had its last happy Christmas in 1947. The father and mother and three children were in their home in Czechoslovakia then. The celebration started at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve with dinner, followed by the distribution of presents and midnight mass.

This year they hope to manage a tree for the children.

David Dowtian, his wife and five children, Armenians, have not had a normal Christmas since 1943. That was in Noworossisk. They began that celebration of the Orthodox Christmas at 9 p.m. on Jan. 5, when they went to church for a three-hour service. Then came the big meal when the head of the family made a speech and offered prayer, followed by a night of eating and drinking for the adults. This year two of the Dowtian children are in the hospital with tuberculosis.

For a few hundred the Christmas holidays will be filled with the cheer of movement toward a new home. Three departures are scheduled at Bagnoli for Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day and Dec. 26. For the rest of the 6,000 displaced persons there will be Christmas trees, holiday dinners of extra rations, midnight masses and small gift parcels for children.

At the children's home in Leoben, British zone of Austria, all 60 children have written letters to Santa Claus and the IRO is furnishing some of the answers. Each national group is teaching other groups its national carols for a Christmas eve party.

At Camp Austen in the American zone, there will be five parties for the old people's home, the children's home, the hospital, school and kindergarten. Fifteen piglets, bought last spring, have been fattened up for Christmas and every inhabitant of the camp will have at least a pound of pork.

An old Orthodox priest at the Bagnoli camp ushered in the Orthodox Christmas season December 5th with this gentle suggestion: "Who knows but that the present troubles and sacrifices may not be the seed from which a better future for our children will presently stem."

## Took Guesswork

New York—(AP)—A letter from a thankful mother in a refugee camp in Italy reached its destination in America with only this address:

The Save the Children Federation sends this layette for your baby with friendly good wishes U.S.A.

The postoffice forwarded the letter to the federation at its New York headquarters. The mother explained that she addressed the envelope from a card she found in the package.

## Japan's All-Girl Opera Looks To Tour In America

Osaka, Japan—Two hundred of Japan's prettiest dancers and singers of the world famed Takarazuka Girls Opera Co., are working hard to bring their troupe up to pre-war standards in the hope of touring the United States next

year. Plans still are in the nebulous stage. But there is a possibility that the all-girl show which draws an audience of some 4,000 almost daily during the year will be on Japan's export list in 1950. Dollar earnings of the show in America would go into Japan's funds for purchase of raw materials needed to rehabilitate the country.

Actually the company is a gigantic—by American standards—light opera and musical show troupe specializing in Occidental theatrical presentations. For Japanese audiences, however, a short Nipponese number is included.

## Colored News

Gloria Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown, is spending her Christmas holidays in New York City. She left Wednesday, December 13 with her grandmother, Mrs. Arleen Chapman.

Christmas is still celebrated on January 6, the ages-old Twelfth Night, by residents of Rodanthe, small village on Hatteras Island off North Carolina.

## Girl To See Her First Christmas

Talladega, Ala., Dec. 24—(AP)—The Christmas story of an almost blind Mobile, Ala. girl and her Chicago Santa Claus from "The Bend of the River" was told today.

Bernadine Pressley, 18-year-old student at the Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind here, can now see the bright world of Christmas for the first time in her life.

Her good fortune began several weeks ago, when Dr. John E. Bryan, school president, received a letter from Chicago written on ordinary ruled tablet paper. The writer asked if there was anything he could do to help the school.

He cautioned Dr. Bryan never to disclose his name and said:

"I am to be known only as the man from the bend of the river." Dr. Bryan replied, "There's an 18-year-old girl here who may be able to see if she has special glasses." The man sent a check for \$50 and

Bernadine got her special glasses. "When I was a boy I lived in the bend of the Alabama river where I could watch the boats go by," the man wrote. He said he had gone north and had become successful. "Now I want to do something for those in need down in Alabama," he added.

Other letters were exchanged between Dr. Bryan and the anonymous giver. Soon there came 100 shares in the Edison Company, worth more than \$2,000 to become the property of the school.

In his last letter, "the Man from the Bend of the River" wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

## Wine Is Prize On Trolley Car

San Francisco—(AP)—Each day a cable car, which shuttles up California Street, awards a bottle of wine to the adult passenger whose dime pushes the fare register past a given point.

The wine is provided by growers in the nearby Napa valley, who are "sponsoring" the cable car. "Sponsoring" of its cars for advertising purposes has been resorted

## Big Brother For Fastest Plane

Los Angeles, Dec. 24—(AP)—The world's fastest-on record—plane, that may be even speedier.

North American Aviation has disclosed that the YF-80D has received its first test flight at Edwards Air Force Base. The company's veteran test pilot, Joe Lynch, indicated that the plane can do everything that the Sabre does and then some. The Sabre has the official world mark of 670 mph.

## Year On Roads For Negro 'Peeping Tom'

In Police Court yesterday, Judge J.W.H. Roberts sentenced David Tyson, 28-year-old Negro, to 12 months on the roads after convicting him of being a "peeping Tom."

It was testified that Tyson was prowling about the premises of J. T. Brown, 106 West Tenth Street, Thursday night.

to by the privately-owned California Street Railway Co. because of financial difficulties.

## Teacher's Trip Becomes Lesson For Her Pupils

New York—(AP)—About 1,000 children are interested in Miss Louise Jackson Wright's trip to South America. Each of the junior high school youngsters will get five letters from five South American cities. And in each letter will be two stamps from the country in addition to the stamp on the letter that is for the stamp collections.

The letters themselves will have comments on history, geography, art, music and other subjects. But the lessons are well concealed in the chatty notes from the traveler.

Miss Wright has made similar previous trips. Educators have been pleased with the results. When children request it she arranges correspondence between children in South America and U.S. children.

## Boston's Beans From California

Berkeley, Calif.—(AP)—Boston may bask in her reputation as a baker of beans, but most of them come from California.

Agricultural experts here say that for many years California has been the only state producing some varieties in commercial quantities. Standard limas, baby limas, black-eyes, small whites, and pinks are all claimed as Golden State beans. Michigan, New York, and the Rocky Mountain states compete with the Great Northern variety, pea beans, red kidneys, and pintos.

SAW IT, TOOK IT—Baltimore, Dec. 23—(AP)—The sign in whitewash on the windshield of a used car labeled it a steal. Somebody agreed. The car disappeared from the lot last night.

Greetings . . .

—to you our friends and patrons. It is our sincere hope that we may continue to enjoy your wonderful patronage once again during the coming New Year!

**Milady Beauty Shop**



*Merry Christmas*

Once again we pause as another joy-filled Yuletide season arrives, to wish our many patrons and friends prosperity, health, contentment and peace this Christmas Day and throughout the year to follow.

**Carolina Dry Cleaners**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

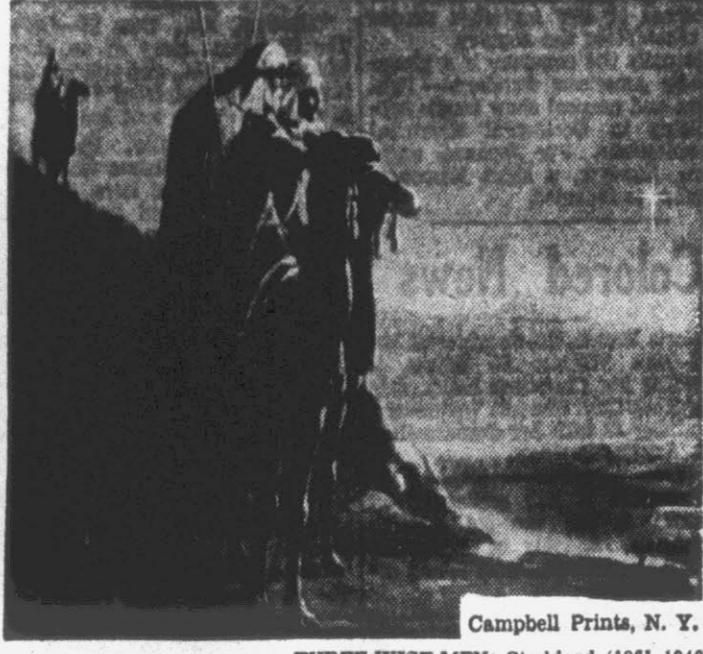
We hope that this Christmas brings fulfillment of your every wish and that it finds you happily surrounded by the things and people you love. For this is what makes for contentment—and nothing is more precious! And if our greetings were to add one iota to your enjoyment of the holiday, then our Christmas will be happier too!

**GARRIS GROCERY**

# The Story Of Christmas, Told By Great Artists Of History



—THE NATIVITY: Van Dyck (1599-1641)  
"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn."



—THREE WISE MEN: Stoddard (1861-1940)  
"Behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star . . . and are come to worship him."



—ADORATION OF MAGI: Laib (15th Century)  
"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."



—ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS: Garofalo (16th Century)  
"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds . . . came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

## Oozing Mudhole Is Grave Of 11 Airmen And Bomber

By DEL BOOTH  
Savannah, Ga., Dec. 23—(AP)—An oozing mudhole like the print of a mammoth heel marks the grave of 11 Air Force men and their 80-ton bomber.

A few pieces of charred, twisted, slime-coated metal are the only visible evidence from the air that the men and plane ever existed.

I saw the grim, dreary scene while circling low in another plane. Abandoned rice fields and miles of desolate marsh, laced by the muddy fingers of the Savannah River, form a monk's cloth background.

The huge B-50 bomber fell flaming to its own pyre last night shortly after lifting from the nearby Chatham air base on a routine training flight.

A half-dozen soldiers looked up listlessly from the edges of the mucky crater. Rescue rowboats—bateaux, they call them here—made their way painfully up narrow, tortuous dead water ditches.

The final hundred yards to the puddle of cinders and dirty water that mark the crash is negotiated on foot through slime and mud that grips men shoulder-high.

A flat, dirty sheet of smooth metal large enough to serve as a slab for a man's body shows dully in the slim light from an overcast sky.

Chatham County Sheriff Bill Harris, one of those who fought their way to the scene last night

in the desperate hope of finding survivors, said an Air Force colonel who looks like Clark Gable was one of the heroes.

Col. W. H. Hanson wearing a tuxedo from a pre-Christmas party, pushed his rowboat through the blackness to lead a rescue squad with a small flashlight.

"I couldn't make it all the way," said Harris. "I would be walking along in muck to my ankles and then suddenly go up to my neck. I thought I was going to die and they might have to carry me back."

"But Colonel Hanson was a real rugged character. His feet were blistered from high-octane gasoline in the water but he kept going."

Colonel Hanson said only it was "a pretty hard struggle" and the scene was "impossible to describe."

Radio Announcer Dick McLaughlin of Radio Station WFRP reached the site about 2 a.m. He said flashlights poking through the inky marshes made an eerie scene.

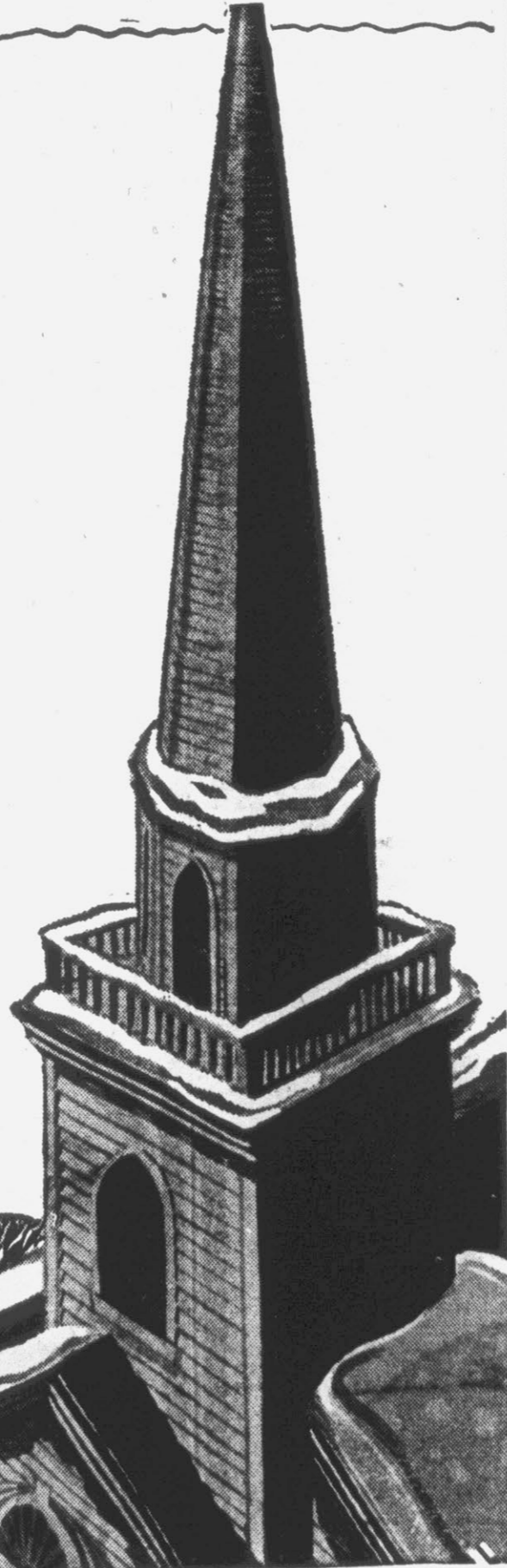
"Rescuers fought off a dozen or more big snakes."

"I saw one body lying face down in the mud. I knew as soon as I saw it that no one could be alive."

"It was no bargain."

Rats are declared to cause an annual damage of around \$2,000,000,000 in this country, of which about half is the food supplies they eat.

# Peace on Earth Good Will to Men



May the sincere greetings and best wishes of many friends brighten your holidays.

A.B. Stallworth  
J.B. Smith  
E.M. Gibbs  
Heber Tripp

## Risked His Life For Little Girl; Now A Free Man

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 24—(AP)—Louis Boy walked out of Sing Sing Prison in the rain and looked around at a world he hadn't seen in 18 years.

By risking his life for a little girl doomed to leukemia, the 50-year-old convicted murderer won freedom from a life sentence.

"I'm feeling fine," he told reporters. "This is the merriest Christmas I've ever had."

He was a small man, standing before the big gates, and he seemed a little stunned by what had happened.

Boy's vein-to-vein exchange of blood last summer did not save the child, though it brought Gov. Thomson's pardon.

Boy was freed because of his "exceptional contributions" in several experiments, Dewey said. These included wartime experiments involving atabrine, used later by the armed forces in treatment of malaria, and influenza vaccine.

Boy volunteered as a human guinea pig "with knowledge of the dangers involved and with no promise of reward," the governor's statement, Albany said.

as E. Dewey's commutation of life sentence to time already served.

Boy, Italian-born, voluntarily became the first person who ever knowingly took into his veins the taint of leukemia, a cancerous blood disease. He acted without promise of reprieve.

Sing Sing Warden William E. Snyder said Boy first learned the prison gates would open for him when he was called into the warden's office Thursday.

"Thank God," Boy said.

The prison gave him a new suit of clothes, \$20 and a railroad ticket to New York. He was told to report to the State Parole Board (at 80 Center St.) there.



### Season's Greetings To All

We wish for a moment that we were back in the days when town-criers proclaimed the news. Then we'd stop off at the houses of all the folks we know, and personally wish each one of you a joyous and bountiful Christmas followed by a year filled with contentment.

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THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW!

By FAGALY and SHORTEN



Prefer Changing Times To The 'Good Old Days'

By CHESTER WALSH

The older generation remembers—sometimes with a thrill—the “good old days.” When farmers traveled long distances to the Greenville tobacco market. Tobacco growers arrived at all hours of the night and were greeted with a generous degree of welcome and hospitality that made their coming a special social event.

They sold tobacco then right up until Christmas in the “good old days.”

Times have changed. The paved highways pioneered a new era in this field. Quite a number of years passed before this “old southern custom” changed to marketing in the golden leaf in an orderly manner. And now, tobacco, except for the opening of the season, comes in shortly before the auctioneers chant their bids when the sales get underway.

Old timers—men and women—interviewed during recent weeks recalled the time—more than a generation ago—when retail stores remained open until the late hours of night and barber shops closed

their doors shortly before midnight. Those are what have been described as the “good old days.”

Incidentally, grocery stores opened in Greenville at 6 a.m. and kept open until past 10 p.m. It is strikingly interesting to comment that there were customers in the morning and during nocturnal hours.

But—times have changed.

There are still others of the “good old days” who remember that farmers, living at a distance, visited Greenville twice a year—in the spring and when the tobacco market opened in the fall.” In those days auction sales of tobacco continued beyond the Christmas holidays. Those days are gone forever.

Reminiscing with some well known old-timers, a reporter for the Daily Reflector became convinced that these “new days” are better than the “good old days of long ago.”

Guy V. Smith and B. Bruce Sugg, pioneer tobacco warehousemen, remember the “good old days” very well, and both of them are keeping just a little ahead of the march of time.

Referring back to the long hours

of the retail stores in the “good old days” in Greenville.

