



WEATHER

Fair and somewhat colder tonight. Sunday fair becoming slightly warmer in afternoon.

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A Prayer For Daddy 'Over There'



... and please bring my Daddy back home to Mommy and me." All over the United States this Christmas season will go prayers such as that by Debby Dayson for her father who is in Korea with the Marines. Looking on is her mother, Mrs. Della Perry Dayson, of Greenville. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee.)

Pitt Servicemen, By The Scores, To Be With Families

To scores of families in Pitt County, this Christmas holds an extra portion of joy and thanksgiving. Their sons and husbands in uniform are re-united with them in celebrating the feast of Christmas.

These men in uniform returned from many military establishments in the continental United States, bases and ships on the oceans and some few carried with them the memory of Korea where lurked death and misery.

This holiday gathering holds too, the unspoken fears and hopes for the future; but contentment in the present was uppermost in the minds of all.

Not all of Pitt's sons could come home; they were about their country's business and home and hearth must wait. Nor are all who did return among those listed below; those who are known to be spending the Yuletide with their families are as follows:

Seaman Lloyd Douglas Allen, Allen, USN, will visit his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Lloyd Allen of 2717 Dickinson Avenue.

Corporal Henry Andrews, stationed at Fort Bliss, Kentucky, will spend the holidays with his wife, Mrs. Andrews of 427 West Third Street.

Gene P. Baker, AMAN, USN, who is stationed at Ellison Field, Pensacola, Florida, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Baker of 112 East Ninth Street.

Corporal Clarence G. Barnhill, stationed at Olmsted Air Base, Middletown, Penn., will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnhill of Route 4, Belvoir.

Private First Class Joseph Blackham of Sheppard Field, Texas, will spend the holidays with his mother at 612 Howell Street.

Officer Candidate William A. Bowen, USN, stationed at Newport, Rhode Island, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bowen on Rotary Avenue.

Corporal Robert B. Bowers, USA, will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bowers, 1211 Washington Street. Cpl. Bowers is stationed at Atlanta, Ga.

Private First Class Franklin Brown, Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Texas, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown of 306 Elm Street.

Private First Class J. B. Butts,

Trailways Strike Cripples Travel

Many Points In Eastern N. C. Affected By Abrupt Walkout

RALEIGH —(AP)—A strike of Carolinas Trailways Company bus drivers has crippled service at many intermediate points in eastern North Carolina and affected hundreds of Christmas holiday travelers.

R. C. Hoffman, Jr., Carolinas Trailways president, said he foresees no quick settlement of the strike, which he described as "unfair and unreasonable."

The company immediately suspended operations. It has some 260 drivers and 235 buses. The firm serves Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Jacksonville, and Norfolk and Richmond in Virginia, in addition to many intermediate points.

Meanwhile, other bus lines serving many points on the routes over which Trailways operates reported they were being "taxed to capacity" to handle the heavy flow of Christmas travel.

C. B. Dailey, Raleigh representative of Atlantic Greyhound Lines, said Greyhound had rented leased buses from Richmond, Washington and other northern points and added them to their schedules in an effort to take care of the heavy travel.

Seaman Carl B. Denton, USN, stationed at Bainbridge, Maryland, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Denton, 807 East Ninth Street.

Seaman Henry Dunn, Jr., is with his wife on 205 East 10th Street and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Dunn, Route 1, Ayden.

Private First Class Bruce Ellison, Fort Custer, Mich., is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ellison, 1112 "B" Douglas Avenue.

Seaman Raby Edwards, USCG, Jersey City, N. J., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mabel Edwards, 308

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Millions Starting Annual Yuletide Travels In U. S.

Long Weekend May Result In Record Traffic Toll; Weather Claims Many

By UNITED PRESS Millions of Americans were on the move today, making their annual Christmas migration, but snow and frigid weather slowed them to a crawl in much of the nation.

Rail, bus and air terminals were jammed with travelers and extra runs were added to bear the holiday load. Many of the prospective passengers were servicemen going home for Christmas.

The National Safety Council said the long weekend might result in one of the highest holiday traffic death tolls in history as motorists try to buck their way through snow-clogged roads.

The council said 600 might die. One of them will be the millionth traffic victim since the automobile's invention.

The weather alone was claiming many lives. Since the current series of storms and cold waves began eight days ago, 304 persons have died directly or indirectly attributable to the weather.

The highway situation was so bad that the drifts even stalled 18 snow plows near Joliet, Ill.

Most of the nation East of the Rockies was gripped in a severe cold wave as winter made its official entry into the northern hemisphere at 11:01 a. m. EST. The cold knifed South of Texas and headed East toward the Atlantic Coast.

It was so chilly at Portland, Ore., that the zoo's polar bear came down with pneumonia.

Police in nine San Francisco area counties stopped more than 15,000 motorists in a campaign to hold down the traffic toll. Police issued 2,488 citations and 1,809 warnings.

Fear Many Died In Mining Shaft

Bodies Of Four Recovered; 120 Others Remain Trapped

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. (UP)—The first four bodies were hoisted from the explosion-torn depths of the world's largest shaft coal mine today and rescuers battled choking smoke to reach more than 120 other miners believed caught and possibly dead in the blast.

Miner David Clayton said radio relay, is relayed from the rescuers had said at least 40 men were killed and another 75 trapped. Many of those trapped were feared dead, he said.

Only four injured men were taken from the pit within the first 11 hours after the explosion rocked the New Orient mine last night.

It was estimated that 218 to 228 men were in the mine at the time of the blast. Of this number, 93 men were believed above ground and alive.

Walter Eadie, Illinois director of mines and minerals who arrived at the scene a short time after the blast, said the explosion "definitely" was caused by coal gas. But he said "any one of 1,000 different things could have set it off."

This morning all power at the mine shaft failed, knocking out the elevator and communications to those working in the black, wet darkness below.

Late Shopping Rush Enters Final Stages

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Immediate Exchange Of Prisoners Is Proposed By UN Truce Negotiators

U. S. Air Losses Hit 506 Planes

Record Number Of 14 Shot Down During Past Week; Anti-Aircraft Guns Took Toll Of 13 Allied Aircraft

8TH ARMY HQ, Korea (AP)—The United States has lost 506 planes since the Korean war started and 14 — a record — have been shot down in the last week, it was announced tonight.

In all 1293 American airmen have been killed.

A communiqué of the Far Eastern Air Forces said 416 U.S. planes were shot down by enemy anti-aircraft guns, 76 were lost in air actions and 14 were lost on the ground to other unlisted causes.

It was estimated that up to Thursday the air forces had destroyed, probably destroyed or damaged 1,051 Communist planes.

In all, the Air Force has inflicted an estimated 184,880 casualties on Communist troops, the communiqué said, and has destroyed 51,970 motor vehicles, 1,585 locomotives, 165,000 buildings, 1,838 tanks and 6,065 gun positions.

Of the American planes lost, 66 were bombers.

The 5th Air Force announced the loss of 14 Allied planes this week while only one Communist plane was destroyed.

One American F-86 Sabrejet was destroyed and a second damaged in combat.

Red anti-aircraft guns knocked down the other 13 Allied aircraft during the week ended yesterday. They were two F-44 Thunderjets, two F-50 Shooting Star jets, one F-9F Panther jet, three propeller-driven F-61 Mustangs, four F-4U Corsairs and one B-26 bomber.

It was the heaviest seven-day toll of 5th Air Force planes since the Korean war began. On the credit side, the Allies

Would Include Only Seriously Ill, Wounded Among POWs; 50-50 Chance Of Acceptance

PANMUNJOM, Korea (UP)—The United Nations proposed today an immediate exchange of seriously ill and wounded war prisoners, possibly including Maj. Gen. William F. Dean.

The Communists promised to consider the dramatic Allied proposal, and a U.N. spokesman said a 50-50 chance that they would accept it.

Rear Adm. R. E. Libby, U.N. member of the prisoner subcommittee, suggested that the exchange take place at once at Panmunjom without waiting for an armistice or even for an agreement on a complete exchange of war prisoners.

A U.N. officer estimated that 7,000 Chinese and North Korean prisoners now in U.N. hospitals would be eligible for exchange under the proposal. The number of sick and wounded among 3,198 Americans and 8,361 other Allied prisoners in North Korea's prison camps was not known.

Forceful Action Considered To Free 4 Airmen

WASHINGTON (UP)—The State Department is considering a "get tough" policy today to force Hungary to reverse its decision to try four American airmen for violating its frontier.

The department swung into action as news of the Hungarian move sent tremors soaring at the White House, in Congress, and across the nation.

It decided immediately that further protests would be useless unless they are backed up by action showing the Communists the United States means business.

Among the moves under consideration are severing diplomatic relations, applying economic pressures, closing Hungarian consulates in this country, and banning travel to Hungary.

The U.N. command has indicated that it will consider an extension of the time limit if the trial talks appear to be making progress when the original deadline is reached next Thursday.

Libby made his surprise proposal for an immediate exchange of sick and wounded captives after each side had accused the other of withholding names of prisoners from the official lists submitted last Tuesday.

"If you are not ready to give us an immediate reply, we would like the earliest possible answer, tomorrow if possible."

A Christmas Note To You

All of us here at The Daily Reflector have been so busy working to give you a bigger and better newspaper that we did not have time to buy you a pretty Christmas card.

So we're sending you this note to wish you a

Very Merry Christmas and A Happy, Prosperous New Year

John Bridges, Editor
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Martha Bridges, Reception
Mrs. M. W. Bridges, Reception
James Bridges, Reception
H. J. Bridges, Reception
Don C. Schlessel, Reception
Jettie J. Cook, Reception
David L. Merrill, Reception
Donell A. King, Reception
Jimmy Ellis, Reception
Tommy C. Bridges, Reception

FEBRUARY WEDDING PLANNED



Miss Bernadine Killian Worsley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Worsley of Greenville, North Carolina, who announce her engagement to Mr. John George Monyak, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Monyak of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. The wedding will take place the second of February.

Clio Book Club Has Annual Yule Dinner Meeting

The Clio Book Club met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Haar, East Ninth Street, last Tuesday evening for its annual Christmas dinner party. Serving as hostesses with Mrs. Haar were Mrs. J. R. Moye, II, Mrs. J. H. Adams, and Mrs. J. M. Moye.

The home was festive throughout with yuletide decorations ranging from a formal table and buffet in the dining room to gay and original arrangements of tapers, flowers, and holly in other parts of the house.

A three course turkey dinner was served buffet style, after which guests gathered around the Christmas tree in the living room for an exchange of gifts. Mrs. W. S. Bost read a sprightly, humorous Christmas story.

Mrs. Jack Gates, a former member, and Mrs. Rose Fambrough were guests.

German Club Dance To Be Held

The German Club will hold its annual Christmas dance on Wednesday night at the Greenville Country Club.

The affair will begin at 9:00 and terminate at 1:00 a.m.

All members are invited to attend.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. El Tavasso announce the birth of son, Kim Elray, on Wednesday, December 19, 1951 in Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Tavasso is the former Rachel Hawkins of this city.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wingate announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Ellen, on December 18 in Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Social and Personal

All items for this page received after 10 a. m. will be published the following day. Dial 2356—9 a. m. to Noon; 1 to 4:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Rice left today to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Walsh Jr. in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ebert and children, Bobby and Gayle, of Harrisburg, Pa. are spending the holidays with Mrs. Ebert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ludlow Williams.

Kelly Wilson is sick at his home, 919 Washington Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Deal and infant daughter of Charlotteville, Va. will arrive Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dea during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams and their daughter Gail will arrive Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mr. Adams' mother, Mrs. Katharine Adams.

Mrs. J. G. Fearing is visiting her sisters, Mrs. J. B. Kittrell and Mrs. Katharine Adams.

Miss Mary Hudson, who is teaching in Live Oak, Fla., will arrive Monday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hudson. She left Live Oak last Friday and spent this past week in Miami.

Miss Florence Phelps left yesterday for Morehead City, where she will spend the holidays.

Mrs. W. W. Phelps will leave Monday for Morehead where she will spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks.

Cpl. and Mrs. H. T. Brown Jr. of Ft. Belvoir, Va. will spend Christmas with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brown.

Miss Louise Allen has returned to her home from Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Travis Hooker, Mrs. Walter F. Taylor, Mrs. J. H. B. Moore and Miss Eunice McGee will leave tomorrow for Williamsburg, Va. to spend Christmas at Williamsburg Inn.

Mrs. A. E. Hobgood and Miss Frances Hobgood will leave tomorrow for Norfolk to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gibson.

Miss Adelaide Warren of Richmond is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Rosa Brown.

40 Years Ago Today

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Miss Frances Clark of Spartanburg, S.C. is spending the holidays with Mrs. Frank Wilson.

Miss Lillian Waldrop and brother, Paul Waldrop, of Hendersonville, are spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Frank Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith left this morning for Greensboro to spend Christmas.

Miss Essie Ellington left this morning for Petersburg, Va. to spend the holidays.

Misses Jennie and Nannie Williams left this morning for Warren to spend the holidays.

H. S. Ragsdale came home Friday evening from Maysville, Ky.

Miss Bessie Bennett of Reidsville is here to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. E. W. Harvey.

mond is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collier, Miss Mary Warren Collier and Bill Collier Jr. of Waynesboro, Va. are spending a few days with Mrs. B. S. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Basnight and Lou Crosland of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. James L. White and family of Arlington, Va. and Dr. and Mrs. M. I. Fleming of Rocky Mount will be guests of Mrs. J. B. White Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMillan have returned from Madison, Ind. to spend Christmas with Mrs. J. B. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Maxwell Jr. of Augusta, Ga. will arrive Sunday to spend Christmas with Col. and Mrs. Owen Marshburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Forbes Jr. and children, Alf III and Susanne, and Mrs. Leon Evans will leave Sunday for Atlanta, Ga. where they will spend Christmas with Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hugh Evans.

Miss Rosalie Brown, who is teaching in Charleston, S.C. is here to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Rosa Brown.

Pageant To Be Presented By Methodist Youth Group

The young people of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will present a pageant entitled "The Christian Story" on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock Vesper Service.

The pageant, which depicts the life of Christ from the time of the prophecies of Isaiah through the Resurrection, will be a series of tableau scene, interspersed with music and narration.

The program is directed by Miss Kathryn Van Nortwick, with Miss Mary Ann Stark, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, as her assistant.

Mrs. Paul Toll, organist, and a choir composed of the adult members and some of the young people, will provide the music during the pageant. Miss Barbara White will sing a solo, "Were You There?"

Special lighting effects will be under the supervision of Johnny Russell. Curtis Hendrix is chairman of the scenery committee; Shirley Manning heads the costume committee; and the make-up is under the direction of Chairman Wynette Garner.

The complete program is listed below:

The Organ Prelude—"Christmas Eve," Malling
The Call to Worship
Hymn No. 87—"Angels From the Realms of Glory," Smart
The Evening Prayer
The Offertory—"O Holy Night," Adam

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering
Hymn No. 99—"Joy to the World," Handel

A Pageant—"The Christian Story"
Narrator: Bobby Nichols
Isaiah: Bobby Langston
John the Baptist: Glenn Scott
Shepherds: Bill Taft, J. B. Nichols, Preston Fields
Mary: Barbara Batchelor
Joseph: Norval Messick
Jesus: Lesley Jones
Followers: Linda Whitehurst, Marjory Hadley, Jo Anne Manning, Jimmy Phelps, Sam Winchester
Judas: John Messick
Hymn No. 164—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Holden
The Benediction
The Organ Postlude—"It Came"

Mrs. A. A. Forbes will spend Christmas in Wilmington with her sister, Mrs. Henry Skipper.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Baker left Friday for New York to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. James L. Little is spending the Christmas holidays in Columbia, S.C. with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Little and family.

Home Furniture Store Employees Guests At Dinner

Wednesday night the employees of the Home Furniture Store and their husbands and wives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Davenport for a Christmas dinner.

The guests were invited into the living room where Christmas music was rendered by Mr. W. M. Hudson.

After the cocktail hour everyone assembled in the game room where a delicious turkey dinner was served buffet style.

When dinner was finished, Mrs. Floyd Phillips and Mrs. Grace Howell entertained the guests with many games and contests.

The home throughout was beautifully decorated for the holiday season.

Winterville Resident Returns From Visit To New Mexico

Mrs. Will A. Talley of Winterville has returned home after a month's visit in Roswell, New Mexico. While there she visited her four children Mrs. Paul S. McEvoy, Mrs. O. L. Geeslin, Mr. Howell Russ, and Mrs. Joe W. McKnight, and her grandchildren, Jeddie McKnight, Hal, Pat and Sandra Russ, and Donald Frank McKnight.

Mrs. Talley was entertained highly while there with several luncheons teas and coffees. She was present at the McKnight Ranch when the shipment of Australian Corriedals sheep were received. This shipment of sheep is the largest ever to be received by an individual in the United States, there being 500 in the shipment.

Mrs. Talley's children will be well remembered as they were all born and raised in Washington, North Carolina.

Promoted To Corporal

Dempsey Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holland, Greenville Route 4, has been promoted to Corporal while serving in 2nd Division in Korea. Corporal Holland graduated from Belvoir High School.

White Shrine Has Christmas Rites

The Greenville White Shrine No. 7 held a most impressive Christmas ceremonial Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the Masonic Temple. Two candidates, Mrs. Martha Forrest and Mr. Frances Gilbert of Grifton, were initiated at this time.

Before the opening march sojourner Blanche Smith read from the Book of Luke the Christmas story.

The officers were invited into the chapter room by the Watchman of Shepherds, Jasper Phillips of Kinston. They entered bearing lighted candles while the choir, composed of sojourners, Ethel Ricks, Ethel Tucker, of Grimesland, J. B. Jackson and Herman Nobles sang "Silent Night."

The Worthy High Priestess, Mildred Kennedy, presided over the ritualistic opening. Sojourner Imogene Duffin presented the United States flag and the pledge of allegiance was given and "America" was sung.

The entire ceremonial was by candlelight. Tall candelabra holding white candles were used in the East and West. Greenery and red berries were used to decorate the chapter room.

The officers taking part were in costume appropriate to the station they held.

District Deputy Huelane Bonner of New Bern served as Noble Prophetess.

Soft Christmas music was played throughout the ceremonial, and the choir joined in singing several of the Christmas carols.

The W.H.P., Mildred Kennedy, invited sojourner Blanche Smith to the East and presented her with a gift for serving the Shrine as worthy organist and thanked her for her faithfulness in providing the Shrine with appropriate music. She then invited sojourner Blanche Jackson to the East and thanked her for serving the Shrine as Worthy Scribe and for the many ways she had helped during this year. She was presented a gift also.

The Material Objective Committee was asked to take charge of the packages for the needy families.

Sojourners Hilda and Jesse Laughinghouse invited all members of the White Shrine to a Christmas party Dec. 26 at their home on East Fifth Street.

The meeting closed and officers retired in proper form.

All members and visitors were invited into the Fred Stokes dining room for refreshments.

The table was covered with a red linen cloth. A white cross interspersed with silvered ivy was used as the centerpiece. Silver candelabra holding white tapers were used at either side. At one end of the table was a crystal punch bowl from which sojourner Eva Jackson served punch. Christmas cookies and nuts were

served from the table. Silvered magnolia leaves and red berries were used throughout the dining room. Mrs. Marie Clark had charge of decorations.

Hostesses were Blanche Jackson, chairman, J. B. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tadlock, Eva Jackson, J. S. Willard, Louise Ricks, Pantego, and Louella Swindell, Swan Quarter.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

MONDAY
8:30 p.m.—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Moore receive informally to honor Miss Margaret Lee Duke and Thad Nobles.

WEDNESDAY
9:00 p.m.—Miss Eliza Moore and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore entertain the Nobles-Duke wedding party at a cake cutting at the Woman's Club following the rehearsal at the First Presbyterian Church.

THURSDAY
4:30 p.m.—The wedding of Miss Margaret Lee Duke to Thad Nobles will be solemnized in the First Presbyterian Church. Immediately following the ceremony Mrs. Roy Coburn will entertain at a reception at the Woman's Club to honor Mr. and Mrs. Nobles.

Luncheon Today For Miss Duke At Country Club

Miss Margaret-Lee Duke, who will be married on the 27th of this month, was feted at a luncheon today which was held at the country club. The hostess for this delightful affair was Miss Shirley Warner.

The club room was decorated with appropriate Christmas adornments. Banks of seasonal greens were on the mantels, while the luncheon table was appointed with white carnations, candles and fern suggesting the bridal motif.

The place of Miss Duke was marked with a bridal corsage, and the other places bore attractive bridal place cards.

A three course luncheon was served to the following guests, all intimate friends of the bride-elect: Mrs. Roy Coburn, her mother, Mrs. J. B. Spilman, her sister; Miss Ann Duke, another sister; Miss Elizabeth Kittrell; Mrs. Ed Rawl Jr.; Miss Pat Waldrop; Mrs. Charles Howard, Jr.; Miss Kay Van Nortwick; Miss Carolyn Clark; Mrs. Ray Wase; Mrs. Luther Moore; Mrs. Norman Wilkerson; Mrs. Jack Edwards, Jr.; Mrs. John C. Fritchman; and Mrs. John Warner, mother of the hostess.

Miss Duke was given a gift of silver in her selected pattern as a remembrance from the hostess.

Birth Announcement
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Worsley announce the birth of a son, Thomas Carson, on Wednesday, December 19, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Surcoat Surprise

Just What Santa Ordered

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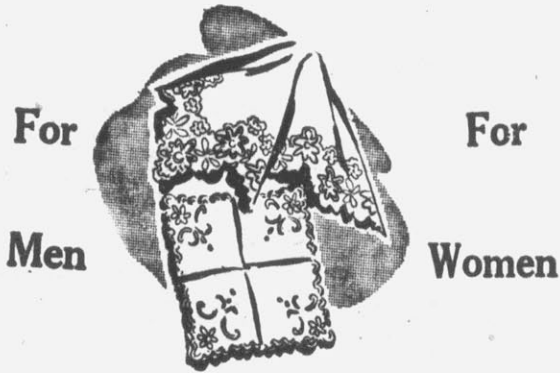


PRIZE-WINNER: This outdoor manger scene of the birth of the Christ Child, won the first place award for small homes in the recent home decoration contest held by the Merchants' Association. Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee.

Since the U. S. Mint opened in Guayule, the only native plant grown for rubber in the United States, requires winter rains, then drought for the rest of the year.

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And Thru Christmas Eve

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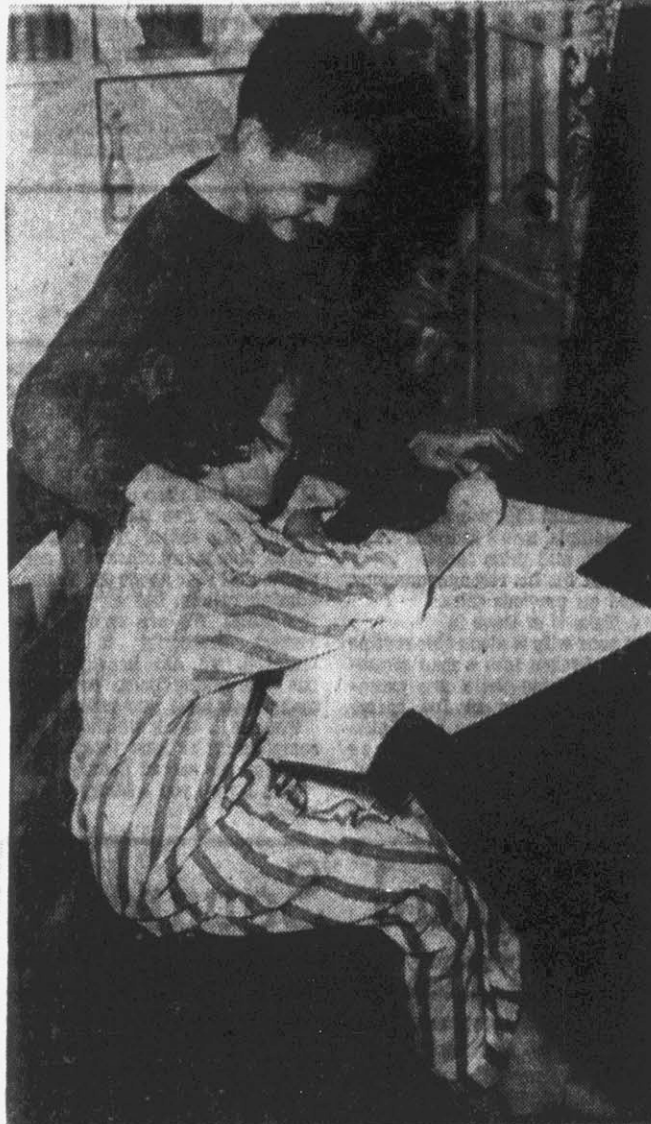
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117 East Third Street, Greenville, N. C.



THAT LIST IS IMPORTANT: Sandra and Harry Forbes are all smiles; they're preparing that all-important list for Santa. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).

St. Francis Made First Crib in Cave

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported once to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

So at midnight, in the small Italian village of Garcia, in the year 1200, St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

The "red shift", which is a difference in the spectroscopic of light from distant stars as compared with light from nearby sources, indicates the universe is exploding, with the stars traveling away from each other at great speeds.

Christmas Helps World's Economy

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

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

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

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



BETHLEHEM
The Church of the Nativity

Origin of Gift-Giving Told in Many Versions

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

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

This started it all. Now gift giving is traditional.



DEVOTION . . . Christmas is not so much a time of receiving as it is a time for giving. These children, in their prayers, are giving by far the best gift of them all—themselves.

Basilica of the Nativity One of Oldest Churches

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,600 years ago.

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

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

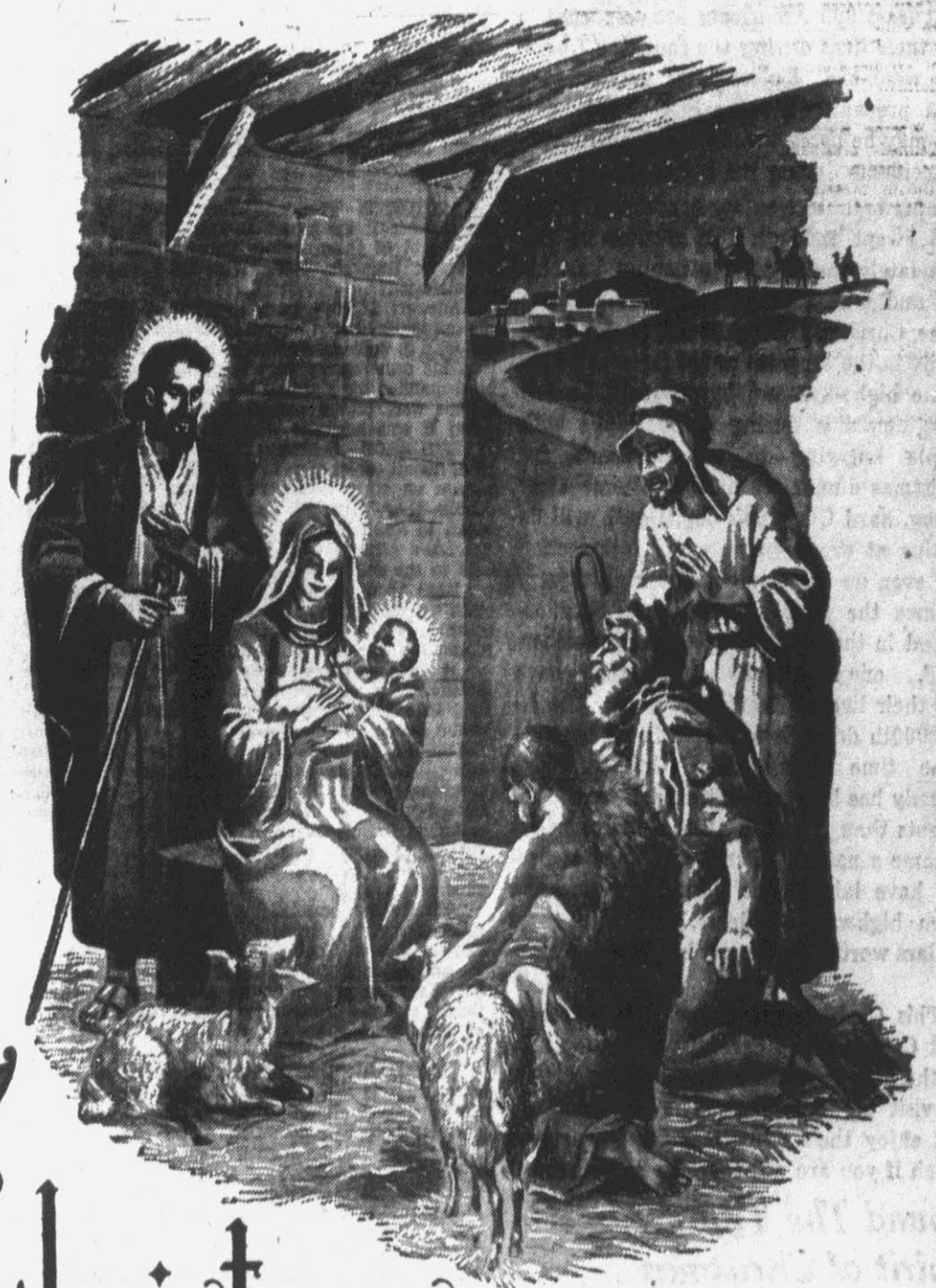
Church of God Plans Christmas Services Sunday

Rev. L. L. Reeder, pastor of the Church of God, announces that the church is planning a special Christmas program to be held Sunday, December 23, at 7 p.m.

The Church of God, situated at 1515 Broad Street, was established in Greenville in 1921. Rev. Reeder has been pastor here for 15 months.

A building program is now in progress at the church, with the construction of an addition to the Sunday School Department being already underway. The Church of God has 113 members, and has an average Sunday School attendance of 115. Average attendance at church services is 100.

"Little David", perhaps the largest gun ever built, was a 36-inch siege mortar designed by the U.S. Army to help break through Germany's Siegfried Line in World War II. Mechanical drying reduces the danger of fire from spontaneous combustion in hay.



Christmas...

The magnificent promise of the Christmas story has inspired the dreams and prayers of men through the centuries. Wherever mankind kept to the spirit of brotherly love, there the meaning, the symbolic beauty of Christmas remained.

It is our fervent hope that this Christmas will bring us still closer to the fulfillment of the promise of Peace and Good Will in all lands. In this spirit we wish a Merry Christmas to all.

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Strength for the Day

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

WE ARE WAITING

Few people realized on that holy night in which our Lord was born that anything unusual was about to take place. But we can imagine the Host of Heaven brooding and waiting for the event. A Baby was to be born, and he would turn the tide of history. A Teacher was to appear among men, who would cause the wisdom of philosophers to appear as withered grass and as the sterile and blown by a hot, desert wind.

But what really gave vitality and purpose to the eager expectation of that night was the realization that in this Babe was incarnate the Person of the universe. A Saviour was to be born.

How arresting the realization that his entrance upon human affairs was imminent! The very heavens lay in solemn stillness, contemplating the transcendent circumstance which was soon to occur in the stream of human history.

Waiting, waiting, waiting! The Host of Heaven waited on that night. The shepherds waited. Joseph and the blessed Mary waited. And two thousand years from that time we are waiting—waiting for the world to raise its eyes and recognize Him; waiting for his spirit to come in power and transform the affairs of men; waiting for Him to lay his hand upon our restless hearts and bid us to be at peace.

One More

Christmas Warning

At least 600 Americans are expected to lose their lives during the four-day Christmas week-end. Unless local drivers take extra precautions, some Pitt County citizens may be listed among the dead in traffic accidents during the holidays.

Unpredictable weather conditions which have swept through this section of the state lately make driving doubly hazardous, and makes extra caution imperative if the Christmas jaunt is not to land the family in the hospital or the funeral home.

The highways and byways will be full of automobiles during the holidays with people hurrying to grandmother's for Christmas dinner, or hurrying home after a long, hard Christmas day. Death will be lurking at every curve, every intersection and even on the straight flat highways.

Since the first automobile fatality occurred in the United States in September, 1899, one million Americans have lost their lives in traffic accidents. The 1,000,000th death is expected to be reached some time today. The United States already has lost more citizens in traffic accidents than it has in all the wars since it became a nation. Literally millions of people have lain in the hospitals recovering from highway accidents, and billions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed.

This Christmas we urge the people of Pitt County to be careful when they take to the highways for a long journey or just to visit the neighbors. The children will not enjoy their Christmas toys nearly so much if you are not there to help them.

Sound The True Spirit of Christmas

The world patiently awaits the dawning of another new and bright Christmas day in hopes that with it may come the sunrise of a new era of peace on earth and good will between all men.

During this season the Faithful of God look up to the Almighty for renewed faith and strength which the Christ Child brought to the world 20 centuries ago. They pray that men may return to the manger of the Babe of Bethlehem to seek the everlasting peace which was man's for the acceptance the night the star appeared over the City of David.

Down through the centuries the world has trudged the blind allies of greed, the murky paths of selfishness, pausing only at brief intervals to seek the radiance which shown forth from the Christ Jesus. The world today finds itself groping in darkness at the edge of the abyss of destruction.

The joy of Christmas, 1951, is subdued by the war which rages in the Korean mountains, and the unrest which keeps the world a seething pot of lava ready to tip

over and cover the whole globe.

There will be a place vacant in many family circles from which young men have gone to fight a great war. Many a mother will kneel in prayer to ask the Christ Child to watch over her son on a frozen battlefield. Many a child will end his Christmas prayer with the petition that Daddy will come home for next Christmas.

Even with all its joys, Christmas, 1951, will bring its heartaches and tears to many who remember the more wonderful Christmases of bygone years which held stronger hope for better days ahead. Yet in the very meaning of the celebration of the birth of Christ, these people may find the faith and the grace to take heart once more in the true spirit of Christmas.

In this Sacred Season the world should stop in its whirl of bright lights, pretty packages and bedecked trees to give thanks to Almighty God for the Greatest Gift. At Christmas 1951 men should lift up their hearts to the Lord and diligently seek his guidance that the peace which settled over the plain of Bethlehem on that glorious night, once more may be restored to the world.

