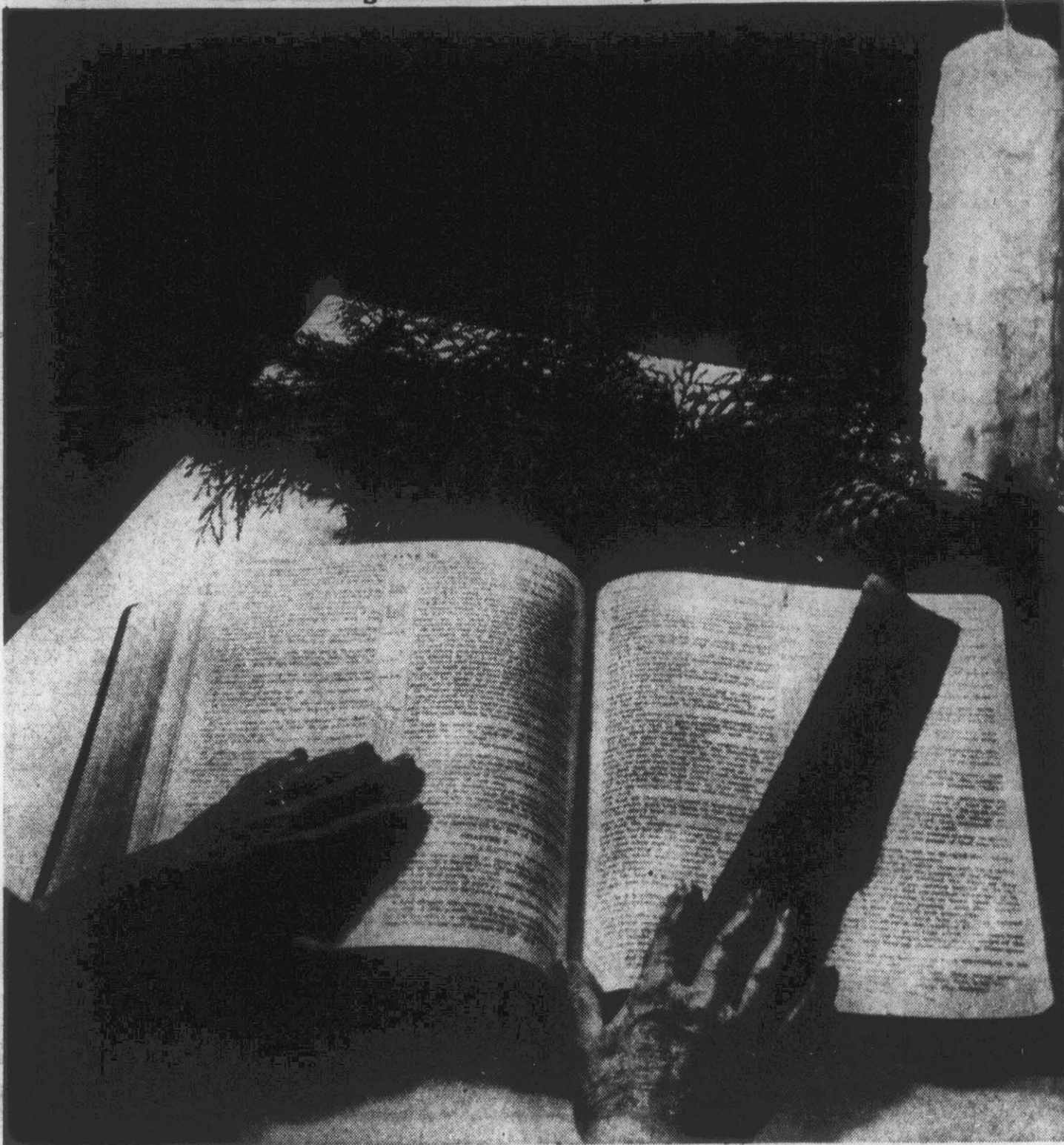


Time To Again Read The Story Of Christmas



And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around 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 to all people.

Reflector Files Recall Christmas Past And The Nostalgic Story Of Yesteryear

Greenville has grown progressively during the past 50 years, and each ensuing Christmas has seen a little larger celebration; a few more people in town to participate.

But the ancient, intangible spirit of the Yuletide—divinely conceived as the season of unselfish giving—has not dimmed through the years. And, on the other hand, neither has it increased in importance since the Christmas of a half-century ago.

Herein is a variety of notes on Greenville's "Christmas Past," taken from the yellowed files of The Daily Reflector dating back to 1909. What were you, as a youth unswayed by the worries of a changing world, doing then?

December 24, 1909

President and Mrs. R. H. Wright recently entertained the faculty of the college in honor of friends visiting from Philadelphia.

The school family, including faculty and students, had a jolly time at a Christmas tree, but instead of real presents each received a jumping jack, horn or other toy.

The Christmas spirit is in the air. The holidays are from December 23 to January 4, inclusive. The entire student body and faculty have left the campus and the buildings are closed.

President Wright's Philadelphia guests came for a few days of recreation with dog and gun, and all are bagging a good deal of wild game.

December 24, 1910

The Daily Reflector is coming up this Christmas with a circulation of 1,150, and is booking new subscribers daily. We are starting our campaign today for a circulation of 1,200 by January 1, 1911.

You are not only working to win the prizes of your choice, but you are circulating your home paper among strangers and the outside world. It assures you and your friends a larger commercial, industrial and progressive city.

People who come and go on our trains.

Mrs. E. B. Higgs and family have gone to Scotland Neck to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. G. Waldrop of Hendersonville came Friday to spend the holidays with her daughters, Mrs. Frank Wilson and Mrs. Zeno Brown.

December 23, 1911

The Daily Reflector gives this

final reminder to everybody to be careful with fireworks, Christmas trees and all festivities that might cause damage to person or property.

As a rule more people are injured and more fires occur during the holidays than at any other time of the year. Such casualties would be greatly reduced if proper care was exercised.

On Monday, December 25, Christmas day, freight trains on this division of the Norfolk Southern railroad will be annulled, and the local freight depot will not be open that day.

December 23, 1922

Miss Louise Hubbard, executive secretary of the Pitt County chapter of the American Red Cross, has returned from New Bern where she assisted in relief work among the fire-stricken people of the city.

Christmas is a time when the poor should be looked after by all means. There may not be as many poor people in this section as in large cities, but we have them and they should be cared for.

There are a number of splendid organizations in Greenville, and if

they should get together and combine forces every poor person could be given the happiest time of their lives.

Providing for those poor creatures should be the first consideration of our people, and it is hoped they will not be neglected.

A Christmas Letter
Santa Claus, North Pole.
Dear Santa,

We remember how dear and kind you were to us last Christmas, and for that reason we are writing to you this Christmas. Bring us anything you want us to have and we will be good little girls.

We live at the same place, near Ballards.

With lots of love,
Hildred Bowen
Pauline Bowen.

White's Theatre showing Christmas Day.
Gloria Swanson in "Her Love Story."

December 22, 1923

With the close of the Greenville Tobacco Market for the Christmas holidays, it was estimated that approximately 163 aged women were nylons.

Christmas Mailing Rush Breaks All Past Records At Local Post Office

Prizes Awarded To Decorated Homes

Judges Make Final Selections, Noting 'Decisions Were Extremely Hard To Make'; Many Homes Considered

A large brick home located on East Fifth Street and owned by Mrs. J.B. Spilman was chosen as the best decorated home, together with the home of Mrs. H.B. Williams on East Fourth Street, which was in the smaller group.

The two homes won first prizes of \$15.00 for having the best Christmas decorations in the city. Mrs. Matt Long of East Fifth Street and Mrs. Ed. M. Gibbs of Willow Street, placed second in the larger and smaller groups, receiving prizes of \$10.00.

In the Negro homes group, Eliza Dudley of Davenport Street won first prize of \$10.00 and second and third prizes of \$7.00 and \$3.00 were given to Mrs. Ernest Eaton of Ford Street and Mrs. Mabel Nimmo of West Fifth Street.

The homes in the city were judged by a committee of women from Bethel who were Mrs. Walter Latham, Mrs. W.J. Smith, and Mrs. Clara Robertson.

The judges rode around the city for hours last night with Mrs. Cora Powell, a representative of the sponsoring organization for the contest, the Merchants' Association, before a final decision was reached.

The judges said that "decisions were extremely hard to make since there were so many beautifully decorated homes in the city carrying out the idea of Christmas." It was necessary for the judges to review homes several times in order to choose the winners.

Honorable mention for the larger homes went to: Mrs. J.A.

Neilson, East 10th Street; Mrs. L.T. Shotwell, East 10th Street; Mrs. Frank Moseley, Lewis Street; Mrs. Key Brown, 1910 East Fifth Street; Mrs. J.D. Messick, 605 East Fifth Street; Mrs. J.B. Kittrell, 801 East Fifth Street; Mrs. M.P. Host, 1701 East Fifth Street; and Mrs. Ollie Van Nortwick, Jr., Rock Spring Drive.

Honorable mention for the smaller homes went to: Mrs. Herman Nobles, 1800 Myrtle Street; Mrs. C.B. Rice, 209 Washington Street; Mrs. Austin Elks, 300 East Fourth Street; Mrs. Larry Stox, 1120 Ward Street; Mrs. J.C. Clifford, 129 North Harding Street; Mrs. Carlton Dail, 2619 Dickinson Avenue; and Mrs. Charles Whedbee, 601 West Third Street.

Honorable mention to Negroes went to: Mrs. Maggie Woodard, Mrs. W.E. Flanagan, Ester Mae Porteur, Mrs. J.B. Taft, and Mrs. Travis Allen, Jr.

Trumans Leave White House For Good, Jan. 20

WASHINGTON UP — The Trumans will check out of the White House "for good" when they leave Jan. 20 to attend President-elect Eisenhower's inauguration.

The secretary, Mrs. James M. Helm, said at a news conference that the President and Mrs. Truman will go immediately from the Capitol to the nearby Union Station and board a train. Mrs. Helm said she "presumed" they would go to Independence, Mo.

Mrs. Helm said she does not know whether Margaret Truman would accompany her parents to Missouri.

NATURALLY!
MONTPELIER, Vt. (UP) — The 1953 Vermont Legislature will have 53 women among its members.

Will Have Handled Approximately 35,000 Pieces Of Mail Since Rush Began On Dec. 15

By MURIEL SHOTWELL
Reflector Staff Writer

Officials and employees of the local post office have just, and still are, experiencing "the biggest rush yet" in Christmas mail.

This year's tabulation of outgoing and incoming letters, cards and packages hit an all-time high and has kept the regular post office crew and additional seasonal workers busy since December 15 when the Christmas rush began.

Since December 15, and through Friday, employees will handle approximately 20,000 incoming and between 12,000 and 15,000 outgoing packages, said post office spokesmen.

In the letter department, by the time Christmas is over, more than 500,000 letters and cards will be handled, both incoming and outgoing. The cancelling machine at the post office has been hardest at work cancelling more than 300,000 letters and cards. Hand cancellation and metered mail will amount to over 200,000 before the rush is over.

Also since the middle of December stamp sales have amounted to a little over \$10,000.

Last year signs of the Christmas rush in mail appeared as early as December 1 but this year's record topped last year's in the last few

days of tabulation. Last year approximately 400,000 letters and cards and 25,000 packages had been handled by December 21.

Handling this year's deluge of mail have been 10 extra employees in addition to the regular post office crew of 15 persons which is made up of eight regular mail carriers, five rural carriers, and a special delivery carrier.

During last week and the week before, the public was asked by post office officials to get mail in the post office early and have it properly addressed.

Postmaster J. Knott Proctor and Joe Dudley, superintendent of mails, said the public had cooperated more this year than ever before in having mail properly addressed and packages properly wrapped.

"The cooperation of the public in mailing early and properly had helped us a great deal in getting the mail delivered promptly," said Proctor.

The postmaster said all packages and mail would be delivered by Wednesday night and special delivery mail and perishables would be delivered Thursday. The regular schedule will be resumed at the post office Friday, except for rural route service.

Average Greenville Citizen Younger Than U.S. Median

(Special To The Reflector)
(Park Row News Service)

NEW YORK—Taken as a whole, residents of Greenville are younger than their compatriots in other parts of the United States. This age differential is brought to light by the Census Bureau after an analysis of data gathered in the recent tabulation.