It was pointed out by an octogenarian, well known and active in the development of Greenville and Pitt County, that the long hours of those days resulted from public “desire of comradeship, friendship, neighborly chats” and swapping of information. There was more social ability about business in the stores and at the tobacco warehouses then than now, they asserted.

There was no radio, no movies and no telephons then.

The “new day”—now—marked the progress of the community from the “horse and buggy days” to motor transportation days.

Incidentally, the record shows that the average store or any other place of business “does just as much business today during the shorter hours as they did then, and on a larger percentage.”

The result—retail stores close early in the evening now. Other business places about 6. Eating places, refreshment stands, theaters, etc., remain open late at night, but, as a rule, the streets are deserted. Nocturnal local motor traffic has dwindled to a minimum.

None of those interviewed—old, middle-aged and younger—failed to express an opinion that “present methods are better.” Owners of business places; those who work for a

living and others “have more time now to spend in family life”—and “time marches on!”

A man, active in banking circles in the early part of this century, recalled that the banks remained open a long time in those days. He pointed out that now, except during the tobacco selling season, they close early in the day, the bank employees total the business, check up, and go home to their families.

“System and efficiency” are the watchwords in business today. More is accomplished in a shorter time.

The Daily Reflector reporter failed to find a single person in his two weeks of interviewing those who have lived here all of their lives who would assert that the “good old days” were the best.

Incidentally, stores and other business places in Greenville kept open this Christmas week three nights after the regular closing time for the benefit of Christmas shoppers and they plan to close their places tonight—Christmas Eve—at 7 p.m.

The merchants are progressive. That’s why Greenville is the shopping center of Eastern North Carolina.

“Leghorn” hats are named after the Italian port of Leghorn through which they are shipped. But the hats actually are produced in Florence, a suburb of inland Florence.

County Jail . . .

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ers will enjoy garden peas, potato salad, capried yams, apple and coconut pie, chocolate cake and cranberry sauce.

The meal will be prepared by the camp cooks. It will be one of the two big meals served at the prison camp and jail during the year. The other was served at Thanksgiving.

In addition to their Christmas dinner the prisoners at the state camp will be given apples, oranges, candy, cigarettes and a cigar to round out the Christmas celebration.

Plan Pilgrimage . . .

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Consuls in their official dress and uniformed army officers will follow the traditional route from southern Jerusalem along the road believed to be the old Roman highway taken by Mary and Joseph.

The first part of this traditional road runs through Israel territory. The rest is Arab-held.

Between the two sectors of the road, rain-soaked Israeli and Arab guards face each other as they man the posts set up in no-man-land under the present armistice provisions.

Boost Ceiling On Pay Figures For Wage-Hour Law

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—The wage-hour administration has boosted the salary figures which “white collar” workers must earn before they can be exempted from the wage-hour law.

Administrator William R. McComb said the revised regulations for minimum wage and overtime exemption of such workers will become effective Jan. 25.

That is the same day amendments to the Fair Labor Standard Act—increasing the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour—go into effect.

The law applies to employers whose business is in interstate commerce. Besides the minimum wage, it requires payment of time and a half rates to workers covered by the law for hours worked in excess of 40 a week.

Under the law the wage-hour administrator is required to issue the regulations governing exemptions for executive, administrative and professional type workers.

Today’s revised regulations raise the salary needed for exemption as an “executive” from \$30 to \$55 a week (or \$238.33 a month).

They raise the salary needed for exemption as an “administrative” or “professional” worker from \$200 a month to \$328 a month (or \$75 a week).

The wage-hour administration said other revisions announced today are mainly technical and designed to “clarify and modernize” regulations which had not been changed since 1940.

McComb said the number of “white collar” workers made exempt by the regulations is not expected to be either appreciably greater or fewer than the 23,500,000 exempted under existing regulations.

Revisions, also to be effective Jan. 25, were issued at the same time in exemption regulations for workers employed as “outside salesmen” and “local retailing” work.

Under the existing regulations a worker classified as professional or executive could not be exempt if he did work like that performed by non-exempt workers—as long as such work took up time equal to 20 per cent of the non-exempt employee’s normal working time. This did not apply to “administrative” workers.

The new regulations, applying to professional, executive and administrative employees, say they cannot be exempt if the hours they spend at “non-exempt” work exceed 20 per cent of their own work-time.

Farmville . . .

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Farmville high float carried the high school glee club, under the direction of Miss Alma Whitley, which sang carols as the float proceeded down the parade route.

The Fountain float carried members of the Fountain school who sang carols also.

Capturing an individual prize in the parade was little Andy Morton Jr., who posed as Santa Clause while he sat in a tiny red wagon and was pulled along the street by a billy goat.

The parade and town decorations were sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Farmville.

A cow pumps 400 pounds of blood through her udder for each pound of milk produced.



Holding Truck Reckless Driver Left Behind

Wilmington, Dec. 24 (AP)—Is a 1938 truck worth a reckless driving charge?

That’s the question facing an unidentified local citizen today.

The unknown person jumped out of the truck and escaped early Friday morning after local police officers had forced his truck to a stop after a brief chase.

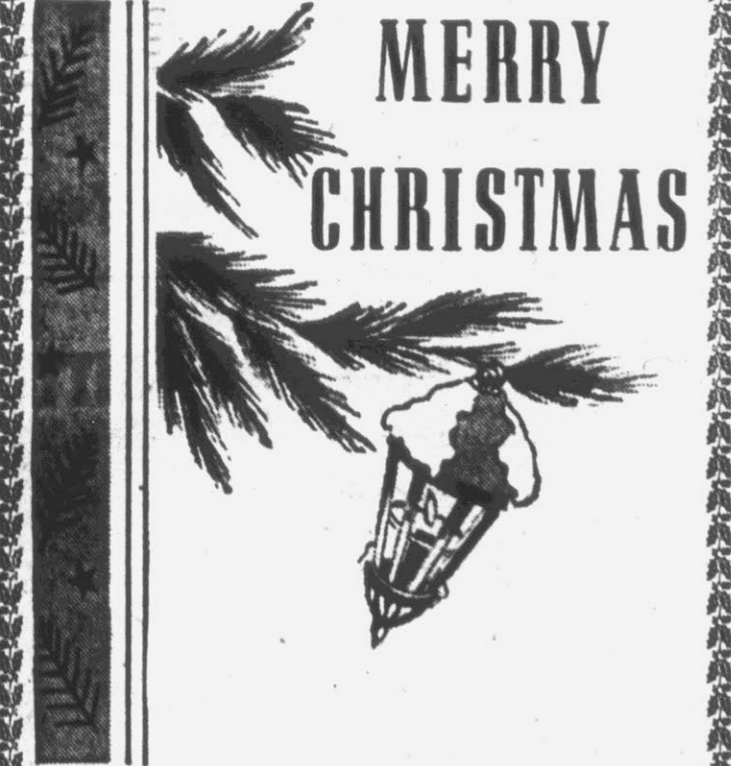
The officers stored the truck at a garage. Then, on investigating, they found that the listed owner had sold the vehicle, but nobody seemed to know just who had bought it.

So the officers let it be known that the mysterious owner could have his truck if he just applied for it and, purely incidentally, be served with a warrant charging reckless operation.

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# More Christmas Trees For State In Prospect

The red cedar, widely known before its almost total disappearance from North Carolina forests as the "Christmas tree" will be available for North Carolinians desiring to grow them this coming year, it was learned here today.

R. W. Graebem, in charge of the Forestry Extension Service, has announced that 300,000 red cedar seedlings are available over the orders received to date.

## Start New Cycle For Coming Year

Thursday, December 22, was the first day of winter.

That's the day when the sun enters the winter solstice. From that date the days begin to be longer. The day's length at this time of the year is slightly less than 10 hours.

Spring begins March 20 and at that time the day's length is slightly more than 12 hours.

Easter Sunday in 1950 comes on April 9.

Lent, observed by various churches, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Next year—1950, and that number will be hard to write after New Year's Day—there will be four eclipses—two of the sun and two of the moon.

An annular eclipse of the sun will not be visible in this country.

A total eclipse of the moon April 2 will not be visible on this continent.

A total eclipse of the sun next September 12 will be visible in upper Alaska; not visible in this country.

An eclipse of the moon next September 25-26, visible in the United States, will be interesting to observers. The moon will enter the dark shadow at 9:32 p.m. September 25. The total eclipse will begin at 10:54 p.m. The middle of the eclipse will be at 11:17 p.m. The total eclipse will end at 11:40 p.m. The moon will leave the dark shadow shortly after midnight.

The announcement threw open the door to North Carolinians desiring to start Christmas tree programs in their various counties.

The seedlings were produced in the state forest nursery. It is the first time in years that the red cedar has been available in such numbers. In past years the great demand for the cedars which are reportedly the best trees to grow in the state for Christmas trees.

The increase in available seedlings came about through the perfection of a new technique in operating the forest nursery, officials said.

With the surplus number of trees 4-H boys and girls, farmers, vocational students and others will have the opportunity to begin red cedar projects this year.

Persons desiring the tree seedlings should apply directly to the state forester's office, Box 2719, Raleigh. It was announced that applications will be filled in the order of their receipt as long as the supply of trees lasts. Any applicant may apply for as many trees as he wishes, it was reported. In recent years the numbers have been limited.

### TO CHANGE NAME

Chicago, Dec. 24—(AP)—Hygeia, health magazine of the American Medical Association, will change its name to "Today's Health" effective with the March, 1950, issue.

### "HOLIDAY AFFAIR" SPARKLING PITT TREAT



This gay comedy romance comes to the Pitt Thursday-Friday. Picture stars Robert Mitchum, Janet Leigh and delightful supporting cast.

### JANE WYMAN IN GAY LAUGH ROMANCE



Jane's all at sea over the man she wants to land in "The Lady Takes a Sailor." Jane stars with Dennis Morgan, Eve Arden in this feature attraction at the Pitt Christmas Day and Monday.

## Plays Santa So Seriously, He Must Stay Away

Beckley, W. Va., Dec. 24—(AP)—A Rotund editor with a heavy chuckle takes his roll of Santa Claus so seriously he can't attend his own big Christmas party.

That's because he came down with a heart attack last Christmas. But a little thing like that is no deterrent to a big-hearted fellow like Ted McDowell, who presides over the editor's sanctum of the Beckley Post-Herald.

He's been beating the drums as lustily as ever in his daily column for contributions. The only concession to his doctor's orders to "go slow" is a decision to leave town the day of the big gift party.

"I figure going out of town for a few days is about the only way I could stay away," said McDowell.

This adds up to the 20th anniversary of McDowell's Christmas party for Beckley's neediest youngsters.

It is such a personalized project that when Ted went off to war as a Lieutenant-Colonel of Army Intelligence, the thing was about to fall apart. Then some public-spirited friends got together and carried on for McDowell got back.

The first McDowell Christmas party was financed with a kitty of just \$35. Now, some 15,000 youngsters later, he raises \$2,000 or more for the top fund, as McDowell calls it.

It's sufficient to provide 2,000 boys and girls, 12 years of age and under, with a toy and some fruit and sweets which are distributed at a big annual party.

Unlike more stilted affairs of this sort, the toys are lined up on shelves and counters just as they would appear at the store, and the child makes his own choice.

Creed and color are not factors in making up the guest list. Once when McDowell considered surrendering sponsorship to an established charity he learned that Negro children would be barred, so he said: "No dice," and went right on playing Santa himself.

custodian of the county courthouse, smiling benignly at the reporter interviewing him about Christmas, said, "Christmas is a solemn occasion. People, whether they are church members or not, always behave themselves at this time of the year."

Fire Chief George Gardner and Assistant Chief Jasper L. Jones warned householders to prevent fires.

### Towns Told . . .

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This omission was not accidental. The dangers of large cities were evident to the makers of the Constitution. They feared large cities in those days the same as the friends of Good Government fear them today. They purposely planned to protect the rural communities—such as New Boston, N. H., in the development of which I am especially interested.

All this means that readers of my column, who are largely people in the smaller communities, should be prepared to fight against any unreasonable changes in Reapportionment. Most of your troubles today in connection with taxation, liquor, poor schooling, and the like are due to the predominance of the big cities and especially to the so-called "referendums." Therefore, you should fight all these changes and insist on continuing the apportionment setups of today. I say that not only as a statistician, but also one interested in Good Government.

### Success, . . .

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economically—figuring out the best rates and shipping routes and giving packaging information. This agency is now small, but it will be expanded.

Forty thousand common use items are now bought on indefinite term contracts. Instead of requiring expensive individual contracts for each order, an agency can simply order the supplies as it needs them, under a previously negotiated contract. In addition, 4,000 items are stocked in supply centers. Agencies can draw on these as they are needed.

Here are some of the steps being taken to aid small business and curb the "five percenters."

1 To make it easier for sellers to do business with the government without coming to Washington or hiring agents here, 10 regional field offices of GSA are to be established to sellers. And GSA is posting in all field supply offices a "Supply Report" listing all goods which the government wants to purchase.

2 A simplified contract form is soon to be put in use. The business man will use it whenever he deals with the government.

### Farm Prices . . .

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expenses—at about \$14,000,000,000 for 1949 compared with the record of \$18,000,000,000 in 1947.

The department also predicts that net farm income in 1950 will drift down to \$12,000,000,000.

Despite the reduction in income, farm buying power still is high in comparison with the '30s, when returns dropped below \$4,000,000,000.

### SANTA'S BRINGING A SCREEN FULL OF JOY! Christmas Day— and Monday

## Man the LAUGH Boats

# JANE WYMAN · DENNIS MORGAN

BRING YOU THE LAUGHINEST LOVIN' IN YEARS!



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EVE ARDEN

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"LONESOME HEARTS" Cartoon  
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Holiday Prices 09c 44c All Day

Tuesday—Wednesday  
Love's Oasis—  
with all the magic of Bagdad

## BAGDAD

MAUREEN O'HARA · PAUL CHRISTIAN · VINCENT PRICE

## Holiday Affair

Robert Mitchum  
Janet Leigh

## Greenville Airman Takes To Wheels For Recreation While At San Diego

Sailors find many ways to occupy spare time, but in the case of Danny Odum, airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Odum of 114 Woodlawn Avenue, Greenville, N.C., a well-exercised sense of balance is needed for any degree of success.

Danny, now on duty with Fleet Air Service Squadron SEVEN at the Naval Air Station, San Diego, began applying many hours to his hobby about a year ago. His only equipment is a pair of precision roller skates and a lot of determination.

"The determination," he says, "is needed to keep on trying particularly after I make an embarrassing fall."

Not content to be an average skater, Danny has joined a roller club at a San Diego roller rink and takes part in professional dance skating lessons and exercises. He has already won the organization's Bronze Bar, a beginners proficiency medal, and is gaining on the Dance Bar, the second in a series of four awards.

According to Danny, only a score of people hold those two top awards, the Silver and Gold Bars.

Last July he injured his knee while practicing a new step. He was back on the rinks again within a month, working out with enthusiasm. Danny hopes to enter his club's regional competitions in dance-skate specialties beginning in San Diego after the first of the year.

## Chicken Thief Is Placed In Jail; Chicken Dinner

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24—(AP)—A local Negro who, according to New Hanover record's court officials, has a dubious reputation for stealing chickens, was given 10 days on the county farm "so you can have chicken for Christmas, and other people outside can have it, too."

The sentenced man was Willie Brown, Negro, of Wilmington. City detectives had charged him with vagrancy yesterday after arresting him here. They had sought Brown in response to a call informing them that he was "selling" chickens, an offense he has been charged with "four or five times in the past."

When he finally rounded him up, Willie was already empty-handed, so they charged him with vagrancy.

The number of horses and mules in the U.S. has fallen from 21,431,000 in 1915 to nearly 10,000,000 today. In about the same period tractors have increased from a thousand to around 3,000,000.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

To you, our friends and patrons, the management and its entire staff of this theatre extend cordial holiday greetings.

### For Your Holiday Entertainment CHRISTMAS DAY — MONDAY

WHIP TACKLES AN OUTLAW BAND... A WILDCAT GIRL... AND A HOT TEMPERED SHERIFF...  
...in the fight of his action-crammed life!



## RIDERS OF THE DUSK

ANDY CLYDE RENO BROWNE

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DEATH... DIAMONDS... and a DAME!  
— What a combination for mystery thrill!  
Treasure of Monte Cristo

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ROY ROGERS in "COLORADO"

## STATE

### Sunday . . .

## Merry Christmas

Entertainment For Everyone!

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BUGS BUNNY in "LONG HAIR" **Colony**

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The difference is not as great as it might seem by comparison of the figures, however, because a dollar in the '30s would buy more than today's dollar.

Farm prices have dropped more than have food prices. The reason for this is the fact that the cost of transporting, processing and distributing food has tended to remain at peak levels. In fact, freight rates have increased. Likewise, wages in many processing industries have increased.

Agriculture finds itself in about the best financial position it has occupied since the early twenties. The agriculture department estimates agriculture's assets at about \$125,000,000,000. This is two per cent above a year ago and more than two and a third times the prewar figure for 1940.

The big incomes of the war and postwar years enabled farmers to reduce a heavy burden of debt accumulated during the difficult years of the thirties. As a consequence, they are in better position to weather a period of reduced prices than if their debts remained high.