National Whirligig

Every Saturday this veteran Washington newspaper correspondent devotes his column to answering readers' questions of general interest on national and international policies and personalities. Questions may be sent direct to Ray Tucker at 6308 Hillcrest Place, Chevy Chase, Md.

WASHINGTON—How can General Eisenhower run for the Presidency on a record of ability and accomplishment," asks T.K. of Lima, O., presumably a Taft sympathizer, "if he has not succeeded in his assignment of building a strong West European Army by next February, when he is supposed to resign and enter politics as a candidate?"

Answer: That question happens to be the latest phase of the attack on "Ike," and it comes mainly from the Taft camp. It is slightly unfair to the General because the rearming of the anti-Russian coalition involves problems and personalities over which he has no control.

But there was so much ballyhoo when he was appointed to the SHAPE post that it reacts against him now. The people were led to expect miracles.

TROUBLES—However, Eisenhower's difficulties in dealing with several sovereign nations and their elected leaders does suggest that he would face the same troubles as President. As World War II commander, it was much easier for him to influence statesmen and military leaders; inasmuch as their final victory over Hitler depended upon American aid.

Now that the pressures of war have disappeared, men like Churchill, Plevin and Adenauer refuse to heed his advice and warnings on the need for sterner sacrifices in their respective countries.

In the same way, once he became embroiled with the politicians and patronage claimants on Capitol Hill, he might discover that his famous grin and his World War II reputation would not avail him.

The Taft faction also uses another argument. They insist that if, as we have been told by everybody in authority, including Eisenhower's own G.O.P. backers, the rearmament of Europe is so important, "Ike" should remain over there instead of seeking political advancement.

ACCIDENT—"President Truman says that he began to uncover the crooks in Internal Revenue, and to get rid of them, before Congress acted," writes M. H. of Brooklyn, N.Y. "Who really started that investigation?"

Answer: Like so many scandals in government, the tax inquiry began almost by accident. When Senator John J. Williams discovered through a lucky break that his own returns were being handled peculiarly, he demanded the right to examine his file. His suspicions were proved correct, and he naturally wondered if embezzlement were not general.

EVIDENCE—As always happens in matters of this kind, honest career men in that office gave him information on other violations. Information from other offices—New York, St. Louis and San Francisco—began to reach him. When the top men in Internal Revenue's office proved uncooperative, he gave the data to the Senate in a floor speech last June.

Even then, Washington tried to cover up and clean up quietly, even to the extent of withholding evidence against the indicted James P. Finnegan, former Collector at St. Louis, from the Grand Jury. It was only a few weeks ago, after repeated declarations that "all my appointees are honorable men," that Mr. Truman inaugurated a cleanup in anticipation of the 1952 elections.

SKULDUGGERY—The record reveals that the Administration has denied or minimized all Congressional charges from the start. Mr. Truman described the House Un-American Committee's investigation of Communism, which led to Alger Hiss' conviction, as a "red herring." Secretary Acheson and two Supreme Court Justices stood by Hiss until his guilt was proved.

Mr. Truman branded the Fulbright report on RFC misdeeds, which involved White House associates Boyle, Dawson, Young and Vaughan, as "asinine." He and Attorney General McGrath tried to sidetrack the Kefauver expose of an alliance between politicians and the underworld. That is the official scroll of skulduggery at the Capital.

MARGARINE—"What has happened to the butter-margarine situation, or equation, since repeal of the federal tax and other anti-margarine legislation?" asks H. J. of Lansing, Mich.

Answer: The production of margarine will exceed a billion pounds this year for the first time in the history of the dairy industry, with butter figured at 1,500,000,000 pounds. It is believed that the substitute will soon surpass butter in total volume. Only eleven years ago, margarine producers turned out only 320,000,000 pounds, as against 2,300,000,000 for butter.

The margarine industry has steadily rid itself of legislative controls. Since repeal of federal, anti-margarine legislation, only eight states now ban its sale. There were thirty-two in 1901.

Indeed, this shift on production and sale threatens to revolutionize the dairy industry, with possible reduction in the prices of milk, butter and margarine.

Selected Shorts

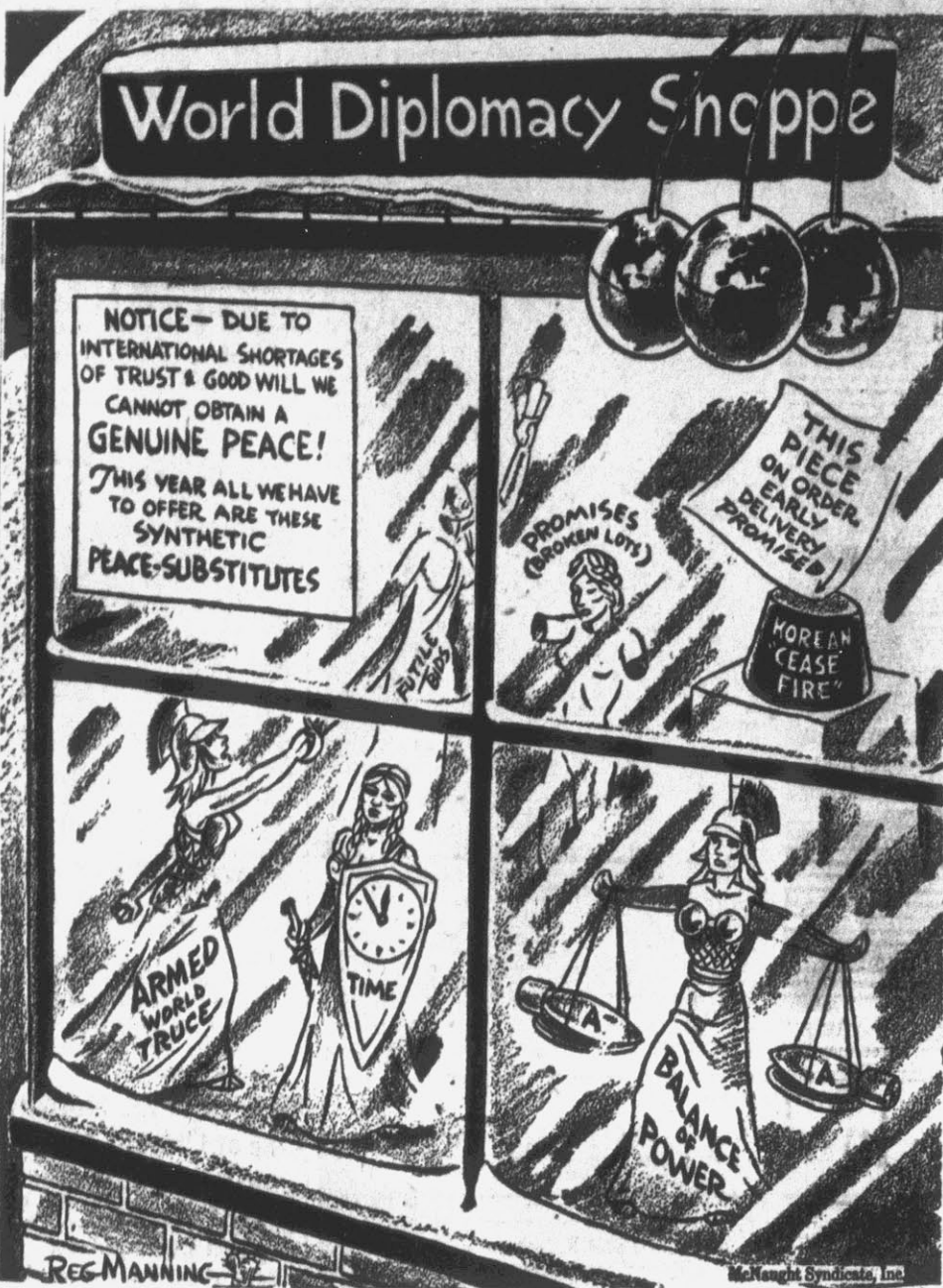
NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA., REPUBLICAN: "Politicians have strained their ingenuity to discover new sources of public revenue. They have doubled the indirect taxes, such as customs due on imports and exports. They have continued the extraordinary taxes of wartime into peace times. They have broadened perilously the field of the income taxes as well as the property tax. . . . The foregoing was said not last month when our income taxes were increased but more than 2,300 years ago by Socrates, an Athenian orator. And just a few years after the speech was made mighty Athens fell like an overripe apple."

CARSON, N. D., PRESS: "Recently a woman won a divorce from her husband because she failed to get the fur coat he had promised her while he was courting her. Suppose something like that ever happens to politicians."

MORRIS, MINN., SUN: "There may be or may have been a better method of meeting the problem of the communist menace, but that better method can never be found until we face the stark reality that communism is absorbing peoples and territory more rapidly than any conqueror in history."

WILMINGTON, CALIF., PRESS-JOURNAL: "We are not the first peoples to travel along the road toward complete subjugation by a government's bureaucratic hierarchy, but we at least have the advantage of knowing what has gone before and thus are able to recognize the symptoms that already are beginning to come to the surface."

Maybe Next Christmas



Somebody Told Me

By I. J. (Jack) EDWARDS, JR.

From now until Tuesday I'm going to sit back and enjoy the holiday, with the satisfaction of having no last-minute Christmas shopping to do. Those cartoon cuts in the newspapers that tell how many shopping days until Christmas gave me ample warning to get the job done early.

This business of getting the job done on time isn't easy. It has to be worked out scientifically. The first step is at home, a conference covering everybody on the list. The next step is very important: split the list and shop separately. Now you must understand that I am not making any slams against women shoppers; in fact, I think it's great to have enough time to examine carefully items in the store before buying.

The average man shopper must be a joy to clerks in department stores. With me, it's a five-minute-per-item job:

1. Pick out a clerk that you know, or one that seems to know what he's doing.

2. Tell him that you want to see, for example, men's bedroom shoes, the size, and price range.

3. Ask for his recommendations, based on previous sales.

4. Take it or leave it.

If your wife is along this routine will be broken into a mad scramble. Of course there are exceptions. Yesterday in the barber shop I was talking to the Stokes of Stokes and Hudson Barber Shop and he declares that he enjoys shopping with his wife.

The secret is that he stays in

the background and enjoys looking himself until his wife calls for an opinion. There are few men that have enough patience to shop with a woman. If this applies to you, the best solution is to face the facts and shop separately.

Everybody I've talked to is expecting big things from Santa Claus. Like many others, I've complained all year about the Truman administration, but we must face the facts: We are enjoying our longest prosperity in history. Granted, we are heavily taxed, but still taking home enough to make ends meet and enjoy life.

Frankly, I think we should stop complaining at least long enough to enjoy the sacred holiday.

And I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Around Capitol Square

Reflector Bureau

By LYNN NISBET

Assn. Afternoon Dallas

LAW SUIT — Threat of the American Feed Manufacturers Association to take the issue of the "Nickels for Know How" and the whole feed inspection fee system of North Carolina to the courts recalls some previous court action on similar questions. Suggestion of court protest against the methods used for financing the North Carolina agricultural research program came to the front at a conference of state officials and representatives of the feed manufacturers in Raleigh this week.

MIS-CUE — The conference had been arranged with a view to cooperative effort toward effectuating the collection of the five cents a ton levy on fertilizer and commercial feeds which the farmers of the state voted last month. Time and space limitations preclude full discussion of the issue. Very briefly stated, the idea was that the manufacturers and dealers in feed and fertilizer would pay an additional five cents a ton for "inspection tags" bought from the department of agriculture, and that extra five cents would be passed along to the Agricultural Foundation at State College and used to further prompt research in all matters agricultural interests in the state. It was contemplated that the feed and fertilizer folks would collect the extra five cents from users of their products, who had voted for the levy or assessment—or whatever it might be called. Theoretically, the farmers who voted for it would pay it, but there was the idea that the manufacturers and the state department would absorb the cost of collection and transmission of the amount—estimated to meeting cost of mis-cue, and instead of being a sociable discussion of ways and means, there soon developed a hot argument over merits of the proposition, threats of lawsuits by the feed

folks and full acceptance of the challenge by representatives of state government and farmer-users of feeds.

PRECEDENT — There is precedent for such law suits and for state opposition to them. Several court actions have arisen out of the policy of registration and inspection fees charged out of state dealers. The two most of ten cited as "controlling" resulted in one victory and one defeat for the plaintiff companies, but with the state actually winning both. In 1930 the American Fertilizer Company of Virginia attacked the state policy of charging \$500 registration fee for every brand of fertilizer and won. In 1939, the Red C Oil Manufacturing Company, a Maryland corporation, attacked the inspection fee on kerosene—and lost.

WINNER? — The fertilizer company won its case by decision of Judge Seymour, who held that the state had not shown justification for charging a \$500 fee for every brand of fertilizer, because such action violated constitutional rights of the company and the amount collected was far in excess of the cost of enforcing the law. The fertilizer company's victory had doubtful value, however, because the next legislation (1939) adopted the inspection fee on tonnage basis, a policy which has prevailed until now. Although questioned on occasion, it has never been upset.

LOSER? — The oil company lost its case in 1939 by decision of Judge Connor, who held that the company had failed to show that the fee was exorbitant or that its imposition violated any constitutional rights. The company had made three major contentions. That the fee was excessive, in that it was above cost of inspection; that regulations and standards adopted by the state department tended to create monopoly for one oil company; and, that the act was unconstitutional because it conferred legislative authority upon the board of agriculture, which is an administrative agency. On basis of these contentions the company asked for an injunction against further collection of the fee or enforcement of the regulations.

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Business Today

By ELMER ROESSNER

Practically every business man has a whole lot of planning to do in the few remaining days of the year. The only exceptions are those who have already completed their plans for meeting changes in postal rates and the effects of the new tax laws.

The important changes in postal business take place January 1.

Post cards go up to 3 cents. Size and weight of parcel post shipments are drastically cut.

The 100 per cent rise on post cards can be a heavy burden on those businesses that depend on them for advertising, quoting prices and other purposes. There are several things they can do to reduce the burden. They can turn to other media for their advertising. They can clean up their mailing lists, at long last getting rid of duplications, incorrect addresses and other dead-wood. They can eliminate unresponsive addresses. They can consider using third-class bulk rates at 14 cents a pound with a minimum of 1 cent a piece until July 1 and 1½ cents thereafter. This will cost more for some, but they can say a lot more for their pennies. They can also consider using first-class mail. An ounce will cost only a cent more than a post card but, in addition to saying more the mailer gets a first-class service.

The new parcel post regulations are less easy to cope with. The present 100-inch maximum of length and girth combined is cut to 72 inches. The maximum weight is cut from 70 pounds to 40 pounds in zones 1 and 2 and to 20 pounds in zones 3 to 8. That throws a lot of packages out of the mails and will be a bonanza for express companies, truckers and delivery services.

Some shippers can break up shipments into smaller parcels, but this increases the postage and often the packing costs. Some large receivers can arrange for their own pick-ups. A Washington, D. C., department store already has a nightly truck run from a drop station in New York to its receiving department. Some stores can expand their own delivery services, join in cooperative services or use established services. Large mail-order houses can increase their use of regional warehouses. And everybody, of course can turn to the express agencies.

Tax avoidance planning is more complicated. It usually requires the advice of a tax expert but, in general, it involves the collection of all possible income before the end of 1951; deferring of deductions until 1952 where possible, and conducting capital gain and loss transaction to take advantage of changed provisions. Corporation owners may gain by paying dividends before the end of the year; however, this must be weighed against the advantage of the larger excess profits tax credit available if the dividend is delayed until 60 days after the new year.

INCOME TAX CASES
The income tax scandal in Washington is a break for some business men but not for others. The many resignations have thrown a lot of cases back where

they started; unfinished cases will get a fresh start. It is also reported that the Bureau of Internal Revenue is reviewing a lot of cases that aren't involved in scandals to make sure they are investigation proof.

Consequently, many taxpayers who thought they were on the way to a favorable settlement may be disappointed. And some of those who were about to have the book thrown at them have the benefit of another investigation.

IN REGIONAL PROFITS
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Hal Boyle's Column

NEW YORK —(AP)—It is impossible to let this joyous season go by without giving an humble footnote of appreciation to women.

Have you ever pondered what this season of good will toward men would be if there were no women alive to have a feeling of good will toward them?

It is during thoughtful pauses like this in the world's stormy history that the true value of femininity is felt.

It takes no student of human nature to observe that womanhood takes to the Christmas season like an untutored duck to water. And merriest of all is the unmarried female.

She may laugh and joke about the season, but she has an eye on a quarry—an poor unmarried male who just went to a Christmas party and dazedly ends up being engaged to a gal he knows he couldn't whip in a fair fist fight.

After that, even though he later has five children, he tries to get them to go to a psychiatrist whenever they profess a belief in Santa Claus.

Marriage has destroyed this man's faith in Christmas. And I think this is a rather sad thing. Just because he met and married his wife at this tremendous time, he lets it ruin this season for the rest of his life.

He gets all mixed up. He associates all his subsequent confusion and doubt in life with the fact he met his wife at a Christmas party.

Mention Santa Claus and he gives a leer of doubt. He's cynical. He lies his marital quarrels with the time he met the girl. Had he met her at an Easter party do you know what he'd do? He'd go around sneering that there really isn't a Peter Rabbit, he's only your father and mother.

Perhaps people shouldn't be married at Christmas. Certainly not men, the cross-grained contrary creatures that they are. Women are different. They appreciate marriage at any season, but they are particularly grateful if you marry them at Christmas time.

There is something about the spirit of the time that touches their cold, cold hearts. As a matter of fact, the best advice you can give a thoughtful young man is this: marry your girl at Christmas. She will never forget it. (You try and forget it. She will remind you of your obligation.)

Writing in a recent issue of Life and Health Magazine, Mr. Janssen pointed out that misuse of prescriptions in one way or another causes "more deaths, injuries, broken homes, human derelicts, and other tragedies than all other violations of the Federal drug laws put together."

Congress has passed a new law, Mr. Janssen said, which has the primary object of protecting public health by making clear just which drugs can safely be sold direct to the public and which can be dispensed only upon prescription.

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CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The House of Representatives today passed a bill to increase the federal estate tax.

The bill, which would increase the tax on estates over \$100,000, was passed by a vote of 347 to 10.

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Eighth Street Christian Church Program Sunday

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"In the annual Christmas message to my congregation, I promise to hold aloft the eternal hope that is to be found in the coming of the Christ to our world."

Thus this year, as in years past, Dr. H. G. Haney, pastor of Eighth Street Christian Church, pledges himself that though men become discouraged, God still holds out hope when the peoples of the world know His son.

Dr. Haney says God's divine promise that "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that wherunto I sent it," must still ring in the hearts of men around the world. This hope and promise will be found in the pastor's two Christmas sermons, "Christ Is Coming," and "Unto Us A Child Is Born."

At Christmas time, the young people in the church's various youth organizations will conduct special Christmas services, and on the night of December 31, they will hold Watch Night services. Dr. Haney reveals that the Sunday School and the active circles of the Christian Women's Fellowship will emphasize support of orphanages and old people's homes, and the volunteer choir will present a special Christmas music program Sunday morning December 23. The Relief Committee of the church is planning to prepare and distribute 25 baskets of food and toys for as many needy families in the community at Christmas.

The Eighth Street Christian Church is situated at 126 West Eighth Street in Greenville, and has been a functioning body for more than 50 years. Organized in December, 1900, the church last year observed its fiftieth anniversary with appropriate services. For nine years Dr. Haney has directed the destinies of the church. He came to Greenville as pastor in January, 1943, and since that time church membership has climbed from 422 in 1943, to 827 in 1951. The yearly average for Sunday School this year is 235, and the Services is 260.

Church spokesmen say that in all these years of service by the present pastor, there has always been some major task or goal before the church. Some years ago, the dome of the church required major repairs which necessitated vacating the sanctuary from Thanksgiving until Christmas. During that time, they were successfully completed. About the same time, the church

acquired a parsonage on Rock Spring Road in Greenville. Soon after that enterprise, the National Brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ called upon the church to accept its proportionate part in a world-wide program, "A Crusade For A Christian World." The Church at Eighth Street accepted the goal, and discharged its full and total responsibility.

Dr. Haney explains that in order to provide space for a growing church and Sunday School, especially for boys and girls in the elementary divisions, the church is now making plans to purchase a property adjoining the church grounds. "The house standing on that lot will provide rooms for such organizations as the Boy Scouts and various Youth Fellowships," the pastor asserts. "In addition to that service, it can be used effectively for some years as an adjunct to present buildings. The lot upon which the house stands will provide ample room for expansion in the next generation," Dr. Haney adds.

Salvation Army Plans Christmas Services Sunday

The Salvation Army announces that it will hold its Christmas service Sunday morning, December 23, at 10:00. A pageant entitled "The Christmas Story" will be presented, and at the same time, a Christmas program will be held.

The Salvation Army is located at 1813 Dickinson Avenue, and the Corps Officer (pastor) is Lieutenant Leon W. White. Lt. White has only three years service with the Salvation Army, but he has studied for the ministry over a period of years.

Membership is 56, with an average attendance of 71. "These activities are progressing," Lt. White says, "and the different departments are growing."

Catholic Church Will Hold Annual Midnight Mass

Christmas ceremonies at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Greenville will be highlighted by Midnight Mass to be held Monday night, Dec. 24.



MUSIC IN THE AIR: Observance of Christmas would not be complete without the singing of familiar and treasured Christmas songs. Above, three members of the Immanuel Baptist Junior Choir sing out their celebration of the season. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).

In The Services

Seaman Recruit Philip A. Roberson, of Greenville Route Four, is undergoing training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.



Sergeant First Class Fred S. McLawhorn (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McLawhorn of Greenville Route Four, is home for the holidays. He has been serving with an Engineer Construction Battalion in Korea for 14 months.

Mass on Christmas Day will be at 8 o'clock. Rev. Charles J. Gable's Christmas message will be "The Prelude of the First Mass."

For 29 years, Rev. Gable has served the church of St. Peter the Apostle in Greenville, coming here in 1922. The church was established in Greenville in 1884, and has 111 members. The average attendance at Sunday services is 95.

In the South China Sea 3½ miles of communication cable was recently cut from the line between Hong Kong and Amoy. This is usually the work of thieves because cable material, unraveled and melted down, makes top black market items.

Fodie H. Hodges, of Grimesland, has been promoted to the rank of Major, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. Major Hodges was commissioned in 1943, serving with the Sixth Marine Division in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with gold star and the Purple Heart with gold star.

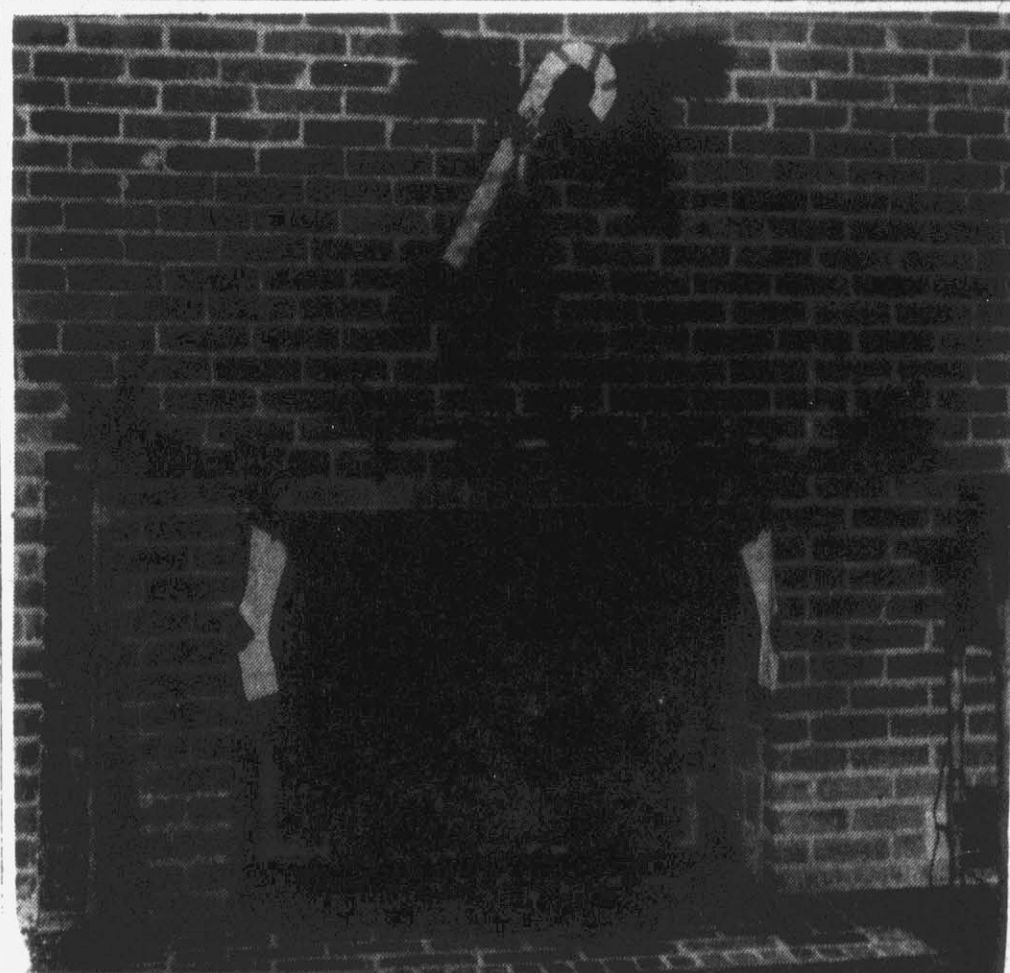
Two Greenville apprentice seamen, Loyd W. Stokes, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stokes of 1114 W. Third Street, and Lyman B. Venter, son of Mrs. L. L. Coward of 303 Church Street, were aboard the heavy cruiser USS Toledo which recently returned to the U. S.

The Toledo has just completed a year of operations in Korean waters. Pfc. Arthur K. Evans Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Evans of Greenville Route One, and Pvt. Roy E. Ross, of Greenville Route Three, are serving in Korea with the 194th Engineer Combat Battalion of the Ninth Corps. Their unit is operating on the central front.

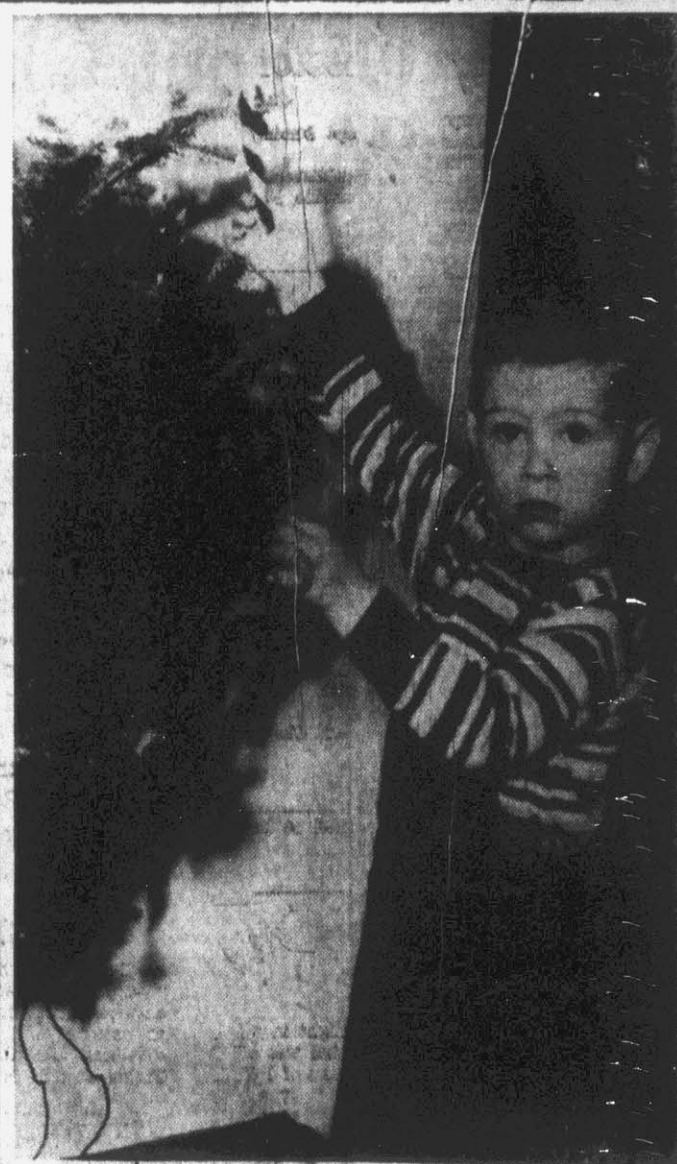
Seaman Recruit Chester D. Osmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Osmond, Grifton, is undergoing recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.



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



A GOOD DOORWAY FOR SANTA: Santa Claus won't mind one bit coming down the chimney and through this fireplace which has been decorated so prettily. The arrangement was made by Mrs. A. C. Ruffin, Brookgreen. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).



IS THAT ABOUT IT? Jimmy Davis, son of Patrolman and Mrs. J. M. Davis of Greenville, turns for a nod of approval from Mom and Pop after placing an ornament on his Christmas tree. Jimmy, aged three, is really looking forward to a big visit from Saint Nick this year. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).

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Mayor of Greenville

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MORNING, DECEMBER 27th

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Mrs. Morton's Bakery

A
CHRISTMAS
Greeting

From all of us, to all our friends
This greeting is extended...
For a very Merry Christmas
And a New Year that is splendid.

Family Of Four Children Wait For Santa; 'Mother Has Gone Away'

BETHEL.—At this particular time of year, children receive the most memorable thrill of their entire lives when they snuggle round their mother's knee before a glowing fire and hear her patiently tell and re-tell the story of Christmas.

And even into manhood, those same innocent children will carry with them the recollection of that mother's soft voice as she related how the Christ of Bethlehem suffered pain and death upon a bitter cross—that they might live to celebrate his name by helping others on the anniversary of his birth.

There are many who can give this help, and many, many more who really need it. On Christmas Eve night, there will be four pairs of anxious eyes peering hopefully through the windows of a small, asphalt-covered house near Bethel.

They will be secretly watching for a glimpse of Santa's sleigh, and they will listen exhaustively for drumming sound of reindeer's hoofs on the narrow roof above.

And maybe at the same time, they hope to see their mother coming back. "Because," they say, "she has gone away for a little while"—and truly she has, because she died of tuberculosis in October, at the age of 27. There are four of these children patiently awaiting her return: Charlotte Dean, eight; Glastine, six; Betty Jean, four; and Joseph, Jr., age 20 months.

It is not likely that Santa Claus will stop at this little Negro cottage, as badly as they want and need food, clothing, and fruit and toys for Christmas. No, Santa will probably miss these four small children in his rush to get around the world before Christmas morning—but no matter. "Mama will be coming back soon."

It is rather unfortunate that Santa will not stop though, because young Joseph contracted tuberculosis from his mother, and the proper food and milk comes pretty high these days. But perhaps Charlotte Dean can look after him. She is eight now, and has assumed the responsibilities of cleaning, cooking, and looking after the "children."

Daddy too can help some, but Joseph Pettaway is a tenant farmer trying to earn a living for his four motherless children and himself, with a little extra to see that the baby recovers from this. "What you call it," tuberculosis. Joseph tries, and is very appreciative of all the help he has received, because he knows that but for the Pitt County Health Department, his 30-month-old son would not be alive to see this Christmas.

Joseph has been very cooperative in carrying out the programs pre-



Four children, bare-footed and in hand-me-down clothes, huddle lovingly together in the December cold. They have heard, oh so many, stories about Santa Claus and they hope he will not forget them this Christmas. They are (left to right): Glastine, six; Charlotte Dean, eight; Joseph, Jr., 20 months; and Betty Jean, four—all children of Joseph Pettaway, tenant farmer of Bethel, and a widower. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee.)

scribed by the health nurse, and has faithfully seen that the baby child. But since mama has gone away and left them, and Joseph is pressed to meet bare living expenses, it would be nice if Santa would notice this small red house

by the side of the road and stop by for a few minutes. If he could just stop by long enough to leave a few things, four little faces would shine with a rare happiness—and someone's heart would feel all the better for the gesture.

Colored News

The public is cordially invited to attend services Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at the Phillippi Christian Church to hear Rev. John Leary of

Baltimore, Md., a former member of the church.

The United Daughters Club met Sunday at the home of Mrs. Lucille Love. The meeting was opened with a song led by Mrs. Lonnie Parker. A prayer was offered from Deacon Alonzo Corey. A few verses of St. Matthew were read by Deacon Isaac Corey. A report was served. The meeting, Sunday, Dec. 23, will be

at the home of Mrs. Janie Parker, 414 Tyson Street. All members are asked to be present.

THIEF NOT FUSSY
LINCOLN, Neb. —(UP)— This thief puzzled police. After smashing into an automobile company, the thief selected, from all the newer models available, a 1941 vehicle, with one faulty connecting rod and worth only about \$50.

Civic Clubs Help Make Christmas More Enjoyable

The civic clubs of Greenville exemplify the spirit of Christmas by playing Santa Claus to worthy and deserving families who otherwise might not have any Christmas.

The Greenville Kiwanis Club provides gifts for numerous families and for boys and girls in state and orphanage institutions.

The Rotary Club took up a collection for a Christmas fund and a committee is on the job of distributing the Yuletide gifts.

The Greenville Elks Lodge distributes baskets of food and articles of wearing apparel and toys for deserving families.

The Greenville Lions Club each year sends gifts of food, clothing and novelties to blind persons in the county. Miss Jennie Manning of Bethel, county case worker, has charge of distributing the Christmas cheer.

The Greenville Exchange Club sponsored the uniforming of the Greenville Midgets' football team and carry on a "good neighbor" program throughout the year.

The Salvation Army provides Christmas cheer for deserving families and persons by giving them checks on local grocery stores. Food and other necessities of life may be purchased.

The Greenville police department had as its Christmas project providing food, clothing and novelties for three worthy families. The law enforcement officers have carried out this project for a long time.

The Moose Lodge had a Christmas Eve party for a number of mothers and children Christmas Eve. Members transported mothers and children to the lodge hall on Dickinson Avenue and distributed gifts among them.

Church District Conference Here

York Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church of Greenville has been designated as the site of the Washington District One-Day Conference and Line-Up Meeting to be held Thursday, December 27.