The median age of the people in Greenville is given as 26.0 years, signifying that there are as many above that age as there are below.

In the other parts of the country the median is 30.1 years. This places Greenville residents 4.1 years younger than their counterparts.

Other revealing data on the population trends in Greenville and elsewhere has to do with the increase in the number of persons of age 65 and over. Advances in the medical sciences and better living standards have had a marked effect in lengthening the life span and causing this increase.

In Greenville, the Census Bureau reports, 5.2 per cent of the population is in the 65 or over bracket.

Of great interest also is the progressive change occurring in the labor force, with an increased number of married women holding down jobs. In 1940, only one out of every nine married women in the United States was in the labor force. The proportion has risen to one out of every five.

In Greenville, the Census Bureau found, 40.5 percent of the female population over the age of 14 was in the labor force. The corresponding male percentage was 72.6.

MONEY UNDERFOOT
EUDORA, Miss. (UP)—Silver dollars, 1,012 of them, are inlaid in the floor of the Silver Dollar Cafe.

Once Again, Pitt County's Servicemen Return From All Over The World, To Spend Christmas At Home

Once again, scores of servicemen returned to their homes over Pitt County to celebrate with their families the Christmas season.

Many of those returning men in uniform came from long distances to spend the Yuletide "at home." Some having seen service in Germany, Korea, bases to the North and to the South; but they came back to their Eastern Carolina homes on this special occasion.

After a few brief days of rest they will again be dispersed to their many bases and ships where they will further serve their homes and country.

A partial list of those returning to Pitt County for the Christmas holidays, is as follows:

Alton S. Adams, USN, Norman Oklahoma, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jule Adams of 304 East 13th Street.

Gene P. Baker, USAF, Ellyson Field, Pensacola, Florida, is visiting his family in Greenville.

B. T. Batson Jr., USAF, of Keesler Field, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Batson of 406 Davis Street.

Joseph F. Bowen Jr., USAF, New Castle Airport, Wilmington, Del., and William A. Bowen USNR, Norfolk, Va., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bowen of Rotary Avenue.

Sgt. and Mrs. Henry T. Brown, USAF, Ft. Belvoir, Va., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sheppard.

Edward Buck, USAF, recently stationed in Korea, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David C. Buck of Winterville. Lemuel Clemons Jr., USAF, Lack-

land Air Force Base, Texas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Clemons.

Bobby Craft, USAF, recently stationed in Korea, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Craft, Winterville Route 2.

Joseph L. Everett, Camp Rucker, Alabama, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Everett of Winterville Route 1.

Lester W. Edwards, USAF, and family, of Arlington, Va., are spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mabel Edwards of 308 Student Street.

Eugene Evans, USN, stationed on the USS Wisconsin, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mattie Evans of Route 3, Greenville.

Thomas A. Graham, USAF, Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Graham of 2011 Chestnut Street.

Alton E. Howard, USAF, Randolph Field, Texas, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Howard.

Charles Huffstetter USN, of the Submarine Base, New London, Conn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Huffstetter of 1402-A Chestnut Street.

Will H. Heath, recently stationed in Germany, is visiting his mother, Mrs. T. B. Heath of 1002-B Dickinson Avenue.

Charles Joyner, USAF, of Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Joyner of Farmville.

Norville Messick, USAF, stationed in Texas, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J.D. Messick of East Fifth Street.

Jack Neilson, USAF, of Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Neilson, 612 East 10th Street.

Hilton Quinn, USN, stationed at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Quinn of 1212 Evans Street.

Captain and Mrs. C. E. Ramsburg, stationed in Okinawa for two years, are visiting Mrs. Ramsburg's sister, Mrs. Norris Merritt of 1000 Fairfax Avenue.

West Shields Jr., USMC, Camp Lejeune, is visiting his wife, Mrs. Louise Shields of 508-A Contentnea Street.

Sergeant and Mrs. Linwood Stocks, USAF, Texas, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Stocks, Route 2, Greenville.

John S. Whitchard, Camp Gordon, Ga., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Whitchard of Elm Street.

Harold L. Williams, of Fort McClellan, Ala., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams, of 1601 Dickinson Avenue.

Joseph K. Wilson, USAF, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilson of 1100 W. Third Street.

Gilbert Lee Windham, USN, Corpus Christi, Texas, is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Windham, Evans Street.

Local Shoppers Display 'Practical' Buying Trend

Christmas shopping was in full swing in Greenville last Saturday after Friday's "open nights" schedule began, and retail buying continued on a steady basis up to the day before Christmas.

A Merchant's Association spokesman said "Greenville is continuing in position as shopping center for Eastern Carolina this year. One survey disclosed more out-of-town cars here for Christmas shopping and store managers have reported more out-of-county buyers in their stores than last year."

Interviews with Greenville store managers provided extra highlights on the trend of Christmas buying this year.

Department store spokesmen emphasized "sensible shopping" among their clientele was especially noticeable this year; and a "happy attitude" among the buying public was commented upon.

Some businessmen expressed the opinion that the Christmas shopping season extended over a longer period than on previous years and the over-all volume of business was believed to be greater than last year.

Generally speaking, the volume of sales was considered better than was anticipated in view of the lighter tobacco season than was enjoyed last year.

Merry Christmas To You and Yours

From all the folks at THE

Daily Reflector

David G. Whitehead

John S. Whitchard

Harold L. Williams

Joseph K. Wilson

Charles Deemer

Donald A. King

Octavian Rogers

Lamar Woodland

James Darden

Leicester Walsh

Rene Koziah

Howard W. Minnis

J. F. Cox

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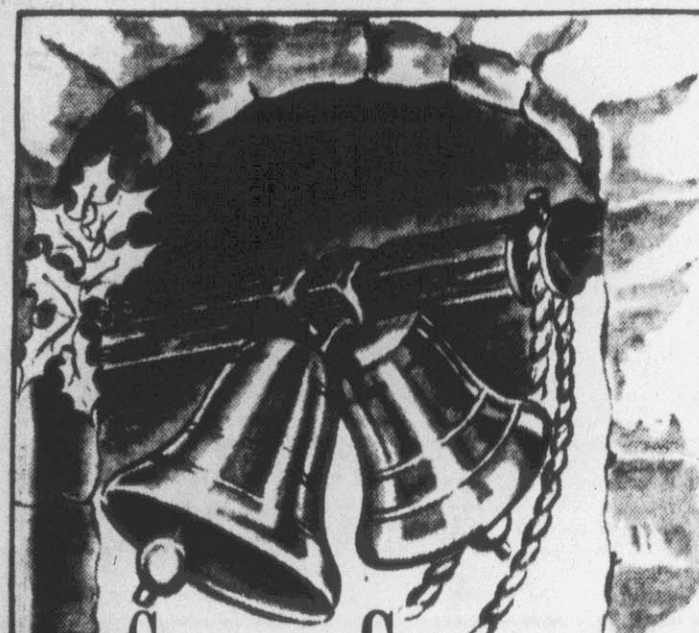
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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.

J. Hicks Corey



Season's Greetings

The friendly greetings we send to you are as joyous and true as the sound of the glorious Christmas bells.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all.

Brown's Gulf Station
Corner 10th & Evans Streets



A Merry Christmas

To our friends and neighbors we offer our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

To you, our patrons - we extend our thanks for your friendliness in the past year.

And for all of us we add the hope for a peaceful and beautiful New Year.

NORTH SIDE LUMBER CO., INC.
GREENVILLE, N. C. Phone 3743

An 'Old Fashioned' Christmas Party

BLACK JACK—A custom of long standing in this community was observed here Sunday night, when members of Black Jack Free Will Baptist Holiness Church observed their annual "Christmas Tree."

There was no snow for atmosphere (people say there seldom is any ice for Christmas) but nevertheless, the celebration went off with plenty of spirit and enthusiasm on the part of both children and grownups alike.

Approximately 75 members of the church's Sunday School gathered sometime before the regular program for their "tree." Shrieks of happy laughter marked short, confidential conversations with Santa Claus, who conferred secretly with each child in turn.

Single Stove
A single stove glowed red inside the church, and the laichstring was not out to an unwelcome visitor to that gathering. Old man Winter was denied entrance to that intimate little scene so pregnant with reverence and festive jollity.

Appropriate for that and all other such occasions was the gay, brightly lighted Christmas tree, around which gathered clusters of children patiently waiting for a turn to tell Old Santa their one little secret.

However, one little boy hung in the background. Tears streamed down his round, red cheeks; much as he wanted to be visited on Christmas morning he was afraid of the bearded gentleman in the fur-trimmed coat.

Soon Harmony
But all was soon harmony because that grand old gentleman from the North Pole never forgets even the least of his faithful following, and in a short time he had the little fellow laughing and bounding on his knee.

Following the entertainment for the children, people began to trickle into the pews along the aisle, and presently the little country church was full of visitors and members.

Families, large and small, came in groups, many bringing with them servicemen on leave for a few days.



OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS TREE. Members of the children's Sunday School class at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Holiness Church pose with Santa Claus around the tree at the church's Christmas celebration Sunday night. In addition to the "tree," a pageant entitled "The Rider of The World" was presented. (Reflector Photo by Jess Poindexter.)

who were returning again to the scenes of their youth at Christmas time. Here and there a brother, widely traveled and home again for one Christmas after many years.

Many Present
Aged persons by the score were present. Many in the closing years of a long life brought with them grandchildren, babies who have their whole life before them. And doubtless in years to come that scene will be re-enacted, with those same grandchildren entering on canes — bringing grandchildren yet

to be born with them to see some future program.

The program for the evening, as presented by members of the Sunday School, was a Christmas pageant entitled "The Rider of The World." It was enthusiastically received by the visiting audience.

The Free Will Baptist Church at Black Jack currently has a total membership of 173. It was originated

in 1932 with 23 charter members, and the present building was erected in 1936.

Pastor of the church at the present time is Rev. W. R. Kennedy. Van Mills is superintendent of the Sunday School, and secretary-treasurer is Ervin Mills. Trustees of the church are David E. Haddock, "Nemzar" Boyd and Jimmie Dixon.

Despite Hints, Warnings, American Male Surprised

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK (UPI)—Hints from wives and lures from department stores fail to tempt most husbands into Christmas shopping early.

Men get the kindest treatment from women's stores, including "For Men Only" departments and free cocktails or coffee and cushioned chairs. That begins early in December.

One Fifth Avenue store admits its male haven is remarkably uncluttered until the last few days. Then the men flock in wearing a do-or-die expression.

Personal shoppers in another department store say the percentage of husbands seeking help jumps astronomically in the last 48 hours before Christmas Eve.

There's the light-hearted type who orders a fancy black nightgown because he forgot to write down the items his wife mentioned early in December. (She really wanted a new lamp for the living room).

Then there's the worrier who plods remorsefully behind the personal shopper past show cases containing everything from perfume to kitchen knives. He wants the perfect gift — not so expensive that his wife will worry but something so luxurious she'll feel like a bride.

"We try suggesting perfume for a man like this, but he looks at everything before he'll decide," sighed a rose-wearing personal shopper.

The saddest fellow is the one who arrives at the lingerie coun-

ter clutching a frayed scrap of paper with his wife's dress size written in fading ink. He saw a robe in the window and decided his gift problem was solved. The store's out of his wife's size.

"Usually the last minute shoppers spend more for their gifts, so maybe the wives benefit after all," a model in a For Men Only department said philosophically.

For the benefit of the men still left clutching their gift lists, here are a few suggestions that won't break the budget but should appeal to the women.

Costume jewelry: like neckties for men, jewelry is something few women have too much of. And there are no sizes to worry about. One of the new multi-strand collar necklaces or a wide cuff bracelet would show you were hip to fashions. She'd never dream you grabbed it off the counter at the last minute.

Belts: maybe it sounds silly to men who figure two leather belts make a wardrobe, but a handsome belt can make a dress over for a woman. A contour belt with gold or silver medallion trim should delight any young women, especially if her waistline's slim.

Sweaters: She doesn't need to have sweater girl proportions to appreciate a cashmere cardigan for wearing on cool evenings.

Gift certificates: after struggling through the crowds to buy gifts for the family before the holidays, she'll be delighted to buy a prepaid gift for herself after Christmas.



NOEL

Friendship... a precious possession the year 'round is especially appreciated at Christmastime. To our many loyal friends we wish a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness.

Security Life & Trust Co.