This does not mean to say, however, that farmers face no financial problems. The prospect of a smaller income in 1950 indicates that they will have to be more careful in their spending. They will tend to buy somewhat fewer automobiles, tractors, other machinery and household furnishings.

They face also problems of changing production patterns. Weakening foreign demands has led the government to call upon producers to grow less cotton, wheat, peanuts, tobacco, and rice next year.

Likewise the threat of costly surpluses of such domestically used crops as corn, potatoes, flaxseed soybeans, and other grains has led also to government pleas for reduced volumes of them.

The government is urging that land taken out of these crops be put into grass, pasture and forage crops for feeding meat and dairy animals.

**DRIVE-IN**  
SATURDAY — Last Times  
"The Law Comes to Texas" Also "Fear In The Night"

## Big Holiday Treat For The Week

SPECIAL LATE SHOW TONIGHT 10:45

YOU MUST SEE  
"WILD OATS"  
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Adults Only

We Wish You and Your Family a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year

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*As our gift to you . . . we're proud to pledge continued, faithful service!*

**First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n.**

*Thanks, generous friends, for your patronage!*

**J. Hicks Corey**

*Thanks for the good gift of your patronage!*

**New Deal Cleaners**

*May you enjoy your holiday with the same heartfelt pleasure we take in serving you!*

**Folger Buick Co., Inc.**

*The best of wishes to the best of people . . . our customers!*

**J. Bryan Brown**

Pure Oil Dealer

*It's been fun serving you throughout the year.*

**Tadlock's Mutual Ins. Agency**

*Your friendly patronage is warmly appreciated.*

**The Bootery**

*Holiday happiness, for now and evermore.*

**Pete Freeland Service**

*The best of wishes to you and yours.*

**Proctor Hotel Barber Shop**

*The personnel, the manager, Jet Hardee, and owner, James C. Fisher join in wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**Rainbow Cleaners and Laundry**

*It's been a privilege to serve you through 1949.*

Wyatt Brown's  
**Cascade Laundry**

*We wish this greeting were a hearty handclasp for each of our good friends.*

**D. H. Conley**  
Supt. Pitt County Schools

*We're all wrapped up in wishes for your happiness!*

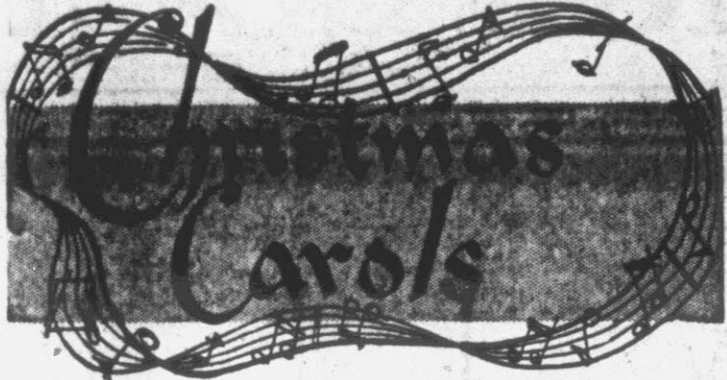
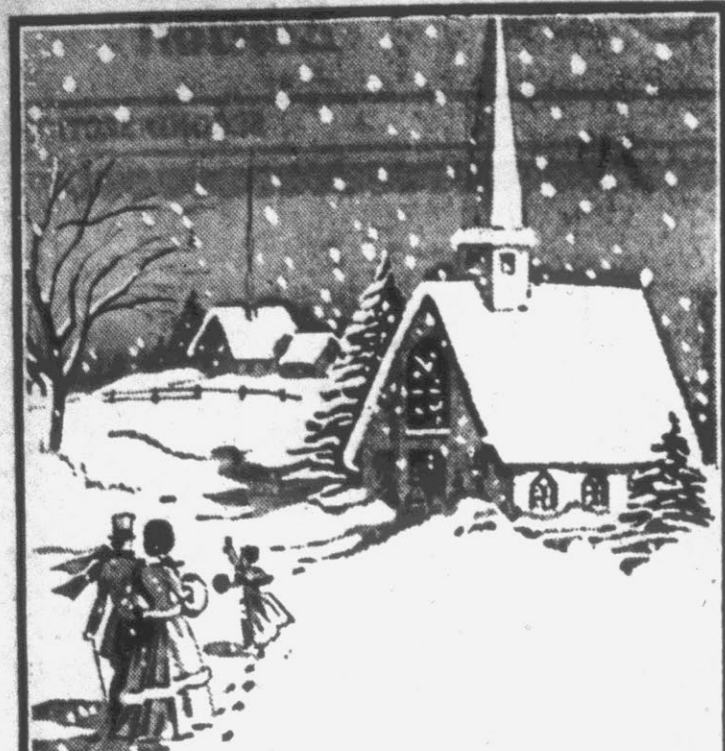
**Ruel W. Tyson**  
Sheriff Pitt County

*We consider your patronage a generous gift. Let us reciprocate with a whole New Year of grateful service!*

**Saad's Shoe Shop**  
Next to College View Laundry

*Please count among your many gifts, our continued friendly service!*

**Biggs Drug Store**



Christmas carols express better than anything else, probably, the true spirit of Christmas.

The word "carol" itself signifies joy and was originally used to accompany a dance. William Wallace Fyfe concludes that the term carol "signifies a song of joy or exultation."

In England, which gave America most of its carols, they were sometimes gay and sometimes convivial until the time of the Puritans, who tried to suppress the Christmas spirit.

After the Reformation, the religious nature of the day was for a time almost forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism, and the carol was temporarily lost in the songs.

There are many quaint customs associated with the early carolers that might be used today to break the monotony of going from house to house singing Christmas hymns.

It was about the 16th century that carolling became a Christmas custom, and is supposed to have been brought to England from Italy by the traveling clergy. The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

The idea of carolling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration

and a great home day with neighborly feeling, so it grew and flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages came to be known as "waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummers and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for the householders to offer hospitality to these Christmas troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving alms and presents of various kinds was established.

This benign custom threatened of one time in England to become a profession and to lose its original simple charm.

For a period beginning just when no one knows and ending in 1830, there were in London and Westminster companies of "waits" whose leaders held office by public appointment and who obtained an exclusive right to solicit contributions from the public.

The carolers were often accompanied by entertainers who gave a spirit of revelry to the occasions. The mummers often interrupted the singing to give their interpretation of "St. George and the Dragon." Tumblers, dressed in bright red, would perform their arts of skill to entertain the onlookers.

### Druids First to Use "Magic" of Mistletoe

The greens which are used for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients, and many of them which adorned pagan seasonal rites were later taken over to grace the ceremonies and celebrations of Christmas Day.

In both England and America, the holly and the mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

It was the Druids who first used the mistletoe. "Heal-all" was their name for it. The plant was supposed to have curative values, and grad-

ually they assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Their priests, each year around the time when we now celebrate Christmas, would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees which, in a manner of speaking, were "hoisted" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments of white, they ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles especially made for the solemn occasion they cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the green came to be regarded as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over the entrance doors so that they who entered might be assured of friendship.

# Greetings

The Christmas Season is with us again and we wish to take the opportunity it offers us to greet our many friends, and convey to them our sincere message of "Merry Christmas—Happy New Year!"

## Pitt FCX



# Merry Christmas

...And A HAPPY NEW YEAR To Each And Every One Of You

## Honeycutt's Market



### A Merry Christmas

Yes it gives us joy and happiness to again wish you all the good Christmas blessings. We wish it was possible to clasp every hand and say a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Garris-Evans Lumber Co.



# Greetings

Once again we greet the gay Yuletide season — when young and old gather 'round in good fellowship... with a heartfelt wish that you and yours may enjoy the Merriest Christmas — and a Happy, Happy New Year!

## Greenville Equipment Co. Inc.

### A Joy No Earthly Wealth Can Give

There is an old tale which becomes apropos chiefly at the Christmas time.

An agnostic—a disbeliever in God—made this offer to a nine-year old:

"I will give you an orange if you will tell me where God is."

The youngster was equal to the challenge: "I will give you two oranges," he said, "if you will tell me where He is not."

Many great men have always felt the spirituality of Christmas, and some have managed to put it into words. For instance, when Woodrow Wilson was asked to prove the greatness of Christianity, whose founder was the Christ-child, he said simply, "Try it."

Cardinal Spellman had a Christmas gift for the mind when he said:

"The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is a joy of the soul, and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is a union with Him who has overcome the world."

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt once illustrated the spirit of Christmas with this story:

"A thief broke into the home of a priest and stole his purse. That night the priest wrote in his diary: 'Let me be thankful. First because I was never robbed before. Second because although he took my purse, he never took my life. Third because although he took all I had it was not much. And fourth because it was he who stole, and not I.'"

### New York Claims Santa Claus to Be His Private Property

While the claim may cause the rest of America to bristle, New Yorkers insist that Santa Claus is peculiarly New York's own. Not only did he land in Manhattan with the Dutch settlers, they point out, but for almost two hundred years he never took his activities or presents out of New York state.

The New Yorkers advance some interesting points to bolster their contentions. They declare that in the genial company of Washington Irving, James Kirke Paulding and Clement Clarke Moore, Santa Claus gradually lost the grim, stern aspect he wore when he arrived with the Dutch settlers to the bulging, benevolent mien he now offers.

It was in New York, too, they assert, that Santa acquired his reindeer sleigh and his habit of arriving on Christmas instead of on the Dutch St. Nicholas eve (December 5). And thus, in his New York panoply, he finally found his way to all parts of the United States, England and even Australia and India.

Indeed, as the New Yorkers will tell you, New York, as New Amsterdam in the beginning, was dedicated to Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, by its Dutch founders. For Santa Claus—or Sinterklaas, as it is sometimes written in Holland—is of course only the centuries-old pet name which Dutch children gave to their patron and gift bringer, the good Bishop St. Nicholas. And it is said that the ship which brought the first Dutch children to Manhattan island bore his face as figurehead.

From the first, too, his special day of December 6, was set aside with Christmas, New Year's, Easter and Whitsuntide, as one of the five chief holidays of the new colony, just as it had been in Holland.

So, year after year, as regularly as St. Nicholas eve came around in New Amsterdam, in Breuckelen (Brooklyn), in Fort Orange (Albany) and many other hamlets above the icy Hudson, the children in every good Dutch family gathered in expectant circle. For weeks beforehand they had learned their lessons and helped with the milking and churning in an agony of good behavior. And now, all ready, they sang their song to Santa Claus.

In the midst of the song would come a knocking at the door and in would stride Santa Claus, himself—not round and jolly, but solemn and majestic in trailing robes. In one hand he might have a basket of presents or a purse, but in the other was sure to be a birch rod—an awful

warning... a naughty boy.

Santa questioned each child in turn about his behavior in the year just past and gave him a pat of approval or a warning shake of the head, as the record indicated. Then, bidding them all look for presents in the morning, the good saint suddenly flung a handful of lollipops into the room and, in the ensuing scramble, vanished into the night. Then the children set out their sabots, or later the great blue yarn stockings made for the purpose.

However he did it—and the tale varies in many lands—Santa Claus got about, for in the morning over the hearth steaming with waffles and sausages and other good Dutch fare, were the blue stockings bulging with apples, balls, dolls and tops.



How did you choose the toys for your youngsters this Christmas?

A New York toy manufacturer declares that only a few parents will select the proper playthings for their children each Christmas.

Best, he said, buy toys that please themselves, rather than the children.

The man, who owns a company that makes creative playthings, warns that "gadgets" toys may be harmful and frustrating. And, he adds, children quickly tire of them.

"The best toy a parent can buy," he said, "is a set of plain unpainted, wooden unit blocks. Children will use and enjoy them from age 18 months to nine years."

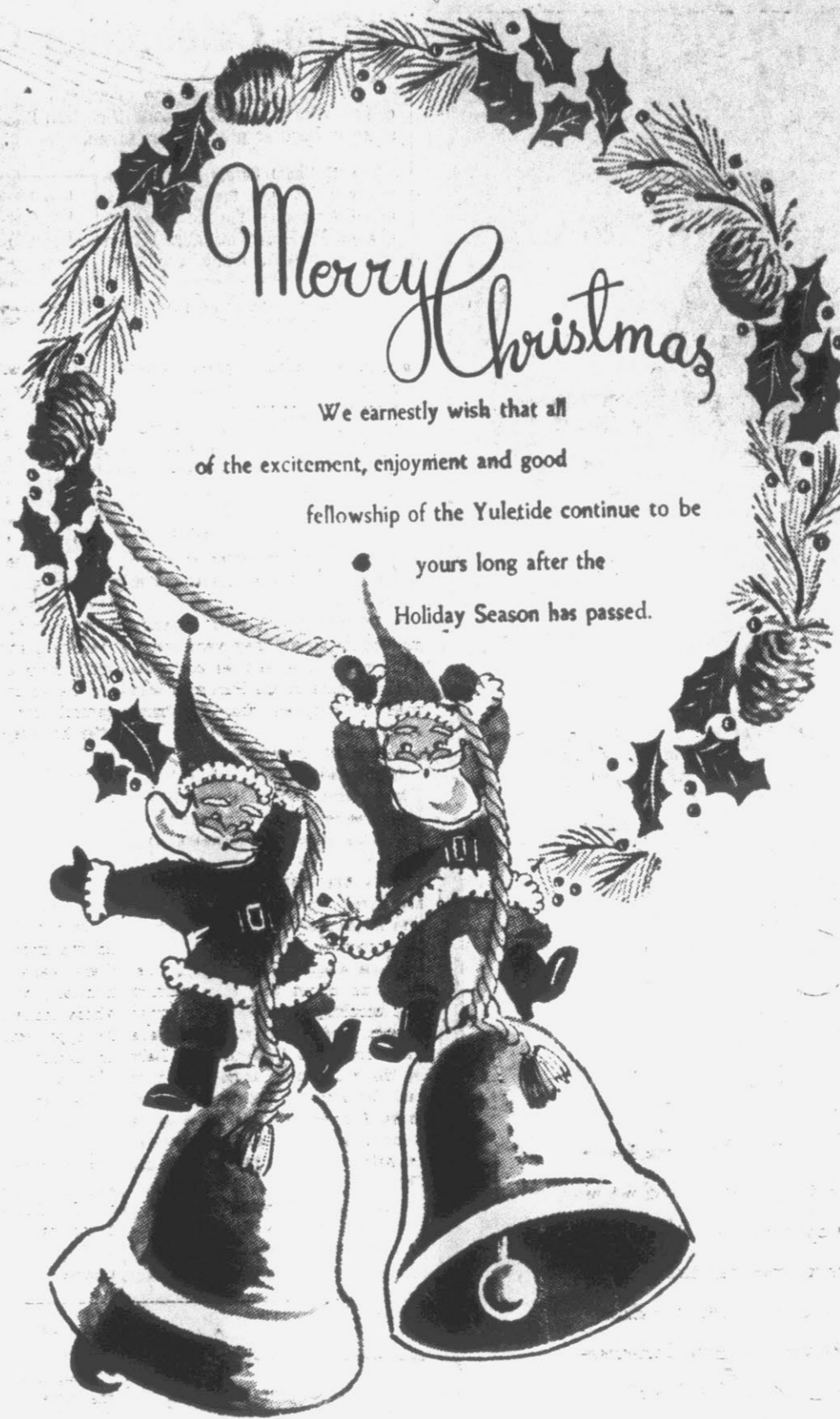
He said that girls between age 3 and 7 should have a "doll corner." He said the corner should be supplied first with a large wooden stove, bed and cupboard.

"The doll corner will become the most treasured play place in the little girl's life," he said.

He contends boys from ages 3 to 7 mostly enjoy "transportation" play—trucks, cars and boats.

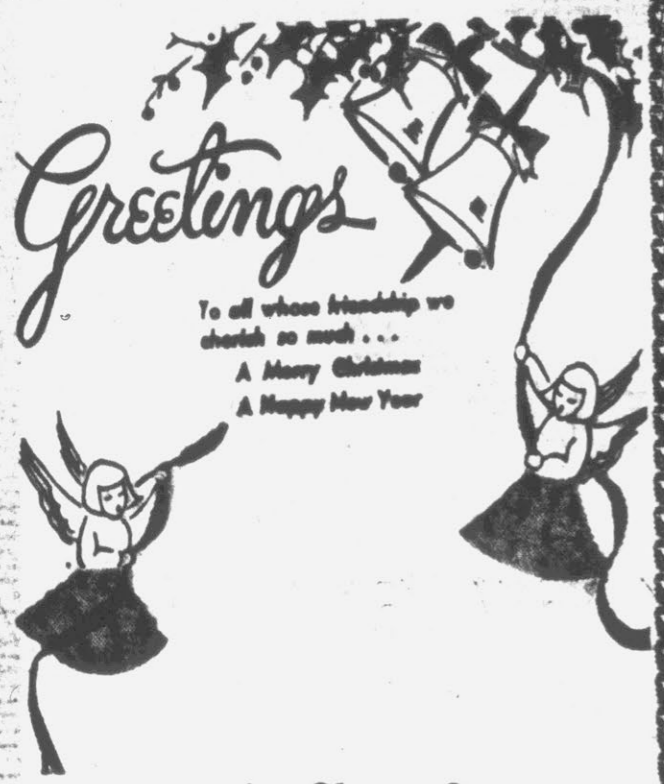
There was no statement about what parents should choose at Christmas for the young teen-age boy or girl—in the 13-16 year-old group, whose interests already are deeply grained in social activities, and who prefer parties and dances to play-at-home activities.