In announcing the conference, host pastor P. H. Mumford explained that all pastors and one lay delegate from each charge in the district, together with missionaries, conference workers, church school and local preachers, district evangelists and Christian Endeavour workers are all members of the one-day conference.

As host pastor, Rev. Mumford will make the welcome remarks will make the welcome remarks to the group. Rev. T. S. Maulsby will be the presiding elder. The



THE NEEDY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN: Members of the Greenville chapter of The King's Daughters are shown as they sort through clothing and toys which will be distributed to needy families this Christmas. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee.)

business session of the meeting will include the election of a secretary, roll call, election of a reporter to Star of Zion, and introduction of visitors.

The religious program, which begins at 11 a.m., will feature a sermon by Rev. A. B. West, pastor of Hookerton Circuit. The sermon will be preceded by hymns, prayers, and scripture readings.

ALL ON ONE DAY
CLINTON, Ill. (UP)— Expenses for birthday cakes are held to a minimum in the Raymond Arnold household. All three Arnold children were born on the same date, Nov. 27. The eldest is four years old, the second two, and the baby was born Nov. 27, 1951.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Lonnie H. Harris, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Greenville, or her attorney named below, on or before the 20th day of November, 1952, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of November, 1951.
KINSLEY HARRIS,
Administratrix of the estate of Lonnie H. Harris
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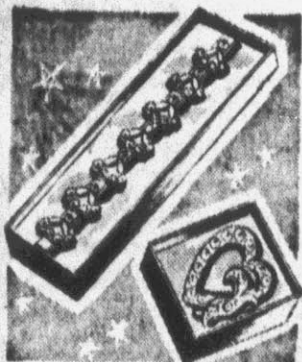
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All the Joys of the Season
Good Health Good Friends
Good Luck Good Cheer
A Very Merry Christmas
A Happy New Year

Ben Harrison

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SPREADING COMFORT AND JOY: Many families over Pitt County are being aided by the Salvation Army. Above, Lt. Leon W. White is shown presenting a family grocery basket to a family on Grifton, Route One. Gifts of toys, clothing and food money-orders have been distributed to a large number of needy persons this year. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee.)

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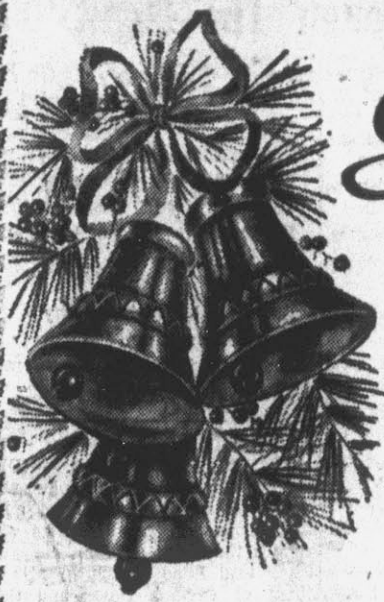
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That's Santa's answer to the problem of money for Christmas. That's his prescription for a merry Christmas next year. Come in and join today. There's a class for every purse and a place for every person in the new club now forming.

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Greetings

We extend to our many friends our wishes for a Christmas that will be rich in joy and good health.

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Season's Greetings

The good will and patronage accorded us by our friends these many years are worthy indeed of our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roy L. Turnage

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Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas

Our sincerest hopes for a Happy New Year

We wish to use this means to express our appreciation for your loyal patronage during the year and to solicit your continuance of the same for the New Year.

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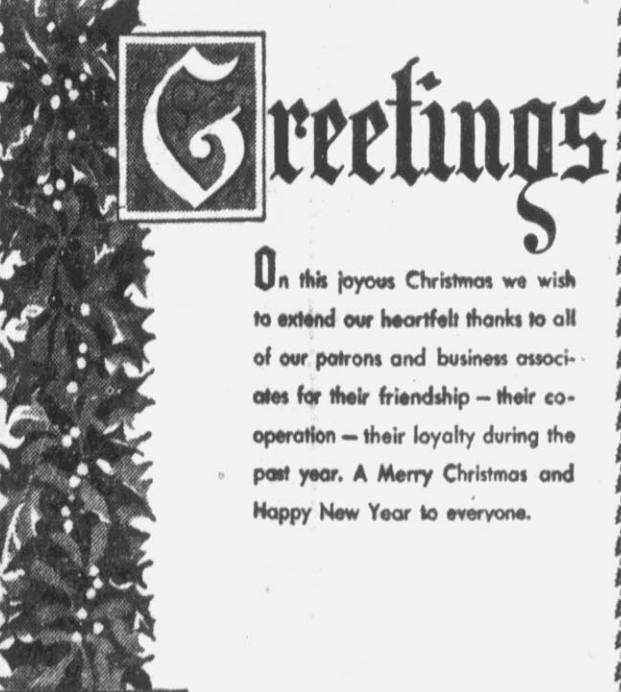
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J. Hicks Corey

Agent



Our sincerest good wishes that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make your New Year a Happy one.

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Askew's Fruit Stand

HANGMAN'S COULEE

By AL CODY

Chapter 17

The money was brought, bills and gold eagles, in substitution for the chips. Gentleman Jim accepted it, glanced inquiringly at the dealer, and as the wheel spun again, placed his bet.

Hathaway watched with a face which gradually showed the strain as the professor continued to win. Once or twice he lost, but it seemed almost as if he could pick a winner at will. Occasionally he varied the play, but mostly he stuck to the same color and combinations. And now this run of luck—for that was what it unmistakably was—was beginning to affect every one in the room. Gentleman Jim alone seemed unimpressed.

He glanced from Hathaway to the dealer, and as the wheel spun again, placed his bet.

"I'll put everything I have here on it," he decided. "And risk the red six again. It seems to be lucky tonight."

Again it was a win. His face still without expression, Gentleman Jim made a slight variation. He stopped to count off six hundred dollars, and thrust it into a pocket of his shirt.

"That will take care of Cuttings," he explained. "And the mortgage and the baby. We'll let the rest ride."

"Red six again!" Hathaway demanded hoarsely.

Gentleman Jim studied him, looked across at the dealer. Then, as the wheel spun, he placed his bet.

"We'll give the black a chance this time."

And this time it was the black which won. Hathaway's face looked sunken and old, but, becoming

aware that everybody was watching him, he shrugged and moved carelessly away.

"You're quite a show, Professor," he called back, with emphasis on the last word. "But even you should be satisfied by now that the wheel is straight. Neither fools, professor, nor professional gamblers could better such a run—particularly on a crooked wheel."

"Sometimes a crooked wheel has its advantages," Gentleman Jim murmured. "This time, we'll return to our first love and the red six," he added, and indicated his entire winnings as the bet again. The on-lookers gasped. He was pyramiding fast now, already with several thousands before him. A couple more such plays, if they won, could break the bank.

Deal Hathaway came back, nervous. The dealer hesitated, looking to him for instructions. Hathaway scowled, but he could give no orders, not quite sure in his own mind what they were in any case.

"It may be," Gentleman Jim remarked thoughtfully. "That there is a purpose in my winning tonight, that I'm being used just to place the bets. Maybe you've been a thorn in the flesh of this community too long, Hathaway. If I win what you have, tonight, it will be no skill of mine, nor mere luck, but something bigger, before which crooked wheels or straight—or man himself, is a mere novice."

He kept a straight face, speaking as the professor, but remembering that such talk could have its effect on such men as were before him. Gamblers were superstitious.

"I should win," he added, pursuing the same line of logic. "I shall keep none of it for myself."

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer



Not a cent. All will go to the betterment of the community."

As on other occasions, he shook his head then, startled by what he had just said. Here was a fortune which might rival the amount that he had come here to get hold of in the first place. And he was pledging himself not to keep a cent of it!

Of course, he'd been a liar before now, as well as a thief. But the startling thing was that he meant what he was saying. Meant it while he was saying it, at least.

Then, meeting the look on the dealer's face, he was practical again. He moved a little, so that attention was recalled to those twin bone-handled guns which he wore, and the creeping glaze on the dealer's eyes wore itself out. Mechanically he set the wheel to spinning again.

Whether this was the smile of Lady Luck tonight, or if some more potent force than the mechanism so cleverly concealed in the table guided the wheel, no one was any longer quite sure. Hardened players swore under their breath as the red six won again, and the dealer spoke tonelessly.

"You've busted the bank!"

Deal Hathaway's face had clouded up and grayed with the storm in the last few minutes. He spoke thickly.

"You've got the devil's own luck tonight!"

Gentleman Jim looked at him. "Now there's a thought," he murmured. "One which seems to have a familiar ring. Are you all through, Hathaway?"

"Through?" Stormy color replaced the pallor. "I'll show you whether I'm through or not—word shark!" He leaned forward, thrusting his face close to Gentleman Jim's, and the mask was worn thin. "I didn't ask you to come here—but if you're looking for something, you can have it. This saloon and the rest of what's in it is equal to all you've won. If you want to wager!"

"Why not?" Gentleman Jim asked. "It's your loss, not mine."

It was curious. Ordinarily, there was tense excitement in him at such a moment, but now Gentleman Jim felt only indifference. There was nothing to worry about. It would go one way or the other, and results would follow according to the turn of the wheel. Almost he felt sorry for Deal Hathaway, who was doing the sweating.

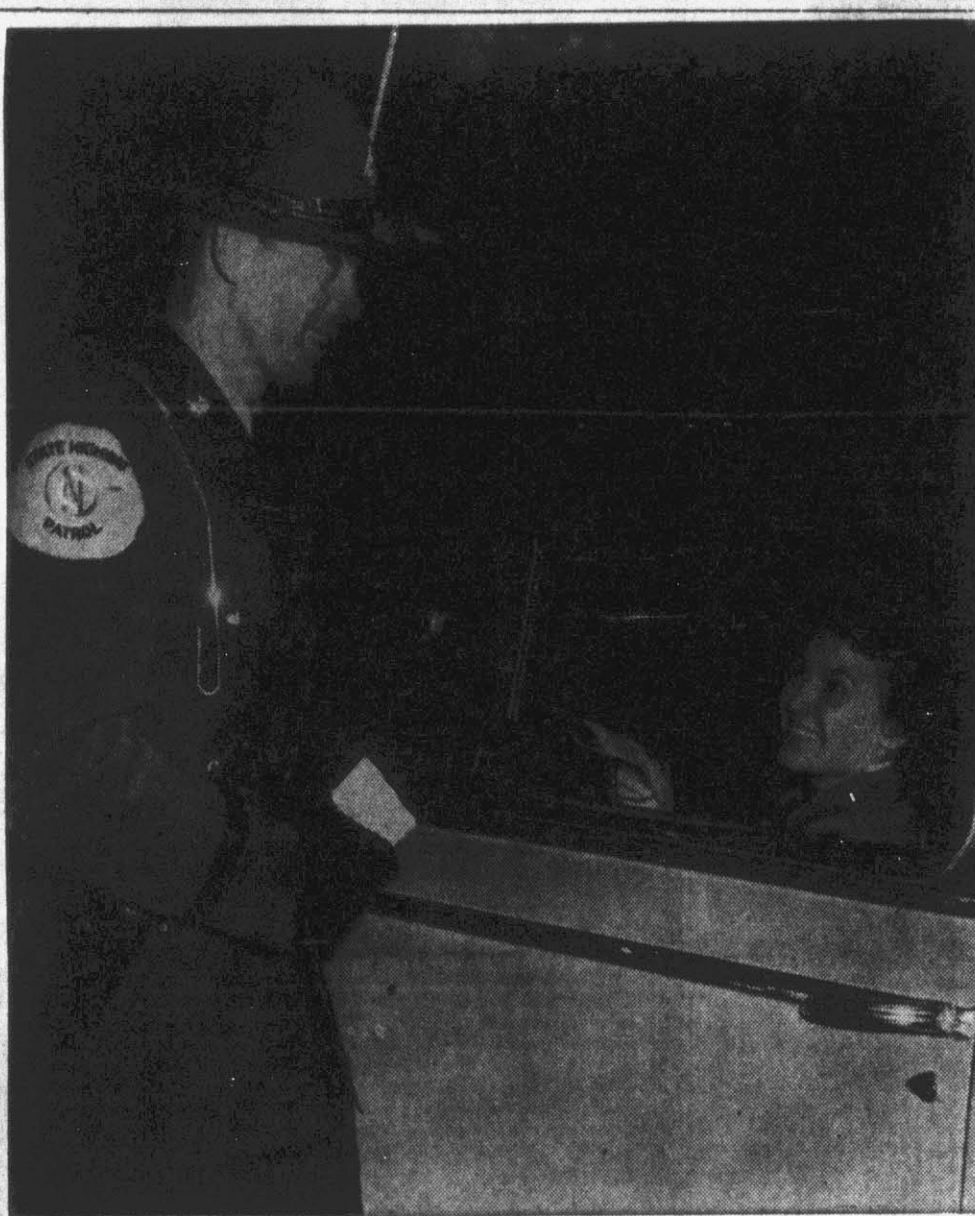
Happy crouched back against the wall. There was none of the coolness in him that his big partner showed now. Danger was here, and he was acutely aware of it. More than that, there was whiskey—row on row of bottles on the shelves behind the bar. The smell of it was in his nostrils, and it was a tantalizing fragrance, stirring old appetites, almost driving him frantic.

Once more the wheel was spinning. Gentleman Jim did not watch it. His eyes were upon the dealer, who was torn between two fears. One was of his employer, if he allowed this man to win again. It had been a long run of luck, and it seemed wild to suppose that the red six would come up again. If he just let it go by itself, Gentleman Jim must surely lose, and all would be as it had been before.

But if the red six won again, and Deal Hathaway was wiped out—the dealer glared wildly around, and his gaze met the sardonic imp which seemed to look back at him out of the professor's eyes. From there they moved to those twin guns.

He knew nothing of this man who had come here to upset the town—nothing beyond what was gossip these last few days. Whether he could shoot as well as he played the wheel there was no guessing. But a man who knew the tricks of such a game, who packed a brace of guns, was not one to fool with. The dealer had no desire to learn how well he could use them by challenging him now. And then it was too late. The wheel had slowed of its own accord, stopped—on the red six.

(To be continued)



NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT: It's a Merry Christmas from the Highway Patrol and not a ticket. Patrolman Jim Davis presents Mrs. Harold Bryant, of Bethel, one of the thousands of greeting cards issued by the Patrol in the past several weeks, urging motorists to drive carefully. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee.)



OF ALL THE holiday delicacies, none carries more of the old-time traditions and associations of good eating and festivity than mince pie.

Many writers give credit for its origination to Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history.

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

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

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

Tradition Says Tree Originated in Egypt

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

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

Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

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

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

Merry Christmas To All - May You Live Through The Night

WITH 9th CORPS, Korea (UP)—Lt. Col. Darrell T. Rathbun of St. Petersburg, Fla., offered a GI version of "The Night Before Christmas."

Entitled "A Korean Christmas Carol," it was:

"Twas the night before Christmas, And all through the tent Was the odor of fuel oil (The stovepipe was bent). (The sheepcops were hung by the Oil stove with care, in hopes that They'd issue each man a new pair.

The weary GIs were sacked out In their beds, and visions of sugar-babes Danced through their heads. When up on the ridge line there Rose such a clatter (a Chinese Machine-gun had started to chatter).

I rushed to my rifle and threw Back the bolt. My tent-mates awoke with a jolt. Outside we could hear our Platoon Sergeant Kelly, A hard little Man with a little pot belly.

"Come Yancey, Come Clancey, Come Connors and Watson, Up Miller, Up Shiller, up Baker And Dodson!" We tumbled outside in a Swirl of confusion, so cold each

man Could have used a transfusion. "Get up on that hilltop and Silence that Red, And don't you Come back till you're sure That he's dead." Then, putting His thumb in front of his nose, Kelly took leave of us shivering Joes.

But we all heard him say In a Voice soft and light: Merry Christmas to all — may You live through the night."

KINDNESS REPAID

WESTMINSTER, Mass. —(UP)—When Robert Bond's home was destroyed by fire, neighbors and friends pooled their abilities and rebuilt the house without charge. They said Bond had been kind to them at various times, and they wanted to repay him.

STEALS IN INSTALLMENTS FOND DU LAC, Wis. —(UP)—A department store shoplifter here must be an avid model railroad fan. Not satisfied with taking an engine and front half of a model electric train, the shoplifter returned the next day for the other half.

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Yuletide Celebrations Held Around First of December In Pitt Towns

Christmas celebrations in Pitt County got underway early this year, with practically every town of any size staging its Santa Claus parade around the first of December.

Greenville, being the largest urban development in the county, naturally staged the largest celebration. But though the Greenville parade exceeded the smaller towns in number, it could not surpass them in enthusiasm.

Some 8,500 Ayden enthusiasts braved chilling winds and near-freezing temperatures to attend a very good parade. Numerous floats and animals, and scores of bicycles and costumed children swung through Ayden, to the delight of child and grown-up alike. The Ayden Negro High School Band provided marching music for the participants. As in all other parades, Santa Claus was the dominant theme.

In Farmville, as in Ayden, Santa-

Claus dominated the attentions of the spectators. Farmville High School Band led a procession of floats, cars, bicycles and children through the streets. Homes and stores were decorated for the occasion, and prizes were awarded for the winning floats, most colorful individual costumes, and best decorated homes.

Williamston jumped the gun, and held its parade the last of November. Christmas decorations were strung up in the business section, and homes were decorated in honor of the festivities. At Christmas time, special services will be held in the churches, and several projects to help needy families are planned.

Due to the extensive building going on in Winton, no street decorations were put up this year. Neither was there a parade, but the town is having a Christmas Jamboree Monday, December 24, at the city hall. Prizes of cash and merchandise will be given away, and the main award is a pony and cart.

Officials at Winterville say no street decorations were planned there this year, and no parade was held.

In Greenville, several thousand people turned out to see a parade and special ceremony at the court house. Bands, floats, children and animals filled the streets for blocks. As in other towns, prizes were awarded winning participants. Marching in the parade were the Greenville High School Band, Epps Negro High School Band, East Carolina College Band and units of the college Air Force ROTC. The spirit of Christmas seems to be everywhere. It is reflected in the homes, in the stores, in the faces of friends caught in the rush of Christmas shopping even the austere grounds around the county courthouse are lighted with every color in the spectrum. Homes and stores are decorated, and church-

es plan special programs for their congregations.

Bethel and Grimesland presented much the same Christmas celebration as other towns in the county. Parades, Santa Claus, church ceremonies, street and home decorations, and the inevitable mass of shoppers — all these brought Christmas home to citizens of those two towns.

To picture one of these parades is to picture all of them, because it is impossible for so many programs of this nature to take place without repetition. But the individual enthusiasm that accompanies each of these celebrations every year all goes to prove that the spirit of Christmas, if really existent, is in our hearts after all.

One thousand Rolls-Royce jet engines are to be supplied from Britain to power 600 twin-motor U. S. type trainers for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Mistletoe Outlived Sinister Meaning

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

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

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

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

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



SO HE CAN'T MISS IT: Little Van Fleming, Jr., is going to make sure that Saint Nick won't miss his stocking this year as he places it right over the center of the fireplace. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).

Greenville High School's Yule Event On Thursday

The entire student body of Greenville High School held its annual Christmas program Thursday morning in the high school auditorium.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of the students' gifts to the three janitors who were called to the stage by Bobby Nichols, senior class president.

Each janitor was given a basket by Nichols which was filled with canned foods, stable groceries, and a turkey. The food gifts were given by the students of the high school.

The program followed a short homeroom period and three short

classes after which the students went to the auditorium. The entire student body sang "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and a quartet sang "There's A Song in the Air."

Following the singing of "Silent Night" by the student body, Fletcher Murray, vice-president of the senior class, read a scripture on the story of the birth of Christ. As he finished the reading, the curtains on the stage were opened and a Nativity scene was set on the stage. A boys' chorus sang "O Holy Night" and the high school glee club sang

"Glory to God."

The Christmas program was sponsored by the senior class and was under the direction of the class advisors, Mrs. Elizabeth Mims, Ward James, and Estelle Greene.

Following the program, the students began their Christmas holidays and filed out of the auditorium singing, "Fare Thee Well."

Red Cross Busy During Yuletide

Red Cross activities for the Yuletide season have included the sending of boxes for the "high seas" program, the making of scrapbooks for the Naval Hospital at Lejeune, and the sending of a check to buy decorations for the recreation room at the hospital.

Some women in Ayden, under the direction of Mrs. O. C. Stroud participated in the "high seas" program by making 10 gift boxes for men who would be serving on the seas during Christmas.

Mrs. Walter Taylor, executive secretary of the Pitt County Red Cross chapter, said the boxes were attractively wrapped and included articles which a serviceman could use. She said the boxes contained articles valued at about \$2.50 a box.

Mrs. Taylor said the Red Cross chapter here also sent a check to the Red Cross director at the Naval Hospital to be used to buy decorations for the recreation room in the hospital.

Mrs. Stroud's Sunday School class in Ayden made a number of scrapbooks on sports and other subjects to be placed in the recreation room at the hospital.

This is the first time that the Red Cross chapter here has participated in sending gifts and money at Christmas time.

In New York's Bronx Zoo, a herd of giant Galapagos tortoises sleeps, eats and travels in cliques according to some mysterious social ranking.

A goldfish put alone in a bowl will become so lonely and frustrated as to actually wind up a "mental case".

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County Schools Observe Yuletide With Varied Events

Classrooms Are Decorated And Programs Conducted By Pupils

Once again the halls of the county schools were decked with laughter and the merriment of the Yuletide. The classrooms were decorated with Christmas trees, mistletoe, and holly and young voices pealed out songs in remembrance of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Everywhere in the schools exams were pushed aside in favor of the on-rushing Christmas season.

Many activities were on schedule for the students in the Ayden School. Some of the classes, particularly the grammar grades, had parties, others portrayed Christmas scenes, and others read and sang about Christmas.

The annual Christmas concert was given by the glee club Wednesday night under the direction of Mrs. Rosa Little, music director. The narrator for the concert was Hannah Jackson, and Sullivan Nelson and Thomas Craft were in charge of the lighting. The primary and grammar grades portrayed picture scenes of the songs.

Preceding the concert the newly formed high school band directed by Mr. Hayes entertained the audience with a few select Christmas tunes. This was the first appearance of the band.

Featured soloists were Jo Ann Padley, Shirley Tripp, Mary Lou Lang, Barbara Lynn Cox, Janice Worthington, Betty Jean Padley, Steve Parish, Kemp Edwards, Hal

Edwards, and Randall Harrington.

Last Saturday the grammar grades and high school teachers threw aside their "teacher manners" and went to the home of one of their fellow members, Irma Worthington, for a buffet supper. Bingo games were held and prizes were given to each winner. The climax of the party came when Christmas gifts were exchanged and opened. Everyone was brought back to reality by the dishwashing and clean-up after the party.

The Arthur School held its annual Christmas program December 18 and 20 in the school auditorium. The first grade presented a program at the P.T.A. meeting on the 18th and eight pupils participated in a play which was given. The second grade presented a play, "Christmas," and sang three Christmas carols. The third grade presented poems, "A Visit from St. Nick" and "Christmas Time" and the high school glee club sang several Christmas songs.

Programs were presented by the fourth, sixth, ninth and tenth grades on the evening of the 20th. The fourth grade presented a manger scene, Christmas readings, carols, poems, and Yule customs in other lands. Six pupils participated in the sixth grade play and a Christmas story, carols, and poems were given.

The ninth and tenth grade English

classes joined forces to present a "radio" play without a microphone telling of Christmas celebrations in other lands interspersed with Christmas carols.

"The Christmas Story," a pageant, was presented by pupils of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades of the Grifton School at a P.T.A. meeting Tuesday night.

As the story unfolded before the audience, carols were sung and the Angela, Wise Men, Shepherds, and Mary and Joseph appeared. Narrating the story was Phyllis Dudley.

Wednesday night the music department of the Grifton School gave a special program of Christmas music which was under the direction of Mrs. Paul S. Braxton.

The toy band, conducted by Randy Jackson, rendered the following numbers: "Jolly Old St. Nick," "Jingle Bells," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Up on the House-top," and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

The glee club sang "Silent Night," and "Listen to De Lamba," a Negro spiritual. Accompanist for the group was Bette McCotter. "I Wonder as I Wander" was sung by Dorothy Shirley.

The eighth grade ensemble, Marlene Dudley, Bette McCotter, Dawn Smith, Janie Bowen, Lonnie Jackson, Herbert Purser, and Billy Cox, sang "Jubilate" and "Go Tell It to the Mountain," a Negro spiritual. A

cantata, "The Christ Child" was presented by the glee club and taking solo parts were Bill Burroughs, Mary Dawson, Ruby Hoffman, and Bette McCotter, accompanist.

The pupils in the fourth grade of the Fountain School, assisted by the choral group, presented a Christmas program in two parts to the school P.T.A. Wednesday evening. The first part of the program was a pageant entitled, "The Christmas Story" and the second part was a simplified version of Charles Dickens' famous "Christmas Carol."

Those taking part in the pageant were: First Reader, Jerry Little; second readers, Jerry Weisner, III, and Carlton Gardner, Jr.; third reader, Stuart Harris; fourth reader, Stuart Harris; Wise Men, William Tripp, Charlie James Davis, and Kirby Tyson.

Other members of the fourth grade sang Christmas carols as a part of the pageant which was told in song and story.

In the second part of the program, Old Ebenezer Scrooge, rich and cross and stingy, found that love and a kind heart are better than riches.

Taking part in the play were: Bobby Corbett, Scrooge; Lil Dilda, Christmas Angel; Jerry Sumner, Scrooge's nephew; Edward Tyson Smith, Bob Cratchit; Jessie Mae Baker, Mrs. Cratchit; Bernice Moore, Fanny Cratchit; Marshall Stepps, Master Peter Cratchit; Wayne Owens, Dick Cratchit; Pamie Moore, Martha Cratchit; Betty Carol Tugwell, Belinda Cratchit; and Steve Moore, Tiny Tim Cratchit.

Pupils in the grade who gave Christmas poems between acts were: Kathleen Butts, Frances Peaden, and Betty Carol Tugwell. Parmie

Moore acted as reader for the Dickens' play.

Choral club members who assisted with the singing of the Christmas carols were: Joyce Bell, Edna Brady, Marie Baker, Irene Boseman, Phyllis Corbett, Doris Davis; Barbara Dilda, Martha Hardy Johnson, Rose Johnson, Doris Letchworth, Patricia Little, Faye Moore, Peggy Oakley, Margaret Owens, Rachel Owens, Mary Alice Pollard, Rachel Tugwell, and Peggy Tyson.

The programs were under the supervision of Mrs. Ben Eagles and Mrs. Carl Tanner.

The grammar grades of the Grimsland School presented a play, "Why the Chimes Rang," at the school last week.

Those taking part on the program were: Clarence Elks, narrator; Amos Hardee, Pedro; Curtis Taylor, minister; Jo Ann Hardee, old lady in the snow; Bobby Beddard and Harold Gaskins, altar boys; Lillian Gladson, Peggy Warren, Helen Faye Galloway, Lamur Buck, James, Davenport, and Charles powers, rich people.

Charlie Cannon, little brother; Billy Gene Paramore, Bruce McLawhorn, and Joseph Padgett, the three kings; Bobby Dixon, writer; Terry Allgood, Ronnie Boyd, Gene Buck, Shirley Singleton, Barbara Cannon, and Peggie Stocks, poor people; Jessie Mayo, king of the country; J. F. Robinson and Ben Oakes, pages; and Hazel May, angel.

Two choirs participated on the program and both choirs sang carols and special Christmas numbers. The special numbers were "O Holy Night," "Lullaby," "Angels from the Realms of Glory," and "Birthdays of a King."

Taking part in both choirs were: Jane White, Faye Warren, Josephine Fawcette, Martha Anderson, Audrey Pierce, Shirley Hardee, Lou Buck, Frances Elks, Peggy Jenkins, Joyce Beddard, Agnes Smith, Gay Hudson, Mae Barron, Lou Ellen Allgood, Peggy Ross, Raney Elks, Mattie Oakes, Becky Mills, Irene Cayton, Becky Reels, Jean Ann Daniels, Dottie Elks, Thomas Dixon, Marvin Hardison, Jimmy Hardee, Richard Davenport, Vance Boyd, Delores Carrow, and Frankie Singleton.

Durlene Boyd, Betsy McRoy, Betsy Lou Whitehead, Joan Riggs, Doris Davenport, Barbara Cannon, Jean Barrow, Ann Ross, Mamie Ruth Hardy, Lindy Edwards, James Earl Heath, Jimmy Edwards, Donald Hudson, Joan Elks, Judy Bates, Lois Hardee, Barbara Mills, Hilda Barrow, Genevieve Taylor, and Dolly Elks.

The program was directed by Mrs. Frances Madry and Mrs. Helen Tankard Nixon. Mrs. J. A. Watson furnished the organ and assisted Mrs. Madry as accompanist.

Each class in the Bethel School had individual Christmas programs and parties.

The seventh grade in the elementary school gave a Christmas play last Thursday in their room. The play centered around the story of the birth of Jesus and the students also had a choir. After the program

was over, Mrs. Wadie Ward and Mrs. Alton Whitehurst served refreshments to the group.

The mothers of the children in the fifth grade class gave a party for the students and each child was given a gift and refreshments were served. The class joined together with the mothers in the singing of Christmas carols.

Parents of some of the children in the third grade also gave a Christmas party for the entire class. After all of the children exchanged gifts, the grade mothers presented each child with a little gift and refreshments were served. The party was closed with the singing of Christmas carols.

The first grade at the school had a Christmas party Thursday and the grade mothers slipped in and surprised the students with toys, drinks, and other Christmas "goodies." The first graders in turn surprised the mothers by giving a program of songs, poems, and presented them gifts.

The ninth grade of the Bethel School decorated its room in the fitting way for the season and afterwards were given a surprise party by their grade mothers. The students in the class gave the teacher, Dan Nicholson and his wife, a Christmas gift and exchanged gifts among themselves.

Students in the eighth grade decorated their room and each committee was responsible for some part of the decorations. Pictures of Christmas surroundings were placed on the bulletin board and a Santa Claus hung at the front of the room. The students were also divided into committees to get refreshments for the Christmas party Thursday morning.

The second grade class gave a play for the parents Thursday morning and they planned and made their own costumes. Each member of the class had some part in the play or planning the play. Following the production, the grade mothers had a treat for the pupils and the children opened presents which were under the tree for them.

The fourth grade at the school also divided up into committees in planning their Christmas party. Before the party, the students in the class made various gifts for their parents, such as table mats of pine needles, hot pot holders, hanging vases of electric light bulbs and sachets from flower petals. The safety committee of the class was responsible for removing all inflammable materials from the room and checking the electrical equipment.

Following the business session of the "Let's Be Better Readers Club" of the sixth grade, the students had a Christmas program. After the meeting adjourned, the grade mothers gave the club a party. For the last few weeks, the pupils in the sixth grade worked on Christmas gifts for their mothers and on decorating the room.

The Home Economics Department of the Bethel School has had a series of adult interior decorations classes and the first part of the classes were spent on Christmas decorations. Those attending worked on corsages made from cottonwood tree seed pods and from cotton bolls and they also worked on making door decorations from sprays of cedar and pine.

Thursday morning a period was set aside for the gathering of senior students in the homerooms to exchange gifts and enjoy refreshments prepared by the senior girls.

The students of the elementary school in Bethel presented a operetta entitled "Surprise Christmas," under the direction of Frances Carawan. A white-robed choir wearing bright red bow ties, daintily dressed fairies, a most convincing lion with a gaily bedecked clown, barn dancers, a little lost girl presented pathos, humor, joy, and good old fashioned Christmas love and cheer in the operetta.

The operetta told the story of little Suzette, a displaced immigrant in America, whose cherished dreams of glorious America are about to be shattered as she sits in the huge Central Station in New York City waiting in vain for the foster parents who promised to befriend her. Everyone becomes interested in her plight and through their assistance she finally finds her new parents.

Police Remind Fireworks Are Illegal In State

Police today issued a warning about possessing or exploding fireworks in the city or state of North Carolina.

A recent General Assembly made it unlawful to possess fireworks or to transport or store them, or to explode them anywhere in the state. The law provides a fine and imprisonment for violations.

The state law prohibits sale of fireworks here. Some fireworks are shipped in. An officer who finds fireworks in possession of any person is required by law to arrest him or her.

The fine for storing or selling is \$50. Transporting or possessing, \$50, and exploding fireworks, \$5 fine for each offense.

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With in a few days Mrs. Anna Katzman received notices from the city that: 1. The tax assessment on her tenement house had been boosted 20 per cent. 2. The same tenement had been declared unfit for occupancy.

Drivers Warned

Greenville Police Chief Guy C. Langston warned motorists again today to drive carefully during the Christmas holidays.

Highways and streets will be heavily congested and weather reports indicate that there will be some bad weather during the holidays, the chief said.

HELPING SANTA

When Buying Toys for Children

If you wish your child to get the most available from this year's toys, be sure to look for the five major qualities recommended by specialists.

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

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

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

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

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

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THE STORY IS TOLD AGAIN: Members of the West Greenville elementary school are shown as they recently presented the Christmas Story, joining other members of the school in the student chorus. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).



PAGEANTS MARK THE YULETIDE: Pupils of the West Greenville School are shown as they depicted the angels appearing to the shepherds on a hillside, telling of the birth of the Christ Child. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).

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Scattered Families Are Re-United At Christmastime

It's A Long Custom For R. M. Manning's Family

By JESS POINDEXTER
Reflector Staff Writer

The ancient, time-honored tradition of family gatherings so long associated with Christmas time, will be perpetuated this year by R. M. Manning of Belvoir.

More than 21 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Manning moved into the house at Belvoir which they now own and still occupy. It was two years after the first World War that they left Winterville with four small children and moved to their present situation.

In the ensuing three decades since that time, six more names have been added to the family roster—the current total standing at 12.

Five boys and five girls saw Christmas come and go at the Manning home for many years. "They are all gone but one now," says Mrs. Manning, "but they always come back for Christmas if they can."

As the years passed, the children grew up one by one and moved away. But every Christmas the yard fills with cars, and shoutings ring from faces flushed with happiness—the children are home again.

Each year, the group grows a little larger, because grandchildren have become a force to be reckoned with. The Mannings are 13 times grandparents, they say, and don't feel a bit older for it.