JAKE HADLEY, General Agent
W. M. SCALES, JR., Special Agent



May yours be a
Merry Christmas

Just as simple, straightforward friendship is a fine relationship — there is no finer way to say what we feel than is expressed in these simple, straightforward words: "Merry Christmas!"

BLOUNT-HARVEY

Social and Personal

All items for this page received after 10 a. m. will be published the following day. Dial 3356-9 a. m. to Noon; 1 to 4:30 p. m.

Dr. Spruill Spain of Chapel Hill will arrive today to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spruill Spain.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collier and family of Waynesboro, Va. will spend Christmas with Mrs. B. S. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Warren and daughter Susan of Richmond arrived today to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Jack Edwards Jr. will leave Friday morning for a trip to New York.

Miss Nell Etheridge of Richmond will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. T. A. Etheridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hughes of Winston-Salem will arrive Friday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hughes' mother, Mrs. S. B. Tucker.

Friends of Mr. A. M. Lum will be glad to know that he is improving in Pitt Memorial Hospital but is still unable to have company.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Whiteley of Chattanooga, Tenn. are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Whiteley and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. West Jr. and little son Joe of Asheville are spending the holidays with Mr. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. West, on Library Street.

Mr. Fred Willetts of Wilmington will arrive today to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Messick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed W. Barnhill Jr. of Virginia Beach arrived Tuesday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Barnhill, 1907 E. Fourth Street.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Carraway of Norfolk, Va. announce the birth of a son, John Croom, on Sunday, December 7, at Lee Memorial Hospital, Norfolk.

Mrs. Carraway is the former Miss Elizabeth Croom of Robersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wilson announce the birth of a daughter on Tuesday, December 16, at Martin General Hospital in Williamston. Mrs. Wilson is the former Miss Susie Ward Ausborn of Robersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Langley announce the birth of a daughter, Anita Rae, at Martin General Hospital, Williamston.

Mrs. Langley is the former Miss Corinne Smith of Robersonville.

A single dandelion plant may produce and distribute as many as 12,000 seeds in a year.

Rector Returns To St. Paul's

Dr. W. I. Wolverton, rector of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, has returned from Bethesda Naval Hospital and has resumed his duties with the church.

The regular Christmas Eve midnight service will be held at the church with Dr. Wolverton in charge.

Taylor-Curd

The marriage of Mrs. Gladys Moore Curd to William Clarence Taylor of Robersonville took place Friday, December 19, in Williamston with the Rev. Melvin officiating.

Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Mrs. Emily Moore of Robersonville.

In India, a single banyan tree, with its branches which grow downward and take root, may cover as many as seven acres.



"DEAR SANTA, I WANT A" — Is the typical salutation placed on many of the thousands of letters which have been written to St. Nick this year. Barry Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Hudson, 1100 Dickinson Avenue, ponders just what he wants Santa to include in his pack for delivery on Christmas Night. (Reflector Photo by Roy Hardee)

Christmas Pageant And Tree At Dilda Church

FOUNTAIN—"Ye Shall Find a Babe," a Christmas pageant, was presented Friday night at the Dilda Grove Free Will Baptist Church in addition to a Christmas Tree program.

The pageant was an annual program and opened with a chorus singing, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." The taking part in the pageant were the following: Christine Moore, reader; James Cobb, Curtis Owens, Fay Dilda, W. B. Corbett, Louise Jones, Darlene Owens, nn Cobb, Edna Braddy, Doris Letchworth, Jerry Owens, Alvin Lee Letchworth, Fanny Moore, Travis Goff, Carolyn Cobb, Mary W. Owens, Carol Wooten, Glenda Hines, Phyllis Wooten, Joyce Baker and Jean Wooten.

The chorus was made up of Mrs. Marie Johnson, Rose Johnson, Mrs. Henry Hinson, Mrs. Archie Horton, Mrs. Willie Cobb, and Gerline Moore. They were accompanied by Mrs. Fred Whitley, Jr. at the piano.

Taking part in the Christmas Tree program were the following: beginners in the Sunday School class; Bennett Dilda, Johnnie Rurel Dilda, Ray Corbett, Elaine Whitley, Brenda Goff, Claudia Corbett, Lynette Wooten, Bobby Corbett and Van Letchworth.

Primary school students taking part in the tree program were: Bobby Brown, Bobby Cobb, Woodie Wooten, Glenn Corbett, Danna Bruce Wooten, Carolyn Faye Cobb, Susie Gold Letchworth and Ernestine Cobb.

The program was closed with a prayer by Rev. W. L. Paythress, pastor of the church.

Another Erwin In N.C. School

WINSTON-SALEM (AP)—A familiar name in North Carolina educational circles will be added to the roster of teachers in the Forsyth County system after the Christmas holidays.

Clyde Erwin, Jr., son of the late state superintendent of public instruction, has been accepted to fill the post of agriculture teacher at Kernersville school.

Institutions Will Feature Special Holiday Dinners

Lonesome prison cell blocks and the bleak atmosphere that covers inmates confined within the walls of three county institutions will be brightened Christmas Day.

For many confined in the Pitt County Jail or the State Prison Camp, located near here, a Christmas dinner "almost as good as one at home" was in the offing.

According to word from the County Jail, W. G. Leggett, all "guests" of the county on Christmas Day will be treated to a piping hot meal with either chicken or turkey as the menu's entree. All of the meal will be prepared in the jail's kitchen with prison labor, and under the ever-watchful eyes of Leggett.

For the more than 100 prisoners behind the wire fences of the State Prison Camp, the yuletide fare will be featuring turkey, spare ribs and backbone, dressing, potatoes, candied yams, cranberry sauce, assorted pies and cakes and coffee. Captain Paul Crawford, camp superintendent, says 100 pounds of turkeys raised on the farm at the camp were slaughtered for the holidays. All of the fare was produced on

the camp's farm by the prisoners. Additionally, religious services will be probably held. As a rule, a representation from the Salvation Army holds holiday services for the men.

But more important, in the eyes of most of the inmates, is the fact that visitors' day will be observed on Christmas. Visiting will be allowed between the hours of one and four o'clock.

At the third Pitt institution, the County Home, the traditional turkey or chicken will be the main item on the holiday menu, with the usual trimmings to round out the dinner.

Monday's Cases In Police Court

By CHESTER WALSH

In Police Court Monday, Judge Charles H. Wedbee disposed of an unusual docket.

Warren Lutton, 1203, Dickinson Avenue, was given six months on the roads for possession of non-tax-paid whiskey. Sentence was suspended on condition that he leave the state for two years and not visit or return to the premises now occupied by Mrs. Elmer Cox, 1203 Dickinson Avenue.

The court gave Lutton six months on the roads for vagrancy, sentence to be served concurrently with the above sentence.

For operating a bawdy house Lutton was given 12 months on the roads, sentence to be served consecutively with above sentence. The court ruled that this sentence would be suspended on condition that Lutton leave the State of North Carolina for two years.

David P. Barrow and Alma B. Stancil, fornication and adultery at 1203 Dickinson Avenue. For Barrow, six months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs deducted. He is to remain of good behavior for two years and not visit the premises of 1203 Dickinson Avenue for any purpose.

Alma B. Stancil, six months in jail. The case against Mary Lee Koonce, possession of non-tax paid whiskey, not pressed with leave.

Alma B. Stancil, drunk and public nuisance, six months in jail.

Emmett H. Hunter, drunk, \$10; disorderly conduct, \$5 on court costs and \$35 to Paul Nixon, of the Dixie Lunch Cafe. Hunter also was ordered to pay to the Dixie Lunch Cafe \$45 for damage to personal property.

Marion Knott Williams, non-support, six months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$50 for support of his family before release and he is to pay into the court \$15 a week for support of his family. Judge Wedbee placed Williams on probation for two years.

Possession of non-tax paid whiskey: Hazel Mayo, Negro, \$25, costs deducted; James Edward Fleming, Negro, not guilty.

Possession of non-tax paid whiskey for purpose of sale, William Barrett, Negro, six months on the roads. He appealed. Ella Ruth Barrett, \$50, costs deducted.

Robert Smith, Negro, driving drunk, six months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs, and he is not to drive a motor vehicle for a year. For hit and run driving Smith was given six months.

suspended on condition that he or 30 days in jail; Otis Hawkins, make restitution for property damage, Negro, \$10; James Anderson, \$20, age.

Drunk: Charles Wilks, Negro, \$10 costs deducted.

Those new glasses

...from Ridgeway's, with that new Fall outfit, really gets the "nod."

Ridgeway's

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May every colorful ball on your Christmas Tree...every sparkling length of tinsel, reflect the joy and glad spirit that we wish to be yours this Christmas. And may the brightness of your Yuletide continue to be reflected throughout the New Year.

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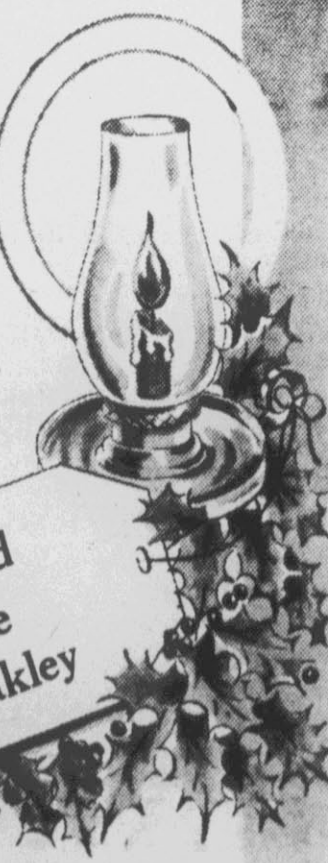
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Godfrey Oakley

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May God bless each one of you.



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A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS to ALL

As the joyous songs of Christmastide ring out again, telling the happy story of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" we extend the Season's greetings to our many friends. May your Christmas be one of contentment and good cheer. May the New Year bring you a full measure of happiness and good fortune.

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Strength for the Day

WHEN CHRISTMAS?
We are not certain at just what date December 25 came to be considered as the birthday of our Lord. The great Chrysostom, about the year 400, declared that this date was known in the Church from the beginning. The earliest record we have is from a writing dated about A.D. 180, which quotes the Gauls as saying that they celebrated the birth of the Lord on December 25 and indicates that this was a long-observed practice.

We can assume with a considerable degree of certainty that the date we now observe as the birthday of our Lord has the backing of such ancient tradition and that it certainly must represent a conviction which, as Chrysostom declared, came down from the earliest days. The Puritans rejected any celebration of Christmas, but today every branch of the Christian Church celebrates this festival and celebrates it with joy.

As the carols begin to ring out from Church choir lofts, along the streets, over radio and TV, a new lift to the human spirit seems to take place. This is one time when enemies are forgotten.
"Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King."

Seek Now The True Spirit Of Christmas

Another Christmas season is at hand when men look once more to the Babe of Bethlehem . . . and to the humble stable in which He was born.

Once more men stop in the whirl of daily life to pay homage to the Savior, the Creator, the Preserver of all mankind.

At this Christmas season may we seek the true spirit of the First Christmas. May we find the true meaning, the real joy of Christmas — not in what we receive, but in what we give to others. May we find the genuine meaning in humbleness of heart, in re-dedication to the Lord of Christmas, to the Light of the World.

On the First Christmas the brilliant star shown over the lowly stable of Bethlehem. On this Christmas the reflection of the star in the East still shines forth from the hearts of millions of men. From the hearts of millions of others there is no reflection of the light of the First Christmas. To many individuals, to many nations, the true spirit of Christmas has been lost.

This year as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, may the people of the land grasp the true meaning of the season. May hearts be filled with humility, with praise and with unfeigned giving.

Let not our heads be turned by the lights of worldliness and commercialism from the Light of Christmas. Only in the Light of the Lord and the brilliance of His great gift of everlasting life is there true joy of Christmas.

At Christmas, 1952, the world needs its Prince of Peace as urgently as it ever has. The Christ Child stands and knocks at the door of every heart in this season. Will He be received with joy and thanksgiving, or will there be no room for him in the hearts as there was no room for Him at the inn in Bethlehem?

The upturned face of the little child bespeaks the joy of Christmas. The solemn prayer of the aged joins the chorus of angels in the praise of the Babe of Bethlehem.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Merry Christmas To You And Yours

At this Christmas season, The Daily Reflector takes this opportunity to express to each of its subscribers, advertisers and friends throughout Pitt and surrounding counties its sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas and health and happiness during the coming year.