Perhaps by next year, this manufacturer, or some child psychologist will have solved this problem.



We earnestly wish that all of the excitement, enjoyment and good fellowship of the Yuletide continue to be yours long after the Holiday Season has passed.

College View Cleaners & Laundry



Bunch's Shoe Service

# Merry

# Christmas

To all our customers and our friends, we want to express our appreciation for your patronage and goodwill for the past year. We sincerely wish you and all your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had and we trust and hope the coming year will bring you joy and prosperity along with the best of health.

A Happy New Year

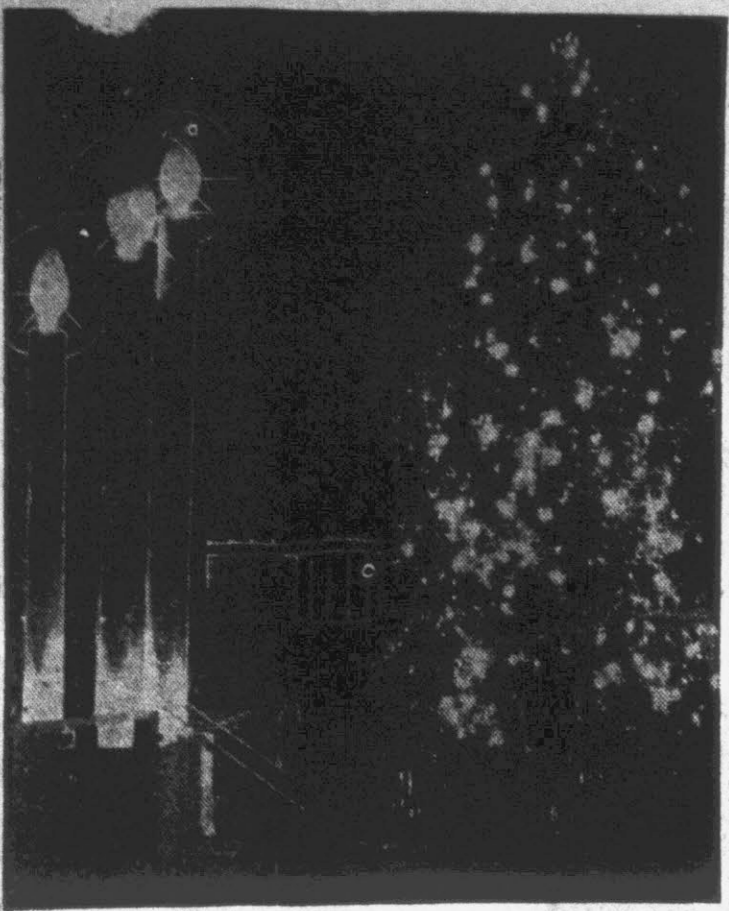


## Lautares Brothers

"Diamond Specialists"

Registered Jeweler American Gem Society





**PRESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS TREE . . .** This was the annual community Christmas tree in Washington, D. C., as it blazed with light last year. President Truman, at his home in Independence, Mo., pushed a button to turn on this holiday brilliance by remote control. The White House shows dimly in the background, framed by the tree and huge Christmas candles.

### PLAY IT SAFE Don't Mix Gaiety With Danger When Celebrating Christmas

While Christmas is the merriest of all seasons of the year it can also be a time of tragedy if certain hazards aren't avoided and some particular precautions taken.

The National Safety Council annually points out that the Christmas holidays are the most dangerous of the year, usually replete with casualties, home accidents, fires and falls.

The council has listed the following "don'ts" and precautions which if remembered will help make this Christmas season a safe one:

The Christmas tree shouldn't be placed near a stove or fireplace.

Don't give children any toys that could prove dangerous, such as those with sharp points. If toys are operated with electricity, be sure some grownup supervises their use.

The Christmas tree should not be decorated with lighted candles. Carefully-wired electric bulbs definitely are much safer.

Don't leave a lighted tree unguarded at any time. One should be on the lookout for fire all the time the tree is lighted. Especially dangerous is the practice of some families in leaving the Christmas tree lighted and unwatched all night long.

One should never use a rick-

ety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

Don't place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or any other inflammable decorations.

Remember, the Christmas tree can be made fire-resistant. According to the United States forestry service, it can be done in this manner: Divide the weight of your tree by four and buy that many pounds of ammonium sulphate. Dissolve it in water—one and one-half pints of water to each pound of ammonium sulphate. Cut the end of your tree trunk on a diagonal. Put some of the solution in a jar and stick the diagonal butt of the tree into it. Add more solution as the tree drinks it up.

Don't be excessive about Christmas "spirits."

Keep toys out of places where people might trip over them.

Remove the tree from the house before it dries out.

During Christmas you'll probably have many guests, so sprinkle salt or sand on icy steps and sidewalks.

**Charles Gaskins**  
Register of Deeds of Pitt County

### Time Not Constant In the Celebrations Of Christ's Nativity

While December is now the month in which Christ's birthday is celebrated by Christians all over the world, research and study show that Christ's nativity has been celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October by various peoples.

And although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were popularized.

No historian pretends to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas became a general festival.

About all that is known is that during the fourth century the feast of the Nativity was observed in all western world churches at different dates.

The confusion resulting from celebrations in seven months of the year caused the western church authorities to meet in 349 to set a definite date for the celebration.

The eastern churches did not cooperate until the sixth century when December 25 was set as the day to be observed.

The question has arisen innumerable times as to why December was selected as the month for rejoicing. The answer is that this month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in nearly every civilized land.

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

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to claim that the pagan riotousness might be the forebear of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

# A Christmas Greeting

To each and every one of our friends and customers we want to thank you all for helping us be successful during the time we have been in this city. We are grateful to you for the past favors and ask that your patronage for 1949 be continued. We also wish you all . . .

## A Happy New Year

## Glamor Shop

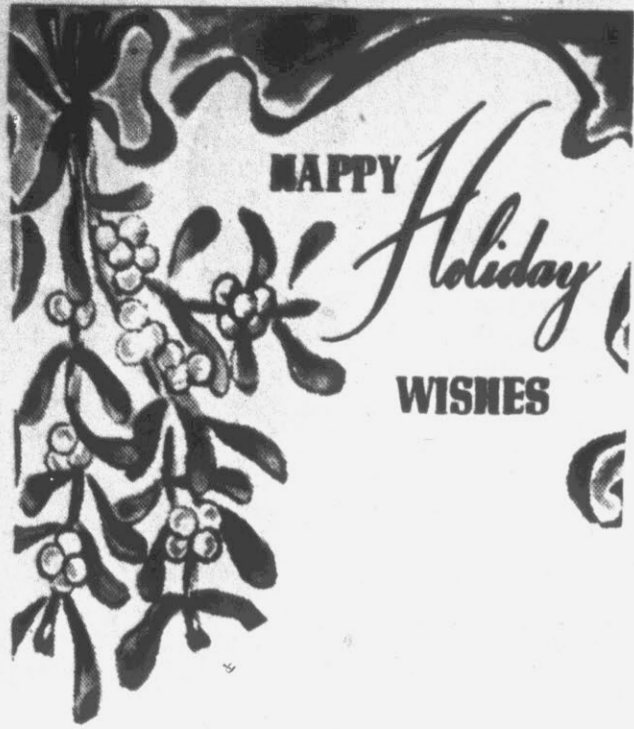
# Greetings

Once again 't is Christmas . . . May it bring you peace, good health and happy . . .

## People's Bakery

—and a prayerful hope that the "peace on earth" we are now enjoying will continue for all the Christmases to come . . . that "good will to men" throughout the world will be a heartening reality during the coming year—and that you, our friends and patrons, will have the health and happiness you deserve.

## Home Building & Loan Ass'n



HAPPY Holiday WISHES

We feel genuinely pleased and privileged to extend sincere Holiday greetings to our many friends. In the spirit of appreciation for the confidence you have shown in us, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Drum's Hatchery and Feed Store



# Speaking of Christmas

**SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS** . . . Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits . . . Christmas Eve, 1863,

saw a near tragedy in Virginia City, Nevada . . . Two friends celebrated with a terrific round of festivity . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . . . A policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great humorists—Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince pies, so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic significance . . . The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born . . . The crust represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men; the many spices, the frankincense and myrrh . . . On May 11, 1639, the general court of Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christmas . . . Anyone celebrating, stopping work, serving holiday fare or deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . The righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely—for how could good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years before that law was repealed.

## Santa Affected By Restrictions

It's difficult to understand, but the genial spirit of Christmas, Santa Claus himself, hasn't always had it easy. There have been occasions when laws or traditions or regulations have put certain curbs on the old gentleman. Here are some examples:

In Newark, N. J., Santa is required to pass a stiff physical examination before he can serve in a department store. And even then he is barred from kissing any of the children who perch upon his

In Charleston, S. C., charity Santas have been forbidden to make a pitch on public streets on the grounds that children flocking in to see them may create a traffic



hazard. And in Washington a few years ago, when the postmaster general was asked to print a Santa

Claus stamp at Christmas time he rejected the proposal with a scornful, "I should say not!"

Outside the U.S.A., Santa has had trouble, too. In Montreal, Canada, an influential organization fought against holding of the city's annual Santa Claus parade on the ground that it was "merely a display of grotesque and vulgar buffoonery." A prominent journalist in Rio de Janeiro fostered a movement to do away with Santa Claus (Papa Noel) in Brazil and substitute a toy-bearing grandfather Indian. In Mexico City the minister of education recommended that the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, instead of St. Nick, should bring gifts to children.

In the field of opinion, Santa has encountered some detractors. A Prof. Ivan E. McDougall, sociologist at Goucher college, Baltimore, declared: "The Santa Claus myth has lived too long. Parents should substitute philosophy"—whatever that is.

A Toronto psychiatrist got in his blast. "It should be made clear to children," he said, "that Santa Claus is not necessarily a real man any more than any other character out of a story book."

## Pilgrims Deplored 'Ye Christmas Day'

Puritan disapproval of Christmas celebrations disembarked from the

continent with the Pilgrims in 1621 and, accordingly, Governor Bradford issued a statement publicly rebuking certain young men who declined to work on December 25, "ye day called Christmas."

This first New England Christmas—or non-observance thereof—should not be credited as the first Christmas on American soil, since Leif Eriksen spent a winter or two on the North American continent around the turn of the 11th century.

Leif was a Christian, and it is likely that members of his crew were Christians, too; although it is quite possible that some had accepted the faith without remodeling their pagan natures, since King Olaf's methods were ruthless and his command "Be baptized, or else!" left them little choice.

Undoubtedly, flagons of crude, raw wine fermented from the grapes of Leif's Vinland were passed around and the celebration may have been rather boisterous, but in all fairness to Leif—who, according to excellent testimony, was a sincere convert—it is reasonable to assume that there was a trace of religious observance.

Perhaps Leif remembered the few words of Latin prayer he learned at the time of his conversion and recited them in honor of the birthday of the Redeemer he had accepted. . . . Thus, the first Christmas in America was observed.

Some species of conifer evergreen trees have needles which last for six or seven years.



reetings

We look forward each year to sharing with our many friends the brightness and good will of the holiday season.

The Watch Shop

H. B. GASKINS, Owner



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Brody's



Greetings

- Good Luck!
- Fine Friends!
- Happiness!
- Good Health!
- Prosperity!

May all these pleasures be yours this Christmas!

Guaranty Bank & Trust Company



A Merry Christmas

The merry twinkle in Santa's eye conveys the spirit of our wish that Christmas Day be a happy one for all!

Blackwood's  
GARRIS BROS., Owners



Merry Christmas

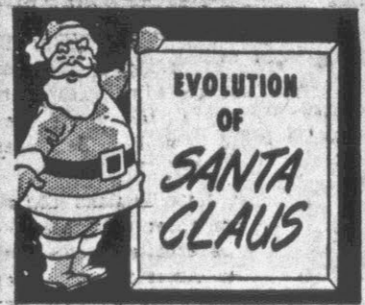
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May this Yuletide hold everything that's wonderful and dear! The warmth and cheer of your own hearth-side . . . the fun of trimming the tree . . . the joy of being surrounded by your family . . . the true Christmas spirit of friends coming to call to extend their best wishes!

WHITE CHEVROLET CO.



AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . Symbolic of our nation at this festive season of the year is this picture of little Ethel Gorman, 4, daughter of a guide at the Statue of Liberty, as she admires a Christmas tree on the porch of Newell M. Foster, superintendent of the statue staff on Bedloe's Island. Over her shoulder, Miss Liberty herself stays right on the job, blazing her message of peace and good will.



Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1860's he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, A Visit to St. Nicholas, better known to us as "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Claus as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1806, son of a musician in a Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States navy, and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

Along about the time stocky Tommy was 15 he landed his first job as an illustrator for Leslie's Weekly at \$4 a week. By the time he was 20 he was sent to England by the New York Illustrated News to sketch the Heenan-Sayers fight, an outstanding sports event of the day.

In 1862 he joined the staff of Harper's Weekly and began the series of emblematic drawings which continued throughout the Civil War. From those he created certain trademarks that have been the inspiration of cartoonists down to the present—notably the Republican elephant and the Democrat donkey.

Famous as the political symbols are today, Nast's Santa Claus probably holds first place in the hearts of Americans. Before Nast's day, a few artists had drawn Santa on one occasion or another, but could not seem to agree on how the old gentleman should look.

Nast changed all that. He located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep their records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time, the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.



CHRISTMAS SYMBOL . . . The light of the ceaseless spirit of the Yule burns steadily in every mind at this season of the year, but nowhere is it more beautifully typified than in the delighted, wide-eyed look of a child experiencing the shimmering delights of his first Christmas.

A final step in trimming the Christmas tree is frosting it with fluffy snow. A simple and popular form of snow is ordinary soap flakes.

### Naturalized Citizen— That's Our Santa

Santa Claus as Americans know him is a naturalized American citizen, and as such is America's contribution to the Christmas legend. That's the opinion of Dr. Gustav O. Arlt of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arlt.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas,' he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christian legend and folklore," the professor stated.

The first Christmas card was designed in 1843.

Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat, botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.



### Let Us Rejoice

at the manifold gifts the Lord has showered upon us. Let us go to His House this Christmas Day and offer our deepest thanks.

## State Bank & Trust Co.



Sincerest greetings of the Season to our many friends and their families.

### Godfrey P. Oakley

INSURANCE

## HELLO FOLKS!

Looky, it's me! I wish I could be Santa Claus just for today. I'd fill your stocking to overflowing and heap your Christmas tree with toys and precious gifts and all good things to eat. I'd make sure there'd be a lot of happiness all the New Year through, for you, your friends and loved ones.



I wish and wish these things for you...

# A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

WALDENSIAN  
THE BAKERS OF

# Sunbeam Bread



The joy in wishing you a Merry Christmas can only be equaled in the pleasure of voicing our hope for your happiness and good health during the coming new year.

### Scott Motor Sales

Greenville, N. C.

TOYNEE SPEEDS WORK

London—(P)—Arnold J. Toynee, who has been writing his monumental "Study of History" for more than 15 years, believes he may finish the job sooner than 1953 as he earlier estimated.

MISSIONARIES FOR JAPAN

Tokyo—(P)—Christian missionaries approved for entry into Japan have increased from 318 in 1947 to 644 for the first nine months of 1949. Major denominations have gained 33,000 members the past year, according to U. S. Occupation estimates.

**BEST WISHES for Christmas**

We offer our most sincere greetings to friends and patrons for a Joyful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year, too!

Riddle Roofing & Heating Co.



**Merry Christmas!**

**Merit Shoes**

### QUESTIONS ON CHRISTMAS

1. The Swedes know kissing is fun. That's why they thought of the Christmas miracle. What should be done to the mistletoe for each visitor? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a leaf.

2. We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Christmas gifts. They were Melchior, Balthasar and (a) Samuel (b) Casper (c) Shadrach?

3. Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1845 (b) about 1781 (c) about 1903.

4. Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas story? (a) Papa Gregory (b) Pius Pflaum (c) St. Francis of Assisi.

5. The Christmas tree is the heart of any Christmas decorations. Which country first used the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France.

6. "Silent Night, Holy Night," one of the most beloved of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Beethoven (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Martin Luther?

Star of Bethlehem Continues to Puzzle Modern Scholars

Once again Christendom sees the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men of old, rejoices with exceeding great joy. Astronomers have discounted possibilities that the star may have been a natural phenomenon since such phenomena occur too far from the earth to serve as any sort of local guide. Modern opinion is, however, inclined to hold that there was a Star — although the story probably has been touched by Oriental imagery.