"How could we do other than expect many more grandchildren?" Mr. Manning asks, "just look at the example we set."

Only two of the 10 children will be absent Tuesday when members of the family gather around the long table and bow their heads in prayer. Gurney Glenn, 21, is serving with the Air Force in Tokyo, Japan. "It just won't seem like Christmas this year without Gurney," Mrs. Manning muses wistfully. "You see, this is the first Christmas he has ever been away

from home." A 31 year-old daughter, Bernice Brown, is now living in California and will not be there either. "Bernice Brown is married to a test pilot," discloses Mrs. Manning. "She always liked flying. Prior to World War II, she was a stewardess with American Air Lines, and during the war, she was a flight nurse with the Air Force in the Pacific."

The Mannings' two oldest boys, Perry, 36, are both in business in Wilmington and will be home for Christmas. "They'll probably want to get in a little hunting before dinner," remarks Mr. Manning.

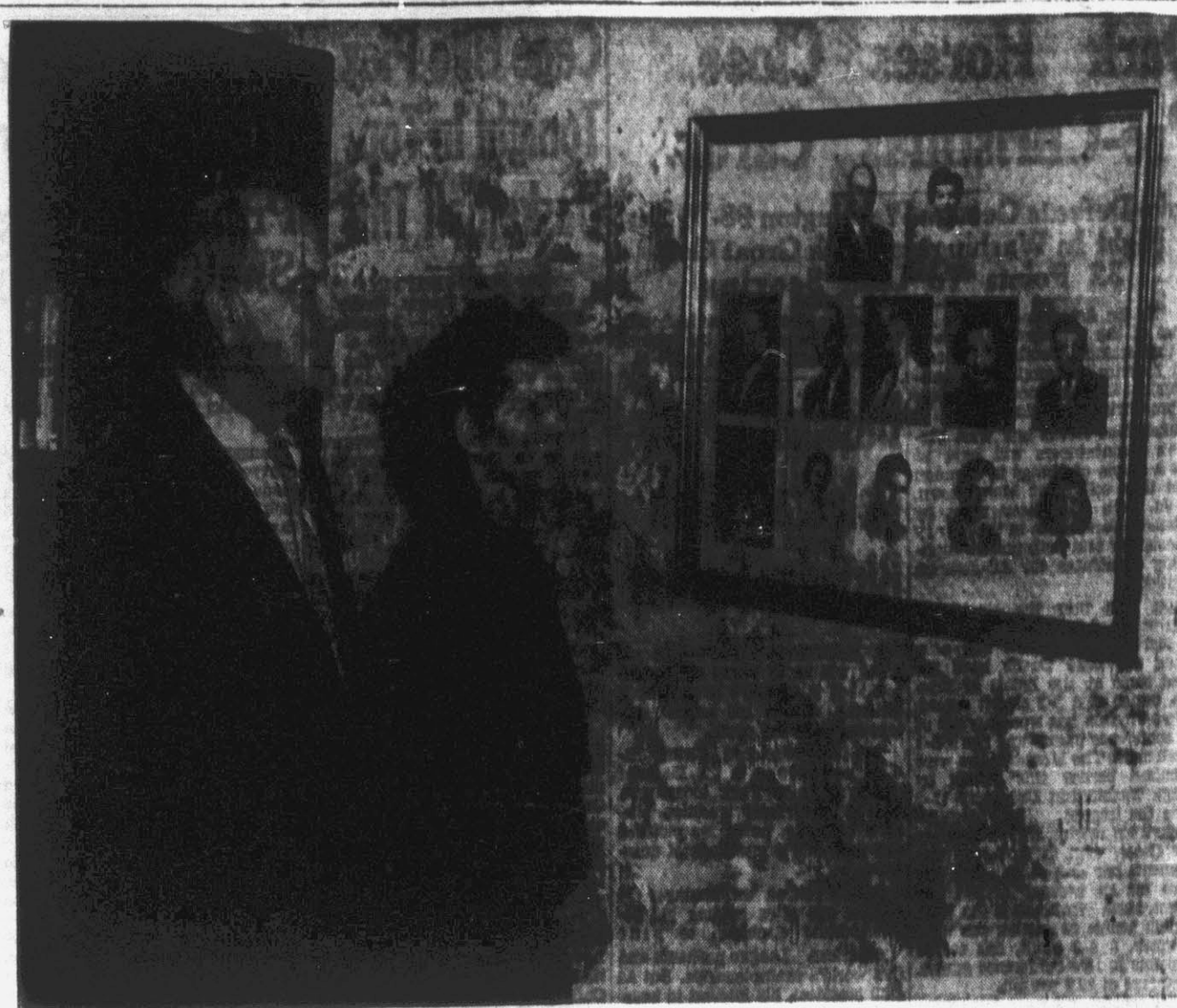
"Mary Sue and Paul Graham are both in Durham," Mrs. Manning chirps, "so they should be down sometime over the weekend." Mary Sue, 34, is a nurse at Watts Hospital in Durham, and like her sister, she too was a flight nurse with the Air Force during World War II—only she was in Europe.

Paul Graham, at 29, has been in the army 11 years. At present, he is serving as National Guard instructor in Durham. Though in his teens at the time, Paul was stationed at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed by the Japanese December 7, 1941—an attack which plunged the United States into four long years of war.

Another son, Wesley Ward, 19, is serving with the Air Force in Massachusetts, but he is already home and will be there through the holidays. Wesley joined the Air Force last Christmas while still a senior at Belvoir-Falkland High School.

Two daughters, Lucille, 26, and Hettie Rue, 24, live in Greenville. Lucille is a housewife, while Hettie Rue is a stenographer. The only child at home now is Alma "Woody", 16, who is a student at Belvoir-Falkland High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning were married in 1910, at Winterville, but they moved to their present home



Reminiscent of scenes duplicated throughout the world each year at Christmas time, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Manning of Belvoir nostalgically inspect photographs of their 10 children—of whom all but two will be home for the traditional family gathering on Christmas Day. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee.)

about 10 years later. Mr. Manning describes himself as a farmer, carpenter, electrician, contractor. "In fact, I might be considered a 'jack of all trades,'" he says heartily.

The farm on which the Mannings live originally contained 77 acres, but Mr. Manning sold 44 acres "a few years back". He has a tobacco allotment of seven acres on the 33 acres he still owns, but he

leases that out each year for cash. "With my other work, I just don't have time to worry with the farm," he laughs.

At the present time, Mrs. Manning's sister, Mrs. Ruth Butler, is living with them. "I used to live in Greenville, and I lived in Baltimore seven or eight years," remarks Mrs. Butler, "but I missed this part of the country and just

had to get back down here."

Mrs. Butler reports that this Manning gathering is really something to attend. "What with the children, grandchildren, and other kinsfolk, I have seen occasions when as many as 80 people slept in the house at one time," Mrs. Butler says when they don't have enough beds, "they make pallets on the floor."

But when Christmas Eve night rolls around and the guns are being oiled for the next day's hunt; when capable hands are busy baking and preparing food for the morrow's feast; when eager children stay up late and frolic frenziedly through a warm and crowded house; then one may be sure that happiness and goodwill abound in that atmosphere of festive jollity—Christmas, 1951, is here at last.

Teen-Agers' Party Held In Armory Last Night

A Christmas party for the teen-agers in the city was held last night at the Armory and was a combination of caroling and Christmas decorations.

The first group of teen-agers left the Armory at 7:30 to sing carols in one section of the city and one group stayed to begin putting up decorations in the lounge and in all parts of the Armory.

The second group left the Armory at 9 o'clock to go caroling in a different section of the city. When they left the first group picked up the decorating where the second group left off.

At the return of all of the carolers, refreshments of hot chocolate,

popcorn, candy, and cookies were served to the group. During the evening, the teen-agers played Christmas games and danced.

The two directors at the recreation department, Warren Carroll and Mrs. Betty Gordon, helped put on parties in the city this week at the Methodist Church and the National Carbon Plant.

Carroll led the recreation at the church Thursday night when the junior Sunday School class had its party. He also helped the Carbon company with its annual party at the Country Club Friday night. He led the group in recreation and square dancing.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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Everyone Wants To See Just One 'Good Old' Yule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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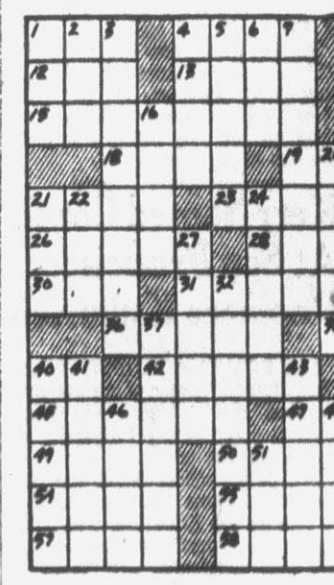
NEWINGTON, Conn. —(UP)—One thing led to several others for a New York City motorist. After cracking up in a highway accident, Leonard Simon was asked by police about a collection of parking tickets and summonses, issued in various cities, which they said they found in his car.

NOT LUCKY TWICE

NEWINGTON, Conn. —(UP)—Five years ago Mrs. Ida Swanson, now 77, fell from a third-story window while hanging clothes. She got up and walked into the house, unhurt. Recently Mrs. Swanson tripped on a twig and landed in the hospital.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS:
1. Sing softly
4. Slipped
7. Not this
12. Mother of Pear Gint
13. Corp-meal dish
14. Furry
15. Speaks of
17. Medicinal plant
18. Sound of bells; rare
19. Drinking place
21. Highway
22. Steeple
23. Like
24. Young owl
25. Against
26. Long fish
27. Place again
28. Spring
29. Leaven
30. Compound
31. Father
32. Amended
33. Fine ravellings
34. Discount
37. Astronaut
38. Flower
39. Ball
40. Trickle
41. Small child
42. Look
43. Feminine name
44. Age



DOWN:
1. Meat of swine
2. Employ
3. Intellectually
4. Twirl
5. Appears
6. Tavern
7. Predetermine
8. Journey
9. Hoary
10. Greek market place
11. Youthful years
12. Motion of the sea
13. Mountain crest
14. Fish eggs
15. He indicated
16. Adhesive
17. Characteristic
18. Apron
19. Substance
20. Write
21. Skull
22. Rubber
23. Small bullet
24. Dress up
25. Eagle's nest
26. Pertaining to wine
27. Crush with the teeth
28. Kind of bean
29. Everything
30. Rocky pinnacle
31. Greek letter

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The Sport Reflector

By JIMMY ELLIS

Talk regarding football assistants at North Carolina State College began reaching serious levels today with the announcement that Bill Causey had resigned as Head Coach at Goldsboro High School and was reportedly being considered for the position as line coach at State.

Causey, a native of High Point, has been in Goldsboro for four years. He was a former All-Conference tackle and assistant coach at Elon and while in high school was an All-State tackle.

While State refused to either deny or confirm the issue, things point pretty conclusively toward Causey's joining Hendrickson. His resignation is effective January 1, the date Hendrickson has set for naming the assistants.

Causey has had a wealth of experience in both playing and coaching football. After finishing at Elon, he went into pro football where he stayed a year before entering the Air Corps. He played four years of service ball and after he finished his tour of duty, he went back to Elon as an assistant to Hap Perry.

Norris Jeffrey's resignation at Goldsboro in the spring of 1948 paved the way for Causey's debut as a high school coach and he's been in Goldsboro ever since. His football teams have not been ranking powers but they have been able to give plenty of trouble before the 1951 season. His best year was in 1949 when his squad won five straight games and lost a chance at the Eastern AAA title in the final game of the year.

His poorest season was the 1951 year. This year's edition of the Earthquakes, hampered by a serious shortage of boys, won only one game while tying three and losing six.

A 650 student high school, Goldsboro is the smallest school in the fast Eastern AAA Conference. They annually play teams from Wilmington, Durham, Raleigh, Greensboro and Charlotte. Causey would fit well at State College. He's had college experience in coaching and playing and he very definitely knows his football.

In a survey of colleges made earlier this week, Ted Smith, an Associated Press sportswriter, comes up with some interesting finds. He has concluded from his survey that college football players aren't all brawn and no brain and that some of them actually do book work.

He cites the examples of Tennessee's Hank Lauricella and Andy Kosar, Virginia's Joe Palumbo, Maryland's Bob Ward, Columbia's

Mitch Price, and Princeton's Dick Kazmaier. As far as the general public is concerned, all are better known for their football talent rather than being a whiz in the classroom... however, Smith's survey shows that they are doing very well.

Lauricella had an average of 2.6 at UP (against a University average of 2.10 for all male students) and a 4.0 perfect average) and Kosar ranked at 2.8. Lauricella has made the honor roll for three quarters.

Palumbo is even more of a whiz. He's got an average that is just below a B and has gained 133 hours of credit in a half-year less than it usually takes. Palumbo has been at Virginia for three and a half years and has 133 hours whereas most UV students take the full years to earn the required 120 hours for graduation.

Kazmaier is a psychology major at Princeton and is ranked "just below Phi Beta Kappa" in his studies. Columbia's Price came to that school from Midvale, Utah, on a scholarship that was awarded solely on Price's academic standing.

The list could go on and on. Closer home, Duke's squad annually comes up with a couple of Phi Beta Kappa men. This year, two players and the head manager were initiated into the honorary scholastic fraternity. Every-one remembers the 1950 season when Tom Powers went out and scored six touchdowns against the University of Richmond when it was announced that he had Phi Beta Kappa.

Perhaps the most interesting, and amusing, finding that Smith made while conducting his survey was in the case of Ward, Maryland's All-America guard.

Ward is majoring in Business Administration at Maryland and has a B-average. He also went out and got elected vice president of the Student Council. He had to resign the office, though, not because of the burden of the books but because of "family pressure." He's married and has two children.

Merry Christmas.

Stranahan Better

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Frank Stranahan of Toledo, O., one of the nation's best known amateur golfers, was reported in good condition today after an emergency appendectomy yesterday at St. Francis Hospital. Stranahan has been visiting here since the Miami Open Golf Tournament early this month.

Duke And West Virginia Tangle Tonight

Dark Horses Close Pre-Christmas Cards

Duke Defeats George Washington 98-76 Last Night In Washington; Dick Groat Gets 32 Points To Lead Scoring

By the Associated Press
Two of the principal challengers for this season's Southern Conference basketball championship tangle tonight as conference quinte close out pre-Christmas action.

Duke's Blue Devils and West Virginia's Mountaineers will have at least a couple of things in common when they collide at Morgantown, W. Va. Both have been upset by conference darkhorses in the early campaigning and both possess high-scoring candidates for All-America attention.

Duke goes into the significant scrap with a 3-1 loop record and a 7-1 mark in all games. The only licking the Blue Devils have received came at the hands of Furman, owner of a 3-4 circuit record. West Virginia has won four out of five conference games and has a 5-1 overall mark. The Mountaineers were victimized earlier this month by George Washington University (1-2 inside the league).

Duke's big scoring threat is dandy Dick Groat, who in four loop engagements has dropped through 103 points for an average of 25.7 per contest. Mark Workman is the West Virginia genius at hitting the nets. Workman, a 6-9 giant, has scored 111 points in five conference games, an average of 22.2 per tilt.

After tonight, no more intra-conference tussles are scheduled until Maryland and North Carolina meet at Chapel Hill, N.C., on Jan. 3.

Besides Duke and West Virginia, three more conference teams are active tonight.

North Carolina, owner of a 3-1 overall record, meets Bradley at Peoria, Ill. The Tar Heels will be trying to become the second Southern Conference team to beat the Bradley Braves this year. Duke turned the trick 87-69 on Dec. 8.

William and Mary plays the University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh. The game was rescheduled from last night.

Washington and Lee, first conference team of the season to play in a tournament, meets Akron University in a consolation game in the Marshall College Invitational Tournament. The Generals were ousted from the tournament championship running last night by Miami of Ohio, 82-57. Akron lost to Marshall in the other first round game.

Duke trampled George Washington, 98 to 76, in a scoring free-for-all in Washington last night. Groat collected 32 points.

In the only other game involving a conference team, V.M.I. lost its

seventh contest in a row by bowing to Connecticut for the second straight night, this time by 74-55.

Baseball's Mack Celebrates 89th Birthday Sunday

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Connie Mack will be 89 years old tomorrow, but it wouldn't seem like a birthday without his annual get-together with the press.

The silver-thatched Connie invited reporters to the Elephant Room at Shibe Park today and, true to pre-birthday tradition, sliced a big cake, posed for pictures and answered a multitude of questions.

Connie retired as manager 14 months ago after guiding his beloved white elephants to nine American League pennants and five world's championships. But as club president, his interest in baseball, and particularly his Athletics, remains undimmed.

A picture of health and abounding in spirit and energy, Connie virtually ignores his age. He attends many social functions and doesn't miss a day at his office in the tower of Shibe Park.

Connie will leave Wednesday for a customary winter trip into warmer climes. This year it will be a Florida vacation until spring training begins.

Football Power Shadows Rise Of UM Basketball

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP)—The rise of Maryland University to a football power has been hogging so much attention that little notice has been taken of the improvement worked in basketball by Coach Bud Millikan.

In two years he's gotten Maryland to the point today where it can give fits to any team in the Southern Conference.

Long, the basketball doormat of the Southern circuit, Maryland won only seven games the year before Bud took over. With mostly the same players, Millikan coached Maryland to 16 victories last year and had North Carolina State, the champion, hopping before losing 54-45 in the post-season conference tourney.

Using four of the same first stringers, Maryland is off to another flying start, winning four out of five conference games. The two losses show that while it's still going to lose quite a few, Maryland is no pushover. It lost only 53-52 to Penn and had West Virginia on the run before losing in the last two minutes, 39-36.

Kerr Named Coach At San Francisco; Replaces Kuharich

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—William (Bud) Kerr, 36, tutor of the nation's stingiest line in 1951, was head football coach of the University of San Francisco today.

The Jesuit school chose the former Notre Dame All-American end to replace Joe Kuharich, who gave up the job Thursday after coaching the first undefeated grid team in the University's history.

Kerr was highly pleased with his new job. "It is something every assistant coach looks forward to, to have a chance at the head spot," he said.

Seventeen lettermen of this year's team will be gone next year including All-American Ollie Matson and All-Coasters Gino Marchetti and Ed Brown.

Cage Elite Play Tonight In Top Basketball Tilts

By JOHN GRIFFIN

United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (UP)—The elite of college basketball—seven of the eight top-ranked teams in the nation—will be in action tonight in a blue-ribbon night for the court sport.

Feature of the national program will be the meeting at Manhattan, Kans., between Kansas State, ranked seventh in the country, and Indiana, No. 8. This is the only game which matches two of the top-touted teams.

At Chicago, Illinois, ranked No. 1, meets DePaul, and that tilt will be closely watched for a comparison between the Illini and Kentucky. DePaul succumbed to Kentucky, ranked No. 3 nationally, by 93-60 on Thursday night and the Illini will be out to top that.

St. John's, currently ranked No. 2 but still dazed by that 81-40 drubbing by Kentucky on Monday, plays host at Madison Square Garden to another tough Southern Conference school, Vanderbilt. The Commodores who upset Kentucky, 61-57, in the finals of last year's SEC tournament, should provide a stern rebound test.

Fourth-ranked Kansas and its six-foot, nine-inch center, Clyde Lovellette, who ranks as the nation's top scorer, visit Southern California. Fifth-ranked Washington collides with Minnesota, conqueror of Kentucky, in a top-drawer intersectional battle. Sixth-ranked St. Louis faces Army. Only third-ranked Kentucky is idle among the top eight.

There are several other top intersectional games on tap. On the same Garden program with the St. Louis-Vanderbilt game, New York University will risk its 10-game winning streak, longest in the nation, against Oklahoma. Pennsylvania plays host to Notre Dame, and Oregon visits Wyoming.

Other leading games tonight include: Fordham-Temple, Tulsa-Arkansas, Murray-Baylor, North Carolina-Bradley, Oregon-State-California, Colorado-Michigan, Cornell-Tulane, Denver-UCLA, Detroit-Houston, Iowa-St. Drake, Duke-West Virginia, Loyola (Cal.)-Stanford, Wisconsin-Marquette, Nebraska-Miami (Fla.), Montana-Washington St., Ohio St.-Utah, Rice-Tennessee, Scranton-Seton Hall, Villanova-Iona.

In leading games last night: St. Bonaventure remained unbeaten, topping Colgate, 77-68, as Bob Sassone scored 22 points; Syracuse kept rolling with an 84-65 win over Loyola (La.); Duke crushed Georgetown, 98-76; Detroit drubbed Houston, 73-56; Murray beat Texas, 64-63, on Charley Lamplery's free throw after the final buzzer; Boyd Jarman's 18 points led Brigham Young to a 64-59 win over Santa Clara; Oregon State shaded California, 61-59; and Oregon downed Wyoming, 66-39.

Goldsboro Coach Quits; Reported Headed For State

RALEIGH (AP)—Football officials at North Carolina State College have reversed their field and lent credence to the rumor Bill Causey will join the Wolfpack coaching staff.

Causey resigned his position as head coach at Goldsboro High School yesterday. Since he is a close personal friend of State's new head coach, Horace Hendrickson, rumor immediately arose that Causey would join Hendrickson's staff.

Not so, said Wolfpack athletic officials yesterday, but last night Hendrickson refused to confirm—or deny—that Causey would join him. Hendrickson was named early this month to replace ousted head coach Beattie Feathers. No reason was given for Feathers' dismissal. State College officials also reported that Feathers' three assistants—including Hendrickson, who was backfield coach—were getting the gate, also without a reason being announced.

If Causey joins the Wolfpack, he probably will replace line coach Al Rotella.

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Bowl Squads Continue Work; Illini Scrimmage Late Today

Promising Fighter Put On Shelf With Injury To Hand

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK (AP)—Dan Bucceroni, upset winner over Roland La Starza, is on the shelf for at least five weeks with an injured right hand.

Dangerous Dan, an overgrown light heavyweight from Philadelphia, made the 3 to 1 odds against him look silly last night as he handed the highly-ranked La Starza his second pro loss in 49 fights. But he hurt his hand in the battle, watched by only 3,556 fans who paid \$11,397.

Sluggish and over cautious after a long layoff and a bout with the flu, La Starza gave a poor performance in his first Madison Square Garden start in 21 months.

After a good first round, La Starza was wobbled by a right hand punch early in the second. He wavered on the verge of a knockdown for several seconds as Bucceroni banged away with both hands. Crouching and holding on, La Starza was in full retreat.

While short-armed La Starza tried to pick his spots, Bucceroni peppered him at will from long range from the third through the seventh. When Rolfe decided to go inside and slug it out in the eighth it was too late. He won the last three rounds but lost the decision without any argument. Both judges had it 6-4 and so did the Associated Press. Referee Al Berle scored it 6-3-1 for a unanimous decision.

Bucceroni, jubilant over the first "big" win of his career, revealed in the dressing room he injured the middle knuckle of his right hand in the fifth.

"That was when I began to con him," he said. "I yelled 'Come on let's go' and said 'Is that the best you can do Rolfe?' Every round I stood up in my corner waiting for the bell, trying to con him that I felt great. I was getting tired too."

La Starza was disgusted with himself for his poor performance.

"Sure I was hurt in the second," he said. "I couldn't get out of my grandmother's way."

La Starza at 186 3-4 was lighter than usual. Perhaps it was the effects of his age with the flu that forced postponement of this bout from its original Nov. 9 date. Bucceroni rarely has weighed more than his 181½ for this important test.

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Jockey Charles Burr, the 17-year-old lad from Kansas, was proud and happy today about riding 300 winning horses in a year, but he wasn't letting the achievement go to his head.

He was out at Tropical Park as usual, a lift in his walk and a smile on his face as he prepared for another day of racing. That was his job and he intended to keep on doing it.

There was little to indicate that the slender, dark-haired youth had just become the seventh jockey in American turf history to score 300 or more victories in 12 months. Burr didn't say very much about it himself. He felt he'd covered the subject when he stood in the winner's circle before the cheering crowd yesterday and received a silver plate from racing secretary Gerald Brady to commemorate the occasion.

"It's a wonderful feeling to join those six other riders," he declared, his lean face breaking into a broad grin.

The little Kansan—he weighs just 100 pounds—won the eighth race aboard J. Stelle's Four Notrump, a 14 to 1 long shot.

Charles KO's Foe In Tune-Up Bout

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP)—A Smashing left hook by former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles knocked out farm boy Joe Kahut in the eighth round here last night.

By UNITED PRESS

Pasadena, Calif. (UP)—Coach Ray Eliot, apparently satisfied his Illinois team is rounding into shape, scheduled his first scrimmage in California for late today.

He will give his players Sunday off to witness the Ram-Brown professional football championship game.

Stanford Coach Chuck Taylor asked if he predicted victory in the Rose Bowl for his team as he had done all season for the team, said "I have to go along with the boys."

The coach also disclosed that he expects decathlon champion Bot Mathias to be back at practice by today and reported the fullback's injury was a pulled tendon in his heel.

KNOXVILLE (UP)—Coach Bot Neyland will take a 53-man squad to New Orleans on New Year's Day to represent Tennessee against Maryland in the Sugar Bowl game. Neyland named the squad which included six freshmen, yesterday and announced that it would begin training for the game next Thursday. Neyland said the squad will fly to New Orleans Jan. 1.

MIAMI (UP)—Coach Andy Gustafson said today the Miami defensive platoon "looked a little better" and reserved special praise for two unheralded guards.

Ray Arcaneletti and Dan Tassotti were the guards praised by Gustafson, currently preparing his squad for its Gator Bowl meeting with Clemson on Jan. 1.

FORT WORTH (UP)—Texas Christian will shut down its preliminary drills for Kentucky after this morning's practice for the Cotton Bowl game.

The Horned Frogs, champions of the Southwest Conference, went through their last hard scrimmage yesterday. They adjourn for the Christmas holidays today.

Coach Dutch Meyer had all his regulars except quarterback Gil Bartosh and guard Alton Taylor, both suffering shoulder bruises, take part in the workout.

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Stanford Rates As Basketball Power In PCC

NEW YORK (AP)—Stanford, which already has won the Pacific Coast Conference football championship, may come up with the PCC basketball crown, too.

The Stanford eagles, like their 1951 football brethren, still have to suffer their first defeat of the season. Last night they made it 7 straight by taking San Francisco, 52-49.

The victory put the Indians in the national college cage picture since San Francisco previously had beaten Kansas State, ranked 5th in the Associated Press poll.

Washington, the pre-season favorite to again win the PCC title, was scheduled to play Minneapolis at Minneapolis last night, but the game was put off to tonight. The Huskies lost their first game to Utah, but since then have won 6 in a row.

Only one of the first 20 teams in the A.P. poll saw action last night. Wyoming, No. 16, was beaten by Oregon, 66-59.

Most of the night's major games took place in the Rocky Mountain and Far West areas. UCLA, edged Denver, 60-58, and Oregon State did likewise to California, 61-59. Washington State went overtime to take Montana, 68-63, and Brigham Young whipped Santa Clara, 64-59.

In a twin bill at Syracuse, N.Y., the undefeated Syracuse Univ. team made it 5 straight with an easy 84-65 triumph over the touring Loyola of the South quietest. St. Bonaventure, also unbeaten, won its 4th straight by beating Colgate, 77-68, in the first game.

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Rev. Richard E. Hardaway, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, E. R. Conway, superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Anthem—"Once In Royal David's City," Gauntlett
Sermon by the pastor; subject: "What Christ Means to the World"
5:30 p.m.—Members of Training Union will go carolling.
7:00 p.m.—Refreshments at the church.

7:30 p.m.—Worship Service of Carols and Candles
Anthem—"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," Praetorius
Anthem—"Christmas Lullaby," Smith

Appalachian Carol—"Jesus, Jesus, Lay Your Head," Arr. by Niles
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Rev. Leon Russell, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, J. H. Rose, superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Organ Prelude—Offertory on "Adeste Fideles," Loret
Anthem—"Today There Is Ringing," Christiansen
Offertory—"Christmas Chorale," Deigendesch

Offertory Anthem—"Silent Night, Holy Night," Gruber-Curry (Junior and Adult Chorus)
Sermon—"Christmas Can Change You," Pastor
Organ Postlude—"Yuletide Echoes," Hodson

5:00 p.m.—The Vesper Service
Organ Prelude—"Christmas Eve," Malling
Offertory—"O Holy Night," Adam A. Pageant—"The Christmas Story," presented by the Young People of the Church and directed by Miss Kathryn Van Nortwick.

Organ Postlude—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Vibbard
6:00 p.m.—Intermediate and Senior Fellowship, after which the Young People will sing carols to shut-ins.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Leonard W. Topping, Minister
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages, Mr. Stanley Daughtridge, superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Sermon by the pastor.
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Rev. Leonard W. Topping, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Church service with sermon by the pastor.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. William Horne Jr., superintendent
The public is cordially invited to all services.

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; subject: "The True Christmas Spirit"

Mrs. Moya Dall will sing "O Gathering Clouds" by Marjorie Bain
There will be no fellowship supper or Youth Fellowship Sunday night.

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Rev. Rashie Kennedy, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Stephen Waters, superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
6:30 p.m.—FWB League
Barbara Dall, director

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service
7:30 p.m. Thurs.—Greenville Bible Institute Session at church.

We welcome visitors to all services.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. Ernest H. Williams, rector
8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:30 a.m.—Church School

Showing of the Cathedral Film, "Conversion of St. Paul"
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Service

11:30 p.m. Mon.—Christmas Eve
Midnight Communion Service. Visitors are most cordially welcome.

10:30 a.m. Tues.—Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. Tues.—Church School
Christmas Program

10:00 a.m. Wed. (St. Stephen's Day)—Holy Communion

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

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
Rev. Charles Gable, pastor
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
5:30 p.m.—Ch-Rho Fellowship
8:30 p.m.—CYP-DSA

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Charles Gable, pastor
7:15-7:30 p.m. Sat.—Confessions
7:30-8:00 p.m. Sat.—Holy Hour
10:00 a.m. Sun.—Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. L. L. Reeder, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m.—Y.P.E. Service
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
7:45 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Lesson-Sermon
7:45 p.m. Wed.—Mid-Week Service

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C. D. Patterson, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, C. H. Rhodus, acting superintendent
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
7:30 p.m. Mon.—Youth Fellowship
7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Meeting

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P. S. Young, pastor
10:00 a.m. Sat.—Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. Sat.—Worship
8:00 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Meeting
8:00 p.m. Fri.—Youth Meeting

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
W. Vernon and Dewey Streets
Kinston, N. C.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
Interested persons contact Rev. Wallace Behrhorst, 803 Perry Street, Kinston, N. C.

Colored Churches

SWEET HOPE F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. Z. D. Harris, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Charlie Hardy, superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service
The public is invited to meet with us each third Sunday.

ROCK SPRING F.W.B. CHURCH
S. Hemby, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, W. M. Tatum, superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Message by the pastor; subject: "God's Supreme Gift to Man"
The public is invited to worship with us.

WHITE OAK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Grimesland, N. C.
Rev. C. C. Staton, pastor

Services each second Sunday at 11 a.m.
Prayer Services Wednesday night at 7 o'clock
The public is cordially invited to attend.

BIBLE WAY
Foot of Wallace Street
Rev. Edward Rowe, Pastor
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Worship services.
The public is cordially invited to attend.

MT. MORIAH HOLINESS
Marlboro
Rev. Dunn, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship services on first Sundays.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

BYNUM CHAPEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
East Hines St.

ELDER GROVER PATTON, pastor.
11 a.m.—Worship services fourth Sundays.
Everyone is invited to attend.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST
Corner Wallace and Walnut
Rev. John A. Michas, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school, Mrs. M. L. Blount, superintendent
11 a.m.—Worship service first and third Sundays.
Everyone is invited to attend.

SYCAMORE HILL BAPTIST
Rev. J. A. Nimmo, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, W. D. Miller, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Message by the pastor; subject: "Perfect Christmas"

3:00 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. P. H. Mumford, pastor of York Memorial Methodist Church. He will be accompanied by his ushers and congregation.

6:00 p.m.—B.T.U., J. S. Alexander, director
7:30 p.m.—Christmas program, sponsored by Youth of the Church. L. R. Hudson is pianist, and directors are L. R. Taylor and Lillian Donaldson.

The public is cordially invited to worship with us.

GOOD HOPE F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. S. Hemby, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, O. O. Bryant, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
The public is invited to worship with us.

YORK MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION
Rev. P. H. Mumford, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
W. J. Hester, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Message by the pastor.
Music by Junior Choir

3:00 p.m.—The pastor, choir and congregation will worship with the First Baptist Church; the music will be rendered by the Senior Choir.

7:30 p.m.—Christmas Program with features of the birth of Christ.
5:00 p.m. Tues.—Special music by the Senior Choir

MOUNT CALVARY F.W.B.
Hudson Street
Rev. E. M. Hill, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
You will find a cordial welcome at Mount Calvary.

PHILLIPPI CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. J. P. McLaurin, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school, Lyman Price, Jr., superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service.
A cordial invitation is extended to all.

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST
Corner 15th and Railroad Streets
Rev. J. E. Tillet, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Milton Carr Jr., superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Worship service first and third Sundays.
6:30 p.m.—B.T.U., U.G. Bell Jr., director
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

ENGLISH CHAPEL F.W.B.
Rev. S. Hemby, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, S. M. King, superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
The public is invited to worship with us.

ST. ANDREW MISSION
Bonner's Lane
Holy Communion, first Sunday at 9 p.m.
7:30 p.m.—Second, third and fourth Sundays.
A warm welcome awaits the public.

ARTHUR CHAPEL
Rev. S. Hemby, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, L. Monk, superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Message by the pastor; subject: "Do You Know Him As Your Personal Savior?"

3:00 p.m.—Rev. E. M. Hill will officiate. He will be accompanied by his choir, ushers and congregation. Good Hope, Rock Spring and English Chapel are asked to participate in this service. This being the pastor's anniversary, Rev. Hill will deliver the anniversary sermon.

The public is invited to worship with us in our services.

SYLVIA CHAPEL F.W.B.
Rev. J. W. Wilkins, pastor
South Greene Street
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST
Rev. T. T. Shivers, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, C. L. Bemby, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

Farmville Churches Colored

ST. JAMES F. W. B.
W. Perry Street
Rev. W. W. Askew, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Deacon Frank Williams, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship services second and fourth Sundays.