During the past 12 months, we here at The Reflector have endeavored to improve Pitt County's home newspaper to make it more interesting, more informative and of greater service to the people of this area.

Looking back over the past year, we

are aware of many shortcomings. At the same time we are not without the feeling of accomplishment. During the past year Pitt County has made great strides of progress, and the 30-odd members of The Reflector family have sought to keep the newspaper abreast of the progress of the county.

The Reflector has had its difficulties, it has had its trying days and weeks during the past year just as every other business and institution in Pitt County. Yet, day by day we have striven to produce a good edition for the people of the county.

Day by day we have been keenly aware that the improvements and the accomplishments of The Reflector during the past 12 months could not have been consummated by the efforts alone of those whose daily tasks consist of putting out a newspaper. We have had the cooperation and support of thousands of people throughout Pitt County and for that we are indeed grateful. For that we express our sincere gratitude.

We wish for every family of Pitt County God's blessings during this Christmas season and throughout 1953.

International Whirligig

By JOHN FISHER
The defeat in the United Nations of the Arab demand for a resumption of talks about the independence of Tunisia does not mean that the problem of French North Africa is settled.

Attempts will be made in subsequent U.N. meetings to dump the hot potatoes of Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco on the diplomatic table. In the Northern fringe of the Dark Continent violence is likely to continue.

Arab nationalists and Communists intend to keep up agitation and action to plague France—at home and in the colonies. And Moscow will try to offset this past week's NATO decisions made in Paris.

Beware of snap judgments as to the rights and wrongs in the French colonial case. Convincing arguments can be made by both sides in the long, long controversy.

Regardless of the colonial question, the fact is obvious that Stalin is doing his best to harass the French Government and to take advantage of its weaknesses wherever they appear, from Indo-China to the pavements of Paris.

A most disturbing explanation of the recent execution of Czechoslovakian Jews, once high in the Red hierarchy, is that Moscow is employing anti-Semitism as a come-on to Arab states. The Kremlin's published sympathy in the rioting and bloodshed in Morocco and earlier in Tunisia also is another lure to the Arab states.

The melancholy history, the distress of the people, the age-old fires of religious prejudice and other characteristics of North Africa create a happy hunting ground for Communist hell-raisers.

Morocco, isolated behind the Atlas mountains, is the homeland of Berbers, with a long tradition of individual independence. When the Turks conquered North Africa, they were unable to extend domination over this westernmost Moslem stronghold.

Algeria, the central state, has 125,000 square miles of surface area, of which less than one third, including forests is exploitable. One out of every eight persons is French, many of these "colonists" members of families that have lived there for years.

Tunisia, after Gibraltar, is the shortest approach from Europe to Africa. It is the most Moslem of the three states and the poorest in water supply. The area is about 48,000 square miles on which live 2,331,000 inhabitants of whom 240,000 are European.

Before the French came to North Africa the people suffered greatly from widespread plagues of typhus, malaria and other diseases. The food supply was so scanty that terrible famines ravaged the land. People lived in squalor, superstition and ignorance.

France brought civilization and modern material comforts. Its teachers educated bright youth. Naturally the French feel puzzled because the very young men whom they liberated from darkness through education and keep alive today through hygiene have now turned on their benefactors and are demanding full independence.

Although the French have developed these three backward countries, they are not yet a Garden of Eden. The principal problems are a birthrate that keeps ahead of food production and a lack of water that retards agricultural expansion.

French engineers have done much to ease the shortage. All the modern techniques are used, finding, piping, channeling, subterranean and surface water tapping of springs, boring of wells, building of dams and irrigation systems and reconstructing ancient Roman aqueducts.

It is doubtful that if left to themselves the North Africans could maintain their water systems and construct badly needed new ones. Should they be unable to do so, the country would slip back into the hunger and misery which it endured for centuries.

A similar reaction might occur in the building industries which French capital and brains are developing.

Nationalist movements have waxed and waned since the beginning of the century. In 1907 Sheikh Taaibi, first leader of pan-Islamic groups, demanded political power for his Tunisian followers.

At the end of World War I, Marxist zealots, spurred by Wilson's 14 Points and by the success of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution, also were agitating for self-government. The current Desour (Nationalist) parties had their beginnings in 1920.

Local nationalist leaders in turn have been prodded by Red agitators, or have used the Red threat as a bogymen to scare the world. For example, on a recent New York visit, Habib Bourguiba, boss of the Neo-Destours, declared, "If the French don't get out of Tunisia we will turn Communist." He hinted that his crowd could then wreck the North African defense system in which American air bases are such an important part.

Communist publications and radio broadcasts are flooded into the area, all magnifying police action as "massacres" and urging Arab peoples to toss out the French and American "imperialist warmongers."

The same instigation to revolt that crops up in Iran, Indo-China and Malaya appears. Yet the Russian hypocrites, who are exploiting nationalism in the colonial lands are deporting or executing those in European captive countries that exhibit the least sign of nationalism.

Such is the nature of hydra-headed Communism which now is bedeviling France and her dependents.

NEW CANAAN CONN. ADVERTISER: Today the free world stands in fear of a force which in place of moral value would substitute a creed based upon materialism. In place of freedom and the dignity of the individual it offers only enslavement of the mind of its followers.

Selected Short

Get Set For "Saucer" Reports Tonight

MYSTERIOUS AIRCRAFT SIGHTED OVER STATE

Jets Give Chase; Quickly Outdistanced

"OPTICAL ILLUSION," SAYS SCIENTIST; "NATURAL PHENOMENON," SAYS METEOROLOGIST

"I Saw Little Man" - EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

Air Force Denies Knowledge of Strange Craft

Simultaneous Reports From Many States

MAY HAVE BEEN METEOR, BELIEVES ASTRONOMER

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Somebody Told Me

By I. J. (Jack) EDWARDS, JR.
The most novel Christmas card I have seen was sent by the J. B. Kittrell Jr. and consisted of a jigsaw puzzle that is mailed in a cloth bag. Assembled, the puzzle becomes a holiday greeting.

It all started with Greenville's elegant Santa Claus parade. Then the Christmas songs took over. The pick of this year's new songs is "Willie Claus" for it gives you a touching Christmas story along with a catchy tune. The story explains that Santa Claus is sick on Christmas Eve and it looks as if the children are about to be neglected.

But Santa's son, Willie, realizes the situation, slips out the back door, hooks up the sleigh and takes off into the night. When he returns after visiting all of the children in the land his sack is empty except for two packages: one marked for Santa Claus and one for Mama Claus.

In community service, the Junior Chamber of Commerce takes the vote for helping the needy with their program Thursday night. In case you missed it, you should never miss another. Local talent and personalities were on hand at Radio Station WGTC to answer the telephone requests of anyone who would give food, money or clothing to needy families for Christmas.

Around Capitol Square

By LYNN NISBET
CHRISTMAS — It is Christmas. And Christmas is the "different" season. Observance of Christmas implies recognition of the Babe of Bethlehem and the Man of Galilee into whom that baby grew. Methods of observance vary widely — as widely as the diverse dispositions of the Earth's nearly three billion persons. There is a common meeting ground for all because when the calendar changes next week every nation — whether nominally Christian, or Jew, or Moslem, or Pagan — pays homage to the person who made Bethlehem and Galilee the most important spots on the geographic and historic maps of the world.

EMPHASIS — This is primarily the season of emphasis. Men and women of good will strive harder than usual to bring cheer and happiness into the world. The Scrooge types must exert more than normal effort to resist these influences. The more obviously positive resistance is perhaps the greatest, although unconscious and not intended, tribute to the potency of the real spirit of Christmas.

SURCEASE — This is the season, too, when most people unconsciously emphasize their slave to selfishness. It is the time of escape in personal activities. Even the turbulence of the days immediately preceding and the hectic activities of the holiday season testify to the different attitude. Much has been said in criticism of the commercialization of Christmas.

LONELINESS — Heart-hunger is much more prevalent, here and elsewhere. Perhaps with no more real reason than physical hunger. Important fact is that loneliness can be so easily relieved — and so cheaply. A cheery smile, a friendly handshake, even a casual kind of greeting, can do wonders to brighten the season for those who are lonely. Physical hunger is an attribute only of the very poor or the indolent. Heart hunger is common to all classes and is probably more prevalent among the

What Other Papers Are Thinking

"BANG! BANG!" (Rocky Mount Telegram)
A ceasefire will soon bring peace and tranquility again to America's wooded hills and plains, so shattered by shot and shell. The deer season ends January 1.

In sections of New England, Pennsylvania, and Michigan as well as in other areas where deer abound, the slaughter has gone on unabated. We have it on good authority that in one or two places more hunters were killed than deer. During certain weeks over the country, killings and casualties among deer hunters exceeded the bloodshed in Korea.

In some places, during the height of the season, any moving twig was immediately blasted from all directions by trigger-happy deer-slayers. Infantry veterans of two World Wars have solemnly sworn that the cannonade in some woods is fiercer than anything they knew

during pitched battles with the enemy. The concentration of fire power is said to equal everything the Defense Department has been able to muster on the Korea firing line. That any hunter or any deer survives the season is either a miracle or a condemnation of American marksmanship.

This season of whistling buckshot has produced the usual number of macabre and tragic incidents. There was the case of the hunter coming out of the woods, carrying on his back the deer he had just killed. He hadn't taken ten steps before he was mistaken for a walking deer, shot five times and killed.

One little girl in Pennsylvania found herself under fire on several occasions as she walked to school along a country road. She decided to wave a white handkerchief, but noticed the buckshot hitting closer and closer. She suddenly realized that deer have

Business Today

By ELMER ROESSNER
Business must assume the offensive if it is to answer the criticisms of cynics and skeptics. Richard H. Rich, of Atlanta, president of the largest department store in the south, told a recent meeting of the Charlotte, N.C., Better Business Bureau.

The whole BBB movement, he said, is primarily defensive seeking to protect the public against the proper understanding of their obligations and do the necessary public relations job, the evidence would be so overwhelming on their side that "protection against abusive business practices would be very small and unimportant."

Public relations, he added, is not the hiring of a press agent but a way of life. For the businessman he said, this consists of creating conditions so that employees like their job, are proud of the company they represent and of the product they sell, of manifesting a good way of life in personal lives and in the discharge of civic responsibilities, and of displaying honorable conduct.

As an example of what he meant, Rich pointed out his store pioneered in shorter hours, low-cost food for employees, recreational facilities, profit sharing, medical care and establishing a credit union. Its credit department is operated on consideration of the individual customer rather than on rules. Goods are completely guaranteed. And, he noted, employees play a large part in the civic life of Atlanta and their ratio of voter registration is double that of the city.

"The slow itself must excel the setting in brilliance," he said. "The basic merchandising principals of high quality standards, guaranteed customer satisfaction, balanced seasonal stocks, truth in advertising, liberal and human credit policies are, too, a 'way of life' in business."

Many businesses, locally and elsewhere, are conducted on the same fine level that Rich advocates. But if every business was so operated, consumer confidence would be immeasurably greater. And that would pay off at the cash register.

SMALL CITIES FIND WHY THEY LOSE CUSTOMERS
The Michigan Retailers Association surveyed shoppers in 13 smaller cities and discovered the lost to larger cities were in women's coats and suits, furniture, men's clothing and women's better dresses.

Asked, "Why did you buy elsewhere?" shoppers have as most frequent reasons: lack of variety locally, prices too high, and too

HEATER: A copper-core automatic gas water heater for home use is being introduced by Trassler Copper Works, Inc., Mass. L.I., N.Y. It's claimed to be rust and corrosion-proof and to last at least 10 years.

QUICK: A tire chain which snaps on by a cable is being offered by Round Chain Co., Broadway and Henry, Cleveland 5, Ohio. It's claimed that anyone can put the chain on in just 60 seconds, without moving the car.

Hal Boyle's Column

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—Dear Santa, I hate to criticize an oldtimer, but you have been getting in a terrible rut the last few years. How about putting a little more originality in your gift list this season?

Why not surprise everybody by giving him something unexpected for a change, something to make him really remember you? Here are just a few offhand suggestions, for:

Bing Crosby — A new song entitled, "Green Christmas."

Jack Benny — A fortieth birthday.

John L. Lewis — An eyebrow pencil and an oil home heating unit.

The television industry — A fresh slogan, such as, "Old movies are still your best form of entertainment, and will have to be until the film people will sell us some new ones."