St. Matthew suggests that even the Wise Men may have lost sight of the star while they were in Jerusalem; hence, they rejoiced when it reappeared to their vision as they approached the Manger of Bethlehem.

Come to think of it, astronomers have sought an astronomically authentic star — and found it not; historians have sought an historically human Jesus of Nazareth — and are still arguing whether or not they have found Him; even zealous theologians, striving to harmonize messianic and eschatological theories with the illusive historical and human Jesus, have sometimes lost sight of the Babe in the Manger Who from His lowly stable draws unto Himself all who are weary and heavy-laden.

Pressing close to that sacred Manger, Christendom glimpses the Star of Bethlehem once more and rejoices in the light of righteousness and peace which has conquered every tyranny that evil men could think of, the light that shineth in the darkness and shall not fall.

Finns See Evergreen As Mourning Symbol

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

**-then came Three Wise Men**

Legend not only has identified the Wise Men as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, it has crowned them and given them the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia. It has symbolized their gifts as symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest and myrrh for a great physician. The Gospel text's specific wise men from the east logically identifies them with Zoroastrianism—an ancient monotheistic religion of Persia. Zoroastrian priests were called Magi; they were powerful in public and private life since they, and they alone, possessed the priestly mysteries involved in the worship of Mazda—who represented the Zoroastrian power for good. The Magi may or may not have been fabulously wealthy; St. Matthew does not elaborate their treasures nor the amount of gold, frankincense and myrrh which they presented to the Christ Child. The gifts may have been mere tokens of their treasures, or the sum and substance thereof. And if they were soothsayers, mystics and possibly clairvoyants they were also truly wise—in as much as they did not return to Herod, but departed into their own country by a different route.

At most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room or dining room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating. Candles are used profusely in the churches; the alters are banked with them, so that in the pre-dawn darkness (Christmas morning services begin at 4 A.M.) the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns. After the early church services, the gayly decorated sleds race for home, bright robes flying and sleigh bells ringing; breakfast is festive, and then everyone takes a long nap. Christmas Day is not devoted to play or gift-giving. It is religiously observed, with intervals of carol singing and Bible readings. The day after Christmas is St. Stephen's day, and from then until New Year's parties and general festivity are in order. Although gift-giving is not an integral part of the observance, in some parts of Finland trinkets and useful gifts of wearing apparel are presented to children by Wainamoinen, the Kalevala hero of Finnish legend. Legend relates that the crown of thorns which was placed on the head of Jesus was made of holly and that before the crucifixion the berries were white, but turned crimson like drops of blood.

**BACKED UP . . .** What would Christmas be without bright new dollies for little girls to cherish? Giving promise of a goodly crop of dolls for this Christmas are these finished heads on racks in a toy factory, ready to be given bodies and limbs.

**With Best Wishes**

May all the joys of Christmas be yours and may your New Year overflow with happiness.

**Goodson & Flanagan**

INSURANCE

**Greetings**

To all of our many patrons and friends: We wish you a holiday cheery and gay, Jolly with the spirit of Christmas Day! May each minute in the New Year tick off happiness to crowd each day to come!

**Joyous Holiday**

Gifts piled high . . . spirits are gay! Santa has come! It's Christmas Day!

**Lowe's**

**Northside Lumber Co.**

**Merry Christmas**

Another year is drawing to a close, and we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our many friends and customers and the public in general for their fine support and good will. Now that a New Year will shortly make its appearance, we and our entire personnel extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very happy and Prosperous New Year.

**Quinn - Miller & Stroud**

L. A. STROUT, Manager

L. A. Stroud  
Mrs. Nellie Harper  
Luther Smith  
Arthur Denton

Kenneth Brown  
Perlie Gurganus  
Mrs. J. Frank Harrington

Jasper Harris  
Eddie Murphy  
Lionie Reeves  
Beatrice Mooring

### Electric Railway To Quit Service

Baltimore—(AP)—One of the nation's oldest electric railways is gently going up the ghost. For 68 years, the Baltimore and Annapolis railroad has shuttled between the two cities, about 25 miles apart. But the roadbed deteriorated, the rolling stock gradually became a laughing stock, with the newest passenger car a trifling 30 years old. Finally the Maryland Public Ser-

vice Commission, which has wrestled long and anxiously with B. and A. problems (mostly financial) authorized it to abandon rail passenger service and switch to buses come New Year.

### EGYPT TURNS TO RICE

Cairo—(AP)—The Egyptian government is winning more and more farmers to its campaign to cut production of cotton, which often has been in surplus, and raise more rice to hold Egypt's new-won position as a big rice exporter.

### Bringers of Gifts Range From Santa To Knight Ruppert

In America on Christmas Eve there is a merry tinkle of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer. He drives from roof to roof, pausing just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts that are too large to be stuffed in the stockings are put on the Christmas tree or stacked underneath it.

This is Christmas in America—but it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival on Christmas of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre and carries a crozier.

He rides a white horse and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings to hold the gifts, the Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner," the bishop's white horse. It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

English children wait for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree, but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. She married Albert, a German prince, and it was he who introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

It is an angel who leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia. She descends on a golden chord to accompany Santa.

In Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour. They are brought by dwarfs and the children leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for them. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.

The birds receive the largest number of gifts in Sweden. Each family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on the fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Knight Ruppert, who is the German Kris Kringel, is represented by a young girl wearing a golden crown and gowned in a flowing white robe. She carries a small tree laden with gifts which she distributes.

The children of Switzerland have

### Archaeologists' Findings Bear Out Bible Stories

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity," and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ, the archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

The Hebrew and Aramaic inscriptions contained common names like Miriam, Simeon, and Matti. The Greek inscriptions and symbols beside them contained references to Christianity and, it seems probable, to the crucifixion.



Remember Last Christmas? These were the major going-on in the world during Christmas week in 1948:

December 27—Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, outspoken foe of Hungary's Communist regime, was arrested on charges of plotting against the government, spying, treason and blackmarket dealings in currency.

In an extemporaneous speech at Kansas City, President Truman made this remark that caught the interest of the world: "There are certain leaders in the government of that country (Russia) who are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with us."

December 29—President Truman returned to Washington after a Christmas vacation in Independence, Mo.

December 28—Twelve stranded air force men were rescued by plane as the second worst on record, passed into history with the adjournment of both houses.

December 31—As year's end, America's favorite popular song for the moment was "On a Slow Boat to China."

### Fugitive Elephant On Expensive Stroll


Hamburg—(AP)—Nelly, a fugitive elephant from a German circus, took an expensive stroll through the streets of Hamburg recently. She bowled over a candy stand and ate ten pounds of chocolate. Then she topped off her meal with razor blades, a hair brush, and a bar of soap plucked with her trunk from the pocket of a petrified bystander.




*Greetings*  
FOR THE SEASON AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE COMING NEW YEAR!  
**Tetterton Motor Co.**



A Joyous Christmas to all our friends.  
**PROCTOR HOTEL**



*Greetings*

It is our sincerest wish that the spirit of friendliness and good fellowship will make your Christmas a merry one—and that the New Year will bring to you a full measure of good health, success, and happiness.

**Appliance Sale and Service Co.**



**A Joyous Christmas**

As joyful voices herald the approach of another Christmas season, we are grateful for the friendships and close associations it has been our privilege to enjoy.

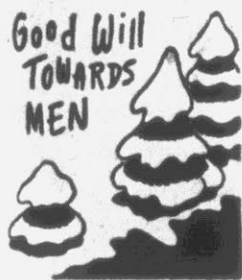
At no other time of the year do warm feelings and fond words seem more fitting and sincere and so, in humble appreciation of our good fortune, and from the bottom of our hearts we say, "A Joyous Christmas To All".

**Western Auto Associate Store**  
R. C. DUFFIN, Owner

# Greetings for Christmas

May this Christmas-tide possess scores of wonderful surprises and pleasures for you to enjoy and remember!

Askews Market  
Askews Fruit Stand



## 98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church on Cleveland's York street and his action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully-decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to learn of the origins of the Christmas tree tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was far from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

dark green tree where the tradition was established, a light green one where Christmas trees, at least, were known.

Pastor Schwan made his search for knowledge of the Christmas tree almost a crusade.

But as Christmas time approached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had not found enough church support for the tradition to light another tree at his Christmas service that year. So, with great regret, he resigned himself to the end of his hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received from the pastor of one of Cleveland's older churches the present of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized immediately that the present meant the acceptance of the custom by a churchman far more influential than himself, and his sadness vanished.

There was a Christmas tree in the York street Zion Lutheran church that year—and once accepted in Cleveland, the custom spread all over the United States.

York street where Pastor Schwan's church once stood is changed now and long ago was renamed Hamilton avenue; and the first tree, decorated with candles and a gold star at its top, has given way to trees with brighter, more colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and lighting Christmas trees, which is observed throughout the nation, is the same tradition which Pastor Schwan introduced to this country in the town of Cleveland nearly 100 years ago.

### Christmas of 1804 Was Chicago's Best

Surely there will never be another Christmas celebration like the one in Chicago in 1804.

Captain John Whistler (grandfather of the painter who painted the famous "Whistler's Mother") was in command of the garrison at Fort Dearborn and he decided that there should be a great feast—complete with music, dancing and a splendid Christmas tree.

Soldiers from the garrison went a-hunting in the woods just north of the river and came back with a fat buck deer, some rabbits, a raccoon or two, a few wild turkeys. Added to the roasted pig (contributed by some festive-minded citizen) and the magnificent Christmas pudding, these morsels provided abundance for all. Everybody—the civilians and the military—drank a toast to Thomas Jefferson, the President of the United States.

The punch was "dizzy" and there were fifes and drums and a couple of fiddles to play for the dancing.

It was getting late when a watcher in one of the blockhouses gave a warning shout that Indians were approaching; but they turned out to be friendly Indians who came bearing gifts to the feast. They watched the white folks dance, and when the whites were exhausted, the redskins took the floor and began a wild, whooping dance of their own which climaxed Chicago's unique Christmas celebration in 1804.

### On Christmas

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of smoking. Hot ashes dropped on tissue paper or a carelessly-tossed match could result in tragedy.

December 25 was decreed as the date of Christ's nativity by the Roman emperor Julian who began his reign as a Christian, but reverted to paganism before his death.

The practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas eve is tied up with an Irish custom which holds the thought of the Christ child alone in the dark, needing light for his way.



Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small-ty about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?:

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls. Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret—so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.



At the Yuletide season we like to reflect upon the year about to close, to count its blessings and to express in some measure our thankfulness.

In so many ways it has been a good year, we live in a country abounding in all the good things of life and enjoy more of the privileges granted to free men than any place else on earth.

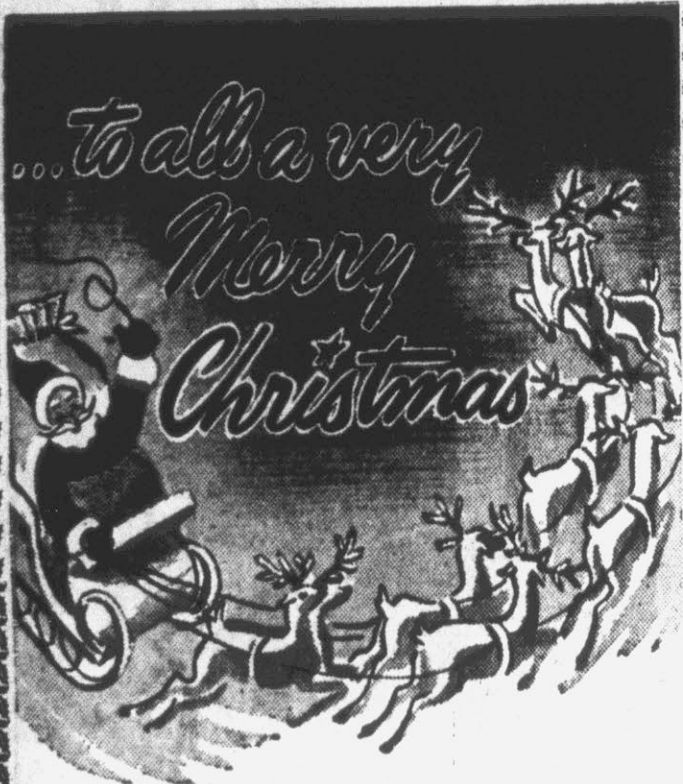
Our lot in the world of human activities is one of providing services that are most vital to the health, progress and well-being of all our people, and we accept this responsibility seriously and humbly.

We are deeply grateful for the many blessings of the year and cherish the privilege of having served you and pledge our best efforts in the years ahead to provide ever better service.

So from all of us to all of you, may your days be cheery and bright and may all your burdens be light, and to you . . .

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Greenville Utilities Commission



May your Christmas be merry and its joy and happiness spread throughout the glad New Year!

B & N Motor Sales



Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas

Our sincerest hopes for a Happy New Year

Respass Brothers  
Barbecue Stand



### When Christmas Was Not Merry

(AP Newsfeatures)

Merry Christmas has not always been merry in American history. Unmerry times started very early. The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth four days before Christmas - 620. Christmas day found them between the Mayflower and the cold, hostile shore. Most of them were still living on the ship. And they didn't believe in celebrating Christmas anyway.

Washington's ragged troops were crossing the icy Delaware in the dark early morning hours of Christmas 1776. They defeated the Hessians at Trenton next day.

Christmas 1796 found unrest in New England. Shay's rebellion flared that day. The rebels had a rough time.

In 1837, Col. Zachary Taylor and his troops were down in Florida fighting the Seminole War. Christmas day found them fighting and defeating the Indians at Lake Okechobee.

The Mexican war also saw Christmas day action when Col. Doniphan and 450 volunteers defeated 1,100 Mexicans at Brazito in 1846.

The national Capital had trouble the Christmas of 1851 when the Library of Congress and part of the Capitol burned.

Nine years later on Christmas, 1860, South Carolina issued its declaration of independence, the spark that made the Civil War inevitable.

One of the early railroad strikes, that of 1887, started Christmas day. Some 20,000 employees of the Reading Railroad walked out.

The surrender of Hong Kong on Christmas 1941 was not part of American history, but Americans watched the event anxiously. It was one step in the advance of the Japanese which came after the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941.

One of the Classic Christmases of the unmerry type will long be remembered by the men defending Bastogne in 1944. The Battle of the Bulge and the fight for the defense of the little town were at a climax. It was just two days later that the isolated Bastogne garrison was relieved. That Christmas day found the boys deep in the fighting.

### Brought Blaze To Water Supply



UNIVERSAL FRIEND . . . Santa, the universal friend of little folks, has managed to gather together a group of kiddies from all over the world. Represented here are the small fry of Paraguay, Greece, Poland, Austria and Italy.

### BOOM! FOR A LOG

New York—(AP)—Developed for the woodsman who may spend many a weary hour splitting logs with wedge and sledge is a back-saving device. A spike-like gadget, it is driven into the end of a log. A fuse leading to an explosive is lighted, and "boom," the log is riven. It can be used over and over.

The Bureau of Reclamation's first major storage dam was the Roosevelt, on the Salt River in Arizona which was dedicated in 1911.

Wurtsboro, N.Y.—(AP)—When water couldn't be brought to a fire a daring fireman took the fire to water.

One Wurtsboro fire truck dashed a half mile up Wurtsboro Mountain and found a truck loaded with excellent ablaze. Insufficient water was available to fight it.

Leaping into the blazing truck's hot seat, Fireman Duke Semonte sped down the mountain. He parked beside the village hydrant. The fire was extinguished in a few minutes.



AND I WANT . . . This is a candid camera shot of a little girl being interviewed by a genial Santa on the subject of her desires in the line of Christmas presents. The rapt expression on her face is typical of small girl-and-boyhood when a lovely crisis like this presents itself.

When buying toys for children remember that those of the constructive types are best—they develop the youngsters' ingenuity.

The wild boar has been revered from ancient times, and was especially honored at Christmastime, for having taught mankind the art of plowing by rooting into the ground with his tusks.

### Record Amount Bond Issues Are Given Approval

Chicago—(AP)— Voters in the November election approved state and city bond issues that total at least \$1,300,000,000—a record.

A tabulation by the Municipal Finance Officers association showed that more than 80 per cent of the proposed bond issues were approved, compared with 70 per cent at the fall elections of 1948.

Biggest issue is the \$500,000,000 for bonuses for war veterans in Pennsylvania. Other bond sales will raise money for such projects as slum clearance, housing, and building or enlarging schools, mental hospitals and airports.

### Traffic Cop Is Stork Director

Washington—(AP)— Policeman Clifton I. Panciera was directing traffic. A woman came up and told him her daughter was about to have a baby.

Panciera tried to flag a cab to take her to the hospital. But they were all full. So he gave a boy a dime to telephone for an ambulance.

He went to the home and found the baby was due to arrive any minute, which it did, with Panciera doing "what they told me in rookie school."



With the approach of the Yuletide Season, our thoughts turn to those whose friendship we cherish so much. May your every wish be fulfilled this Christmas, and may your New Year be healthful and happy.