The public is cordially invited to worship with us.

Weight is a measure of the attraction which the earth's gravitation exerts on an object.



HE'S YOUNG AND ANXIOUS Billy Ackert, Evans Street, Greenville, pauses to guess what the package he holds might contain. The young man can hardly wait for Christmas to get here. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).



MISSED ANYTHING? Above, Sandra Forbes ponders whether she has left anything out of her letter to Santa Claus, while brother Harry looks on. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).



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

Remember that when you bring tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly-cut tree will take fire any easier than the evergreen trees growing outside.

The hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not safe to put up the tree too early on Christmas day or to leave it too long after the 25th. Trees of all kind will become highly inflammable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their tree up longer than a week should

special safeguards to keep it reasonably safe.

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

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

BICYCLES TO INDIA
NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Britain exported the biggest share of its bicycles to India in October, 1951, United Kingdom high commission officials said.

During October the U. K. sent 30,363 bicycles to India, Malaysia ranking second with 25,771.

The southern pine beetle is especially troublesome in East Texas and Eastern North Carolina.

No Indications Of A White Christmas Here

By CHESTER WALSH

Greenville has not had a "white Christmas" in the memory of numerous old-timers a Daily Reflector reporter interviewed during a mission to find out the last time there was a "white Christmas" here.

During the past 10 years there have been Yuletide seasons when there was a little snow on the ground—sometimes a little sleet—but no "white Christmas," Mrs. Carl E. Malden, observer for the U. S. Department of Commerce, reported.

The heaviest snow in the Greenville area during the past 10 years was in 1948.

On January 24 three inches fell. On February 1, eight inches of snow covered the countryside, and then more than a week later, February 10, the Weather Bureau reports that 10½ inches of snow fell.

This snowstorm crippled traffic here and in other sections of Eastern Carolina and held up delivery of mail by rural carriers.

State Highway Department

snowsweepers were active clearing highways and streets in Greenville.

The Weather Bureau observer here gives the following summary of weather conditions in the Greenville area at Christmas and Christmas Eve since December, 1941.

1941—Christmas Eve, highest temperature, 70; lowest, 55 degrees. One and a half inches of rain fell. Christmas Day, the sky was cloudy and the highest temperature was 61, lowest, 35. Cloudy.

1942—Christmas Eve, highest temperature, 52 degrees, lowest, 36. Clear weather. Christmas Day, highest, 69; lowest, 32. Light snow Christmas night.

1943—Christmas Eve, highest, 32 degrees; lowest 31. Clear weather. Christmas Day, highest, 42, lowest, 32 degrees. Heavy sleet.

1944—Christmas Eve, highest temperature, 67; lowest, 41 degrees. Clear weather. Christmas Day, highest, 71; low, 37 degrees. Clear.

1945—Christmas Eve, high, 62, low, 34 degrees. Partly cloudy.

Christmas Day, high, 60, low, 50 degrees. Cloudy and some rain.

1946—Christmas Eve, high, 54 degrees; low, 30. Clear. Christmas Day, high, 66; low, 30 degrees. Clear.

1947—Christmas Eve, high, 37; low, 29 degrees. One inch of rain, snow and sleet recorded. Christmas day, high, 33 degrees, low, 28. Light trace of snow.

1948—Christmas Eve, high, 39; low, 33 degrees. Rain, sleet and snow started late that night. Christmas Day, high, 33; low 18, (and that's 14 degrees below freezing). Trace of snow on the ground, but none falling.

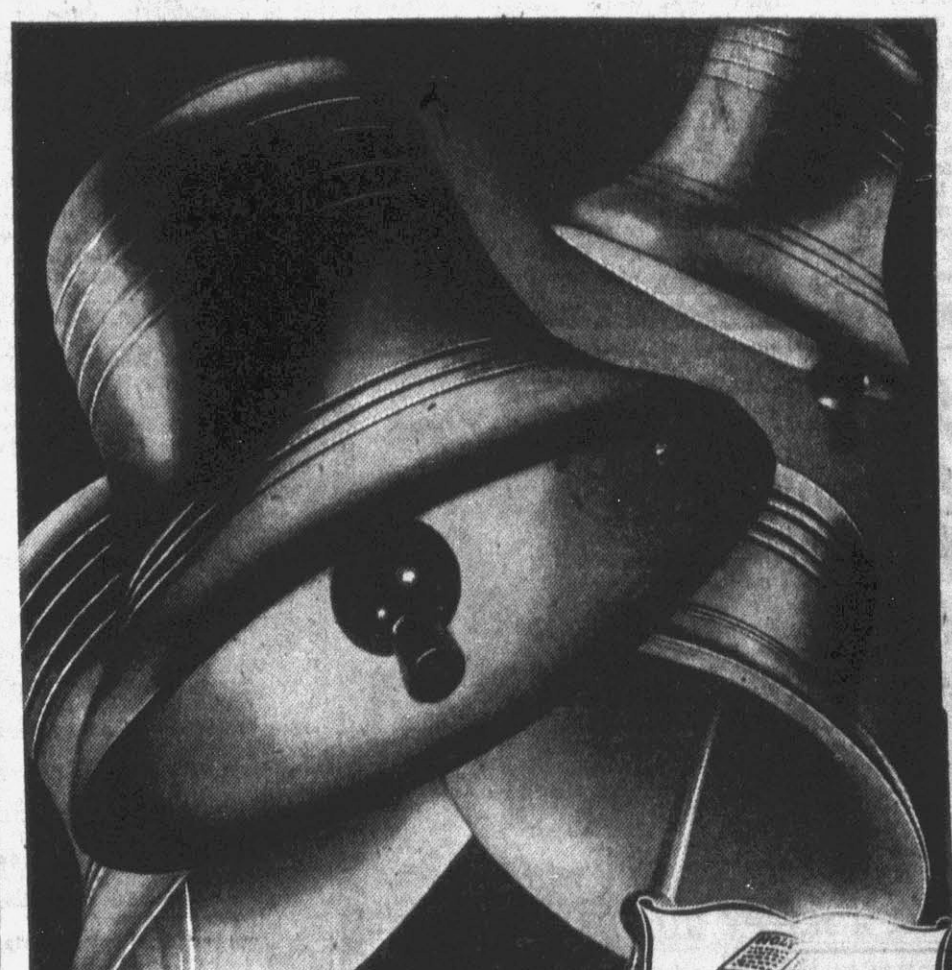
1949—Christmas Eve, high, 50 degrees; low, 29. Clear weather. Christmas Day, high 52; low 27, five degrees below freezing.

1950—Christmas Eve, high, 64, low, 34. Clear and cold. Christmas Day, high, 55 degrees; low, 29. Clear and cold.

As this story was written weather forecasts and local indications were that there was some wintry weather on the way to follow several weeks of ideal autumn weather.

Severe weather prevailed here during the past week, although winter did not arrive until today—Saturday, December 22.

Chicago is the crossroads of the nation's railroads.



CHRISTMAS BELLS

Cling-clang ring the bells . . . through valley and forest, through streets and across town and city. Ding-dong sound the bells . . . over the whole land and through the homes and hearts of millions.

It's Christmas and the whole Christian world makes known its joy and thankfulness. But there are many corners of this globe that do not know our joy and what it means. To people in these lands this Christmas day will pass like others, and having passed, will be forgotten.

Can we, on this day of all days, be content to keep this birthday to ourselves? To share it with the universe must be our aim and goal . . . and so let's go to church, where we can learn to spread the Christmas story. Let us help in the great work of building steeples in every land so that Christmas bells may reach the ears and hearts of all people.

THE CHURCH
ALL FOR
The Church is the only place on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and financial support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Matthew	122 1-9
Monday	Col.	10 1-10
Tuesday	John	10 2-16
Wednesday	1 Cor.	2 1-16
Thursday	Mark	4 1-9
Friday	Mark	4 10-20
Saturday	Psalms	126 1-6

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NOTICE

PAY YOUR CITY AND COUNTY TAXES BEFORE JANUARY 1st SO IT WILL BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM YOUR 1951 INCOME TAX.

PITT COUNTY

H. L. ANDREWS, Tax Collector

CITY OF GREENVILLE

H. H. DUNCAN, CITY CLERK

Our Leadership Sale

CONTINUES AFTER CHRISTMAS

WITH BIGGER REDUCTIONS

BEGINNING THURSDAY

MORNING, DECEMBER 27th

Bostic-Sugg Furniture Co.

117 East Third Street, Greenville, N. C.

Holiday Spirit Is Reaching To Patients Of Hospital And Staff

Patients and personnel at the Pitt Memorial Hospital have been enjoying the festivities at Christmas without even having to step out of the building.

The Greenville Service League Hospital Guild has been planning and working for many months to make the Christmas season at the hospital just like the season anywhere else. The guild has placed a 15 foot Christmas tree in front of the hospital for the patients on the north side of the building to enjoy.

Another tree has been put up on the porch of the nurses' home for the benefit of the patients on south side and this tree is visible for miles. There is also a small tree in the lobby of the hospital.

Other than the trees, waiting rooms on every floor of the hospital have been decorated with silver tinsel and other festive decorations. Wednesday and Thursday nights the guild gave a party in the basement of the hospital for the white and colored personnel. At each of the parties, the room in which it was held, was draped with green garlands, entwined with red paper ornaments.

The table from which punch, cookies, sandwiches and candy were served was covered with a white tablecloth and the centerpiece was a small white Christmas tree decorated with tinsel and multicolored balls. Surrounding the tree were silver magnolia leaves and red ornaments.

Santa Claus was at the party both nights and distributed gifts among the hospital personnel and their guests and Santa carried a "grab bag" for guests. The same tree which is in the lobby of the hospital was carried into the basement and used for the parties.

Mrs. M. N. Fossy was at the party Wednesday night and entertained

the guests with her autoharp. Mrs. B. L. Tyson attended the party Thursday night and accompanied on her accordion while the guests sang.

A committee of the guild has made 80 tray favors which will be placed on the patients' breakfast trays Christmas morning. The favors are small Santa Clauses made from red yarn and tied to a small peppermint candy cane.

Tomorrow night the Service League Poles Trio, composed of Mrs. Ed Parkinson, Martha MacKenzie and Mary Andrews Whichard, will go through the corridors of the hospital during supper hour singing Christmas carols.

The hospital guild is made up of Mrs. R. C. Stokes Jr., Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mrs. W. S. Bost, Mrs. K. B. Pace, Mrs. Jesse Moye, Mrs. Edgar Williford, Mrs. L. T. Shotwell, Mrs. J. T. Little, and Mrs. Charles Wilkerson.

Shortest Day

Your clock didn't tell you this, but yesterday was the shortest day of the year.

Friday had the same old twenty-four hours of Thursday, Wednesday or Tuesday, but they were "arranged" differently. The sun rose at 7:04 a.m. and set at 4:52, giving a "day" of only 9 hours and 48 minutes of light.

Things are looking up today however, as the hours of light begin to stretch minute by minute, day by day.

Friday, December 21, was also notable for one other distinction: It marked the start of the winter season.

Wesley R. Willis Died In Farmville

FARMVILLE — Wesley Robert Willis, 64, died at his home here of a heart attack Thursday afternoon. Funeral services will be held from the home Sunday at 1 p.m., conducted by the Rev. H. L. Davis, Methodist minister, assisted by the Rev. E. S. Coats, Presbyterian minister. Burial will be in the cemetery at Edenton.

The members of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church and the Chamber of Commerce will be honorary pallbearers.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Eva Chappell Willis; a daughter, Mrs. James Coughlin of Lafayette, Ind.; a sister, Betty Willis of Morehead City; three brothers, B. G. Willis of Avoca, G. E. Willis of Windsor and Dr. H. C. Willis of Wilson.

Mr. Willis came to Farmville in 1916 as cashier of the Citizens National Bank. In 1924 he left Farmville to become the cashier of the Farmers and Planters Bank in Greenville, a position he held until 1928. He then served as a State bank examiner. Mr. Willis was elected town councilman and served as town secretary and treasurer from 1919 to 1923. He later engaged in private business for a number of years. Mr. Willis was instrumental in organizing the Chamber of Commerce here and served as secretary. He also served as secretary of the Tobacco Board of Trade. He was active in the Methodist Church and served as a steward.

FAMILY LIVES LONG

MILLIS, Mass. — (UP) The ages of the eight brothers and sisters of the Russell family total 655 years, making their average age 82 years. They are: Eli Russell, 84, Syracuse, N. Y.; George Russell, 80, Medfield, Mass.; Mrs. Amelia Clark, 86, Millis; Mrs. Mary Badger, 84 Boston; Mrs. Angeline Amiot, 80, Malone, N. Y.; Miss Ella Russell, 77, Taunton, Mass.; Edward Russell, 74, Boston and Charles Russell, 72, Cambridge, N. Y.

Deeds

Earl Brown al to Heber F. Cox \$10 Hannah Dixon al to Bennie Little al \$10

Theodore R. Cox al to L. R. Bell al \$10

Geo. E. Creekmur to Audrey Saunders Byers \$10

R. B. Lee, Comr. al to E. L. Bowen \$16,500

Jeannette C. St. Amand to G. D. Cox al \$10

Larry E. McLawhorn al to Marvin H. McLawhorn \$10

Hoshea Bland al to Thelma B. Rogers \$2,000

J. Vance Perkins al to H. H. Tripp al \$10

N. G. Naylor al to A. L. Tucker al \$10

Mary Lucille Land to Edward Earl Holland \$10

Brookgreen Realty Co. to James G. Smith Jr. al \$10

O. O. Rogers al to E. A. Rogers al \$10

Teste Darden al to Jack Johnson May al \$10

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E. L. Scott al to R. K. Highsmith al \$1,250

J. Hicks Corey al to Claude Batts al \$10

Bruce Tucker Moye al to Margaret Tucker Thomas \$1

E. H. Taft Jr. al to Florence T. Blount \$10

J. H. Moye al to Bate Lumber Co. \$3,000

W. C. Jones al to D. L. Latham al \$10

L. W. Herring al to F. Q. Nunn al \$10

Christmas Card Party

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Bissette entertained on Wednesday night for members of their bridge club at the Christmas party. A festive holiday scene greeted the guests as they arrived with a lighted tree, novelty tree candles, poinsettia and red carnations which were used on the buffet table in crystal candelabra.

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Announcements
Invitations
Reception Cards
Visiting Cards
At Home Cards

Best Jewelry Co.
"Your Jewelers"

Friday's Cases In Police Court

In Police Court Friday, Judge Charles H. Whedbee disposed of the following cases:

Willie Hines, Negro, buying and receiving stolen property, two charges, was given three months on the roads. Sentence was suspended on payment of \$26 and costs. The court ordered him to pay Garrie-Evans Lumber Company \$50 for shingles. Judge Whedbee placed Hines on probation for two years, with the special condition that he not buy any real or personal property except that which is brand new.

Larceny: Richard May, Negro, 30 days on the roads, and 30 days on another charge. Arlando Gorham, Negro, 60 days on one charge and 90 days on another charge. James Stimms, Negro, abandonment and non-support, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$12, or one-third of his weekly wages, into the Pitt County Welfare office for support of his wife and children. Benjamin Reeves, Negro, drunk, 30 days or \$15.

Ledrew Hardy, Negro, was not guilty of disorderly conduct. William Barrett, Negro, assault on a female, \$25.

with tall red candles. A delectable supper was enjoyed after which bridge was played at three tables. Mrs. H. C. Oglesby scored high among the ladies and Mr. M. B. Hodges among the men. Other players were Mr. Oglesby, Mrs. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cobb, Mrs. L. L. Mewborn, Mrs. George Sugg and Mr. Ligon.

After the games gifts were exchanged and much fun was caused by this.

Persons

Miss Maxine Haynes arrived Thursday night from Baltimore, Md. where she is a student at the University of Maryland Hospital, to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Granger Haynes.

Miss June Tomlinson, student at ACC, is here for a holiday visit before going to Elgin Point to spend Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Bissette.

Miss Margaret Sugg, a member of the Walkertown school faculty, and Miss Dorothy Glenn Sugg, a member of the Burgaw school faculty, are here for the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Sugg.

Miss Jessie Guinierly, student at ACC, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Guinierly.

Melvin Sauls, student at EOC in Greenville, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sauls.

Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Miss Henry Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bell have returned to their homes at Robbins after being guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patrick.

Miss Ruth Chapman of Roanoke Rapids is here for a holiday visit with Miss Marie Chapman and Mr. Lloyd Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Trent Berry and son Steven of Weaverville will spend the holidays here with Mrs. Berry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Mumford of Greensboro, Mrs. W. F. Cross, Mary Ann and Frank Cross of Sunbury will spend the holidays with Mrs. G. Tucker and family.

Colored News

Christmas services will be held at Holy Trinity Holy Church Sunday, Dec. 23, with Rev. Mrs. Ella Yarborough preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend our services.

The Senior Ladies Auxiliary of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church will meet Sunday, Dec. 23, at the home of Mrs. Dora Brown, 1308 W. 4th Street. All members are asked to please be present.

Mr. Robert Carney of Morgan State College of Baltimore, Maryland, is home to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lillie Mae Thomas.

Curtis Williams of N. C. State College, Durham, is home to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Helen Williams.

Pitt Servicemen . . .

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Student Street.

Captain Lester W. Edwards, USAF, Osterburg, Penn., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mabel Edwards, 308 Student Street.

Private First Class James L. Futrell, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Futrell, Johnston Street.

Sergeant Gordon Gibbs, Jr., Edwards Air Force Base, California, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gibbs, 2618 Sunset Avenue.

Staff Sergeant Thomas A. Graham, who has just returned from Okinawa, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Graham, 2011 Chestnut Street.

Private Clifton S. Greene, stationed at Indianstown, Penn., is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Greene, Route 3, Greenville.

Corporal Paul Hamilton, who has just returned from Korea after serving there for 17 months, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, 1308 Cotanche Street.

Private First Class Thomas L. Hannaford, Jr., Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hannaford, 615 West Fifth Street.

Seaman Floyd E. Hardee, Great Lakes, Ill. will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Hardee, Route 2, Ayden.

Corporal Sherman Harris, son of Mrs. W. T. Harris of Belvoir, is with his mother. Cpl. Harris is stationed at Scott Field Air Force Base in Illinois.

Private First Class Norman Heath, Air Force, will be with his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Scott Heath, Route 1, Greenville. He is stationed at Chicago, Ill.

Howard "Buddy" Holcomb, Jr., US Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas, will be with his mother, Mrs. Jake Worthington of Grifton. A-C Alton E. Howard, Goodfellow Air Base, Texas, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Howard of 100 S. Harding Street.

Private First Class Medon R. Jackson, stationed in Cheyenne, Wyo., will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Dora Jackson of Winterville.

Sergeant Charles C. Jackson, Jr., Fort Sill, Oklahoma, will visit his mother, Mrs. C. C. Jackson of Winterville.

Sergeant E. S. Jackson, Jr., Fort Sill, Oklahoma, will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jackson, 107 Linwood Drive.

Sergeant and Mrs. Henry Johnston of San Antonio, Texas, will spend the holidays with Mrs. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Major Smith of Winterville.

Sergeant Steve Johnston, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, will be with his mother, Mrs. Margaret H. Johnston, Route 5, Greenville.

Corporal S. O. Ives, Jr., Fort Campbell, Ky., will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ives of Bethel.

Officer Candidate Chester Langley of Fort Riley, Kansas, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Langley of Farmville.

Master Sergeant John D. Langley, Portsmouth, Virginia, will be with his wife at 2615 Sunset Avenue.

Private First Class Thomas D. Larkins, Camp Atterbury, Ind., will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Larkins, 101 North Library Street.

Midshipman Robert C. May, Jr., of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. May, 100 South Elm Street.

Private Wesley Ward Manning, USAF, stationed in Massachusetts, will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Manning, Belvoir.

Private First Class Walter Meeks of the Air Force will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Manning, Route 2, Winterville.

Sergeant First Class Fred McLawhorn will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McLawhorn, Route 4, Greenville. McLawhorn has just returned from Korea.

Corporal Ray McLawhorn, Fort Jackson, will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McLawhorn, Route 3, Winterville.

Seaman Recruit Jack McGowan, stationed at San Diego, California, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McGowan, Route 3, Greenville.

HM William D. Mills, Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Minnie Mills of Ayden.

Private First Class Francis W. Oakes, Jr., Keeler Field, Mississippi, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Oakes, 407 West Fourth Street.

Private Donald F. Paramore, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Paramore, Route 4, Winterville.

Private First Class John Hilary Phelps, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Phelps, Fairfax Avenue.

Lt. Junius Rose, Jr., Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose on East Tenth Street.

Phillip A. Roberson, USN, San Diego, California, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Roberson, Route 4, Greenville.

Private First Class Lonnie Smith is visiting his mother, Mrs. Della Smith of Winterville.

Milton R. Spain, Coast Guard, Groton, Conn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Spain, Route 4, Greenville.

Officer Candidate Jimmy Sutton, Fort Riley, Kansas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Sutton, Lewis Street.

Seaman John Sideris, San Diego, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Sideris, 202 Contentnea Street.

Radioman . . . Guyland G. Stox,



DREAMING OF CHRISTMAS:—Little David Hardee rests peacefully as he dreams of Santa's coming visit to his home Christmas night, and of all the many things he will bring in his sleigh. (Reflector Staff Photo by Roy Hardee).

USN, has recently returned from Korea and is visiting his parents in Winterville.

Herbert Jackson Stox, USN, San Francisco, California, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Zeno Stox, Winterville.

Private Alvin Taylor, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, 208 West Second Street.

Corporal Clarence Tugwell, Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, Ala., is visiting his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. A. C. Tadlock, Chatham Circle.

Corporal Jack Turnage, Keeler Field, Miss., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turnage, Lang's Cross Roads.

Captain James B. Tyndall, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tyndall, East Second Street.

Captain Clarence Vincent, Jr., Fort Rustic, Va. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vincent, 104 Davis Street.

Captain Ray Wase, who recently returned from Japan, is visiting his wife, the former Ann Hardee in Greenville. They are living on E. Fourth Street.

Officer Candidate Jack Whithard, Fort Riley, Kansas, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Whithard, Elm Street.

Private Zeno White, Indianatown, Penn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. White, Route 3, Greenville.

Private Eddie L. White, Fort Levis, Washington, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. White, Route 3, Greenville.

Private John M. Whitehurst, Fort Jackson, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. White, 304 Summit Street.

Seaman Joseph P. Whitehurst, stationed on the U. S. S. Lafayette, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whitehurst, Route 3, Greenville.

Aviation Mechanic Gilbert Windham, Corpus Christi, Texas, is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Windham.

Private First Class Eugene W. Wright, Camp Stewart, Ga., is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. A. Elmore, 1025 Evans Street.

Corporal Leslie P. Yelverton, Jr., Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Yelverton, Fountain.

Open Tonight Till 8 O'Clock
And Thru Christmas Eve

REDUCTIONS

ON TRICYCLES
TRACTORS
COWBOY SUITS
HOLSTER SETS

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Dickinson Avenue

SUNDAY — MONDAY

3 GREAT STARS TO THRILL YOU AS NEVER BEFORE

See ROMANCE! When laws and love were OUTLAWED

FIERY ACTION! Fists crash — in vicious slugging

FIERY ADVENTURE! Gold brought glory — Bullets brought murder

SPECTACLE! In the sizzling hot-spot of the frozen north

Marlene DIETRICH as the torching CHERRY

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John WAYNE as gunman Glenister

The SPOILERS

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THURSDAY
East Side Kids
in
"Mr. Wise Guy"

FRIDAY — SATURDAY
Whip Wilson
in
"WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE"

STATE

Ends Today — Lash La Rue in "Frontier Phantom"

For That Last Minute Shopping Give THEATRE TICKET BOOKS
The Ideal Gift — \$1.00 - \$2.50 - \$5.00

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WITH BIGGER REDUCTIONS
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3%

Current Dividend Rates on Insured Accounts

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Special Christmas Eve

LATE SHOW

Double Joy . . . Double Fun . . .
Double Everything!

Come on Down and Have a Big Time! You'll Love "DOUBLE DYNAMITE!"

DOUBLE DYNAMITE! starring JANE RUSSELL • GROUCHO MARX • FRANK SINATRA

All Seats 50c
Now On Sale At Box Office

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CLAUDE B. WEST, Mgr.
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All Work Guaranteed
Give us a Trial
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Hours 9:30 until 5:30. 7-11-12-13

WANTED—AN OPPORTUNITY
to help you economize and be more comfortable. Call us about our door canopies, roll-up aluminum awnings, insulation, weather stripping and the one and only Ceramco asbestos siding. "Your comfort is our business." Terms if desired, G. I. Lupton Co., Greenville, N. C. Phone 5234. 10-17-12

Horses Cows Hogs
Dead or Alive
FREE REMOVAL
Phone Greenville 3101
Greenville By-Products Co., Inc.

WANTED
Boys age 12 and older to carry The Daily Reflector in Greenville.
Apply Circulation Dept., Daily Reflector

CARPENTERS WANTED—DUPONT
Job. Contact Mr. Joe Skurry, business agent carpenter's local union, Perry Building, Kinston, N. C. 18-14

FOR SALE—A 1950 CHEVROLET
passenger coupe. 10,000 actual mileage. Car in perfect condition. See or call Jimmy Brewer at 4433. 20-34

Scott Motor Sales
Your Studebaker Dealer
219 E. Fifth Street
Greenville, N. C.
3824 — Tel. — 4346

Special Bargains
50 Studebaker Champion
2 Door, 1300
miles, heater **\$1695**

47 Champion
4-Door Sedan **\$1095**

49 Chevrolet 4 Door,
radio and heater **\$1295**

49 Ford 5 Passenger
Coupe, radio and heater **\$1295**

48 Chevrolet 5 Passenger
Coupe, radio and heater **\$1095**

46 Ford 2 Door
heater, new motor **\$850**

41 Chevrolet **\$295**
2 door

47 Studebaker **\$795**
½ Ton Pick Up

48 Ford 1 Ton
Stake Body **\$850**

49 Mercury 5 Passenger
Coupe, heater **\$1695**

51 Ford 2 Door,
radio and heater **\$1895**

41 International 1 1-2 Ton
Stake Body, new tires **\$395**

47 Jeep, 4 Wheel Drive,
Power Take Off, heater **\$595**

One-Third Down
Balance Financed
A limited number of 1951
Studebaker ¼, 1½ and 2
Ton Trucks for immediate
delivery.

TOMORROW
Dec. 23rd

Is Somebody's Birthday. Have you ordered your birthday cake?
PEOPLE'S BAKERY
CALL 5251

WINTER IS HERE AND PRESENCE
is a necessity. Let us service your car. We carry a complete line of accessories. Howard Allen's Service Station, cor. W. 5th & Greene Sts. Phone 3285. 1-11

FOR RENT—STORE ON DICKINSON
Ave. and a house on Pitt St. Store No. 921 has approximately 3000 sq. ft. floor space. Modernistic front. Convenient to railroad side track. House is completely furnished. E. W. Cobb. Dial 3547. Dec. 4-11

Choice Western Steaks
Seafood — Sandwiches
Carolina Grill
24-Hour Service

Money To Loan
On
Farm Lands
See
N. C. Brooks
19 East 3rd Street or
Phone 2923 or 3406

Quick Appraisals, no bonus and Reasonable Interest Rate

Did you know that you can find Pine Croft Lazy Susan Tables on Belk-Tyler's Third Floor Captain Chairs to Match

PICKUP AND DELIVERY AGENT
for City of Greenville for motor freight carrier. Will have charge of other drivers coming into Greenville and will be responsible for service being rendered to local customers. Will drive company pickup truck. Must have adequate driving experience, tenth grade education or better, married, good references. Permanent position with opportunity to advance in terminal management. Write "Terminal," P.O. Box 408, Greenville, N. C., giving experience, personal data and telephone number. 17-74

COAL FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY
Red Ash and Stoker Coal, Greenville Coal Co., formerly Horse's Coal Co. Phone 3150. 10-21

WANTED TO BUY—PINE OR
cypress standing timber in the bulk or pine lumber by the thousand and Jeannet Lumber Co., Vanceboro, N.C., or contact Arnold Jeannet, Phone 4234, Greenville. 9-34-12

Electric Suppliers
Heating
Plumbing
Electric Heaters with or without fans, Electric steam radiators, Gas Steam radiators and circulators.
706 Dickinson Ave.

USED OK USED
Cars—Trucks
Phone 3134
White Chevrolet Co., Inc.

LOOK-LOOK-LOOK—SPECIAL
on American Flyer and Marx trains. Get yours now. Williams Sport Shop, 206 E. Fifth St. 18-54

HELP WANTED — PLUMBERS
wanted for housing project in Cherry Point, N. C. Report with tools to Brownlow, Inc. at job site. 18-64

Give A Piano For Christmas
New and Reconditioned Pianos
And Musical Instruments
Bodkin Piano Store
722 Dickinson Ave.
Dial 5110

CORN WANTED
at
Hugh McGowan's
No. 2 Warehouse
PITT F.C.X.
Yellow Corn, bu. \$1.75
White and mixed, bu. \$1.65
Corn in the ear is also being bought.
Pitt F.C.X. has personnel on hand to unload your grain. All bags are returned to the farmer.
Monday Through Saturday Noon
From 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

FOR SALE — 5V GALVANIZED
roofing 8-10-12 feet lengths, fence wire, staples and nails. Pitt Hardware Co. 19-124

LOST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
Yellow gold princess ring with sixteen diamonds. Finder will be rewarded for return of same to Mrs. L. L. Rives at 406 E. 8th Street. Phone 3019. 21-31

WANTED — COMBINATION
salesman-collector for established retail furniture store. Headquarters in Greenville. At home every night. Transportation furnished. Salary and commission. Experience helpful but not deciding factor. Write "Combination," P.O. Box 408, Greenville, giving qualifications. 21-31

TAKEN UP ON MY FARM TUESDAY
morning—2 mules, 1 mare mule, 1 a horse mule. Owner may get same by identifying and paying all expense. Grover Smith, Greenville Rte. 3, Box 499, near McGowan's Crossroads. 21-24

Pine Croft Cobbler
Benches can be found on Belk-Tyler's Third Floor
An Ideal Gift

FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
have your car in perfect running condition. washing, greasing, polishing, anti-freeze. See us. Rick's Service Center, cor. Evans and 9th Sts. 13-24

WE ARE QUALIFIED TO DO
your repair work. Messrs. C. R. Case and J. H. White, both experienced mechanics for bicycles, guns, locksmith and safe work. Williams Sport Shop, 206 East 5th St. Phone 2804. 27-60-124

THREE CHRISTMAS DANCES AT
Whitcomb's Beach, Washington, N. C., December 24-26-29. Bring your visitors and friends out to Whitcomb's Beach dance for a treat they will appreciate. Music by Bob Jones and his orchestra. 22-24

FOR RENT — UNFURNISHED
apartment: living room, bath, di-hette, kitchenette, private front and back entrance. 311 W. 3rd St. Dial 3846.

FOR NICE SIZE ARTICHOKE
nicely cleaned see or write Mrs. George Averette, Ayden, Rte. 3. Will deliver. \$2.00 peck.

FOR SALE—NEW TRACTOR AND
equipment. Has been used to tend one crop. Original price \$2800. Will sell for \$2,000. See Charlie Jones, Vanceboro, Rte. 1, Box 98. Near Calico. 22-24

FOR CHRISTMAS—BAR BELLS
(weights) for sale cheap. Call Mrs. Reid Perkins. Dial 2970.

POSITION NOW OPEN FOR STENO-
graphic and general office work. Apply "Stenographer," Box 408, Greenville. Dec. 22-27

PECANS FOR SALE — LARGE
hard shell and paper shell, 25c and 30c lb. Morrill Bros. Farm, Falkland.

NOTICE OF SALE
NORTH CAROLINA
PITT COUNTY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 18-6 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, notice is hereby given that one 1950 Dodge, one-half ton pick-up truck, license No. 837-545, motor No. T 172-20637, serial No. 82163831; the operator of said automobile having been tried and found guilty of violating the law relating to intoxicating liquor and the said truck having been seized by an officer of the law while being used in the transportation of intoxicating liquor, contrary to law, and the said truck having been ordered sold by a court of competent jurisdiction, the said truck will be sold by the undersigned Sheriff of Pitt County at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Greenville, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon on the 12th day of January, 1952.

Any person claiming any interest or lien in or upon said truck, title thereto having been heretofore vested in Mrs. C. T. Williams, shall come in and assert his claim on or before the date of sale, to-wit: Twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, January 12, 1952, or be forever barred.

This the 20th day of December, 1951.
RUEL W. TYSON
Sheriff Pitt County
W. W. Speight, County Attorney
Dec. 22-29 Jan. 5

NOTICE OF SALE
NORTH CAROLINA
PITT COUNTY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 18-6 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, notice is hereby given that one 1941 Ford two door automobile, license No. R-36777, motor No. 18-6712604, the operator of said automobile having been tried and found guilty of violating the law relating to intoxicating liquor and the said automobile having been seized by an officer of the law while being used in the transportation of intoxicating liquor, contrary to law, and the said automobile having been ordered sold by a court of competent jurisdiction, the said automobile will be sold by the undersigned Sheriff of Pitt County at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the S. & E. Motor Service, located at 114 West Third Street, Ayden, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon on the 8th day of January, 1952.

Any person claiming any interest or lien in or upon said automobile, title thereto having been heretofore vested in one Ben Grimes, Pitt County, North Carolina, shall come in and assert his claim on or before the date of sale, to-wit: Twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, Saturday, January 5, 1952, or be forever barred.

This the 11th day of December, 1951.
RUEL W. TYSON
Sheriff Pitt County
W. W. Speight, County Atty.
Dec. 15-22-29

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greetings:
Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the City of Greenville, County of Pitt, State of North Carolina (Samuel Northrop, being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 55, General Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now therefore, I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation, did, on the 10th day of December, 1951, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I have here-to set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 10th day of December, A.D. 1951.
THAD EURE
Secretary of State
Dec. 15-22-29 Jan. 5

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator C.T.A. of the Estate of Asa Jones, deceased, late of Pitt County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them, itemized and verified, to the undersigned at Vanceboro, N.C. Rte. 1, on or before the 16th day of November, 1952, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of November, 1951.
Charlie Jones, Administrator
C.T.A. of the estate of Asa Jones
Nov. 17-24 Dec. 1-8-15-22

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dallas Pollard, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of November, 1952, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 15th day of November, 1951.
Guaranty Bank & Trust Co., Administrator
Greenville, North Carolina.
Dink James, Atty.
Nov. 17-24 Dec. 1-8-15-22

THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW!