Secretary of State Dean Acheson — A letter of reference from Sen. Joe McCarthy.

Premier Messadeh of Iran — A crying towel.

The St. Louis Browns — A pennant — any pennant.

Dwight Eisenhower — A Republican visitor who doesn't want a job.

Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan — A combat command.

Winston Churchill — A tall drink from the fountain of youth. He should live forever.

Christine Jorgensen — Anonymity. She wants it most.

Harry S. Truman — A job as music critic of the Washington Post.

Ernest Hemingway — A Nobel prize in literature.

Joe Stalin — A copy of "How to Retire Gracefully."

Albert Einstein — A new universe to explore.

Marilyn Monroe — My phone number.

Rita Hayworth — Ditto.

Hopalong Cassidy — A jeep. His horse needs a rest.

Andre Vishinsky — A book on etiquette.

The United Nations — One day without problems.

Toots Shor — Sherman Billingsley.

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The Man in the Moon — A lady in the moon.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey — An autographed photo from Robert A. Taft.

Adlai E. Stevenson — A White House postcard from Ike saying, "Wish you were here."

Margaret Truman — A contract with the Metropolitan Opera.

much sales pressure.

BABIES PUT TO WORK
Remember those babies with the amusing expressions and the bright, sophisticated remarks attributed to them in books and newspaper features? They have shown up again, this time on collection stickers which companies can attach to bills and statements. One showing a wistful baby bears the words, "Maybe you've forgotten us." One with a smiling youngster: "You'd feel good, too, if you would pay this bill now." A naked child: "A little behind 80 are you. How about your check to cover." They are printed by Alter Hollander Co., New York 51, N.Y.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION
MAY BE SALES AID
"Housing Research No. 4," just issued by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, may be useful to dealers in food waste disposal units. One article which showed that water usage is not large, drains rarely clogged, and that effects on drainage systems are inconsequential. The publication is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D.C. for 30 cents.

INTERESTING IF NOT SIGNIFICANT
A financial column is about to blossom in "The Bowery News." It will be by Albert Harris, an investment counselor. The OPS has decontrolled custom-built electric organs. While 68 per cent of the business polled by "Purchasing" said they had up direct benefits from NPA Industry Advisory Committees, 59 per cent favored their continuance. Dutch bulb sales in the United States were 50 per cent higher than a year ago. But international trade in lentils in 1951 were 48 per cent under pre-war averages. When customers fail to renew subscriptions to "Gentry," the magazine mails them their address stencil and an envelope with which to mail it back with a renewal. Denver is to get its first skyscraper, a 22-story office building across from the Brown Palace Hotel.

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WASHINGTON LETTER
BY JANE EADS
WASHINGTON — Dog-lovers were as pleased as Republicans when Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected President. They knew that one again dogs would capture the spotlight as White House pets.

Ike has been presented with a Labrador retriever by the Port Fortune Kennels at Osterville, Mass. Called "Mic Mac," it was named for a "famous warrior tribe of that neck of the woods," according to Daisy Miller, an all-breed dog authority and editor of "Little Dogs," a monthly magazine for 16 toy breeds.

It was at Mrs. Miller's suggestion that Mamie Eisenhower was presented with a vivacious pair of elegant little dogs by the Papillon Club of America. They have the distinction of being the first toy dogs to enter the Executive Mansion.

"Mamie was as excited as a child presented with a stick of striped candy," Mrs. Miller told me, adding that she herself picked out the dogs. "It's a great trick to pick the right dog for the right person. You couldn't give Mamie a poodle. She's going to be the busiest woman in Washington. Poodles have to be groomed constantly. You couldn't give her a Pekinese. She'd have to hire a full-time maid to take care of it."

The Papillon is lightly clothed, Mrs. Miller points out, "just enough coat to take the curse off of being naked." Grooming? "There's no grooming." The dogs are Ember of Pinguery, a tri-color, with black body and white and tan markings, and Ch. Mimosa of Dulceda, white with tan markings.

Dog authorities point out that of the 32 Presidents from Washington to Truman, 21 were dog owners. "Washington had magnificent fox hounds, and Lafayette sent him more," Mrs. Miller said. "All the early Presidents had hounds or gun dogs of some kind. Some Presidents had whole flocks of dogs, including mongrels."

Lincoln is shown stroking a favorite hound at his side in the statue of him as The Hoosier Youth" in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Theodore Roosevelt and the members of his family each had a dog. Hoover had several dogs, including an Irish wolfhound.

Wife and Harding owned airedales, and Coolidge had a wire-haired terrier, a shepard with a fondness for coffee, and a white collie named Rob Roy. Franklin Roosevelt's lovable little black Scottie, Fala, which died not long ago, was the most publicized of all White House dogs.

City, And County Schools Staged Series Of Christmas Programs

Tableaux, Pageants, Carols And Plays In Yuletide Observance

By MURIEL SHOTWELL
Reflector Staff Writer

With Thanksgiving hardly over, thoughts turned to Christmas; especially in the schools of the city and county where preparations got underway for the holidays and annual programs which accompany the Yuletide season.

Most classrooms had Christmas trees, and just before school closed for Christmas, a small classroom party is held with refreshments and gifts.

But one of the most outstanding events around Christmas time is when the classrooms in the schools join together in one program which is usually open to the public. In most of these programs, Christmas music and the Nativity scene is featured.

Greenville Schools
Instead of the annual presentation of the "Messiah" by the Greenville High School Glee Club, the chorus this year presented a program with the Dramateers of the school, and band quartets.

Three numbers were sung by the mixed chorus, and the double brass quartet played three numbers. The Dramateers presented a one-act play "A Sign Unto You". The mixed chorus was under the direction of Ona Shindler and the quartets were directed by James Rodgers. The program was arranged by Ward James and Donna Tabor.

C. M. Eppe School students presented "The Adoration" as its annual Christmas program. Both the Glee club and drama groups took part in the program which was divided into a prologue and five scenes, with costumed participants in the role of Biblical characters.

The program, featuring Christmas carols, ended with the "Hallelujah Chorus." The music was under

the direction of Mrs. S. L. Davenport and Mrs. E. B. Graves was in charge of the dramatics group.

West Greenville School's Christmas program was centered around the Christmas observances in foreign lands. The Nativity scene was staged by students in the elementary school was particularly outstanding.

Grifton and Ayden Schools

A cantata, "The Christ Child," was sung by members of the Grifton High School Glee Club in their annual program. The group also sang modern Christmas songs and English carols. Soloists were Mary Dawson, soprano, and Bill Burroughs, tenor.

A rhythm band presented four numbers, led by Josh Bob Vorthington. The Grammar Grade Glee Club sang three carols and an ensemble of eight singers from the high school performed. The latter group were composed of Mary Dawson, Shirley Spikes, Hilda Buck, Dawn Smith, Roger Harris, Bill Burroughs, J. R. Hooten and Preston Mills. Accompanists were Bette McCotter and Pat Stokes, Mrs. Paul Braxton was the director.

The Ayden High School Chorus and Band, under the direction of Mrs. Rosa J. Little and Don Hayes, presented "A Christmas Concert" as their observance of the season.

Twenty-two soprano voices, 19 alto, 14 tenors and 13 bass voices made up the chorus. The accompanist was Connie Lou Dunn.

Bethel School Program
"A Christmas Card" was featured by the choral groups of the Bethel School in their annual program.

A narrator introduced the series of music and tableaux saying, "It is Christmas Eve, and the chimes in the village church soon will announce another anniversary of Christ's birth. Street lights turn the Christmas card snow scene into an etching of sparkling beauty."

"In contrast to the cold stillness outdoors, the fire in my grate crackles and pops in cheery warmth. Beside me is a miniature pyramid of Christmas cards which I have received from my friends."

"I look through them and review each cordial message."

And as the choir sang, an appropriate scene appeared in the enlarged frame set at the left of the stage. The high school chorus stood on the right wing of the stage, and the eighth grade and elementary chorus stood below the stage.

Eight scenes with accompanying songs were presented on the program which was under the direction of Louise Stewart.

Farmville School Activities

The second grade of the Farmville School presented a play, "Two Wishes In One," at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association, in which an open house was held.

The scene of the play was set in a forest, the day before Christmas. Costumed boys and girls took parts of an evergreen tree, a boy, a father, a girl, a rabbit, a squirrel, wood spirits, birds and spiders. The play was under the direction of Mrs. Sue Pope, Mrs. Myrtle Wooten and Mrs. Jean Williams.

The school's band and glee club presented a concert at the school last Sunday in which Christmas songs were sung and played. The band was under the direction of N. C. Maenhout and the chorus under the direction of Mrs. Williams.

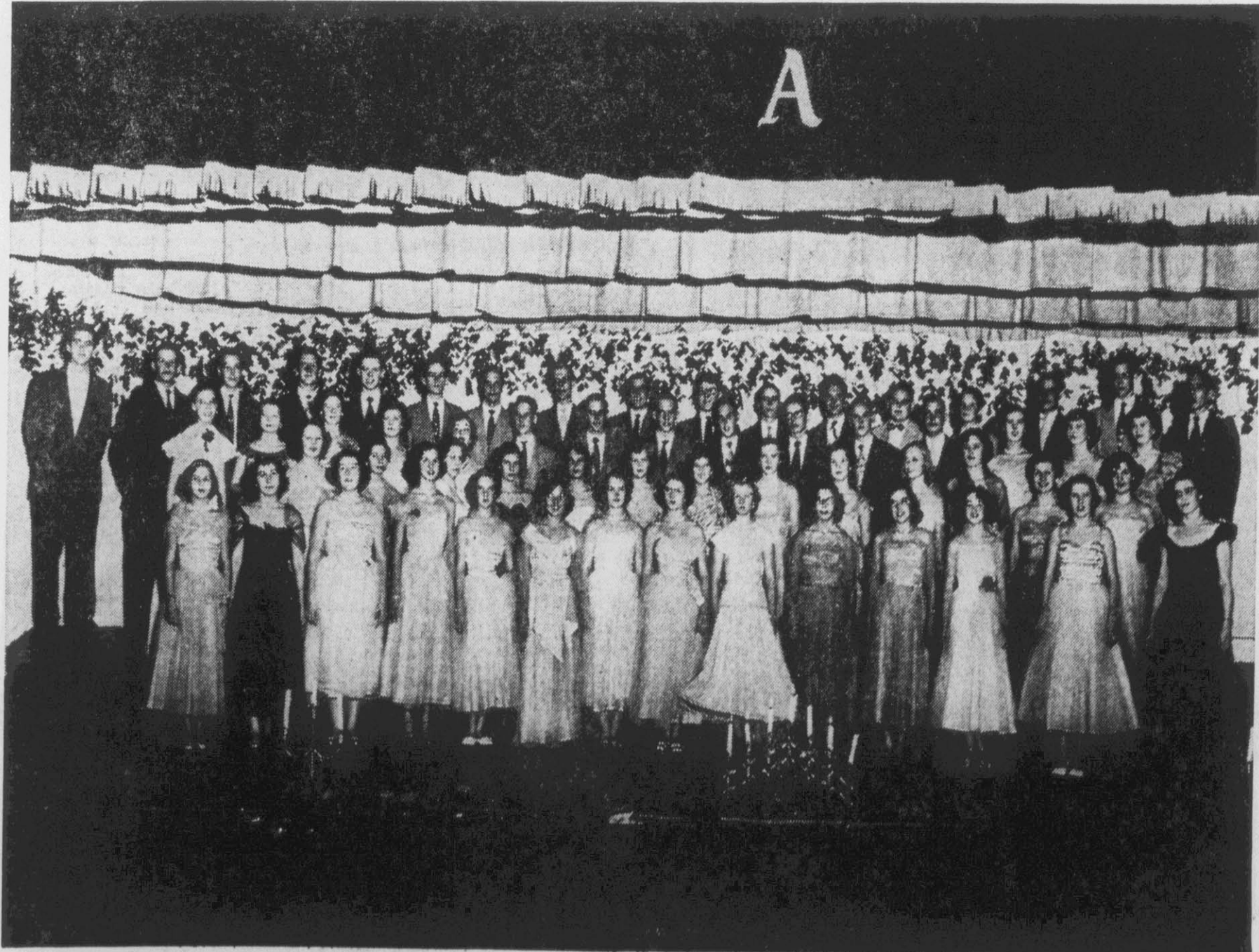
Almost all the schools in the city and county presented some form of Christmas program in the observance of Christmas before they were released for the holidays.