## Cozart Auto Supply



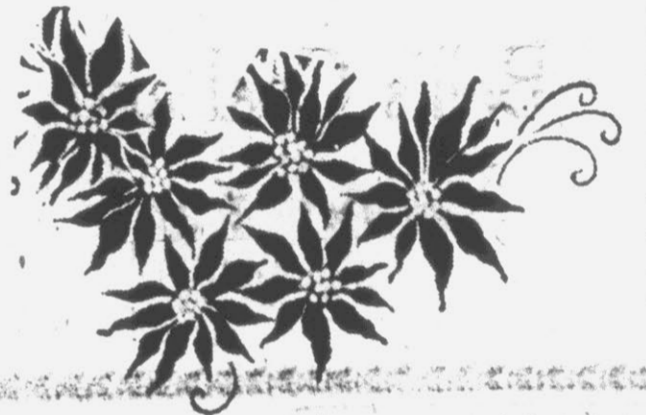
## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Our wish is brief — But very sincere —  
A Merry Christmas to you  
And a Happy New Year!

### N. C. Brooks

Agent Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company

## W.B. Cozart & Sons



# SEASON'S GREETINGS

When Christmas comes, with all its joy and beauty it is a pleasure to express our whole-hearted greetings!

It is in this spirit that we extend our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our many friends . . .

## City Plumbing Co.

FRANK BROWN



Best Wishes for Christmas

As all hearts echo and re-echo the joyous words "Merry Christmas", we wish to join in the spirit of the season and add our greetings to all the rest. And may the New Year bring you every happiness, too!

## W. S. Stafford

Mayor of Greenville



## To Each One Of You

Our wish is Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity and that your Joys will be everlasting.

## C. H. Edwards Hardware House

"Quality Tells"



### Dance The Old Year Out In Style



THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT . . . Two versions of 1950 formality. Left, the floor-length evening gown of dusty rose and sage green satin, with cuffed bodice. Right, short dance frock in crimson taffeta with bouffant petalled skirt.

### Find Ruins Of Four Churches On Same Site

clearing away the ruins left by a wartime V-1 bomb have unearthed the remains of four churches all built on the same site. The discovery was made in what is left of Saint Lambert church, Muizen-las-Malines.

The first church was built on piles and dates from the 8th Century. The second seems to be of Carolingian origin and must have been erected about the middle of the 11th Century. The third shows Gothic characteristics with an extension dating from 1772. The fourth was the former Saint-Lambert church.

Several tombs containing skeletons were also unearthed.

#### HIGH PRESSURE

Tokyo—(AP)—Minister of State Kikuchi Yamaguchi has told parliament that if the government would abandon "usual bureaucratic methods," and get busy and advertise, it could sell some \$20,000,000 worth of things like bathtubs, stoves and building materials it is holding in warehouses.

#### BELIEVE IN SIGNS

Washington—(AP)—The sign said "Do-Not-Drop-Inn," so the burglars did. They took \$23 hidden in a kitchen pot and a \$1 and \$2 bill tacked to the wall as good luck souvenirs.



1949

May Christmas and the New Year be bright with happiness for you.

Dee's Clothing House



## Christmas Joy!

Joys so well expressed and remembered in carols we love to sing and hear

... echo our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

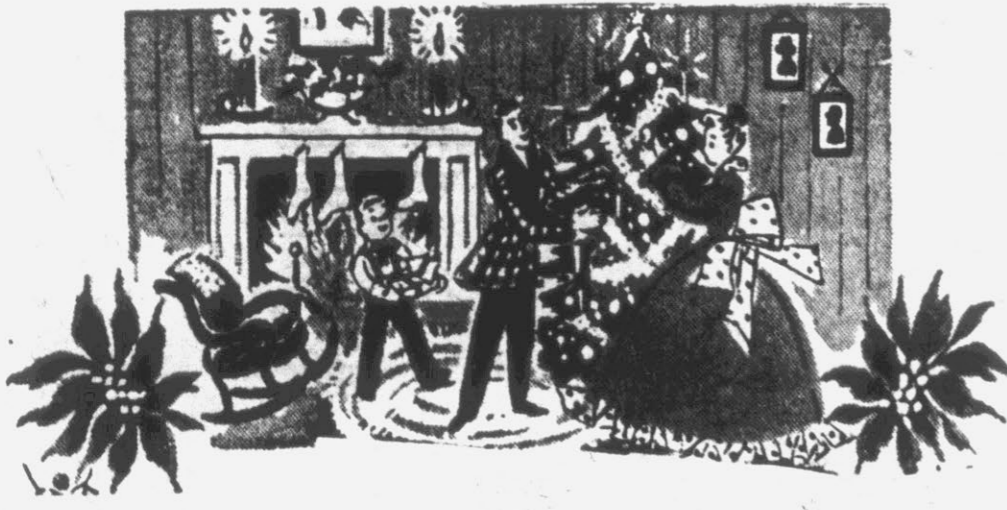
## Bell's Coal and Wood Yard

### If Trend Continues, New Race Of Amazons Seen By 2,000 A. D.

By VIVIAN BROWN (AP Newsfeatures Writer) In the year 2000 people will talk about the Gibson girl as if she'd been a pygmy. Six-foot-two Dianas will hide those family albums revealing their "midget ancestry" and little Sister's favorite doll will wear Granny's wedding dress.

But any year now they should, and just wait until they do, says beauty expert Ann Delafield who explains: "Nature seems bent on producing a new race of Amazons. Within the next 50 years you'll find the emancipated woman engaging actively in such sports as football, baseball and soccer. She'll think nothing of chopping the wood and acting as family car mechanic."

field, and at this rate in the year 2,000, young girls will look older and wrinkled, she believes. Sunshine should be absorbed gradually, measured out more by the teaspoon than the tablespoon she says.



## an old-fashioned MERRY CHRISTMAS

Old times and the carefree pleasures of other days are recalled as we enter another Holiday Season. In the spirit of remembering friends and associations of the past, we extend our greetings to all!

## Carolina Dairy Products, Inc.

### Holy Years Had Share Oddities

Vatican City—(AP)—"Angelic airplanes" to help put 1950 Holy Year pilgrims in a pious mood is one of the odd suggestions received by the Holy Year Central Committee.

appeared, it was reported. The following Holy Year, 1750, Pope Benedict XIV prohibited use of theater music in churches and began the reform for sacred music that was to lead later to a rich treasury of church music.



# BEST WISHES

for a Merry Christmas AND a Happy New Year

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# Next Fifty Years May See Functional Styles

By DOROTHY ROE  
 Women's fashions have run the gamut from the bustle to the flapper sack in the last half century. All signs now point to the prophecy that the next 50 years will be the better half. We have seen it demonstrated in the last few years that women

at last have learned to assert their own common sense when fashion designers go overboard. With one accord American women turned thumbs down on the recent "new look" — the wasp-waisted, hip-padded, skirt-dragging silhouette that came as the first fashion revolution after World War II.

Now, when designers are flirting with the idea of bringing back the hip-belted, flat-topped silhouettes of the flapper era, women once more have said a firm "NO." They have accepted the boyish bob, the shorter skirt, the cloche hat and the sheath, but they have refused flatly to bind themselves into flat-chestedness again and they reserve the right to retain their belts at their natural waistlines.

All these are encouraging signs, showing that America as a nation is coming of age. Twenty-five years ago, after the first World War, the public accepted slavishly the most unflattering fashions in history. Women strove for the sack silhouette, concealed their natural curves, gloried in the so-called "boyish form," and managed to present an altogether frightening appearance with belts around their hips and skirts above their knees.

This year at the half-way mark in the century, the same post-war influences are at work. There is an attempt to bring back the follies of the Terrible Twenties in all their many hysteries. The latest hit on Broadway is the saga of the Jazz Age, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," with its theme song the Charleston. The most fashionable hairdo is a replica of the shingle bob of the Twenties. The beaded short sheath once more is the last word for evening wear.

In the next half century it is to be hoped, and not without sound basis, that feminine fashions will adapt themselves more and more to the active lives of modern women. Bustles, hobble skirts and multiple petticoats will be out of step with the trend of the times, as women cannot be encumbered by such things and conduct the varied activities in which they take part today, and in which they may be expected to take even greater part in the next 50 years.

You can't drive a car, pilot a plane or ride a rocket ship in hoop skirts and a tight girdle.

So we may expect in the next half century more natural, functional fashions, simpler, geared to the atomic age.

We may look forward with confidence, we hope, to the century's better half in fashion.

## Tremors Follow His Lectures

Los Angeles—(AP)—Dr. Thomas Clements, professor of geology at the University of Southern California, is getting a little hesitant about lecturing on earthquakes.

In 1933 he discussed earth tremors before a group in Los Angeles. Within a week the disastrous Long Beach quake occurred. Recently he addressed a Rotary Club in Bakerfield on the same subject. A few hours later a temblor damaged almost 200 oil wells in Wilmington.

**TO GET JAPANESE CLOTH**  
 Cairo—(AP)—The reliable newspaper "Al Zaman" reports Egypt is considering a 50 per cent cut in duties on cheap Japanese textiles to lower the cost of living. Local cloth is made of expensive long staple Egyptian cotton.

Livestock is produced by 5,000,000 independent growers.

## Gravel Shower

Los Angeles—(AP)—Miss Helen Taylor combed the gravel out of her hair and told police this tale:

Walking along a sidewalk she saw an uphill-bound truck roll backward when the driver, Henry G. Mihalevich, mistook his shift. Gathering momentum the 13-ton gravel carrier careened toward her, snapping off a telephone pole and crunching a lamp post before it slammed into a building beside her.

Miss Taylor, pinned to the wall by a protruding part of the truck, was showered with gravel. She was not injured seriously.

## HUNTERS FOUND DUCK WAS SPECIAL DELIVERY

Vallejo, Calif.—(AP)—Ed Case's son skipped school a day to go duck hunting with Ed. They took a couple of dressed ducks over to the boy's teacher and on the way back something hit the car.

They got out, and found a duck. It had been shot, but had flown far enough to collapse on the Case car.

## Low Death Rate In Tuberculosis

New York, N.Y.—The tuberculosis death rate in the United States for 1949 is setting an all-time low record showing a reduction of about 10 percent from the figure of the year before. The present rate in the population is only about one-half that of 12 years ago according to the statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

"The gains against tuberculosis have been accelerated during the postwar years," the statisticians note, "and should the recent trend continue, the disease before long will be relegated to a minor position among the causes of illness and death in our country."

At present, only one state (Arizona) has a tuberculosis death rate of over 60 per 100,000 population. In 1933, when nationwide figures first became available, 19 states and the District of Columbia had rates of 60 or higher.

Intensified public interest and support, of which the Christmas

seal campaign is part, is seen as an outstanding factor in accelerating the decline of the tuberculosis death rate. Since the end of the war case finding has been pushed in an ever widening area, and at present about 10,000,000 persons a year are receiving X-ray examinations. At the same time, efforts have been initiated to increase the facilities for the care and treatment of the tuberculous. Recent research on streptomycin and other new drugs promises that chemotherapy may play a larger role in the future.

Further expansion of the present mass X-ray campaign, especially among older persons and in the rural areas, and the provision of needed facilities for the treatment of patients are set forth as the more important requirements for continued advance in the battle against the disease.

"The great progress being made is no cause for complacency," the statisticians aver. "Only unremitting efforts toward prevention case finding, treatment and rehabilitation will bring the desired result—the virtual eradication from this country of this former health scourge."

In 1948, the average American ate 145 pounds of meat.

*Christmas Wishes*

May your Christmas be as  
 A doorway to good cheer,  
 Through which you will pass  
 To a Happy New Year!

**Dixie Lunch**

With Best Wishes for Christmas

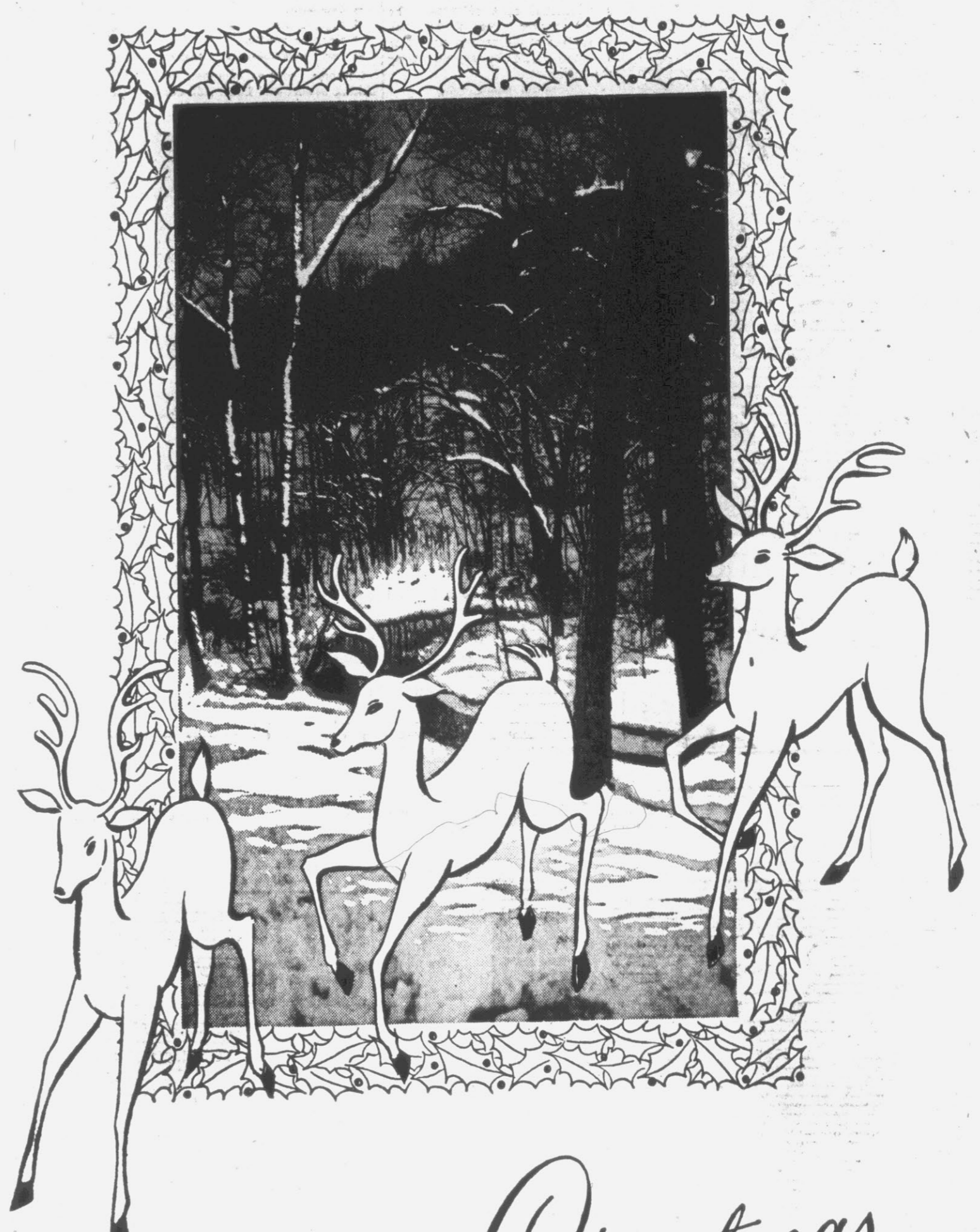
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Greetings

...and sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year..

Globe Hardware Co



Season's Greetings

A BOOK full of sentiments would barely express our heartfelt wishes and hopes for a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year

...to our many friends and neighbors whom we have so happily served through the years. A Very Merry Christmas To All!

Merry Christmas

To you—our patrons and neighbors—we wish all of the good cheer and friendly spirit of the coming Yuletide season.

May the New Year be one of success in all of your endeavors as well as a year of health and happiness for you and yours.

And along with our sincerest wishes for the well-being of our friends—we offer a prayer that the future be one of prosperity and enduring peace.

Ernest Willard & Webb

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# Away in a Manger

was char... by the shepherds abiding in the field.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable; a place of shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and Judean travelers—frequently 'put up' in such caves—welcomed rather than disdained joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth, while the guests inside the inn had no heat at all.

The cave, which was the birthplace of the Saviour, is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity; and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has been unwilling to maintain its poverty and has covered the entire surface with costly ornamentation

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the airy portions—complete with plaster of paris animals and adoring shepherds—so dear to the heart of modern Christendom.

With comfort increasing throughout the western world, the poverty of the Nativity scene simultaneously startles and fascinates us—as perhaps Matthew, the publican, was impressed by the story of the Wise Men; and St. Luke, who had been a ship's doctor and probably knew very little about shepherds,

# COOKIES CANDIES & CHRISTMAS

LIKE Santa's pack, your stock of holiday goodies should be plentiful and interesting. Since callers will be as much present as holly and gifts during the holidays, do your baking of cakes and cookies, so your cupboard will be ready for any who might drop in.

Home-made delicacies served during Christmas and New Year's are as heart-warming as the sound of the yule log crackling on the hearth. If you have a fruit cake, a variety of cookies and perhaps a few candies, and if you serve these with a festive beverage, you will have gone a long way in spelling holiday cheer to those who come to say "Merry Christmas" at your home.