By FAGALY and SHORTEN



TOM & JERRY



RUSTY RILEY



THE PHANTOM



FLASH GORDON



BLONDIE



OZARK IKE



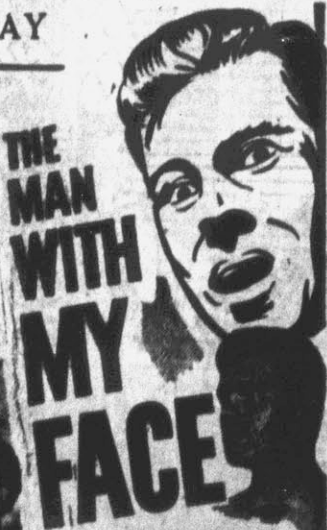
Modern submarine telephone. Television of football games cables have amplifiers built into them with the use of one camera them and designed to work for in 1939. Now three or more effi- years under enormous water pres- cient cameras are used to televise sure. a football game.

For the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

SUNDAY-MONDAY

This guy had taken over

he had my dog—my wife—my clothes—my life! HE WAS



BARRY NELSON
LYNN AMLEY
JOHN HARVEY
CAROLE MATHEWS

Latest News

CHRISTMAS DAY
And Wednesday!

COLONY

The Hilarious Story of a Curvy-Nerdy in the Wrong Penthouse!

Robert ALDA
The Sensational Guy from "Guys and Dolls"

Janis PAIGE
James GLEASON

TWO GALS AND A GUY

Adventure!

ERROL FLYNN MICHELE PRELLE
ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN FABIAN

SCOURGE OF THE SEAS!

VINCENT PRICE AGNES MOOREHEAD

Christmas Day and Wednesday

STATE A REAL HOLIDAY TREAT

IT'S BIG - - IT'S NEW

First Greenville Showing

THE GREAT ADVENTURE OF ALL THE AGES!

Only a Crusader's broad sword against the endless legions of the mighty Khan—while the fate of Samarkand and the world hangs in the balance!

The Technicolor GOLDEN HORDE of Genghis Khan

ANN BLYTH · DAVID FARRAR

GEORGE MACREADY · RICHARD EGAN · PEGGIE CASTLE

Plus CARTOON and COMEDY

Prices This Attraction
Adults 44c — Children 3c

AND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, good will toward men.

REINDEER

FAIRY TALES and Christmas stories are a Yuletide tradition. It is thus fitting that the story which promises to be America's most popular and long-lived fairy tale is related to the Christmas season.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer", so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and even by singers.

PITT — SUNDAY and MONDAY!



Jan Sterling, Ray Milland and a tabby who has inherited \$30,000,000 are the stars of the hilarious hit, "Rhubarb."



... A HERALD OF THE KING ...

Tree Decoration
Has Ancient Source
In Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

In fact, the Christmas tree itself stems from the story of a Scandinavian "sacred" tree and Martin Luther, a German, is said to have brought the first one indoors and decorated it for the Yule season in the early 16th century.

These are only two of more than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem, according to Jeanette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years. The American Christmas symbols—from candles and bells to tussling under the mistletoe—have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emblems of the festival as ornaments for Christmas cards and is just as constantly searching for new ones. This year, for example, the brightly-colored tree ornaments are in high vogue as decorative devices on Christmas cards.

PITT

TODAY ONLY!

RAUL SARDINIA'S
Captain Blood

STARRING
ERROL FLYNN
OLIVIA HAVILLAND

Sunday and Monday!

RHUBARB CAN'T TALK ...

BUT HE WILL MAKE YOU HOWL!!

... Start LAUGHING Now ... This one is a SCREAM ... A riot of fun ... The most hilarious book ever made into a movie! The story of a tomcat who inherits \$30,000,000 ... and the Brooklyn Dodgers Baseball Team!!!



PERLBERG-SEATON PRODUCTION

RHUBARB

THE MILLIONAIRE TOMCAT

RAY MILLAND and JAN STERLING
— GENE LOCKHART —
RHUBARB

We extend the very best of season's greetings to all our friends and patrons! The Management

PITT

For That Last Minute Christmas Gift!
Theatre Coupon Books!
\$1.00 — \$2.50 — \$5.00
Now On Sale At Our Box Office!

Christmas Day & Wednesday

The Tom-Tom Beat ... The Panther Howl ... The Seminole War Cry!

DISTANT DRUMS

TECHNICOLOR

STARRING
GARY COOPER

Plus Bugs Bunny Cartoon

Holiday Prices Tuesday & Wednesday

WITH MARI ALDON as the captive beauty

South-11

DRIVE-IN theatre

Adm. Adults 40c — Children Under 12 Free
Box Office Opens 6:30 — Shows 7:00 & 9:00 — Phone 36637
Watch For Free Passes In Our Popcorn

Merry Christmas
Special Holiday attractions

SAT. NITE. Last Times, Double Feature—Hit No. 1—Gary Cooper, Helen Hayes in "A Farewell To Arms."
Hit No. 2 Will Be Shown Only Once—at 8:55. Edw. G. Robinson, "The Hatchet Man."
Serial—"Cody of the Pony Express," Chapter No. 11.
Color Cartoon

SUNDAY NIGHT ONLY
HOPE is "HOME COOKIN"

with LAUGHS!...
Out on the Range!

Paramount presents
BOB HOPE and LUCILLE BALL in Fancy Pants

Color by Technicolor
It's even funnier than "The Paleface"!

WED. NITE — Double Feature — Hit No. 1 — "Johnny One-Eye" With Pat O'Brien — Wayne Morris — Dolores Moran
Hit No. 2 Will Be Shown Only Once at 8:40 — Gene Autry in "Beyond the Purple Hills." — Color Cartoon.

The Management of This Theatre Wishes Everyone A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MON. NITE ONLY
The Best Time You Ever Had At a Movie!

MUTTON · ASTAIRE LET'S DANCE

Latest World News

YOUR CHRISTMAS NITE MOVIE

The Glory Story of the Great Sioux Indian Uprising!

TOMAHAWK

Color by Technicolor

STARRING
VAN HEFLIN · YVONNE De CARLO

with PRESTON FOSTER · JACK BAKIE · TOM TULLY · SUSAN CAROT and ALEX NICOL

Added — Our Gang in "FORGOTTEN BABIES" — Color Cartoon

Christmas
1951

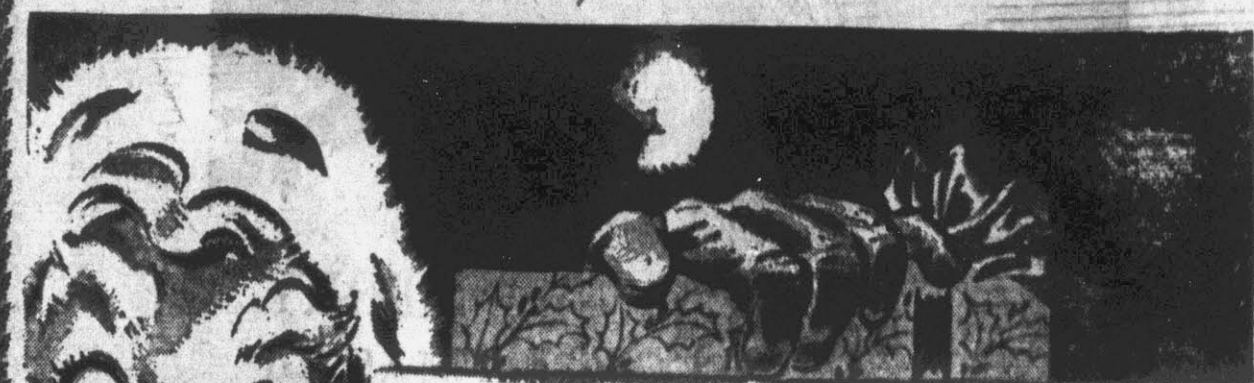
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SECOND SECTION

GREENVILLE, N. C. Saturday, December 22, 1951

SECOND SECTION



And A
Happy New Year

D. H. Conley
Superintendent of Schools

Proctor Hotel
Barber Shop

Saad's
Shoe Shop

Home
Electric Co.

D. T. House
Clerk of Court

Harrison's
Drug Store

Bunch
Shoe Service

First Federal
Savings & Loan
Association
Of Greenville



Our sincerest thoughts
are with you—that this
may be a Merry Christ-
mas for you and you
and You!

Tadlock Mutual Insurance Agency



Even written on snow—
our wish for your Merry
Christmas would be
warm and cheerful!

J. Bryan Brown

Distributor Pure Oil Products



Santa means joy to all!
And we mean joy to all!
When we extend our
holiday wishes to you!

Folger Buick Co., Inc.



From home to home goes
the richness of this gay-
est of seasons and with
it goes also our wish for
a merrier day for all.

Goodson - Flanagan

Insurance



A merry Christmas for
now and always to all of
our friends and to all of
our neighbors. May they
always be as one.

Dee's Clothing Store



May the candle of
Merry Christmas
joy never burn out
for you all!

Riddle Roofing & Heating Co.



Here's to a great big
package of Merriment
and Joy to you all on
Christmas Day!

Carolina Office Equipment Co.

GREETINGS and Best Wishes

May the cheerful glow of Christmas
candles be reflected in your
heart and brighten the
New Year with joy
and contentment.



Cozart's Auto Supply



By Richard Hill Wilkinson

MRS. Southern was desperately in need of money, and so when she came across the Currier and Ives print she thought right off that it might be possible to sell the picture to a collector for a considerable sum. The painting was dusty and fly-specked and encased in a heavy, antiquated gold frame, but she carried it down to the kitchen and cleaned it as best she could, and then called to Burt.

"It's been in the attic for years," she explained. "Mother had it a long time ago. And you know some Currier and Ives prints are worth fortunes."

Burt scratched his chin and scrutinized the barely distinguishable signature. He nodded slowly. "You might get something for it at that," he said. "It's a Currier and Ives all right, and it's sure enough old."

"Oh, Burt, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could? Why, it would just solve everything!"

Burt grinned. "Well, there's no harm in trying. More I look at it the more I think it might bring a price. Tell you what I'll do: I'll call Moe Avery. He's a collector and he'll buy it if it's worth anything."

So Burt went to the phone and called Moe Avery. "He'll be here



Mrs. Southern held her breath while he bent to study the painting.

In an hour's time," he told his wife a moment later. "We'd better not get too optimistic though. Probably turn out to be worthless."

"Oh, Burt, you don't think it will! Why—why I'd be satisfied if it brought \$50!"

"Ought to bring that," said Burt. "Ought to bring more! However, no use in getting optimistic."

Mrs. Southern sighed. "Fifty dollars!" she said. "Think of it. Just think of all the things we could do. But there. As you say, I mustn't get optimistic."

"That's best," Burt agreed. "Even \$25 is a lot of money to us." They talked about the prospects and possibilities, both pro and con, undergoing various sensations of hope and fear and optimism and misgivings, until finally the door bell rang and Burt admitted Moe Avery.

Moe was a brisk and efficient little man. He greeted them briefly, and then produced his glasses.

"How long?" he asked, "has this print been in your family?"

"Oh, ever so long," said Mrs. Southern. "I—I've rather lost track."

"Hum," said Moe. "You've been saving it?"

"Yes," said Mrs. Southern, "we've been saving it."

The collector removed his glasses, carefully returned them to his case and put the case into his pocket. His face wore a doleful expression. He sighed heavily. "I'm

raid," he said, "that I can't offer enough to make it worth your while to sell. I'm sorry."

SHE SAID, striving to keep her voice under control: "Just a minute, Mr. Avery. We do need the money, and I've gone to the bother of carrying it way down stairs—"

Mr. Avery hesitated. "No," he said presently. "I can't do it. It would be robbery. Tell you what: I'll call a collector friend of mine and send him out."

Mrs. Southern felt a little panicky. What if the collector friend couldn't pay them anything? After all, Mr. Avery knew them and was bound to be sympathetic. The collector friend might be merely an excuse.

Mr. Avery looked from one to the other of them. "Well, all right, since you insist. But don't feel insulted at my low figure. I realize what you have here, all right. Don't mistake that. But ready cash is scarce, and it's the best I can do."

Mrs. Southern had visions of \$2, even \$2. The suspense was making her nervous. She said: "Well, what is your offer, Mr. Avery?"

The collector took a deep breath. "O. E. Now, remember and don't throw me out. It's a rare print, we all know that—but the best I can offer right now is \$1500."

"Thirteen hundred—" Burt tried to catch his wife before she hit the floor. But he missed. She was conscious again when the doctor arrived.

"She'll be all right," the doc said "in a few minutes. Must have got a slight shock. . . . Well, I'll be running along. Merry Christmas."

"Thanks," said Burt. "Yeah, Merry Christmas. Yeah, Merry Christmas. . . . Yow! MERRY CHRISTMAS! You bet!"

Asbestos is Quebec's most valuable mineral.

When George Washington lived as a youth of 15 on the Rappahannock River opposite Fredericksburg, Va., he often went for a swim in the stream.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

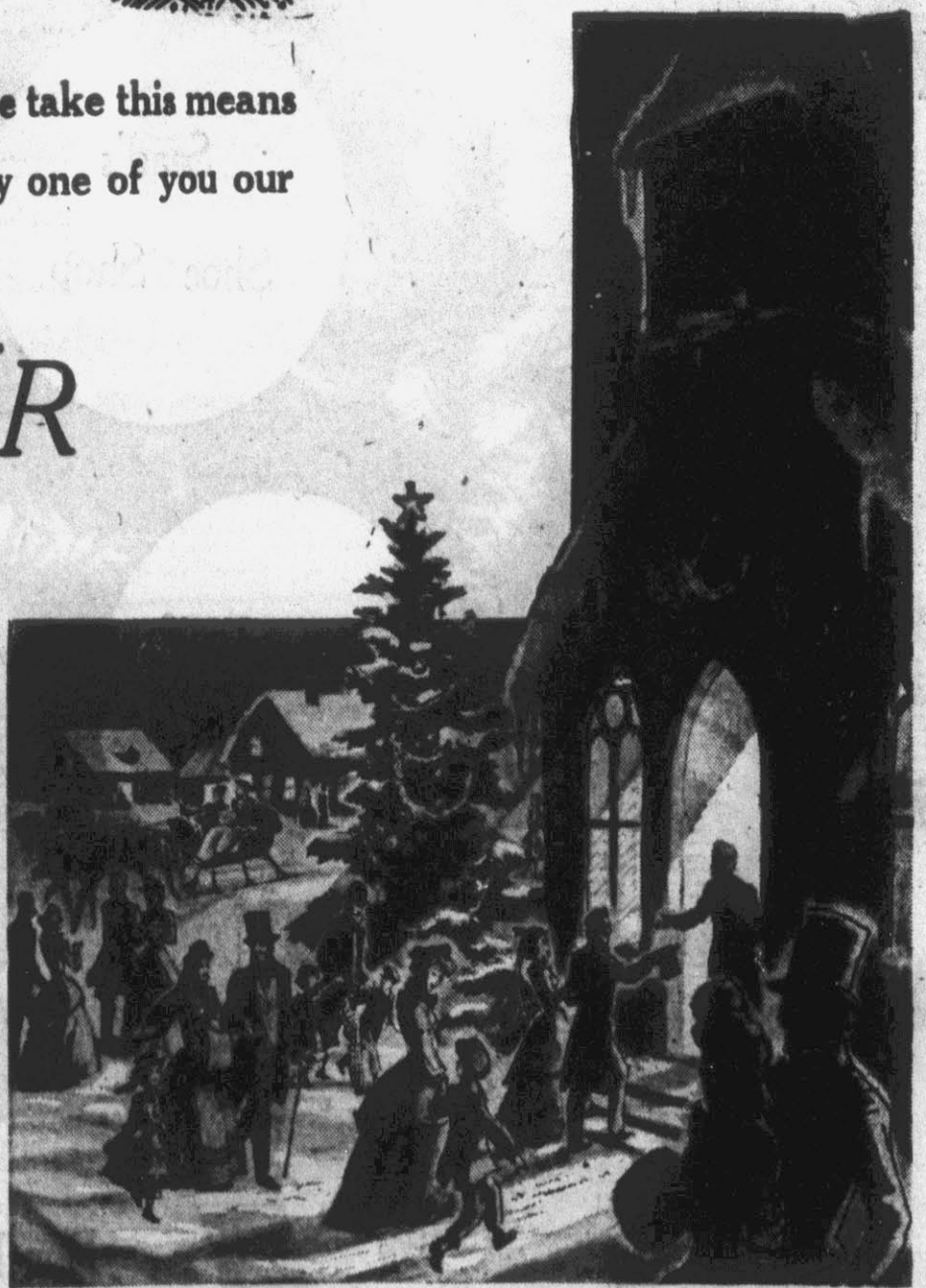
May all the joys of Christmas time gladden
the hearths and hearts of our good friends and
patrons—tho' gifts may be forgotten, it is our
hope that the spirit of our good wishes will
linger with you, forever . . .

Berry Bostic and Son

merry Christmas

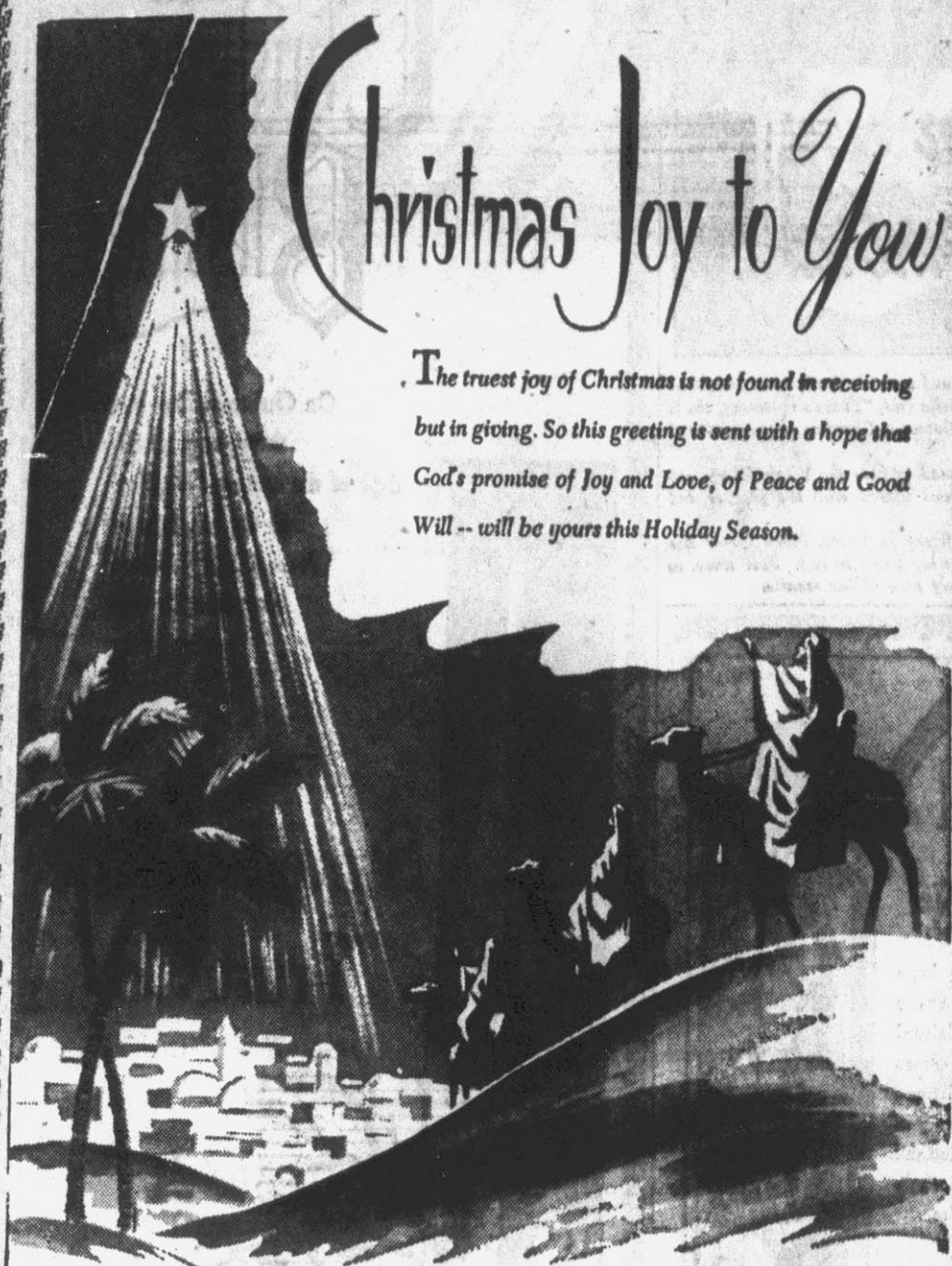
This being our first year in business and having exceeded our expectations, we take this means to express our gratitude to the public in general, by wishing each and every one of you our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



GARRIS SUPPLY

RICHARD GARRIS, Owner



Christmas Joy to You

The truest joy of Christmas is not found in receiving but in giving. So this greeting is sent with a hope that God's promise of Joy and Love, of Peace and Good Will -- will be yours this Holiday Season.

From The Entire Personnel Of

Taft Furniture Co.

"54 Years of Service"



By Shirley Sargent

HARLEY DAVIS was always wanting something. He knew Christmas was only two weeks off, but he just itched to buy a gondola car for his electric train. One day he ditched his little sister, Charlene, and hurried down town. He spent his entire monthly allowance and all his savings for a blue gondola car. Harley hoped his mother wouldn't be angry because he had been gone all afternoon. He hoped. Contrary to his expectations, Mrs. Davis was jovial, teasing him, and even, to his immense relief, keeping Charlene away from his package. Charlene was five and a pest to Harley, because he was nine and grown up. Helping mother with the dishes that night was almost fun, Harley thought; she was so friendly and nice. Then it happened.

"Harley," his mother said tenderly, "Don't tell me what you bought unless you want to, but what did you get for Charlene?" Harley was stunned. He wished she wouldn't smile at him--couldn't she see he was trying to think? "Nothing, mom," he stammered. "I bought a gondola car."



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"I guess I spent all my money; I guess I sort of forgot about Christmas presents," Harley hung his head.

"Yes, I guess you did," she answered and that was all she said about it, but he felt terrible. He didn't even unwrap his new car.

Gee, he'd really pulled a dumb trick this time, Harley thought miserably. He'd always bought them presents, but he'd completely forgotten it. Well, he'd have to earn some money; even his piggy bank was empty. He earned a quarter the next morning shoveling snow, but he had to take care of

Charlene most of the time.

HE TRIED to get a job the next day, with no luck, and when he found a dime in the snow Charlene grabbed it, yelling "Finders keepers." He was so furious, he felt like choking her. Instead he made her a big snow house on the sidewalk, right in everybody's way, but people didn't seem to mind. Then the apartment lady with her little girls stopped to admire it.

"How old are you, Harley?" she asked.

"Nine," he said proudly. "I wonder if you could take care of my little girls this afternoon?"

Harley started to tell her gosh no, but she interrupted, saying she'd pay him 25c an hour. Harley was so surprised he leaned against the snow house, knocking part of it down. "Why sure, I'd be glad to," he said.

Harley worked hard that afternoon, doing everything three little girls could think of and he could do. Once in a while the lady

would wave to him from the apartment window, but he was usually too busy to look up. She paid him a whole dollar and asked if he would take care of the children again the next day. Harley, tired as he was, managed to say "Yes." His mother teased him about being a baby sitter, and was he going to charge her for taking care of Charlene? Harley didn't mind; after all he had a capital of \$1.25.

Although it rained the following day, Harley earned another dollar taking care of the little girls in the apartment.

That afternoon, with his mother's blessing, he went Christmas shopping. He felt proud to pay for the presents with money he had earned. He had the packages gift-wrapped and put them under the tree without telling his mother what he had gotten.

Christmas morning the floor was littered with gay papers, children's toys and Harley's electric train. He opened the box and put the gondola on the track. It looked

Then mother handed him another package. "I bought you a gondola car a long time ago," she explained. "But of course I had to return it. I think you've earned this, though." Harley grinned at his mother as he peeled the paper off. He knew what she meant. "A tank car!" he shouted. "Gee, mom, just what I need."

'Snapdragon' Popular

A game called "snapdragon" was very popular at Christmas time in England more than 200 years ago. To a limited extent it is still played in some parts of England, as well as in America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants attempt to snatch a raisin from the blazing bowl.

United States Top Buyer and Supplier In Tree Industry

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

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

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

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

Christmas Joy

May the Peace of Christmas bless you,
May the Christmas love possess you,
May the Faith of Christmas guide you,
May the Christmas Hope provide you
With A Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year

**General Heating
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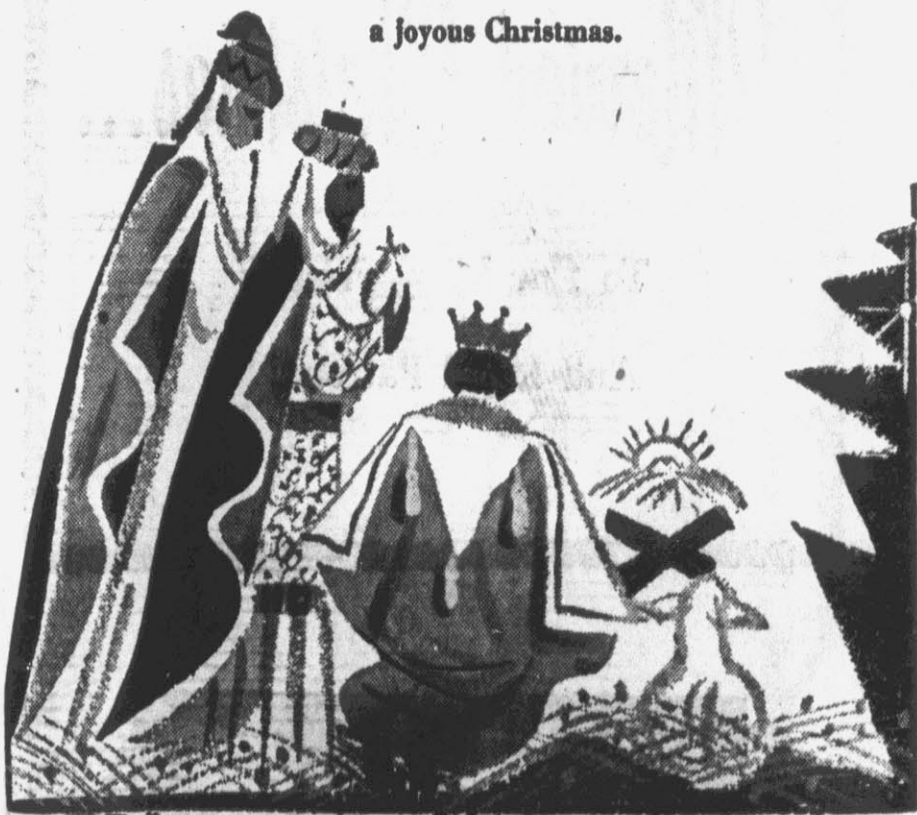
MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your Holiday Season be brightened by friends you care for dearly, and friends who care for you—and may the pleasure of these friendships remain with you all through the coming New Year.

Ricks Service Center

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And the heavens guided them to the place where they found our Saviour, who has, through the ages, spread his shining light and feeling of brotherhood throughout the world. On this anniversary of His birth, we wish you a joyous Christmas.



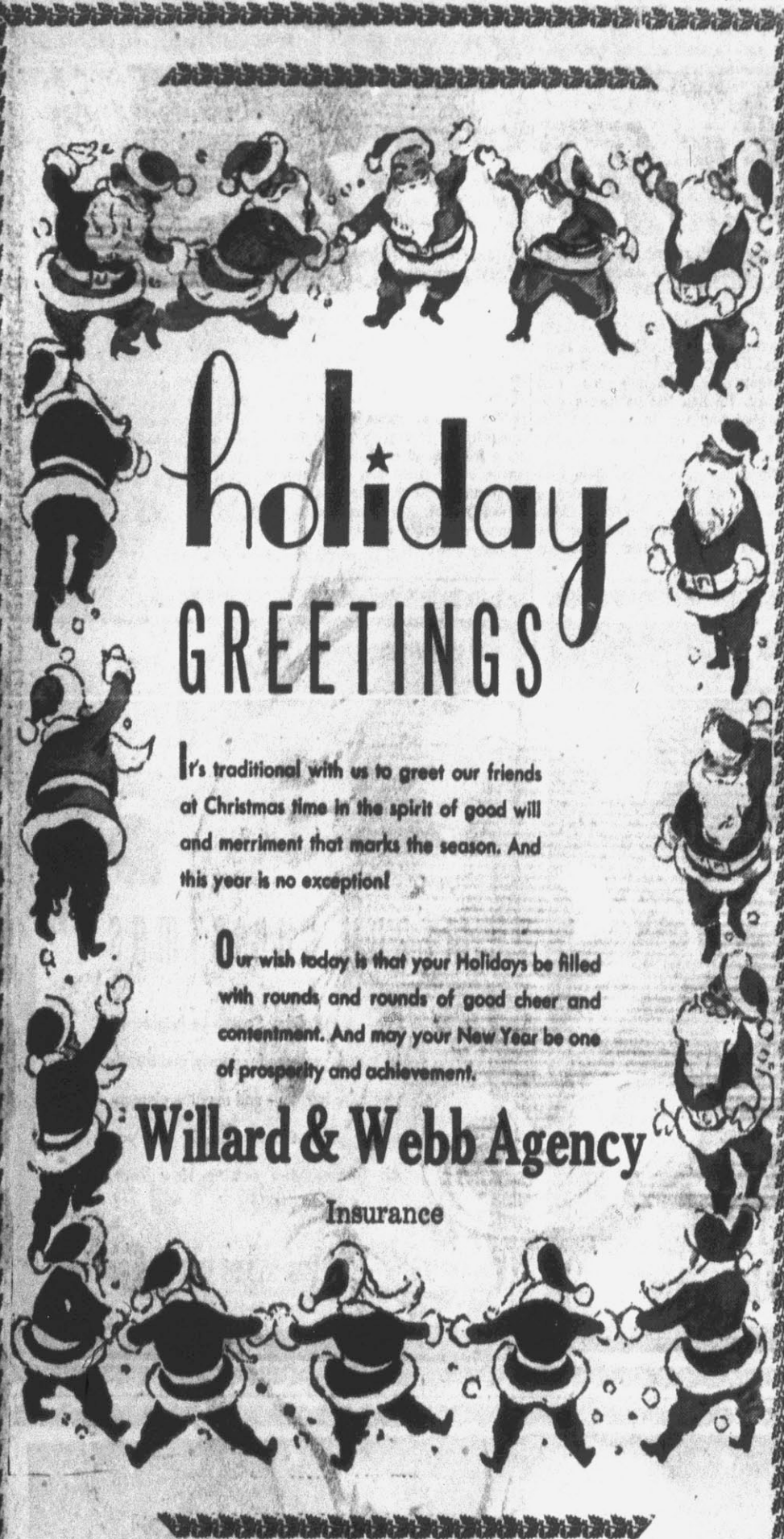
Garris - Evans Lumber Co.

Merry, merry Christmas to everyone

Christmas fills a large place in our life today. With each recurrence it brings a wave of good feeling and friendship that makes the air softer and warmer and puts new happiness into our hearts. It is this good feeling that instills in us an ever greater appreciation of the loyalty and confidence of our many fine friends. To them we want to extend our heartiest wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

Best Jewelry Co.

Established 1901



holiday GREETINGS

It's traditional with us to greet our friends at Christmas time in the spirit of good will and merriment that marks the season. And this year is no exception!

Our wish today is that your Holidays be filled with rounds and rounds of good cheer and contentment. And may your New Year be one of prosperity and achievement.

Willard & Webb Agency
Insurance

Denmark Pays Homage To Hans Anderson—Santa's Best Helper

LAST YEAR a festival in Denmark paid tribute to one of the greatest helpers Santa Claus ever had. He was Hans Christian Andersen, fairy tale writer, and composer of many Christmas stories.

His works have sold more copies than any other book, except the Bible, and have been translated into 35 languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, and Greenlandish.

Since 1875, the year that he passed away, visitors from all parts of the world have come yearly to the town



of Odense to see the home of the writer of such tales as "The Little Match Girl," and "The Ugly Duckling."

Anderson's fairy tales, released just before Christmas each year, brought him money, fame and the attention of princes, as well as the adoration of children.

Once he received a United States dollar bill, enclosed in a letter written by a young American girl. It read: "Papa says that the dollar is my own, that he does not suppose you are in particular need of money, but I owe you this and a great deal more, he thinks it proper that I should send it to you."

Ancient Church Bells Still Summon Village

A pair of ancient church bells, brought to Frankenmuth, Mich., from Bavaria shortly after Frankenmuth was founded as an Indian mission, has been calling the congregation of St. Lorenz to Christmas eve services for more than a 100 years.

Ninety-five per cent of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

Frankenmuth has never had a crime of violence, and, as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 28 years. The only visitors to the lockup were transients given a night's lodging.

ROSEMARY... for Remembrance

The rosemary shrub, symbol of fidelity and constancy, was once supposed to possess many occult virtues. Hamlet's Ophelia said, "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance." The fact that Rosemary blooms at Christmas has introduced it into celebration of this feast.

Rosemary, according to one legend, opened to hide the Virgin Mary and her child from the soldiers of Herod, a legend shared with the juniper and other trees.

Another legend says that, during the flight to Egypt, Mary threw her blue cloak over a bush of rosemary when she lay down to rest. Ever since, in her honor, the flowers have been the heavenly blue of the mantle.



Glad tidings

We earnestly hope that you may enjoy all of the spiritual gladness that comes with the Christmas season. And may you have peace of mind and contentment throughout the New Year....