JOLLY OLD ST NICK—Santa Claus paid a visit to the Farmville School during their annual Christmas program. Telling Santa what she wants for Christmas and singing "Jolly Old St. Nick," is little Miss Phyllis Corbett.



IN BETHEL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—Members of the Bethel High School Mixed Chorus took part in the Christmas program, "A Christmas Card," with the eighth grade and elementary chorus groups. Bethel High School's program was one of many such Christmas programs held in the county schools last week.



SIXTY-EIGHT VOICES — Members of the Ayden High School Band and Chorus presented a "Christmas Concert" during the week preceding the holidays. The chorus, pictured above, was made up of 68 members. The concert presented by the two groups was one of many staged in the county and city schools in celebration of the Yuletide.



SCHOOL'S TREE—Training School students group around a Christmas tree in the school library which is decorated with many colored miniature booklets that show the number of books each student read this year. Pupils who read the most books, are: (standing, left to right) Catherine Moore, Grace Puryear and Burton Jenkins; kneeling by the tree is Betty Lee Carr, and reading a book is Martha Russell.



CHRISTMAS CARD — One of the Christmas Card scenes in the Bethel High School Christmas program was the manger scene. Students appeared in costumes depicting various Christmas scenes in a frame, representing a card. (Reflector Photo by Roy Hardee)



SCHOOL ROOM DECORATION — In addition to various programs held at the county schools, most rooms were decorated much as the one above, with Christmas tree and blackboard and wall decorations. Students in Mrs. Margaret Speight's fourth grade at the Farmville School decorated this tree and wall.

Most Sombre Christmas Of Many Years Saw 8 Killed

By JESS POINDEXTER
Reflector City Editor

Long ago in a far-distant country, wreathed in the rays of a mystic star, an event took place that was to light with an eternal gleam the pages of history.

The date of that memorable night nearly 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem has been celebrated through ensuing centuries as Christmas, on which day Christ of Judea entered the world of mortals.

And doubtless our Lord sanctifies and sanctifies Christmas as being a joyous commemoration of that birth — joyous in that it is a soul-inspiring expression of faith in His divine gift to mankind.

But, unfortunately, Christmas is not always a happy occasion. Although the day is named for the most joyous blessing ever bestowed upon the earth, it is oftentimes steeped in sorrow.

Yuletide Tragedy
And so it was for the citizens of Walnut Cove, N.C., on December 25, 1929, when there happened in that community probably the most pitifully horrible Yuletide tragedy in North Carolina's lengthy history.

The citizens of that small, rural town in the rolling foothills of the Piedmont near Winston-Salem, had finished their holiday dinners and were seated by warm firesides, when word came that Charlie B. Lawson had annihilated his whole family.

Natives of that sparsely-settled area availed themselves of every

conceivable conveyance — wagons, automobiles, buggies, carts, even afoot — and set out for the Lawson farm about four miles west of town.

Among the throng which surged over the winding paths and roads to the scene were Dr. B. J. Helsabeck, Stokes County coroner, and Sheriff J. J. Taylor. When the two officers reached the Lawson home a huge crowd had gathered, many spectators sobbing behind up-turned coat collars.

Gruesome Scene
A gruesome, heart-rending scene of homicidal destruction met official eyes as the two men entered the ill-fated residence. On the livingroom floor, amid scattered toys, dolls and gifts brought by Santa Claus that morning, lay five bodies — those of Lawson's wife and four of his seven children.

Their eyes were closed, and under each head — meticulously placed there by a careful hand — was a soft, feather pillow. Each pair of hands was folded limply across a lifeless breast, prepared as if for burial.

Coroner Helsabeck and Sheriff Taylor stared aghast at the most nerve-shattering scene of all — that of the body of a five-month-old baby girl, Mary Lawson. She had been clubbed to death, and her tiny, mutilated body rested with the others — a few feet from a new toy doll.

The remaining dead were: Mrs. Lawson, 38; Marie, 17; James, seven; and Raymond, five. It

appeared that Lawson had shot his wife and eldest daughter, and then clubbed the three younger ones to death. A shotgun, twisted and blood-stained, was found in the room.

Other Bodies
Approximately 500 yards from the house the bodies of two other daughters, Carrie, 13, and Maybelle, 10, were found in a tobacco barn. They too had been laid out with arms folded across each breast, and under each little head as if to reduce the winter chill of the hard-clay floor, was a folded piece of tow sack.

A short time later the body of Lawson was found nearly one-half mile from his home. The 43-year-old farmer had shot himself through the heart. In his pocket officers found a crumpled piece of soiled paper on which was written, "Blame nobody but I."

The only member of that unfortunate family to escape Lawson's enigmatic wrath and subsequent massacre of his defenseless wife and children was Arthur, a 19-year-old son. He had been visiting an uncle on that fatal afternoon, and returned to find a soul-searing scene of death.

Coroner Helsabeck summoned a coroner's jury, which quickly returned a verdict that Lawson slew his wife and children and took his own life in a fit of insanity.

Bereft Of Reason
Both officers agreed on the theory that Lawson, bereft of his reason, shot his wife as she held

their baby girl in her arms. They also agreed that he then killed his oldest daughter and beat the three youngest to death while Carrie and Maybelle fled the house in terror.

In reconstructing the crime, officers said that Lawson, enraged and violently wild, overtook and killed the two fleeing daughters and arranged their bodies in the tobacco barn. Afterwards, they stated he probably returned to the house and laid out the four bodies there. He then ran from the house and took his own life.

Coroner Helsabeck, who was also the Lawson family's regular physician, conducted an autopsy and expressed the opinion that the middle portion of the man's brain showed signs of degeneration, indicating a progressive type of insanity.

On December 27, two days after Lawson ran amok, the shocked and grief-stricken populace of Stokes County rallied to attend the mass burial of the entire family. The bodies were to be interred in Browder burying ground near the old settlement of Germanton.

Final Hour
Those in charge of the funeral waited until the final hour to decide whether the eight bodies were to be lowered into a single grave or buried separately. They finally settled on a single grave, and that cold, grim afternoon just before the turn of a new year, Charlie Lawson was laid to rest among the bodies of loved ones whom he had slain.

Capitol Square

Jobs to get into trouble, imposes tremendously greater burden upon the law enforcement officers — State highway patrolmen, county sheriffs and municipal police. For firemen and policemen the holiday period could be more properly termed a "horror day" time.

HUMANITARIAN — There is still another group for whom the holiday period offers as many hazards as pleasures. It is made up of preachers, doctors and nurses. Members of the engineering groups, lawyers and several other professions can pretty well schedule their activities. Medical folks, including general practitioners, specialists in surgery, dentistry, obstetrics, registered nurses and what have you, cannot plan their work in advance. Preachers can arrange public church services, but have no control

over pastoral demands. **CONSIDERATION** — So, while most of us are "taking Christmas" let us not forget the faithful folks who stand by to contribute to our happiness. The newsboy who delivers the daily paper and the men and women who made its publication possible; the soft voiced telephone girl who handles the call to distant relative or nearby neighbor; the policeman on the highway and the city beat; the driver of the bus or train or airplane; the nurse and the doctor, and on up to the bishop of the diocese, are sacrificing some of their Christmas to make ours more happy. The last we can do is to say "thank you"—and not gripe about service being a bit slower than we think it should be. Just because we are not working and are in a hurry to pack a lot of doings into the holiday time.

It is believed that some fossil sharks were as much as 90 feet long when living.

As is nearly always the case among those sturdy, clannish people — whose fireplaces are flanked with a banjo and a gun — a ballad came forth about the macabre tragedy that horrified Stokes County in the midst of its Christmas celebration.

Even today the words and music are widely sung. Boys who heard their fathers sing "The Tragedy of Charlie Lawson", and then tell about it, now sing it to their children. Those children will learn the song, grow to maturity . . . and, thus, the words and melody will go on, until someday you may hear:

Song Of Tragedy
" . . . It was one Christmas evening
When the snow was on the ground,
At a home in North Carolina
A murderer was found.

His name was Charlie Lawson
And he had a loving wife,
Nobody knows what caused him
To take his family's life.

They said he killed his wife at first
While the little ones did cry,
Please papa won't you spare our lives
For it is so hard to die.

But the raging man could not be stopped
And would not heed their call,
He kept on firing fatal shots
Until he killed them all.

But they did not carry him to jail
No lawyer did he pay,
His trial will be in another world
over pastoral demands.

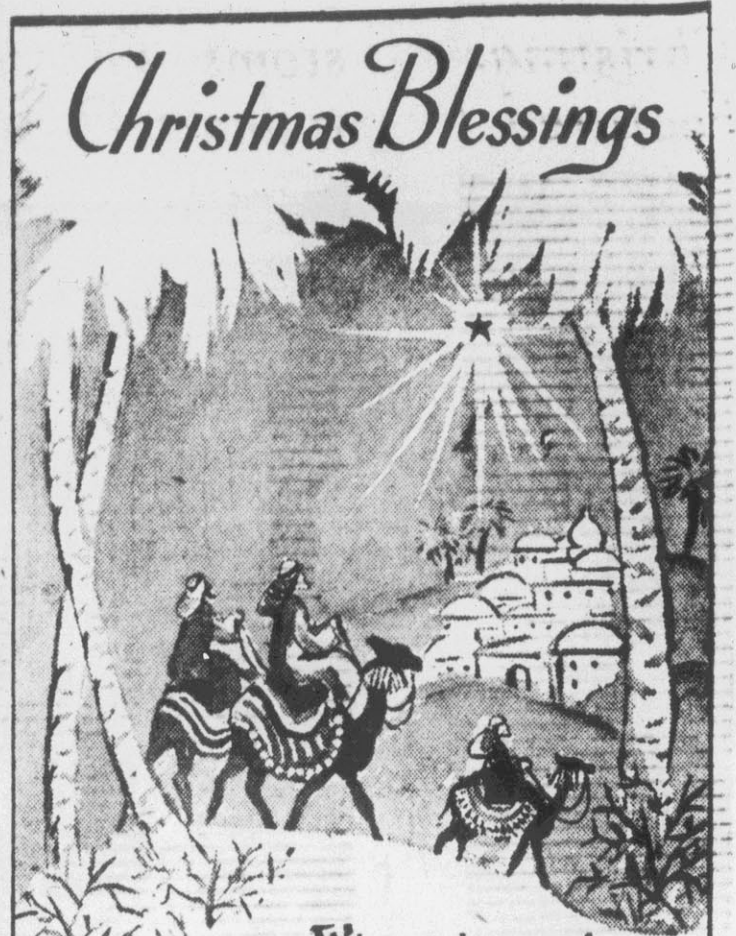
They all were buried in a crowded grave
While an angel watched from above,
Singing come home, come home my little ones
To the land of peace and love."

On that golden judgment day.



"COME HOME, MY LITTLE ONES." Browder "burying ground" near the old settlement of Germanton was scene of pathos and mass-sympathy that grim day in December, 1929. Icy winds whipped off the mountain to enfold with an infinite chill eight drab gray coffins that lined a single, open grave. Drifts of snow blanketed the Stokes County earth that wintry day after rites for Charlie B. Lawson and family. It was on Christmas Day that Lawson, incensed with enigmatic wrath slaughtered his wife and six children and then took his own life. (Artistic Illustration by Billy Arnold)

Christmas Blessings



Wherever the spirit of Christmas remains, there we find that peace and brotherly love can never be forced from the hearts of men.

A joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year to all!

Taff Office Equipment Co.

Merry Christmas

If we haven't had a chance to wish you a Merry Christmas personally, during the past few days, may we now say to each and every one of our friends and patrons,

"A Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year"

Cozart's Auto Supply

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the important day draws near and we wrap up your gift—we want to wish you—the finest Customer's we have ever had—A Very

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

Griffin's Bootery

"QUALITY WOOLWEAR"

A JOYOUS SEASON

With its message of hope and peace, the Christmas star shines again. May the joy in its radiant light be reflected in your heart throughout the New Year.

Hotel Proctor Barber Shop

Good wishes...

Like the gaily bedecked Christmas package, this greeting is filled with joyous thoughts of the Holiday. To all of our patrons and friends, we extend our sincerest gratitude, along with the wish that the coming year bring you bigger parcels of happiness and good cheer.