Here is a simple type fruit cake which does not need the aging that a traditional cake requires. The recipe makes two 9x12 inch loaves and is the perfect answer as to what should be served during the holidays:

### Raisin Fruit Cake (Makes 2 loaves)

- 4 cups seeded raisins
- 2 tablespoons grated lemon rind
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon allspice
- 2 1/4 cups liquid
- 3 1/2 cups chopped nutmeats
- 4 cups sifted cake flour
- 5 teaspoons double acting baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or shortening
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine raisins, lemon rind, spices and water in a saucepan. Cover and simmer gently for eight minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid and add water or coffee to make one and one-half cups, and reserve. Grind raisins with nutmeats.

Sift flour once, measure and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift three times. Cream butter thoroughly, and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir until all flour is dispensed. Beat vigorously for two minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into two 9x12 inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper and then greased again. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for one hour and 15

minutes, or until done. Let stand five minutes on cake rack, then remove from pan, leaving paper attached until ready to serve. Cool. Wrap in a clean cloth and store in tin container to keep moist.

\*The liquid may be water or left-over coffee.

### Kris Kringle Cookies (Makes 30 balls)

- 1 cup butter cookie crumbs
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
  - 1 cup finely chopped, pitted dates
  - 1 cup black walnuts, chopped
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 2 eggs, beaten
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- Combine cookie crumbs, salt, baking powder and flour. Add dates and nuts. Add sugar gradually to



### RAISIN FRUIT CAKE for a spicy holiday

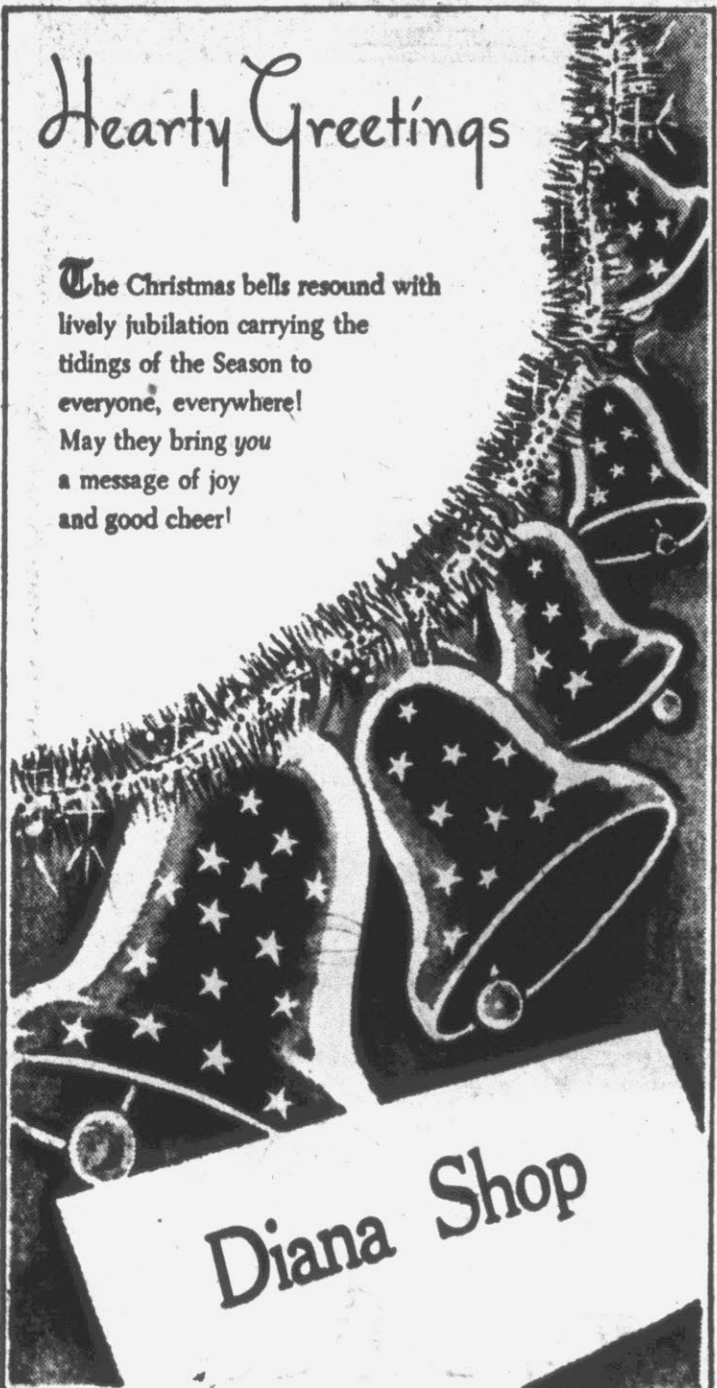
beaten eggs. Blend in cookie crumb mixture and vanilla. Bake in a greased and floured nine-inch square pan and bake in a slow (325°) oven for 30 minutes. While still warm, cut into 30 squares. Roll each square into a ball, turning the top, crusty portion inwards as you roll. Place confectioners' sugar in a bag. Shake the balls in the sugar to coat evenly.

Some difference in the proportion of gases composing the air are observed at various places on the earth's surface.

Making glassware by hand was America's first industry. In 1608 a "glass-house", or factory, was built by the colony at Jamestown, Va.

# Hearty Greetings

The Christmas bells resound with lively jubilation carrying the tidings of the Season to everyone, everywhere! May they bring you a message of joy and good cheer!




**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

To Everybody--Everywhere

**Bostic - Sugg Furniture Co.**

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The season of glad cheer and good fellowship is with us once again . . . and everywhere we go we see as well as hear and feel this wonderful spirit. We see it in the gaily adorned shop windows, the colorfully lighted trees, and on smiling faces of the people about us. We hear it in the well wishing greetings of friend to friend, stranger to stranger, in the church bells resounding magnificently through our community.

We hope this will be a memorable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Friendly Furniture Company



HOPE THAT SUSTAINS THE WORLD . . . If there is anything more touching and inspiring than the sight of a little boy or girl waiting patiently for the arrival of his beloved Santa Claus, the world has yet to produce it. With boundless hope, after hanging up his stocking, he finally goes to bed, knowing as surely as he knows his own mother and father, that the Giftbringer will have been there when he awakens.



The years go on and our celebrations may change with time . . . but the wishes are always the same—A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to You and Yours!

Cox Florist



### The First Christmas

THE MAJESTIC STORY OF BETHLEHEM HAS INSPIRED MANKIND FOR CENTURIES, ITS GLORIOUS SCENES LIVE AGAIN ON THIS YEAR'S RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH THEIR REVERENT SENTIMENTS—

AGAIN HAS COME THE SEASON OF THE BLESSED SAVIOUR'S BIRTH, WHEN PEACE AND LOVE AND KINDNESS ENCIRCLE ALL THE EARTH.



THE ANGEL ANNOUNCES "TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY" TO THE SHEPHERDS



THE RADIANT STAR OF THE EAST LEADS THE WISE MEN



THEY OFFER ROYAL GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH



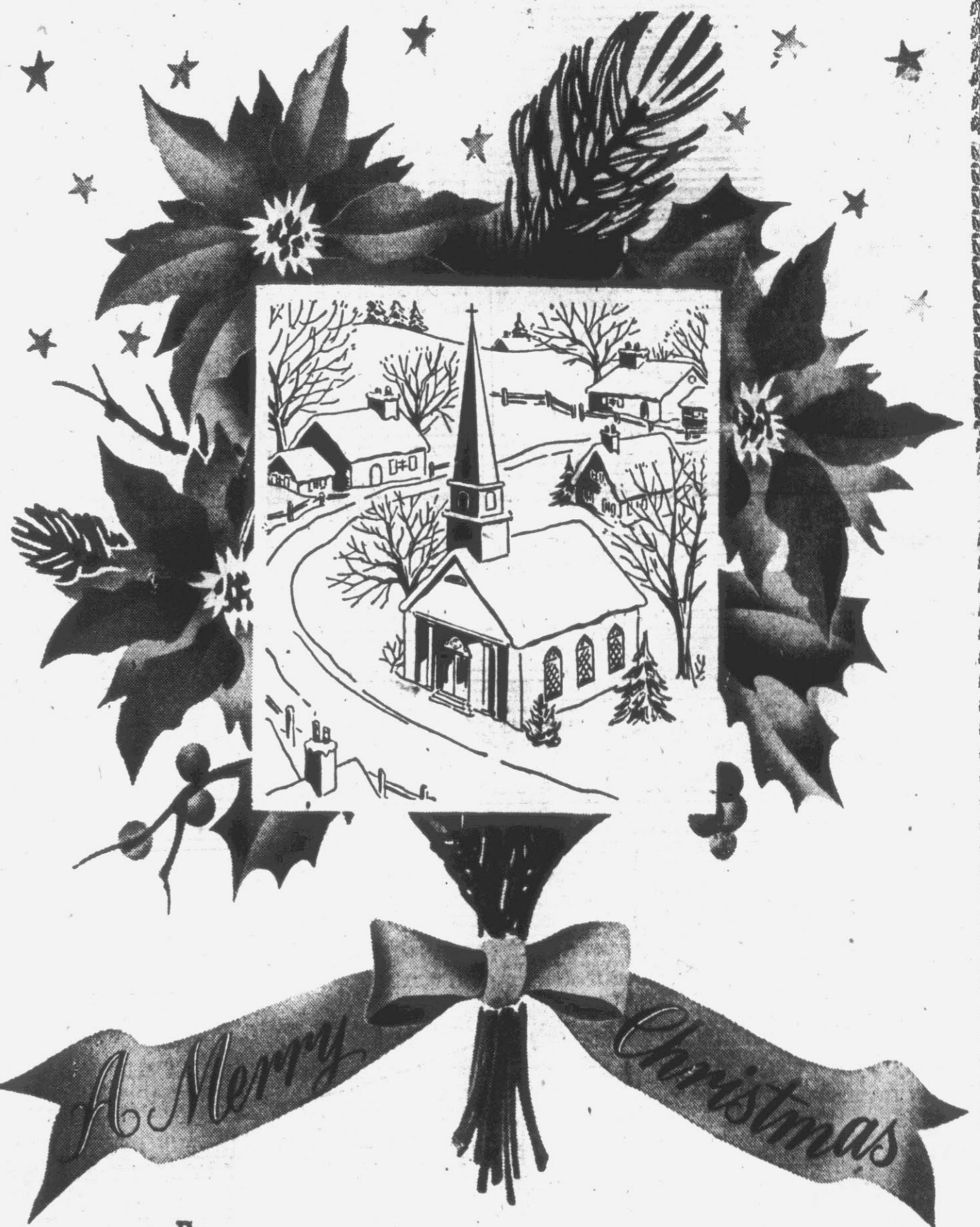
WARNED OF KING HEROD'S TREACHERY, THE HOLY FAMILY FLEES TO EGYPT

## Merry Christmas

Best wishes to all our friends, and continued health and happiness throughout the coming year. May this Christmas give you and yours everything good.



Stafford Oldsmobile Co.



Riches and expensive gifts do not alone make a Christmas merry. The simple, familiar wishes of neighbors and friends are just as important for a full enjoyment of the holiday. Mindful of this we are anxious to voice our homey, old-fashioned greeting: "To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



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## Merry Christmas to All

Let the spirit of hospitality and friendliness, so typical of the Christmas Season, remain with you throughout the year and brighten the associations you share with others.

Taft Furniture Company

52 Years Continuous Service

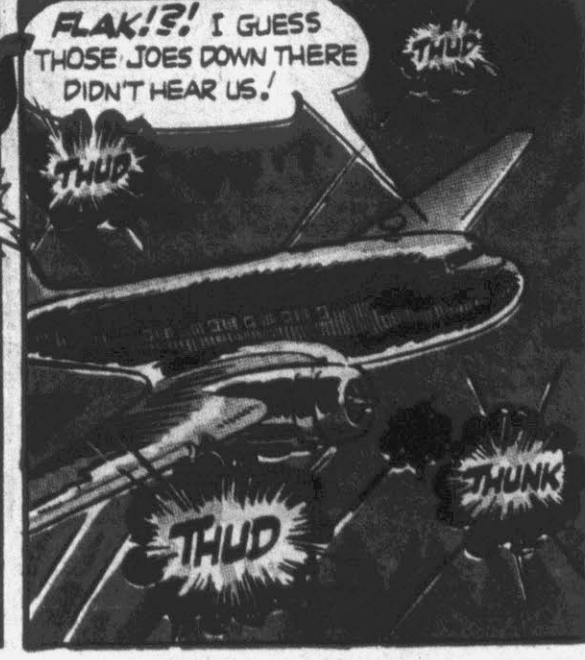
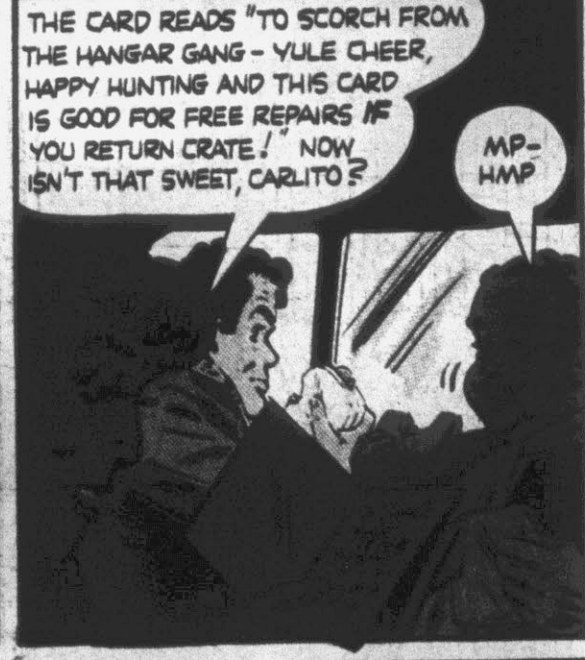
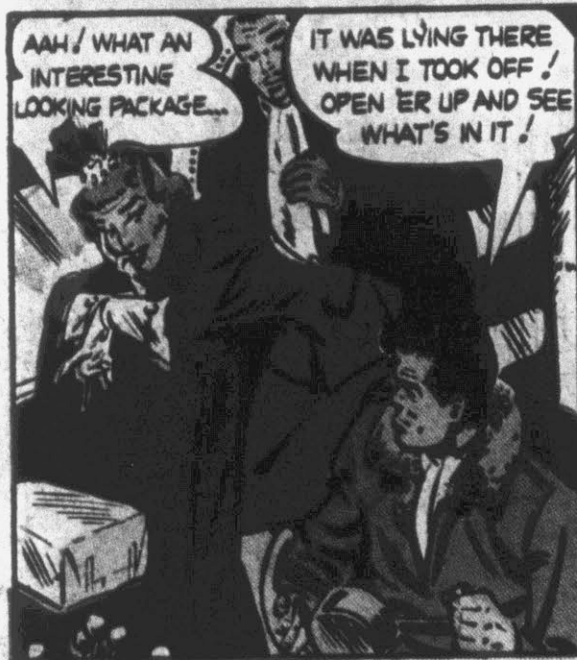
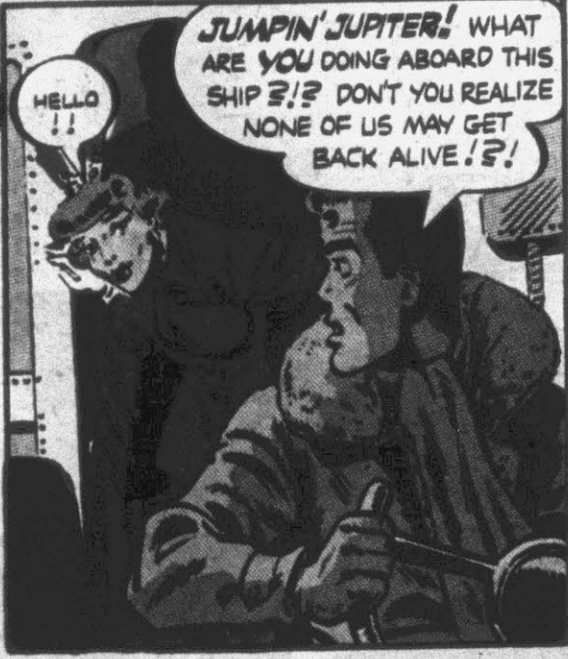
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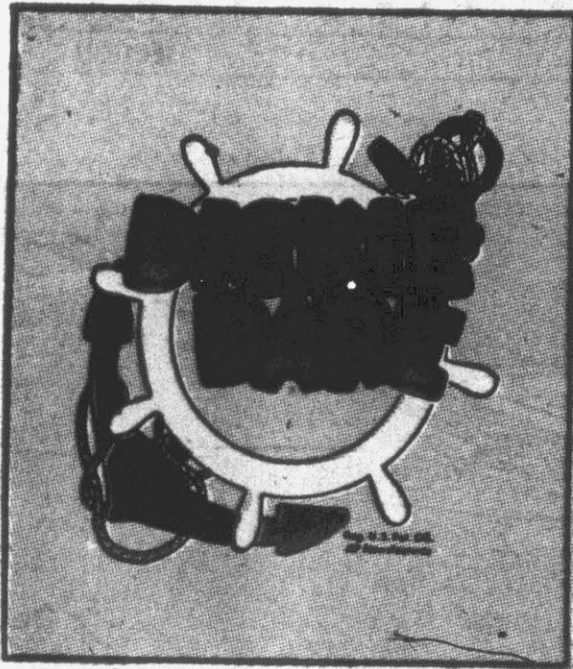
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COMICS