Respass Bros. Barbecue Stand

Christmas Blessings

On Christmas Day and throughout all the days of the coming New Year may the blessings of Peace, Good Will and Happiness be with you and your beloved ones.

State Bank & Trust Co.

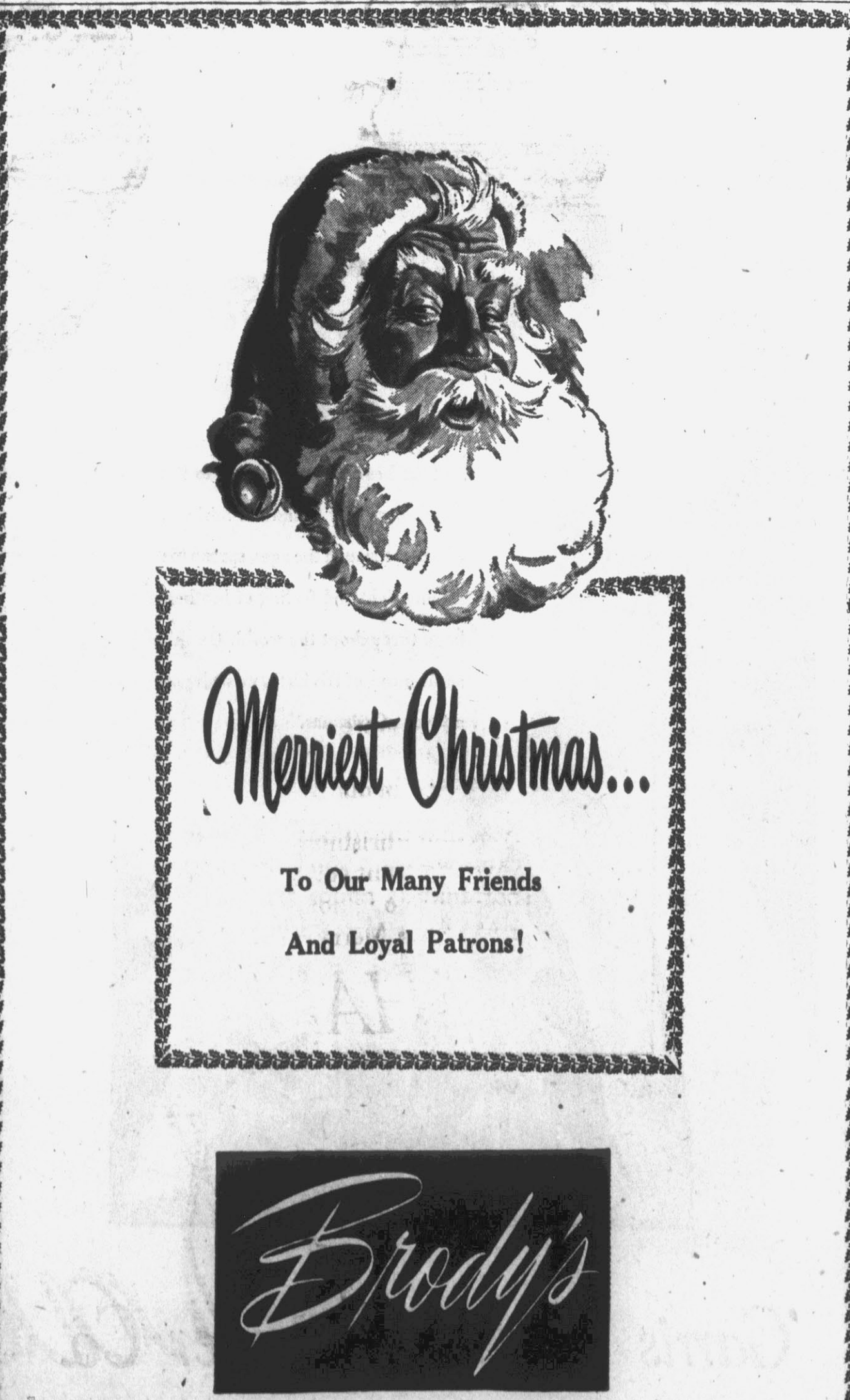



merry christmas

Once again the season of song and merriment is at hand! As young and old raise their voices in tune with the Christmas celebration may we add to the chorus of harmonious greetings, a cheerful wish for all our friends.

"May you have a Yuletide of comfort and joy—a New Year of peace, good health and continued happiness."

Greenville Equipment Co.



Merriest Christmas...

To Our Many Friends
And Loyal Patrons!

Brody's

Merry Christmas

TO ALL OF YOU

From

ALL OF US



A Message To Mr. And Mrs. Everyone

We wish it were possible to shake your hand and thank you all in person for your kind and liberal consideration you have shown us during nineteen and fifty-one ... especially since we have been in our new store.

Now that Christmas is at hand once again, we rejoice in the spirit of the holiday season ... because we want you to be happy and gay and be glad that Christ has given us the cause and opportunity to honor this holy day of all days. Allow us to extend our best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a very, very, very

HAPPY NEW YEAR

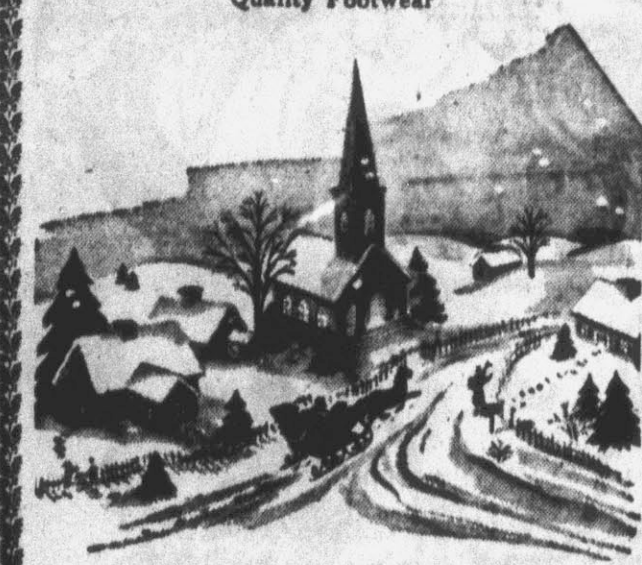
Saiveed's

JOY at Christmas

It's Christmas again! May it be a merry one for you and yours...and may the warm spirit of the holiday season touch each day of the coming year.

Griffin's Bootery

"Quality Footwear"




By Edward L. Van Dyke

I'LL NEVER FORGET, I guess, the December night when our American Legion post meeting was interrupted by a knock on the door.

Carl Engler, our third vice commander, was nearest the door. He glanced at the commander, then left the room. Out in the hall we could hear a high pitched voice saying something about "mama and daddy." Soon Engler returned, looking puzzled.

"Mister Commander," he said, "there's a boy outside who says he'd like to speak to the post. Says his name is David Cary and that what he has to say is mighty important."

Harry Brooks, our commander, balding veteran of both world wars, arose.

"Comrades," says he, "I've an ex this lad is the son of Wilson ary, up on Hollister Hill. Wilson's veteran who's always knocking a Legion—never would join the st. Let's listen to what his boy is to say."

Young David that night really stirred up our meeting. It was just our days before Christmas; not so many members were present and all were anxious to get home. They really perked up, though.



With a groan he raised himself on one elbow and shook his fist.

When that boy stood gravely before us men and spoke his piece.

When the lad had left, gravely saluting the flag, just as he had seen Engler do, the commander turned to me.

"Comrade Butler," he said, "I appoint you chairman of a committee of six to look into this. Will someone make a motion that the committee be allowed to use up to fifty dollars, if it finds it proper in this case?"

The motion was duly made and everyone shouted "aye."

I drove up ahead of the gang that Saturday night—Christmas Eve. There wasn't much snow, but the roads were badly rutted and I

made THREE poor turns on this, my second trip up the hill.

The Cary house was a neatly kept place, just off the hillside road. When I knocked at the door, Mrs. Cary let me in. She looked tired and worried.

"Oh, Mr. Butler," she said, her face brightening. "I'm glad you came." She lowered her voice. "Bill is pretty unhappy and bitter tonight—you know why. Walk right in."

WILSON CARY'S expression was a mixture of pain and bitterness. He didn't even offer me his hand.

"Now don't wish me a Merry Christmas," he said harshly. "A man can't be happy when he has a broken hip; is dead broke on Christmas Eve—and has a nice wife and kid on his mind."

I was thinking that, too. "Where's David?" I asked.

"He's asleep," said Cary. "You Legionnaires with your constitutional preamble of promoting peace and good will on earth," he snapped. "Fine words, sure—but words don't help my wife and kid. I'm sorry—glad you came, Butler—but I think you'd better go."

Then came the knock on the door—the sound I had been waiting for.

You should have seen Mrs. Cary when the gang tramped in. There was Engler, carrying so many packages he almost staggered and behind him came McCarthy, Lepkowski, Dunn and Epstein, all with their arms full, too. The boys, you see, had chipped in some of their own cash.

Wilson Cary stared in amazement when we moved in. The packages, save those containing food, we piled near the foot of the bed.

"Bill," I said, "Carl Field Post just learned the other day about your being laid up. The boys just want you to know you're not forgotten."

Cary's lips were trembling. "How did you know about it?" he demanded. When I didn't answer, he spoke again.

"Why are you doing this—I'm not a post member, you know."

"Bill," I said, "you mentioned the Legion preamble a minute ago. Maybe you don't know, but it winds up with these words—and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

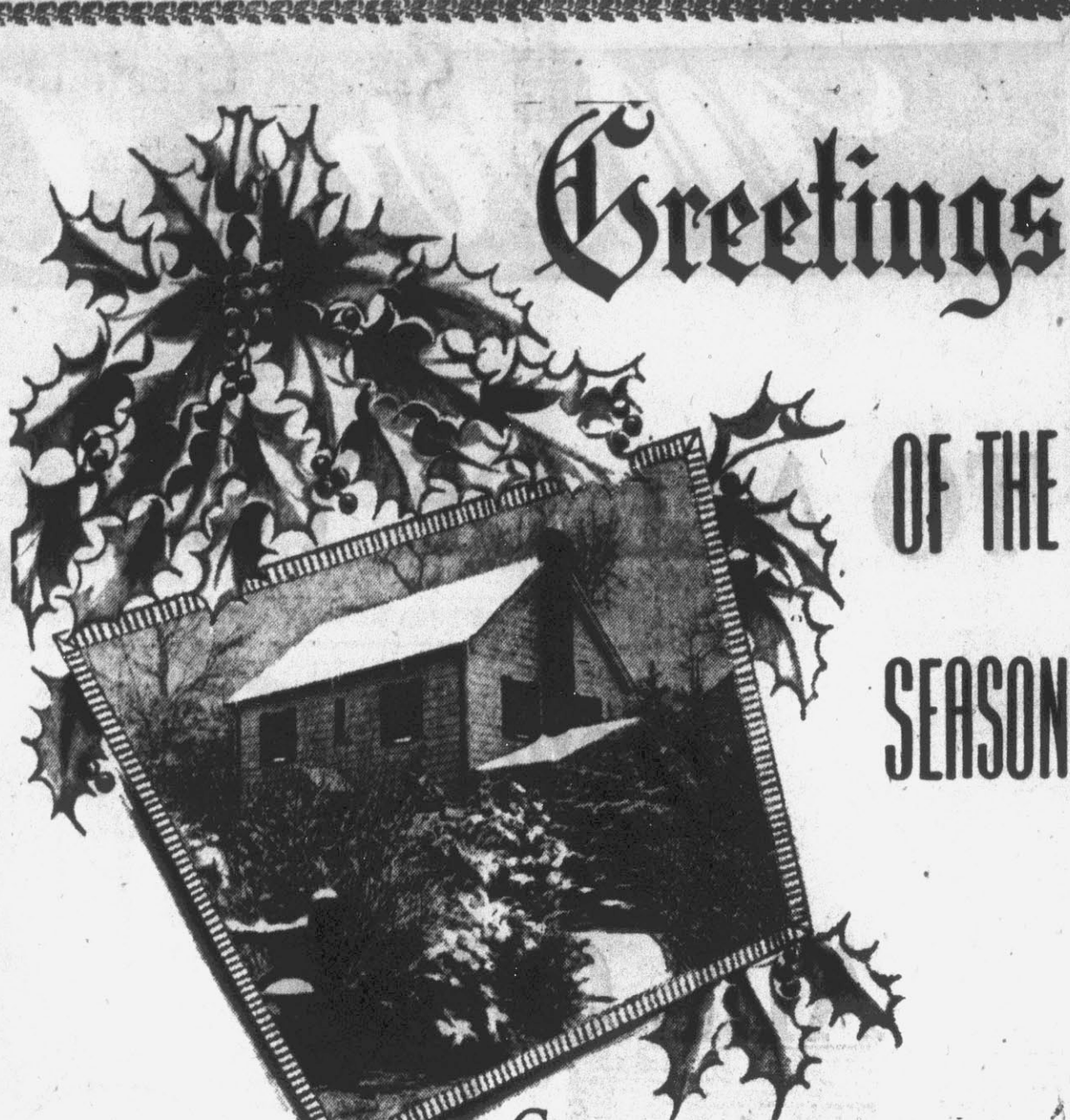
My committee members were grinning happily. But Cary wasn't—he was crying like a kid.

"Come," I said to my gang. "Let's get the heck out of here."

The Cabinet Room at No. 19 Downing Street is equipped with double doors and the idlers have double saunas to balk would-be listeners.

Although icebergs occur through out the year the greatest concentration in the shipping lanes of the Atlantic usually occurs from March through June.

Greetings OF THE SEASON



Greeting our friends at Christmas time has become more than a habit with us. It is a manifestation of a deeply felt appreciation of the understanding and good will that we have been privileged to enjoy over these many years. And it is for this reason that we are so anxious now, to extend to everyone our sincerest wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

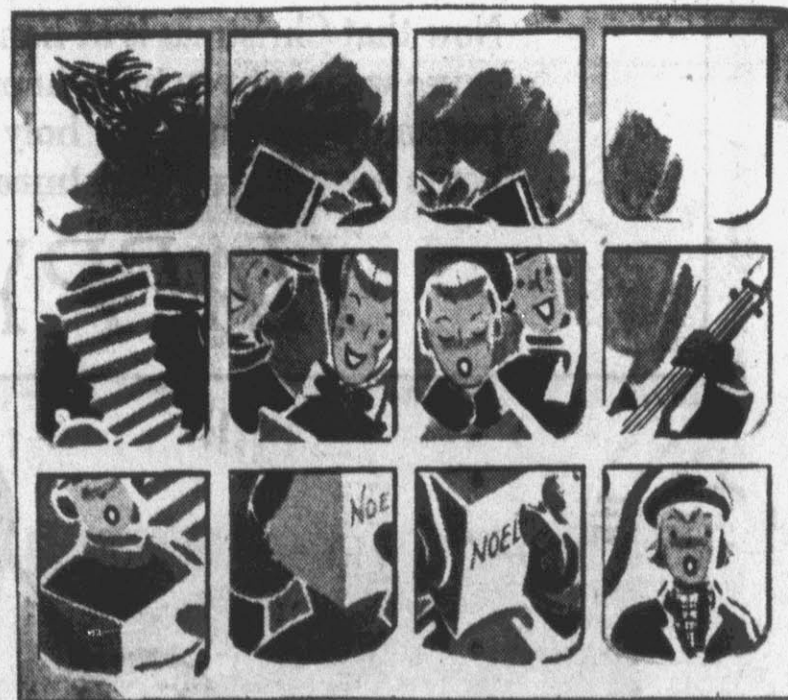
Wagner, Waldrop Mortors INC.

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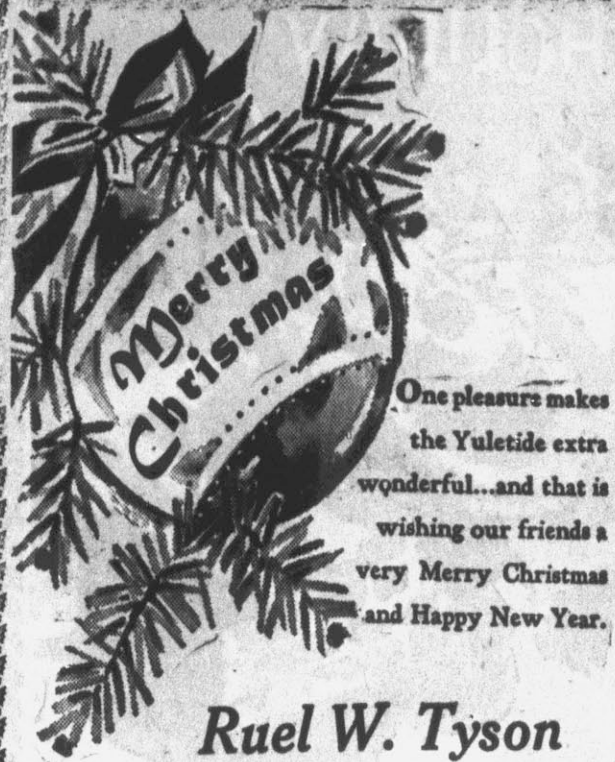
Merry Christmas

Once again Christmas is here with us all, regardless of your station in life, we are faced with conditions that we are linked together, and during this Yuletide Season it behooves us to meet our fellow man in the spirit of this great occasion and wish each other the blessings of Health and Happiness to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Every one connected with our business wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



GARRIS GROCERY CO.



One pleasure makes the Yuletide extra wonderful...and that is wishing our friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ruel W. Tyson

Sheriff of Pitt County

Season's Greetings



As carolers give voice to the Christmas Spirit with hymns and beautiful ballads so do we humbly give voice to our appreciation of your year 'round friendship and loyalty. A Joyous Yuletide Season to one and all.

Peoples Bakery



Christmas is for everyone!

For the young, for the old, for the timid, for the bold, Christmas is for all. Yes, all of us are as one on this happiest of happy holidays. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you.

Moseley Bros. INC
INSURANCE



Good Wishes

To you whose friendship and patronage we treasure, we wish a Holiday of good health, good cheer and prosperity to last throughout the coming New Year.

Mrs. Poole's Sandwich Shop
1308 Myrtle Ave.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May your joy this Christmas Season be as continuous as the wreath of holly.

May your happiness and good health during the coming New Year be without end.

Saslow's



May all the joy of Christmas time gladden the hearths and hearts of everyone. It is our hope that the spirit of our good wishes will linger with our friends and patrons forever.

Double "N" Restaurant

Christmas Greetings

Here's to a Merry Christmas... the jolliest, the healthiest and friendliest you've ever known. And here's to a Happy New Year...the brightest and gayest you've ever enjoyed.



Merit Shoes

421 Evans Street



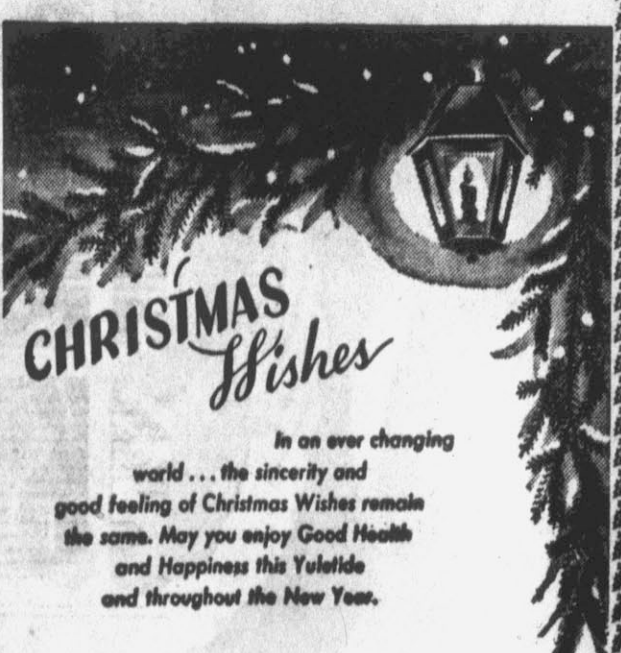
A CHRISTMAS Wish

May you enjoy all the happiness and pleasure that a joyous Yuletide can bring.



It wishes came in packages, the biggest bulge in your Christmas stocking would be our wish for a New Year of happiness!

A. B. Stallworth
J. B. Smith
Heber Tripp



In an ever changing world...the sincerity and good feeling of Christmas Wishes remain the same. May you enjoy Good Health and Happiness this Yuletide and throughout the New Year.

North Side Lumber Co.

Merry Christmas

To our many friends, whose good will and loyalty have contributed so much to the pleasure of every day business, we send these sincere greetings for happiness this Christmas and prosperity for the coming year.



Howard Allen
Service Station

Hendrix & Barnhill
Equipment Co.



Silent Night

Christmas, to be kept fittingly, must bring to us a remembrance of Christ. Every true vision of the day must show us the Holy Child, with the light of divine love shining on His face — for Christmas with no thought of the love of Christ, is empty of all sacred meaning.

In the spirit of this glorious Season we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hooker & Buchanan

Insurance

Gloria in Excelsis Deo



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

Christmas Quotes

"Christmas is the time you decide to pay your doctor something on account. You know you will need him the day after."

—Walter Pulitzer.

"What do people mean by sending you a dozen Christmas cards during the festive season, and not deigning to send you three lines by way of a letter the rest of the year?"

—J. Ashby-Sterry.

"At every Christmas party, just as things are beginning to get good, someone shuts his eyes, puts his head back and moans softly: 'Ah, well, this isn't like the good old days. We don't seem to have any good old-fashioned Christmases any more.'"

—Robert Benchley.

Christmas: 'Good Time; A Kind, Forgiving Time'

Charles Dickens once referred to Christmas as "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old-fashioned Christmas?

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Christmas is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 degrees at night. Any sudden change in temperature and drafts will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also a necessity, but it should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the roots.

Try to give the poinsettia the sunniest spot available. It is wise to fertilize it occasionally with a good commercial food tablet.



STABLE AT BETHLEHEM: The shepherds "came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

HOLIDAY Cheer

We salute St. Nick . . .
bringer of gifts and bright
symbol of holiday cheer. May he
make this Christmas a merry one for you . . .
and have many happy landings
on the rooftops of all our friends.

Bright Leaf Motors, Inc.

Joyous Holidays

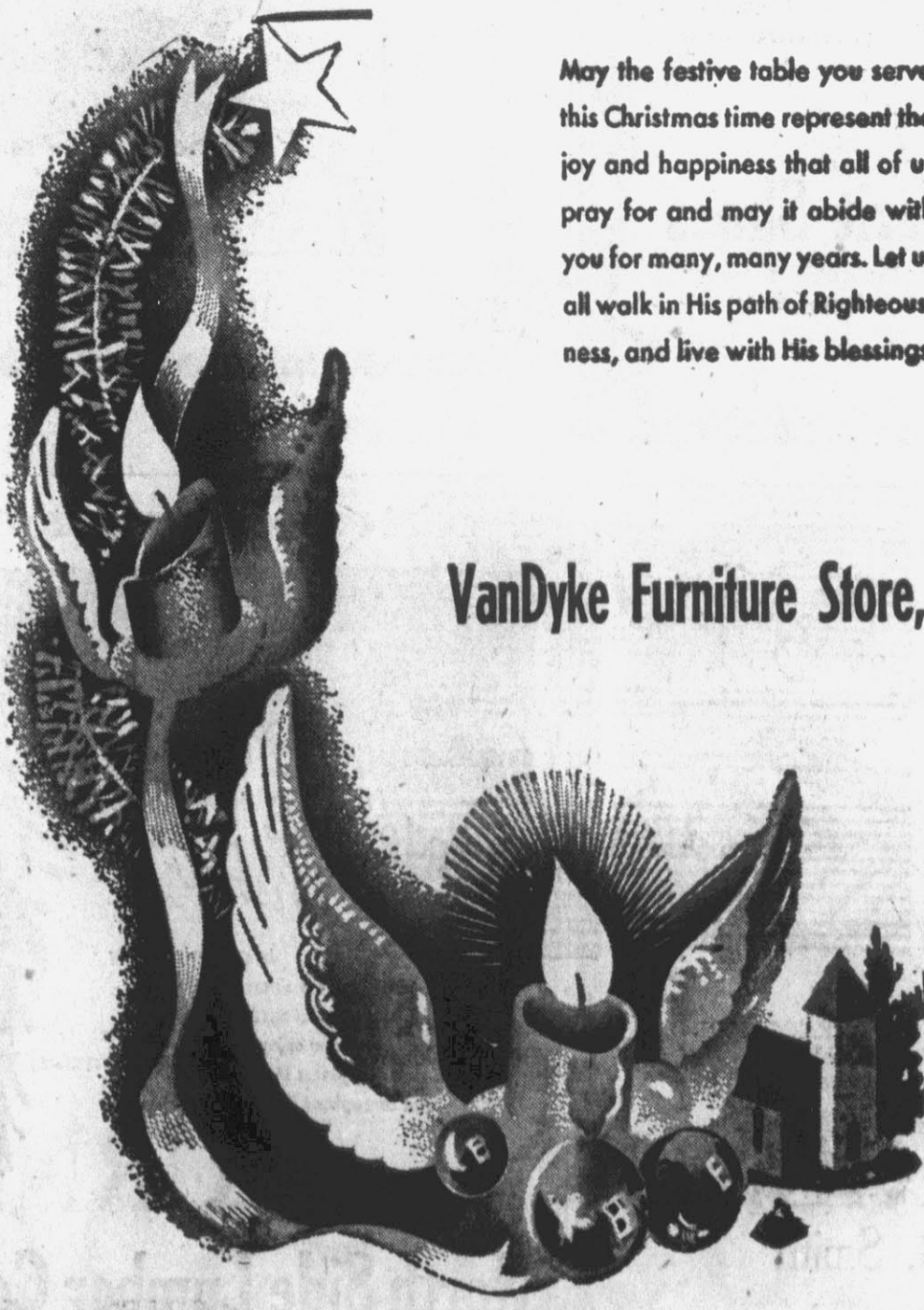
In the spirit of the Christmas season we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and all the good luck, prosperity and good health for the coming New Year of 1952.




Home Building & Loan Association

Christmas Cheer

May the festive table you serve this Christmas time represent the joy and happiness that all of us pray for and may it abide with you for many, many years. Let us all walk in His path of Righteousness, and live with His blessings.

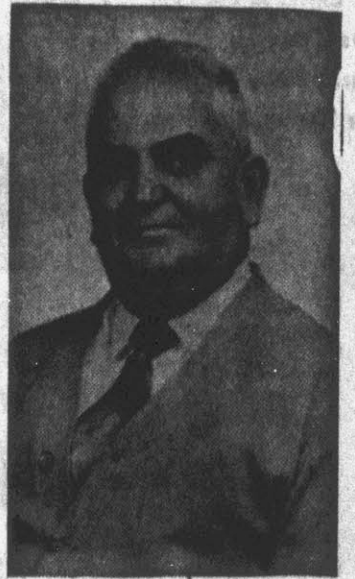


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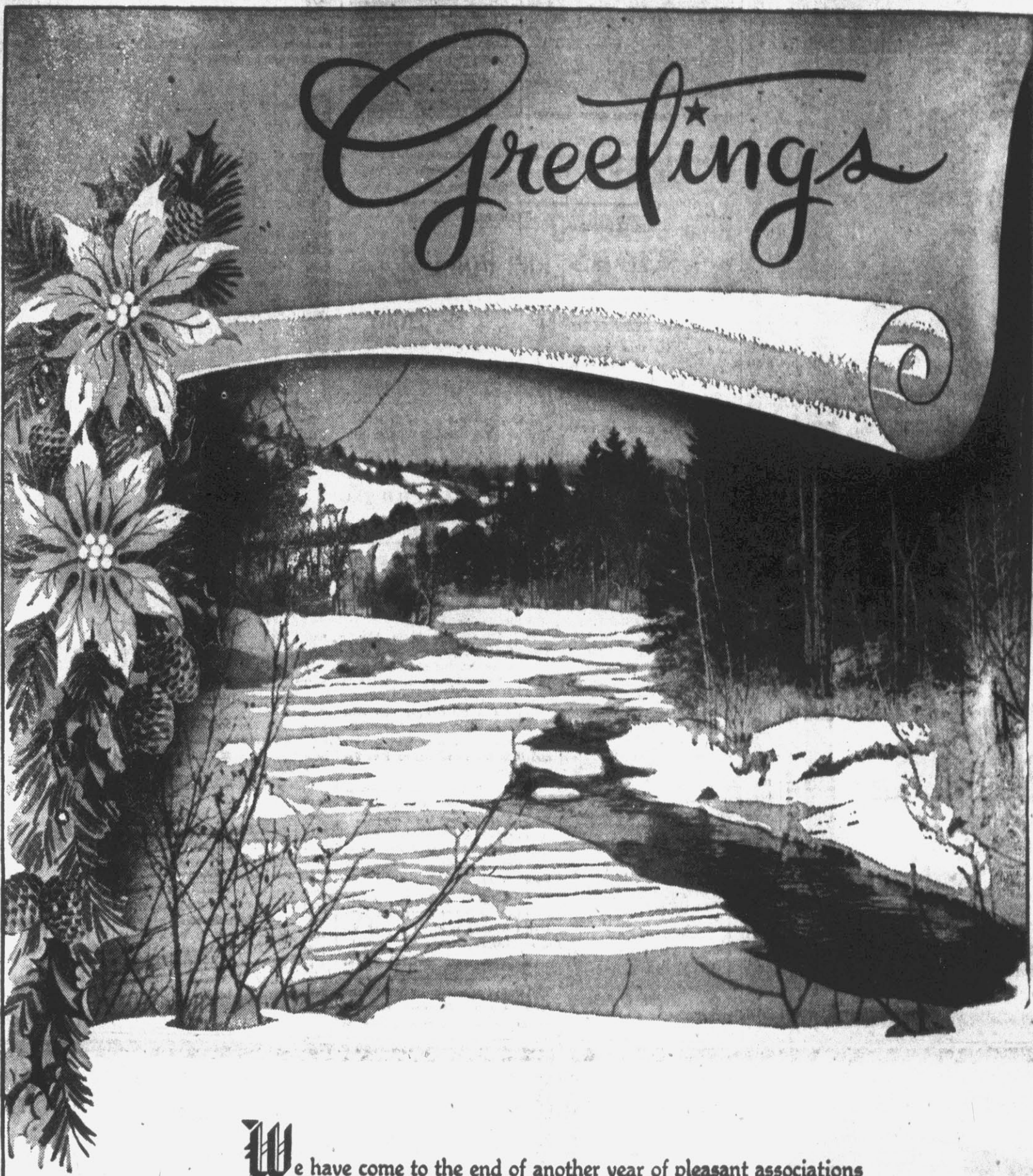
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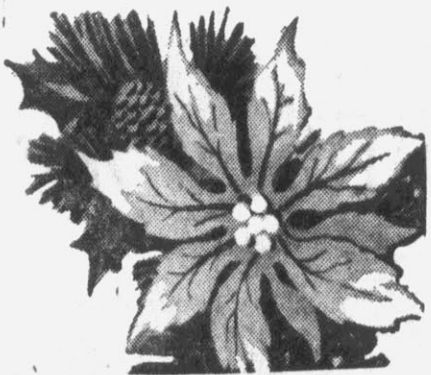
ROBERT ELKS
Co-Owner, Manager



We have come to the end of another year of pleasant associations
with those whose confidence and good will we value so highly.

Once more it becomes our pleasure to send our friends
and patrons our heart-felt greetings and to wish them

a Christmas abundant with good cheer...one that will
usher in a New Year of peace, happiness and prosperity.



From The Firm And Their Entire Personnel ...Greenville And Grifton



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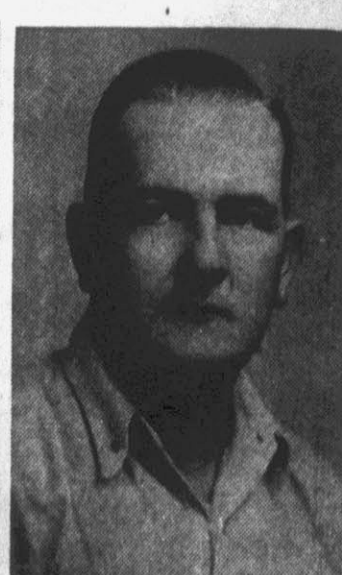
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Season's Greetings

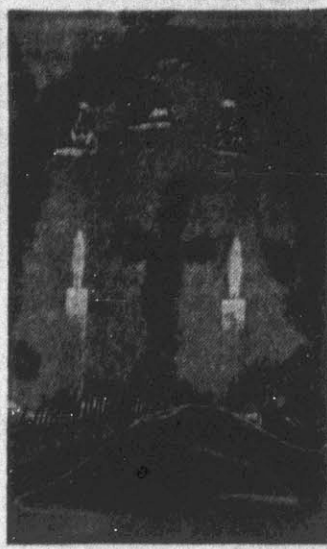
Once more may the Christmas Star send its blessing down with the same glad meaning it brought to Bethlehem. And as we yield our hearts to the spirit of tenderness which pervades the Christmas air, may we remember the heavenly love which came into this world the night Christ was born.

Let us remember, too, that we keep Christmas truly, only when we permit the love of the Christ to enter our hearts and lives. May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Scott Motor Sales

Scott's Service Station



CHRISTMAS BACKDROP

Christmas Seal Idea Conceived In Denmark

A DANISH postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans will receive a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis Association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish postoffice conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.



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

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

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

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

Cowboy's Party Is Real American Fete

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

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

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

Origin of Symbolic Tree Shrouded in Old Legends

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

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

AMERICAN TEACHER SINGAPORE —(AP)—James Blaut, former graduate assistant in geography at Louisiana State University, has joined the staff of the University of Malaya. He is the first American on the staff. He was accompanied by his wife of two months.

In the early days ships went to Spitsbergen for whales, later for furs. Today, they go for coal.



To the casual observer, it is just another typical night in Bethlehem, sleepy town of many generations. Excepting, of course, that the population is more than double, for all the descendants of David have come to register as ordered by Herod. For many, there is no room.

And yet, there is more about this night! And there are some whose faith and wisdom give them eyes to see. Near the hour of midnight, a darkened sky suddenly shimmers with a light of ethereal beauty, and angels appear to sing a great psalm:

"Glory in the highest,
And on earth, peace to men of good will."