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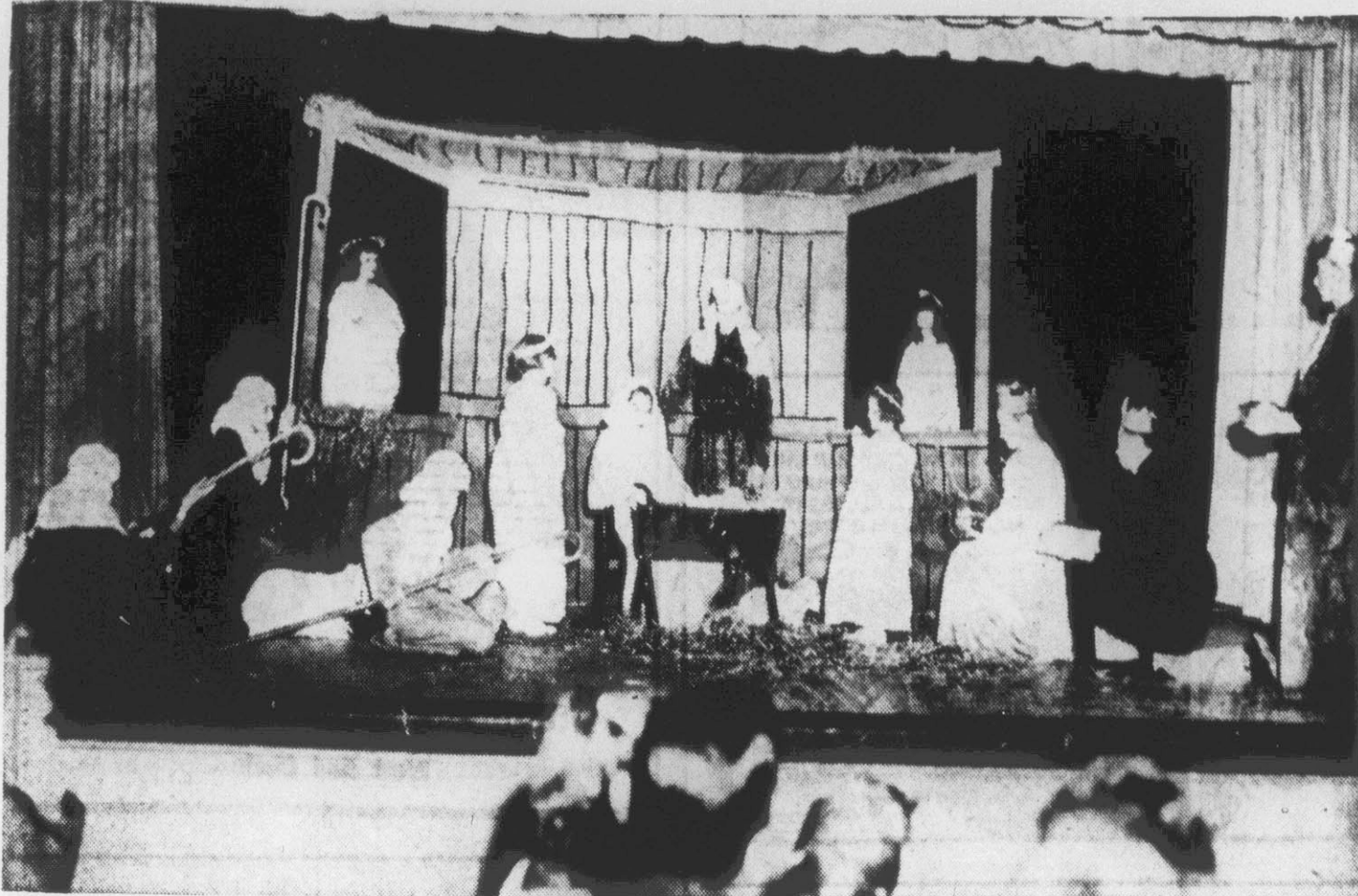
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Corner Dickinson Avenue and Eighth Street

Dial 2679

Christmas Customs Of Several Countries Were Featured By Students Of West Greenville School



MANGER SCENE—The seventh grades of West Greenville School portrayed the beauty of the Nativity in a program staged last week. The Christmas program was based on Christmas customs in several countries, and was presented at a meeting of the school's PTA. (Reflector Photo by C. L. Perkins, Jr.)

By MURIEL SHOTWELL
Reflector Staff Writer

Christmas customs in five countries were portrayed by students in one of the city's elementary schools through a presentation of "Christmas In Many Lands."

West Greenville School students presented "Christmas In Many Lands" at a PTA meeting held last week. The 60 children of the glee club, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Grey, marched into the school auditorium singing the Was-sail Song.

Traditional Christmas music from Mexico, Holland, Germany, England and Sweden was sung by the choral group as the Yuletide customs of past and present were viewed in tableau and pantomime. A colorful Mexican dance, followed by the breaking of the pinatas, was staged by the pupils of the third grade. The second grades portrayed the Dutch children who leave their wooden shoes filled with hay for Santa's reindeer, while in return for kindness he leaves a gift in each shoe.

The pupils of the fourth grades chose the customs of Germany and since the origin of the Christmas tree came from this country, the children decorated a graceful fir and their rhythmic dance depicted the swaying of the tree's branches.

Traveling to Scandinavia, the sixth grades presented Santa Lucia and her six sisters lighting the way with their candles from the past to the present as they sang, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," accompanied by the Glee Club.

As the music of the familiar carol, "Deck the Halls," began, the fifth grade presented some of the English customs which centered around the carolers and hauling in the Yule Log on Christmas Eve. Emblematic of the feast to follow, was the bear's head surrounded by fruit.

As the vested choir sang "Silent Night" and "O Holy Night," the Nativity was portrayed in tableaux by students of the seventh grades.

Those taking part were Caroline Jessup as Mary; Carson Heath as Joseph; Rodney Mills, Bobby Lancaster, and Robert Howell as the Three Wise Men; Billy Forrest, Ronald Warren and Bert Baker as the Shepherds; and Rebecca Parks, Donna Cane, Hope Taylor and Sylvia Yeomans as angels.

Narrators for the entire story were Joan Parks, Betty Lane Evans and Judy Farris. Solo parts were sung by Patsy Jones of the sixth grade and Betty Lane Evans of the seventh grade.

The dramatic parts of the program were under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Rose.

Yule Tree Business Figured in Millions

CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lakelands, is usually a balsam or spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

In place of eyelids, snakes have a hard, transparent covering for their eyes.

Although many types of insects produce silk, natural silk for making cloth is made exclusively from the cocoons of the mulberry silk moth.

Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

CHRISTMAS is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians.

All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem, which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.

Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow, and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white-robed acolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and finally, American-made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church—built above the Cave of the Nativity—is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church.

The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable," in biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve, members of all denominations assemble to sing carols above the birthplace of the Holy Child before midnight mass is solemnized in the Church of the Nativity.

The sirens of Greek mythology were supposed to be daughters of the sea god.

MERRY Christmas

Because Christmas time is reserved for very special greetings—we want to take this opportunity to thank our many patrons for their continued friendship and good-will... and add, too, in a great big measure—our sincere wishes that the spirit of the season may remain a lasting joy for you and yours throughout the coming New Year.

**Hendrix-Barnhill
Equipment Co.**

Come all ye faithful...

Christmas... what a hold it has on the hearts and imaginations of man! Its spirit puts a beauty and joy into our lives so we may carry good cheer and good will wherever we go. In this spirit of deep-down gladness we wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Dunn Building Supply Co.

Chestnut Street Extension

Dial 2964

Greenville, N. C.

Sincerest wishes...

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

**Pitt FCX
Service**



We say Merry Christmas to
all our friends and customers.

Mary Ann Soda Shop

FIVE POINTS



**SEASON'S
GREETINGS**

May Santa bring
you all the things
you want this
Christmas.

And here's the
hope that in
the coming New
Year you'll find
heaps of good
luck, good cheer,
and good health.

Dee's Clothing Store

CHRISTMAS TIME



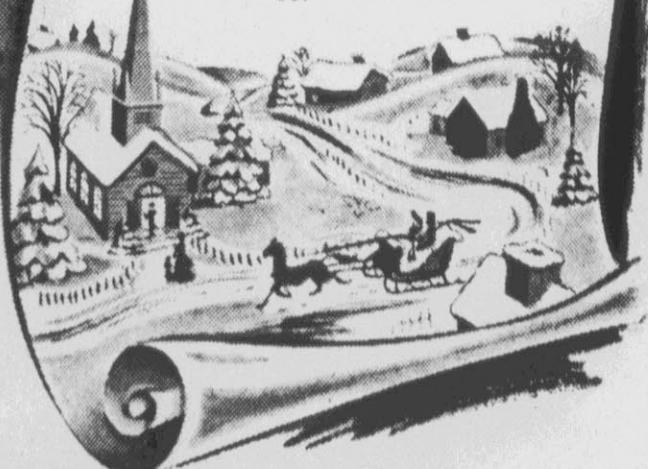
May you
enjoy all the
happiness that
comes to the young
in heart at Christmas Time!

Merit Shoes

421 Evans Street

A JOYFUL SEASON

The remembrance of friends is
one of the outstanding joys of Christmas.
No wonder then, that we get
such pleasure in the approach of the Holiday
season, with its all-pervading spirit of friendship
and good will. A Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year to all.



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CHRISTMAS**

From the place where you get

"The Honest Service You Expect"

Your Dealer for Philco, Kelvinator, Bendix, Duo-Therm

During these Holidays, through our outstanding line of appliances, we feel we are in some little way in
your home serving one of your most prominent needs, adding to your Holiday Season's Happiness.
We are grateful for your patronage and look forward to serving you through the year ahead.
May your New Year be filled with all good health and happiness.

APPLIANCE SALES & SPORTING GOODS CORP.

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"Installation and Service on All We Sell"

"The Cream of the Quality Brands"

509 EVANS ST.

Television and Electrical Appliances

GREETINGS

Happily, do we follow a
wonderful old custom of
wishing all our friends
a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.



Johnny Jones Furniture Co.

West End Circle



Peoples Bakery



Peace on Earth

Christmas is more
than a day or a season.
It's spirit lasts
forever with an
ever deeper, stronger
faith in "Peace —
Good Will — To all Men."

Merry Christmas to one and all.

J. Bryan Brown

Distributor Pure Oil Products

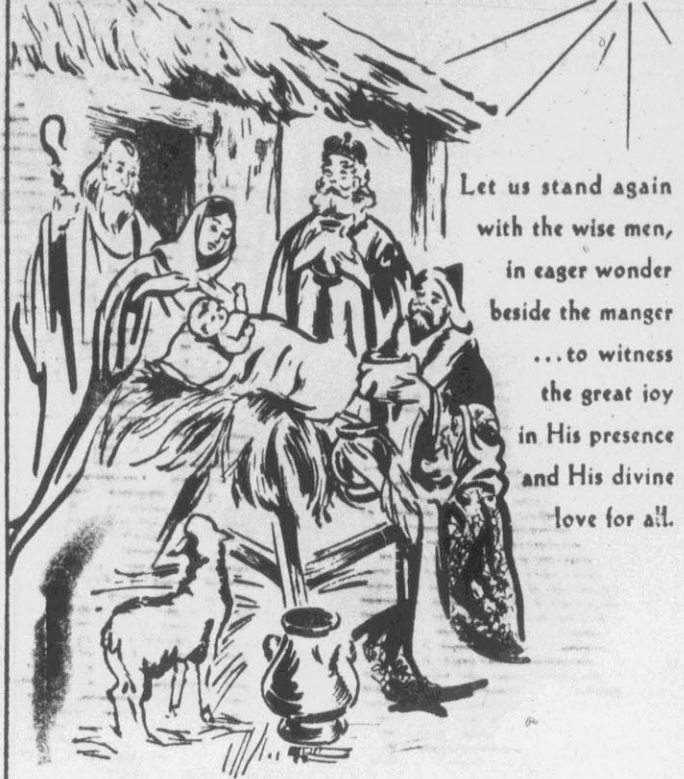


GREETINGS!

We wish that Santa brings to you all the
things you want most. And may you enjoy
the memories of Christmas happiness each
and every day of the New Year ahead.

Bell's Coal & Oil Co.

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS



Let us stand again
with the wise men,
in eager wonder
beside the manger
...to witness
the great joy
in His presence
and His divine
love for all.