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1949





GOSH, DAN, LIFE ON THAT FARM WAS FUN, BUT--

-- WE COULDN'T CONCENTRATE! -- I'VE A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE FOR YOU, DICKIE. I'VE BEEN SAVING IT FOR YEARS



IT'S A CERTAIN PLACE WE'RE GOING TO-- FOR A GOOD LONG VISIT-- I HOPE

GOSH, WHERE IS IT-- WE'RE GOIN' THROUGH WILD COUNTRY-- HEADING NORTH--

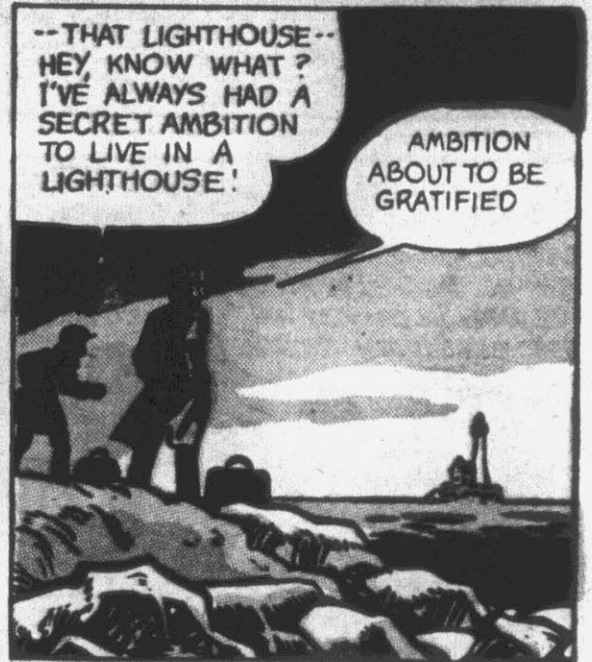


BARNACLE COVE, MAINE! OH, MAN, I SMELL THE SEA--

THERE'S A TAXI WITH A SALT WATER COOLING SYSTEM

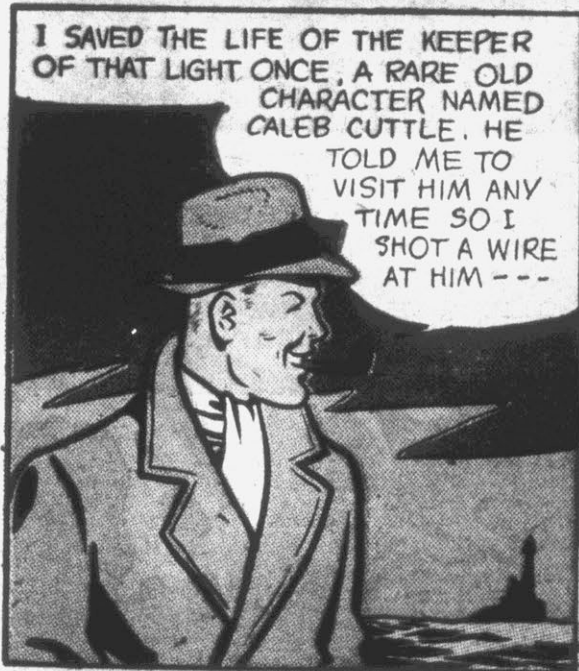


DAN-- I DON'T GET IT-- WE'VE LEFT THE HOUSES-- NOTHING AHEAD BUT OPEN SEA AND--

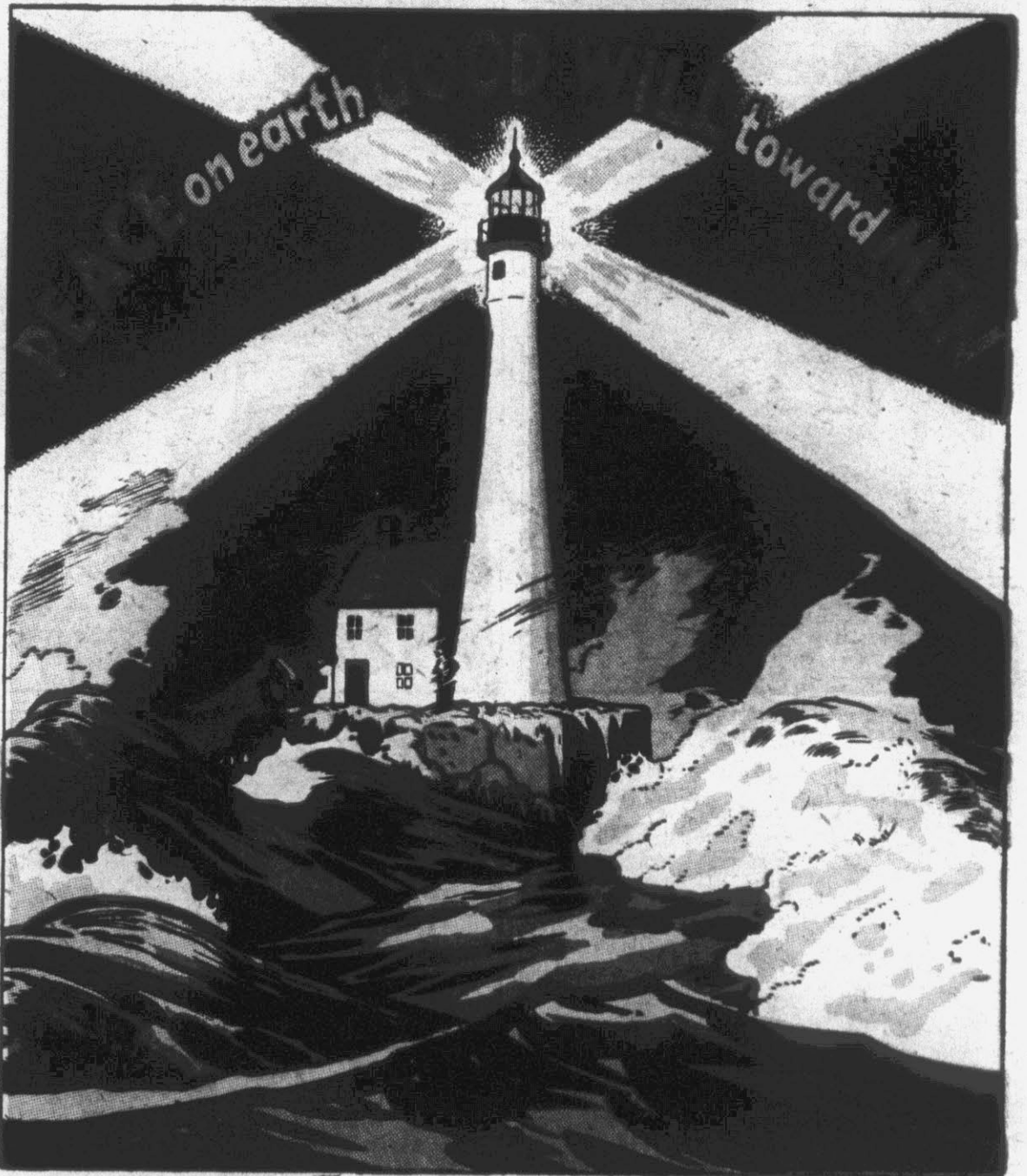


-- THAT LIGHTHOUSE-- HEY, KNOW WHAT? I'VE ALWAYS HAD A SECRET AMBITION TO LIVE IN A LIGHTHOUSE!

AMBITION ABOUT TO BE GRATIFIED



I SAVED THE LIFE OF THE KEEPER OF THAT LIGHT ONCE, A RARE OLD CHARACTER NAMED CALEB CUTTLE. HE TOLD ME TO VISIT HIM ANY TIME SO I SHOT A WIRE AT HIM--



HERE HE COMES! HE TOOK UP WITH LIGHTKEEPING BECAUSE, LIKE US, HE WAS LOOKING FOR PEACE

WHAT A TIE-UP, DAN! I MEAN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT KEEPS ON SHININ', JUST LIKE A LIGHTHOUSE, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!

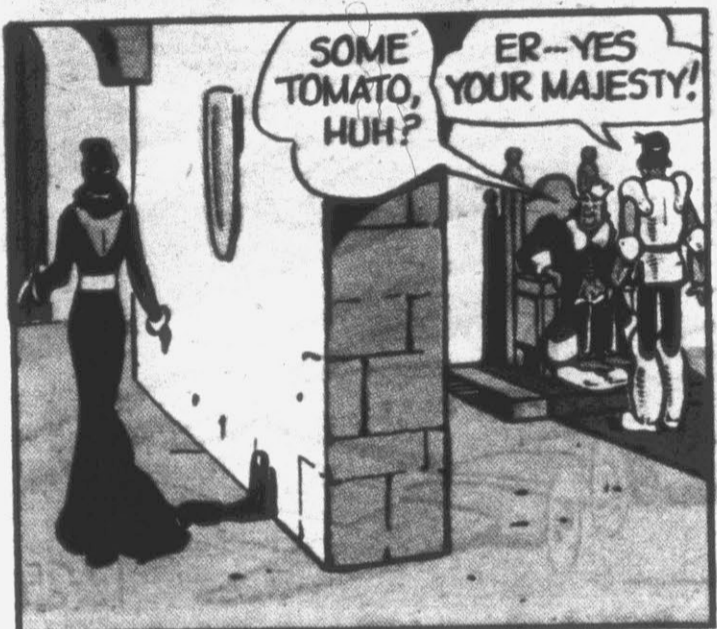


PRINCESS POMONA HAS TOLD KING CORNY WHAT SHE WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS-- AND NOW HIS MAJESTY IS WORKING ON IT...



OH, EXCUSE ME, FATHER-- I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE BUSY!

SEE YA LATER, POMONA!



SOME TOMATO, HUH?

ER--YES YOUR MAJESTY!



TELL ME, OAKY--AS MAN TO MAN--WHAT'S YOUR OPINION OF PRINCESS POMONA?

ER--I THINK SHE'S A SWELL GIRL!



DON'T YOU THINK SHE'D MAKE A WONDERFUL WIFE FOR A YOUNG KNIGHT?

I'LL SAY SHE WOULD!



WELL, TOMORROW'S CHRISTMAS, AND SHE WANTS ME TO GIVE HER A WEDDING FOR A PRESENT!

G-GOSH ALL HEMLOCK!



AND THE GUY SHE WANTS TO MARRY IS YOU!

JUMPIN' JIMINY! I DIDN'T REALIZE CHRISTMAS IS SO NEAR!



HEY! WHERE YA GOING?!

TO DO MY SHOPPING!



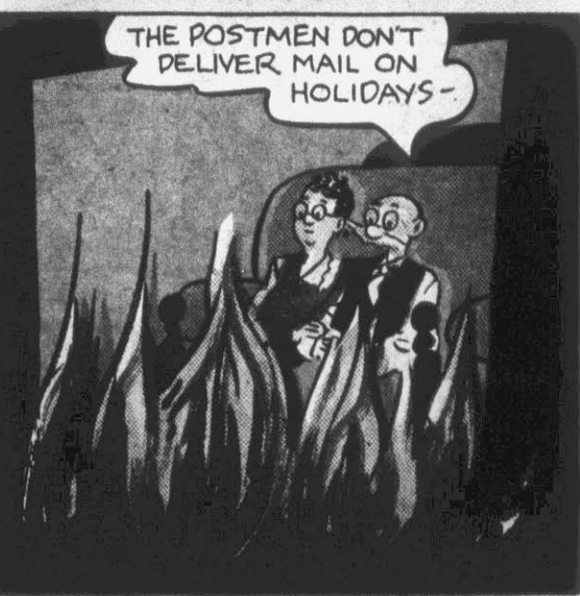
AND THE NEXT MORNING...

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE INCONSIDERATE JERK! WHAT I WANTED WAS A MARRYING CHRISTMAS!



**NEIGHBORLY NEIGHBORS** BY MORRIS



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# SPORT SLANTS

— ORIENTAL ENTERTAINING ATHLETES !

*Jimmy Dykes*

THE FORMER WHITE SOX MANAGER HAS PLAYED THAT ROLE IN SEVERAL MOVIES



*Joe Arkwood*  
FOR 30 YEARS HE HAS TRAVELLED THE WORLD GIVING EXHIBITIONS OF HIS TRICK SHOT ARTISTRY

*Gorgeous George*  
IS MORE OF AN ACTOR THAN A WRESTLER



*Bill Holland*

THE 1948 INDIANAPOLIS WINNER HAS A BIG PART IN THE MOVIE - THE BIG WHEEL



*Memory Mirror*

THE VETERAN HOLLYWOOD CHARACTER ACTOR WON THE NATIONAL AMATEUR HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1908.



*Whommy*  
HOLD IT UP TO A MIRROR

*Dad*

## HOOVER

by RAND TAYLOR



WHERE'S HOOPEE? WE'RE WAITING TO OPEN OUR PRESENTS!

HE HAIN'T FINISHED WRAPPING HIS GIFTS YET!



NOW LET ME SEE - I BELIEVE THIS CHRISTMAS SEAL WOULD LOOK BEST THERE!



NOW TO FLUFF UP THE BOWS AND I'M READY TO GO!

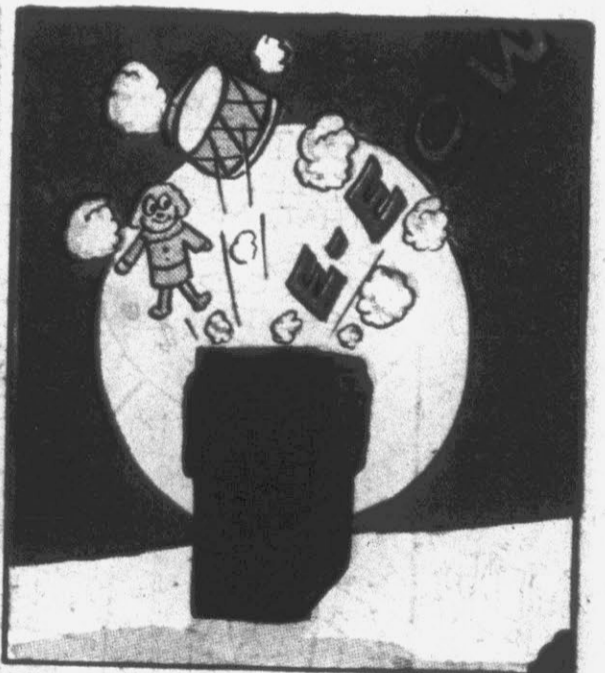
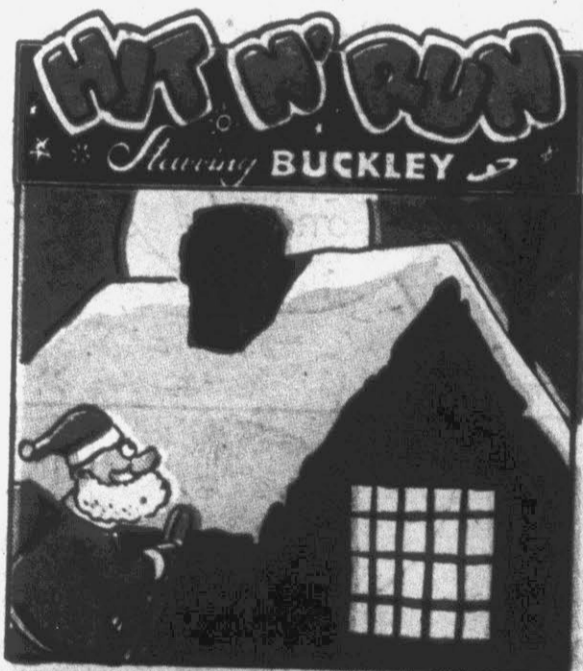


MERRY CHRISTMAS, FOLKS!

WHAT BEAUTIFUL PACKAGES!



# YIPEE



# AP NEWSFEATURES COMICS

WORLD'S  
LARGEST  
SIZES



MR. SEAWEED IS SENDING US ANOTHER YACHT--- REMIND ME TO SEND HIM A NEW YEARS CARD THIS YEAR! //



DEAR AUNT MARY-- THANK YOU FOR THE DRESS AGAIN THIS YEAR. INCIDENTALLY I NO LONGER WEAR A SIZE FOUR--IM A BIG GIRL NOW--.



MAYBE HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT, BUT THAT, MY DEAR, IS DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS! //

MY HUSBAND DOESN'T LIKE IT, SO I'VE GOT TO EXCHANGE ONE OR THE OTHER! //