A new star fires itself to brilliance near the edge of town, bathing in its light the stable where a Galilean carpenter, named Joseph has taken refuge with his bride, a queenly young girl named Mary. For them, there had been no room.

The star rests above the humble shelter, sending down golden rays that illuminate the area in a strange, unearthly manner.

In the distance appear a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the now resting star and are heavily laden with gifts of gold—presents for a new-born king. Along the roads hear the shouts of the citizens, led by angels, who come to adore.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, the Christ-child awaits.



IT'S LITTLE WONDER that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalout," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a

joyous fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

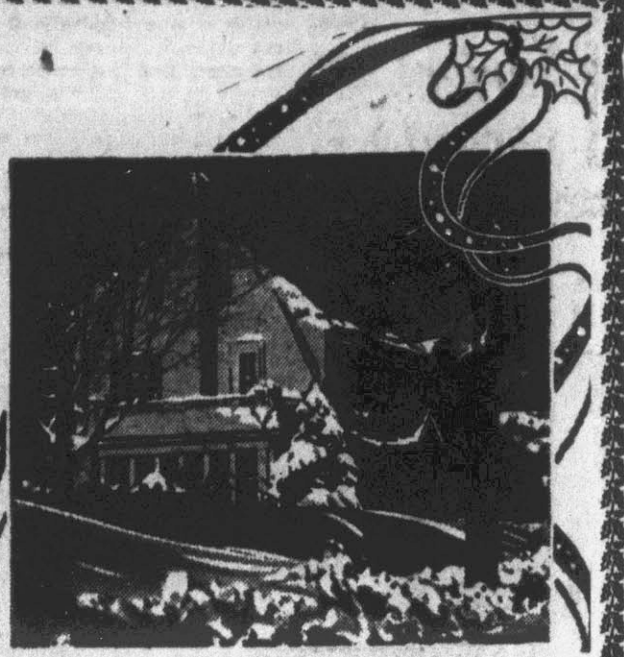
A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

'Christkindli' Is Swiss Counterpart of Santa

Santa Claus plays a very insignificant part in the Swiss celebration of Christmas, observed mostly on December 24. It is Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, much in the fashion of our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes naughty youngsters.



Greetings

May the spirit of happiness and good will that fills this season live in your home and bless your loved ones for the many years to come. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Stauffer's Jewelers



Greetings for Christmas

We would like each shining ornament on your Christmas tree to reflect joyous Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Biggs Drug Store



A PRAYER for Christmas

As the curtain begins to draw across the old year, we pray that the spirit of Christmas be kept in the hearts of men not only this one day... but every day. For with Christmas in our hearts nothing in life could ever quench the joy or dim the light of our peace.

White Chevrolet Company, Inc.

Perfect Present

By Willard Olan Fering

THE REASSURING WEIGHT of the gift and dimes in his

pocket took the bite out of the raw Saturday afternoon. Surveying the street from the eminence of three dollars for the first time in his eleven years, Jimmy Sands thought it was a pretty nice world after all.

After enjoying this sense of prosperity for a few seconds, he remembered that he'd have to hurry if he wanted to hide the Christmas present before his mother woke up from her nap. A frown came over

his face as he glanced around to locate his pup. Mike wasn't anywhere in sight.

He started to whistle, but his attention was caught by little Sammy Farr, big-eyed with excitement and fright, running toward him.

"Hey, Jimmy!" called Sammy. "They took Mike!"

Jimmy's heart sank. He knew who "they" meant, but he had to make sure. "Who took him?"

"The dogcatcher. Mike tried to run away, but they caught him down at the corner."

Little Sammy wiped his nose on a ragged cuff. "I didn't have time to hide him like we always did be-

three dollars. pocket. dollars all his. that he earned by running errands, selling junk, and saving the few pennies that his mother had given him for candy.

If he bought a license for Mike, he wouldn't be able to buy the new purse for his mother, but he could buy a nice handkerchief or something with the fifty cents that he would have left.

A boy of eleven couldn't cry in front of a seven-year-old so Jimmy blinked away the tears that came when he thought of fussy, playful Mike being tossed into a pen full of big snarling dogs.

"I wonder if they'll feed him good?"

A SENSE OF SHAME kept returning when Jimmy thought of his mother's shabby old purse. She'd had it as long as he could remember, and he had seen her stop several times to admire the shiny black one with the gold-colored clasp that was in Hoff-berg's window. He had been looking forward to Christmas morning when she

proudly to... instead of the old one's shabbiness by... ing it under her arm. It just wouldn't be right to spend that money for Mike's license.

"Come on, Sammy, if you'll keep it a secret, I'll let you go with me to buy Mom's present." Maybe he could leave the purse with the landlady until after his mother had gone to work. Jimmy was glad that she wouldn't have to clean up those offices on Christmas Eve and Christmas night.

Jimmy's mother smiled at him over the potatoes she was peeling for their supper. "Didn't you come up the front way?"

"Yes," Jimmy closed the door and walked over to stare out the one window in their room.

"You didn't leave Mike out in front?"

"No." The tears that he had been holding back poured out. "The dogcatcher took him away." Jimmy sank into a chair by the table and buried his head in his arms.

Smiling to herself, Jimmy's mother placed a comforting hand on his shoulder and said, "I think it will be all right with Santa if you get your present tonight."

of tomorrow... She took an envelope out of the shabby purse that lay on the table. "Merry Christmas, Jimmy."

Something in her voice made Jimmy open the envelope and look inside. "Mike's license!" Jimmy grabbed his cap and started for the door.

"You had better wait till tomorrow, Jimmy. It's late, and it's a long way over to the dog pound. They'll take good care of Mike."

Small Amount of Plant Food Will Keep Needles on Tree

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

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

Greetings

May the wondrous spirit of Christmas bring you a special note of joy that will continue with you throughout the coming New Year!

Godfrey P. Oakley



Here is sentiment genuinely felt... May joy, health and happiness be yours this Christmas and continue throughout the year ahead.

Williams'
"The Ladies' Store"



A boy of eleven couldn't cry in front of a seven-year-old, so Jimmy blinked away the tears.

fore when that o' dogcatcher came around."

"I shouldn't have left him down here by himself, but I didn't want to wake Mom up." Jimmy sat down on the step and buried his face in his hands. Sure, he thought, they'll keep Mike five days before they get rid of him, but a license will cost two dollars and a half. Then he straightened up; he had



Merry Christmas

1951

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



Christmas at home...

It is our sincere hope that this Christmas will find you surrounded by family, friends and all those you love...enjoying the full warmth of the spirit of this happy Holiday.



merry Christmas



Corner Dickinson Avenue and Eighth Street

Dial 2879



May these be the gifts that Christmas will bring to you...

- the joy of happy memories
- the peace of real contentment
- and the happiness of a bright New Year

Carolina Dairy Products



Merry Christmas

Among the many reasons for which we welcome Christmas is the opportunity it brings to express our thanks for your friendship and good-will throughout the past year and to solicit its continuance through the coming years.

Carolina Dry Cleaners

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!



Smaller Towns Began Lighting Outdoor Trees

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

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



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

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



Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandinavia.

Many years before Leif Erikson touched American shores, the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of.

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

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

'Silent Night' Is Most Beloved Carol

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth to the Yuletide season, no carol is so universal, known as "Silent Night." Certainly no other is as loved and sung as this simple German song.

For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

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

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

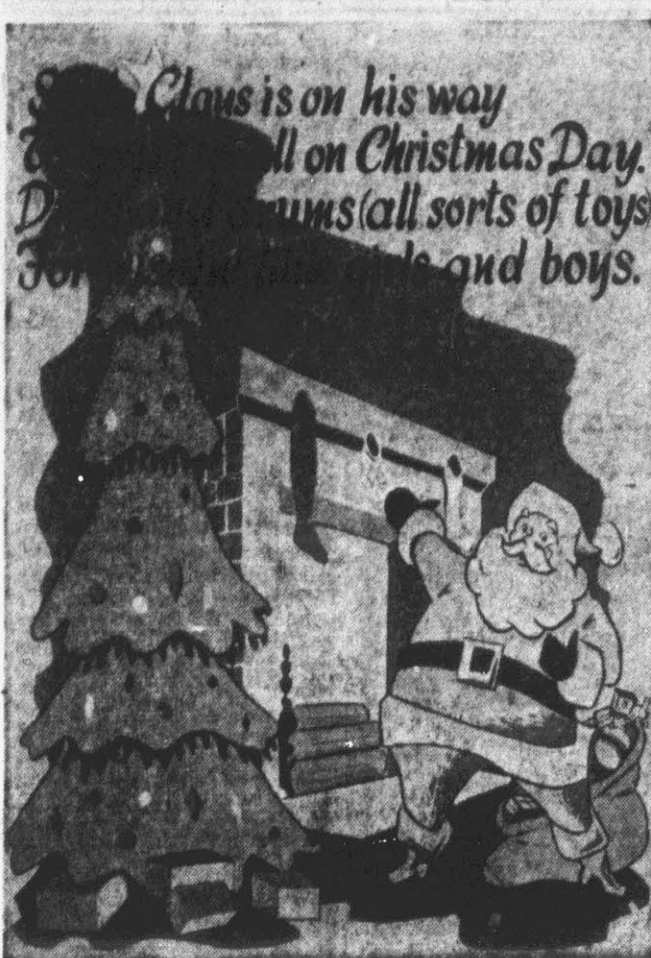
Plum Pudding Came Far Since Ancient Origin

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

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

RABBITS COME HIGH

The cost of rabbit meat is way above any OPS ceiling prices for Dominick J. Valente, a farmer. Valente was accused of possessing seven rabbits illegally and with having falsified data to receive Ohio fishing and hunting licenses. He paid \$955.80 in fines and costs on nine accusations.



Redeemer's Birthplace In Ancient Bethlehem Still Scene of Worship

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

Discontinued for six years during World War II, the pontifical mass and ceremony was renewed in 1948. As the stars on the hillside and the pale moon wrapped the town of Bethlehem in an aura of holiness, the voices of the humble echoed in prayer from the little Church of St. Catherine, built on the hallowed rock of the most sacred spot of the Christian world.

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

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



Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for generations.

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

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

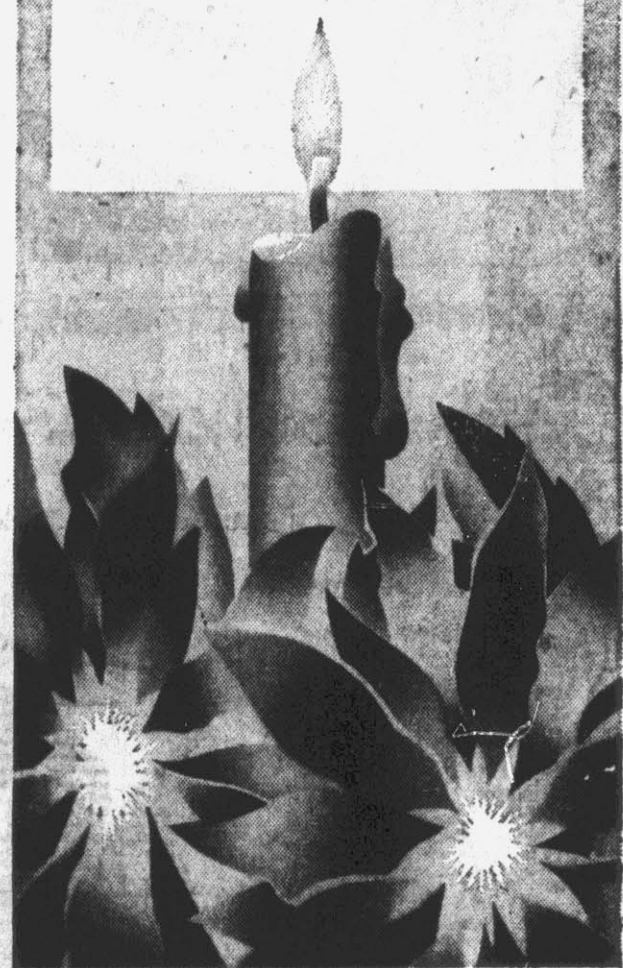
At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

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

Christmas Cheer

THIS is the time of the year when cares of the day fade away and the joys of the season come to live in our homes. We pray that this season live in your home for a long, long time, bringing joy to all.

Stafford Oldsmobile Co.



The Holiday Season affords us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends for their good will and thoughtfulness during the past year.

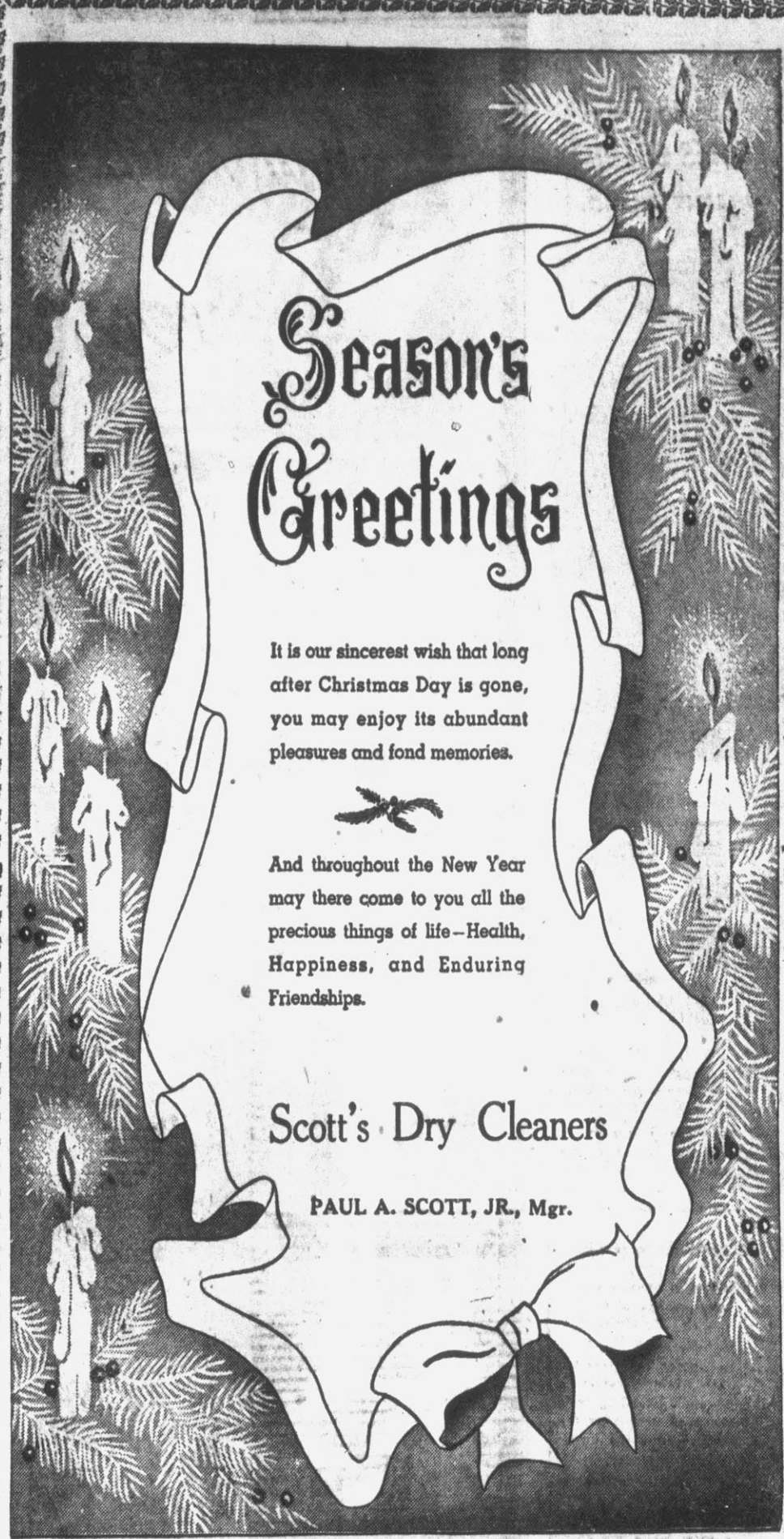
And with this appreciation goes our wish for a memorable Christmas—one that will be abundant with good cheer and good health followed by a New Year of contentment and good fortune.

Whitford Motor Co., Inc.

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Vanceboro, N. C.

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Season's Greetings

It is our sincerest wish that long after Christmas Day is gone, you may enjoy its abundant pleasures and fond memories.

And throughout the New Year may there come to you all the precious things of life—Health, Happiness, and Enduring Friendships.

Scott's Dry Cleaners

PAUL A. SCOTT, JR., Mgr.

Records Show Yule Customs Were Old In Fourth Century

The exact age of the Christmas festival is not known. Records show, however, that the holiday was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing.

Christmas began as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ, sometime during the fourth century. It took that long after the blessed night for the great importance of Christ's birth to be realized by the people. Until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births. Christ's birthday was the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

The date for the celebration of the Christ Mass was selected by the church. So many years had elapsed that the actual date of His birth could only be a matter of conjecture.

The festival and spirit of Christmas spread through the Christian world. Pagan customs, even as they do today, attempted to adapt themselves to the Christmas season.

For many years after the origin of Christ's Mass the church frowned upon the practice of exchanging gifts during the festival season. Later, however, the practice was condoned, in remembrance of the spirit of the Three Kings of the Orient who had followed a shining star to the crib of the new-born Christ, bringing presents with a sense of humility.

Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

The Legends of Christmas

THERE ARE almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wind during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.

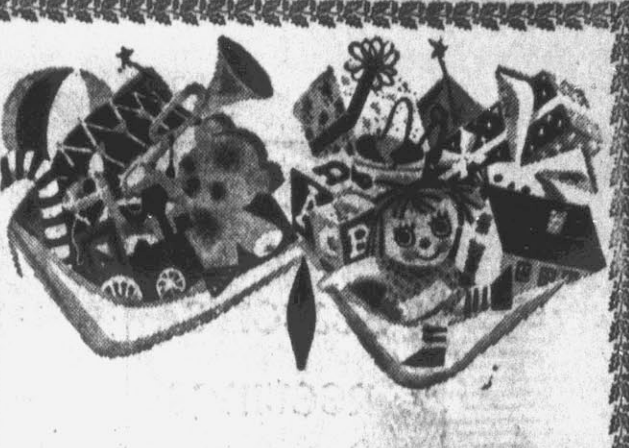


Christmas Greetings

As we enter into the gladness of this happiest day of the year, we recall the joy with which the angels heralded the birth of Christ.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Cold Storage Inc.



Greetings

May the friends and relations who happily gather round at Christmas, and the many happy gift surprises that are revealed, create a theme of carefree joy for every day of the year.

Taff Office Equipment Co.

1951



HOLY NIGHT

Adagio A. Adam

1. O holy night the stars are brightly shining - and it is the
2. Holy night the light of faith so peacefully beams - bringing with glowing

TO OUR faithful old friends, to our many new friends — and to all of you whose friendship we hope to earn, we extend our wishes for a most cheerful Christmas Holiday! May it be the happiest, merriest ever...

Glamor Shop

404 Evans St.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Life offers us nothing more precious than the loyalty and understanding of real friends.

So this Christmas greeting is sent with a heart full of gratitude for the blessings of our friendship.

May you enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Quinn - Miller & Stroud

Season's Greetings

It is our fervent hope that the Christmas bells ring in a season filled with happiness and good will for all our friends.

Gaskins, Jewelers



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

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

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

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

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

And so the town was named Santa Claus.



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

St. Nicholas Possessed Of Great Virtue, Piety

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

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



CHRISTMAS LECTURE . . . "Now this is a Christmas tree," big brother appears to be telling the toddler. "It grows in the living room only once a year, and it always has a lot of nice presents under it."

Games for All Make Christmas Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting the puzzle together.

The Xmas Scramble Contest is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following—astina, eriden, ehagil, dynca, gosknet, erte, trepsen, hupne, alsore, and niborb.

If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be at Fault

If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported



from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.

England Once Forbade Christmas Observance

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule Log, the Carol-singer and the wassailer?

During the Reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day was sacrilegious. Parliament, on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

Traffic in skins for fur-conscious Europe was an important commercial factor in settling the entire North American wilderness from Labrador to Mexico.

While Nova Scotia's Micmac Indians spend much time guiding sportsmen, they also are expert bricklayers and carpenters. They got their training in government Indian schools.



Come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
Come ye . . . come ye to Bethlehem

G

reetings

In sincere appreciation of our pleasant relationship through the past year . . . we extend a wish to you, our patrons, for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Tetterton Motor Co.



We wish our many friends volumes of good cheer and contentment throughout the Christmas Season as well as the coming New Year.



City Plumbing Co.



BEST WISHES

for

a Merry Christmas

AND

a Happy New Year

FROM US ALL
AT

SEARS CATALOG ORDER OFFICE

Greenville, N. C.

321 Evans Street

Dial 2141



Merry Christmas

From Your

Daily Reflector Carrier Boy

At times I've been careless and thrown your newspaper off your porch or let it fall into a mud puddle, but just the same I want to wish all of you (my customers) a very Merry Christmas and I promise to give you better service in the New Year.

GREENVILLE

Corky Allen
Roger Tyndall
Russell Tripp
Carlton Freeman
Steve Wilkinson
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Bennie Perry
Ernest Cherry
Zebadee Daniels
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Leon Moore
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Bert Worthington
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Greetings

To all our many patrons . . .
A Merry Christmas . . . May it be
a forerunner of continued pros-
perity, good health and success
in the New Year.

**Pitt FCX
Service**



By Maud McCurdy Welch

PATTI WAS TRYING to forget it was Christmas. Last Christmas there had been Jimmy and a ring on her finger. Then there was a girl named Ann and everything was over. Patti had packed up and come to this part of the city to live.

So there were no holly wreaths or Christmas trees in Patti's Pie and Bake Shop just off one of the bustling avenues. There was only Patti with her brown curls and mellow brown eyes and the long rows of pies and cakes in the show-cases.

People came from all over to buy Patti's cakes and pies and drink her coffee. There was the little old lady who sold magazines on the corner, who came in every day.

She was the first to come in on Christmas Day, and she was looking a big wreath of holly and mistletoe. "Hang it in the window, dearie," she said.

Patti looked at the wreath and a sick pain caught at her heart.

Then there was the telephone operator who worked in a branch exchange, and later the little boy who always stopped by from school. He had such sad blue eyes it made Patti's heart ache. Patti always gave him a huge slice of pie



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and he ate it with relish, but the sad bewilderment of his eyes never seemed to go away.

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Patti started to say no, but choked. Instead she asked, "Don't you have a Christmas tree, Tommy?"

He shook his head. Patti said, her voice . . . "Then we'll have

one here. You can help me!

In no time at all the tree was up and they were trimming it. In spite of her stern efforts, Patti was conscious of a slow excitement. Tommy asked if she believed in that Kris Kringle stuff, and she had to stop to think before answering. At last she said, "Yes, Tommy, I—I think I do. Kris Kringle may be just a symbol, but he's really alive in the hearts and spirits of hundreds of people all over the world."

Tommy's blue eyes grew bright. "Then do you think if I told him I only wanted my daddy back, and nothing else, he would bring him back to us? My mommy told him to go, but she didn't mean it. Now she's sick, but if Daddy would come back, we'd both be happy and she'd be well."

An idea was slowly dawning in Patti's mind. "We'll see what we can do, Tommy," she promised.

Patti hurried like mad and got a personal ad. In the late edition of one of the big dailies, it read:

"Mr. Thomas Baker, please call at Patti's Pie & Bake Shop at once."

PATTI WAITED and waited. The little shop was brightly lighted and the Christmas tree was a beautiful sight to see.

But no one came. Everything had been sold, so Patti was putting out the lights when a tall young man walked in. He said, "I may be the Thomas Baker you're looking for. Of course I don't know."

Patti just felt it in her bones that he was the right one. She said, "Do you have a wife by the name of Margaret and a little boy named Tommy?"

"Yes, yes, I do."

"Then you're the right Thomas Baker. They want you to come home."

"Are you sure Margaret wants me too?" The young man's eyes were suddenly full of hope.

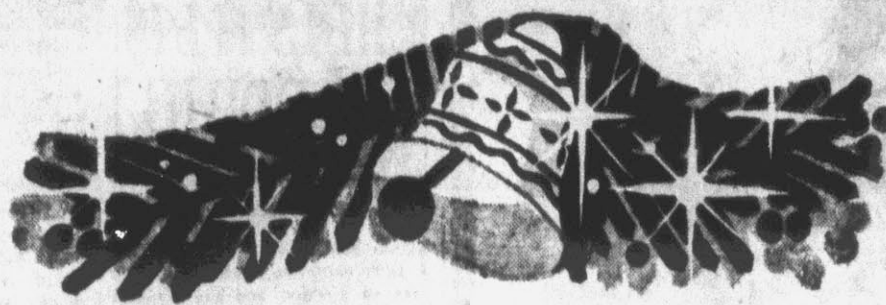
Patti nodded. "I'm very sure," and the young man thanked her, turned to go and almost collided with another tall young man who had just come in. He was looking at Patti with his whole heart in his eyes.

"The minute I saw that personal, I was sure it was you. No one ever spelled Patti with an 'i' as you do." Then he reached for her hands. "Patti, won't you forgive me for thinking I could ever love another girl? Won't you let me put this ring where it belongs?"

Patti was choked up with happiness as he slipped the ring on her finger. "Finding you is like a Christmas miracle," he whispered as he took her in his arms.

Cobalt is seldom found in its natural state, almost always occurring with iron, nickel, and other metals.

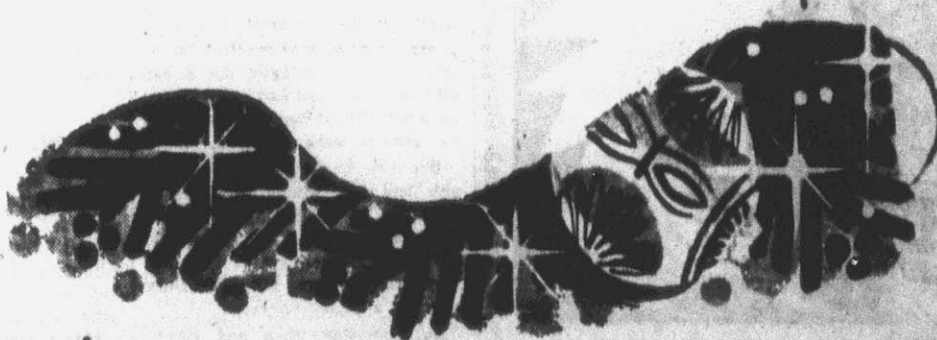
In Saudi Arabia huge sand-spreaders used by U. S. railroads to fight snow, have been found useful for plowing away sand in heavy dune areas.



HOLIDAY Greetings

At this wonderful Holiday Season when people find their greatest contentment in making OTHER folks happy, we hope that the vestiges of this spirit remain with us always . . . true manifestation of belief in His Teachings.

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Merriest Christmas...

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GREENVILLE, N. C.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING

By Maud McCurdy Wolfe

JEAN KNEW that Hawkeye, the store detective, was keeping his eyes on Jimmy, and she couldn't help feeling worried.

Jean and Jimmy were engaged. They were going to be married as soon as Jimmy got a raise. They both worked in the Mammoth Store and were saving everything they could to buy furniture for their future home.

Hawkeye was exactly like the detectives made famous by the movies. Hard, gimlet eyes, black cigars, derby tilted on his head. It was his boast that nobody ever got by with stealing in this store. It was this boast that had given him the nickname of Hawkeye.

But why, oh, why should he suspect Jimmy of doing anything wrong? It was true his salary was small, but he would be promoted soon, Jean was sure of that.

Jean had had a wistful hope that they might have a Christmas wedding, but Jimmy's raise hadn't come through. In the meantime, they were carefully budgeting their combined salaries and had bought an expensive piece of electrical equipment for their home. That had been a thrill.

When they were married Jimmy was determined that Jean shouldn't

Christmas Day. Jean and Jimmy walked home together when the store closed, as they usually did, almost too tired for a movie or a walk along the river. They didn't allow themselves many pleasures and sometimes were so tired, they just said goodnight at the door of Jean's rooming house. Jimmy lived a number of blocks further down the street.

But they'd always have a little time together when the store closed. Once every week Jean would say, "Did you bring your bundle?" And Jimmy would say he simply couldn't. But Jean would laugh at him teasingly. "Honestly, Jimmy, I want to do it for you," and at last he'd give in.

JEAN HADN'T the slightest idea that old Hawkeye had seen her hand Jimmy a long, flat package one day when he'd been working late in the stock-room. She'd done this before since it was the most convenient way. And Hawkeye was always snooping around. He'd even overheard Jean and Jimmy talking one day. Jean was saying, "You must bring the things to me. It's helping us to get ahead. And nobody will ever know."

Jimmy had said, "But, honey, it's not right."

Jean had laughed. "I only do it because I love you. You know that."

Jimmy's voice was husky with love. "You're so sweet, Jean. I believe you'd do anything for me." And all the time Hawkeye was keeping his gimlet eyes on Jimmy. But Jean knew he hadn't done anything wrong.

And then the next time Jean handed Jimmy the long flat package (Jimmy was working late that night again), they both felt a heavy hand on their shoulders. Hawkeye said, "You two kids come with me."

He took them to Mr. Purvis, the store owner. "It's a clean case, boss," Hawkeye opened the package. "Ha, shirts. Just what I thought. She steals them for him." Mr. Purvis said tiredly, "They're not new. They're freshly laundered."

Jimmy's face was crimson, but Jean said proudly, "We're engaged. Mr. Purvis, and Jimmy has to have so many clean shirts. It's so dusty in the basement, so I launder them for him."

Well, it was a clean case at that, and what was more Jimmy received his promotion right then and there and Mr. Purvis gave them three days off, so they had a Christmas wedding after all.

St. Nick's Spirit

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A.D., and for 30 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true spirit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

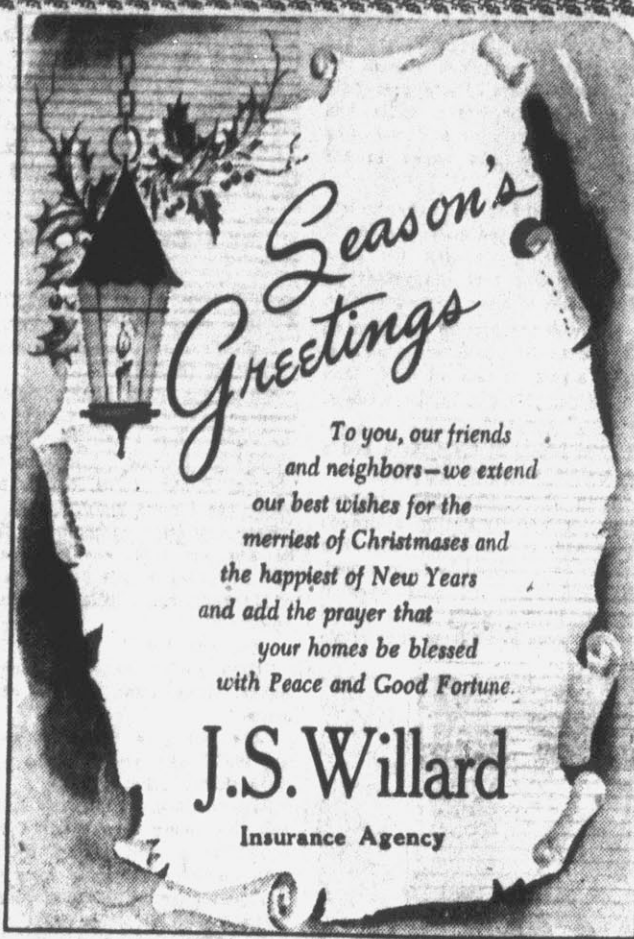
Christmas Greens Brighten Home

A few well-placed Christmas greens can do much to brighten a house at Christmas time. Properly clipped, the branches will never be missed, and might improve the looks of the tree from which they are cut.

Hemlock, red cedar, juniper, yew, pitch pine, white pine, will make

suitable material for a spray to decorate a mantle, door, or a spray for a newel post.

In pruning, however, keep in mind the natural appearance of the tree from which you clip branches.



Season's Greetings

To you, our friends and neighbors—we extend our best wishes for the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years and add the prayer that your homes be blessed with Peace and Good Fortune.

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CHEER for Christmas

May the joyful hours of Christmas overflow with good cheer and happiness for all our friends

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Joy... love... peace... these are the words that guide us in our celebration of the Christmas and New Year Season. Our wish — that we all keep Christmas with us in spirit, the whole year through. A Happy Holiday to you all!

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Old Hawkeye had seen her hand Jimmy a long flat package one day.

work. Jimmy himself had been brought up in a wonderful home, with many advantages, but it had all been lost. Jean had come up the hard way. She'd been orphaned and had gone to work at fifteen.

But they were getting along fine now and had wonderful hopes of soon really belonging to each other. Jimmy's salary as head of the notion department in the basement wasn't large, but Jean knew he'd get a better one soon.

Business was brisk and steady.

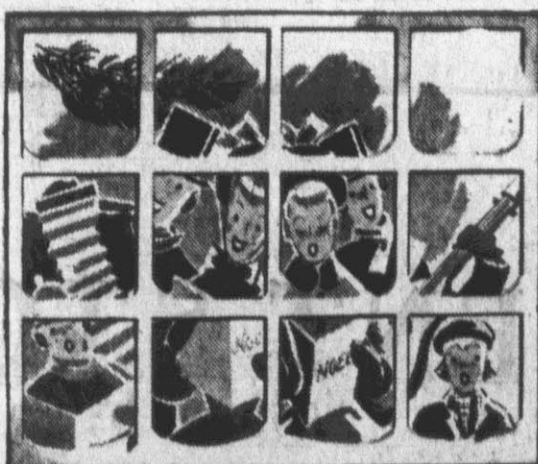
Season's Greetings

We take pleasure again this Christmas to thank each and every one of you who have helped us make this passing year our banner year.

Our firm and entire personnel extend to every man, woman and child our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year.

C. H. Edwards Hardware House

Greenville, N. C.



Christmas is upon us...and we cannot help but feel grateful to our many friends who have helped make the past so worthwhile and whose confidence in us gives added strength and promise to the future. In fullest gratitude we extend our sincerest wishes for A Joyous Holiday Season.

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