Harrison's Drug Store

Fleming Family Moves In New Home



TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. Friends and neighbors of the John Fleming family are shown standing on the back porch of the new home, presented to the family yesterday. This group, and others like it in the Stokes community, worked a year to get the house ready for occupancy this Christmas. Inset is a picture of the completed house. Constructed at an approximate cost of \$6,000, it is the culmination of a dream for both the family and the givers.

By JESS POINDEXTER

Reflector City Editor

STOKES. Some folks may say derisively, "There just ain't no Santa Claus," but John and Ruth Fleming of Stokes will contest that point 'til their dying day.

And admittedly, a brand new house inclusive of much furniture is a mighty big Christmas present — but that's exactly what happened to the Flemings here this holiday.

However, in this case Santa Claus turned out to be the good people of Stokes — the tried and true friends and neighbors of the Fleming family who presented the couple and four children with a modern six-room house as a Christmas present.

"Housewarming"

The many dozens of Stokes citizens — both men and women — finished moving members of the little family in and turned over the key to them yesterday. The whole affair was climaxed last night with a gay "housewarming" attended by those who instigated the gift.

Ruth Fleming was simply carried away with the generosity of her neighbors. "I'm very happy and appreciative about everything," she said excitedly. "I know it's God's will, but in the hands of the same good people who have helped us survive all these years."

And no season could be more fitting for such a show of goodwill than Christmas, because it was almost a year ago to the day that the project was conceived in the minds of considerate, understanding friends.

Misfortune

The Fleming family had been plagued by one misfortune after another through the years — sickness, poverty and hardship — until at last the neighbors who had seen them bear up patiently under frequent setbacks decided to take steps to relieve the load.

The project to build them a house of their own began near Christmastime last year, when Mrs. J. A. Gilson of that community said she would deed John Fleming an acre of land as a gift if sympathetic neighbors would agree to build a house on it.

That act by Mrs. Gilson started the ball "rolling", so to speak, and within a few weeks quantities of saw timber, labor, building materials and funds had been donated. Work on the house began last Spring and progressed until time for planting crops.

Work Stoppage

The tobacco season caused a work stoppage that endured for several months, but this Fall, after the crops had been gathered, construction on the house began a

gain and did not cease until last weekend, when the project was completed.

Completion of the house was the culmination of a dream entertained by the community for more than a year, and is truly one of the most considerate, unselfish undertakings one could imagine. Yesterday workers even sawed several cords of firewood for the Flemings to burn throughout the remainder of the Winter.

And who is happy beyond words about the house? John and Ruth Fleming and four small boys, John Elton, 13, George Everett, 11, Eugene Carroll, seven, and Jerry Lynn, five. "Why, we're even going to have a Christmas tree this year," little Jerry Lynn said proudly.

Christmas Tree

A Christmas tree this year — indeed they're going to have a Christmas tree! Several ladies of the community were busy decorating the tree yesterday, and it even electric lights on it. This will

be a memorable Christmas for the Flemings.

Frank Roebuck of Stokes, spokesman for the group who worked late and long on the house, declared yesterday portions of the house were furnished with articles of furniture donated by various people about the community vitally interested in the project.

"Practically everyone in the community has contributed something toward the project at one time or another," Roebuck asserted. "After things got started it seemed like every time we wanted something, someone came through with exactly what we needed."

Happy Bustle

Yesterday was a scene of happy bustle and confusion around the "Fleming House," as trucks and cars filled the yard and lined the highway fronting the house.

ture, women industriously moving about inside arranging each room in order.

"This is the biggest and best Christmas present I ever had," John Fleming said quietly, as he watched his friends moving in and out of the house, "and one I'll never forget."

"It is undoubtedly the nicest thing that ever happened to me; I always wanted a home for Ruth and the kids, but after I was taken sick I thought it would never happen," he stated.

"My door will always be open to my neighbors who have done so much for us. I want to thank every person who worked on the house for their kindness... from the bottom of my heart."

And with a happy smile on her face, but with tears in her eyes, Ruth Fleming said chokedly, "God bless each and everyone who has helped us so much; not only this Christmas but each succeeding one."

A Christmas MESSAGE



May your Yuletide pleasure be a blend of the hearty, warm spirit of yesteryear and the joyous, thrilling, enjoyment of today.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

J. S. Willard

Insurance Agency

Greetings

It is so heartwarming to remember at Christmastime, friends whose faith and loyalty have always meant so much to us! Along with our greetings we send you every good wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respass Bros. Barbecue Stand

Folger Buick Co., Inc.

Christmas

May all the exciting joys of Christmas remain with you and your loved ones every day of the New Year.

Saslow's

Season's Greetings

May all the good cheer and pleasure that we wish to be yours this Christmas lead to a very happy New Year.

Cold Storage Inc.

Merry Christmas

Over the years, we've found no other way of saying the old wish more warmly than just "Merry Christmas To All Our Friends."

Scot. Motor Sales
Scott's Tire Service

At Christmas

May the warmth of the Yuletide spirit surround you and your loved ones throughout a bright and healthy New Year.

De. & Jean's Grocery
North Greene St.

Merry, merry Christmas

With a genuine appreciation of our pleasant relations, we extend to our many friends the greetings of the season with joy for Christmas and good luck for the New Year.

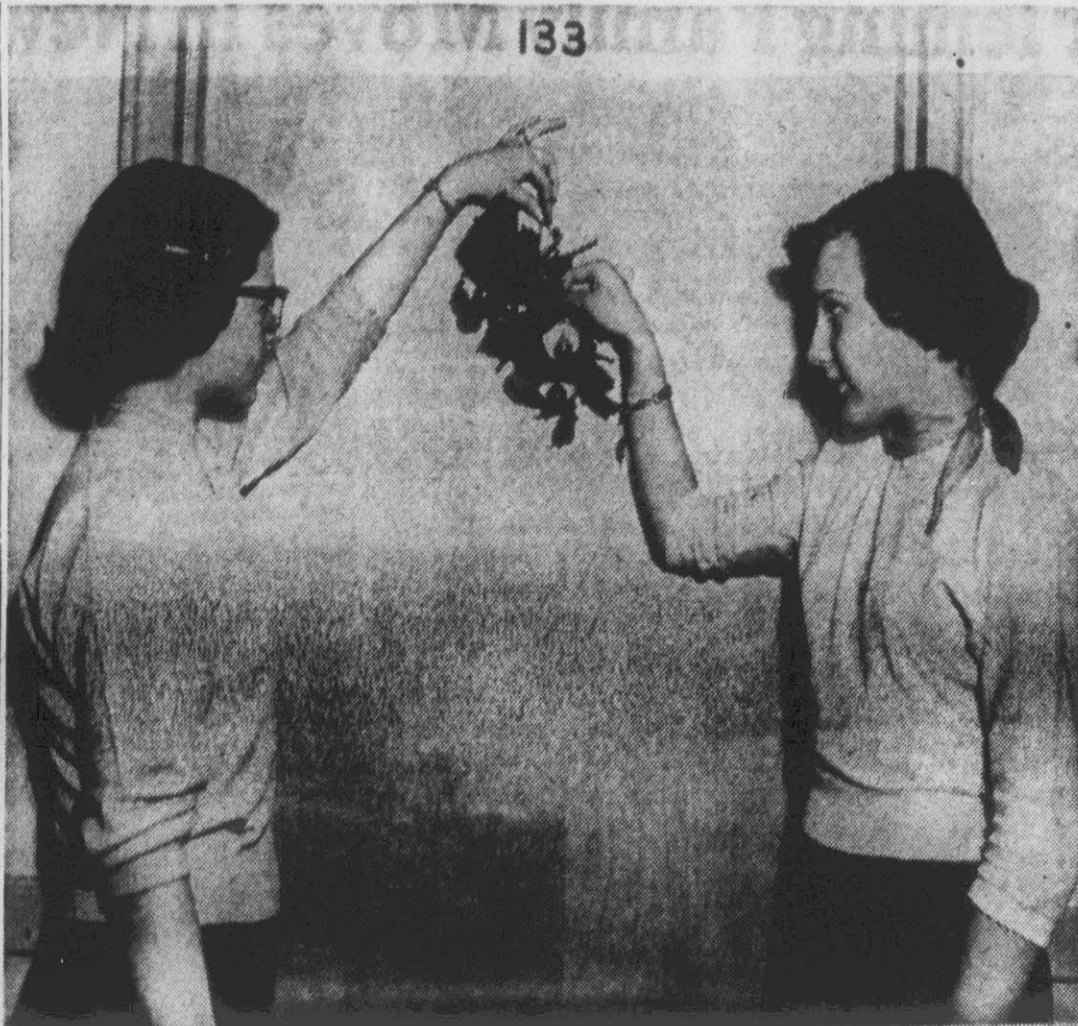
Stafford Oldsmobile Co.



GIRL SCOUTS HELP DECORATE—Girl Scout Troop One members are shown tying sprigs of holly on crepe paper bells they made to hang on all patients' rooms at Pitt Memorial Hospital. From left to right, are Josephine Hendrix, Sylvia Satterwalthe, Susie Pope, Mrs. Walter Harrington (helping the Scouts), Dora Pierce and Phyllis Faber.



TREE FOR HOSPITAL—Mrs. L. T. Shotwell and Mrs. Walter Harrington are shown decorating a Christmas tree in the lobby of Pitt Memorial Hospital. They are members of the Greenville Service League, which decorates the hospital each Christmas season.



DOORS ADORNED—Susie Pope and Josephine Hendrix hang one of the door decorations made by members of Girl Scout Troop One. The holly and 'ells are hung on all inside doors at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

They Helped Bring Yuletide Spirit To Hospital Patients

Not a Christmas passes that a member of some family is not confined to a hospital during the Christmas season, missing the festive atmosphere that is present in every home.

In order to make Christmas the same as it would be at home, patients at Pitt Memorial Hospital will have some of the advantages of a home at Christmastime. Turkey and "all the trimmings" will be served at the hospital Christmas Day. Christmas trees will sparkle with gay colors, and wreaths will deck the hospital doors.

Members of the hospital activities committee of the Greenville Service League began preparing Christmas trays for about the first of December. It took several meetings of the committee, amid needles, threads, and paints, to complete this Christmases' favors.

Covering the breakfast plate of patients at the hospital Christmas morning will be the result of several weeks' work by the committee. The plates will be covered with paper plates on which a Santa Claus face is painted and in the center of the face is a small ball of cotton, Santa's nose.

The committee has made 80 favors hoping to take care of every patient at the hospital. Five times during the year, the committee, which is made up of 35 members and headed by Mrs. L. T. Shotwell, makes favors to fit the season to place on patients' trays.

In addition to the favors, members of the hospital activities committee decorated a Christmas tree in the lobby of the hospital. The tree in front of the Service League last year and members of the Greenville Fire Department decorated the tree this year with materials given by the Greenville Merchant's Association.

The lobbies on each floor of the hospital have been decorated by the hospital committee with Christmas arrangements given by florists in the city and by Morris Brody Girl Scout Troop One, under the

leadership of Mrs. E. L. Henderson, began several weeks ago making crepe paper bells to hang on all the patients' doors at the hospital. The green crepe paper was fashioned into the shape of a bell and a round ornament was put inside the bell as a "clapper."

The door arrangements were made by tying three of the bells together with a sprig of holly. The bells were hung on the doors this week.

Also included for the celebration

of Christmas at Pitt Memorial was a party given for the staff by the hospital. Last Thursday night a party was held for the white members of the staff and the following night a party was held for the Negro members of the staff. A group of carolers from one of the churches in the city visited the hospital last week and stood in the lobby, softly singing Christmas carols.

Ruel Tyson, Jr. Is Named To Honor Society

LEXINGTON, Va.—Ruel W. Tyson Jr. of Greenville, N. C. was tapped by Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership fraternity, during a school-wide assembly at Washington and Lee University this week.

The fraternity, with chapters at 77 universities, pledges only seniors who show exceptional attributes of leadership and moral courage. Fourteen Washington and Lee students were chosen this year.

Tyson, a senior philosophy major, is the son of Sheriff and Mrs. Ruel W. Tyson, 505 East Fifth Street, Greenville, N. C. At Washington and Lee, Tyson is the head dormitory counselor, director of the Christian Bible Study Program, editor of the

Freshman Handbook, and a former managing editor of the Shenandoah, the literary quarterly. He has been nominated as one of the 17 Washington and Lee students to be included in the 1953 edition of "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities." He is the holder of a department scholarship for merit in philosophy and the Carter Glass scholarship.

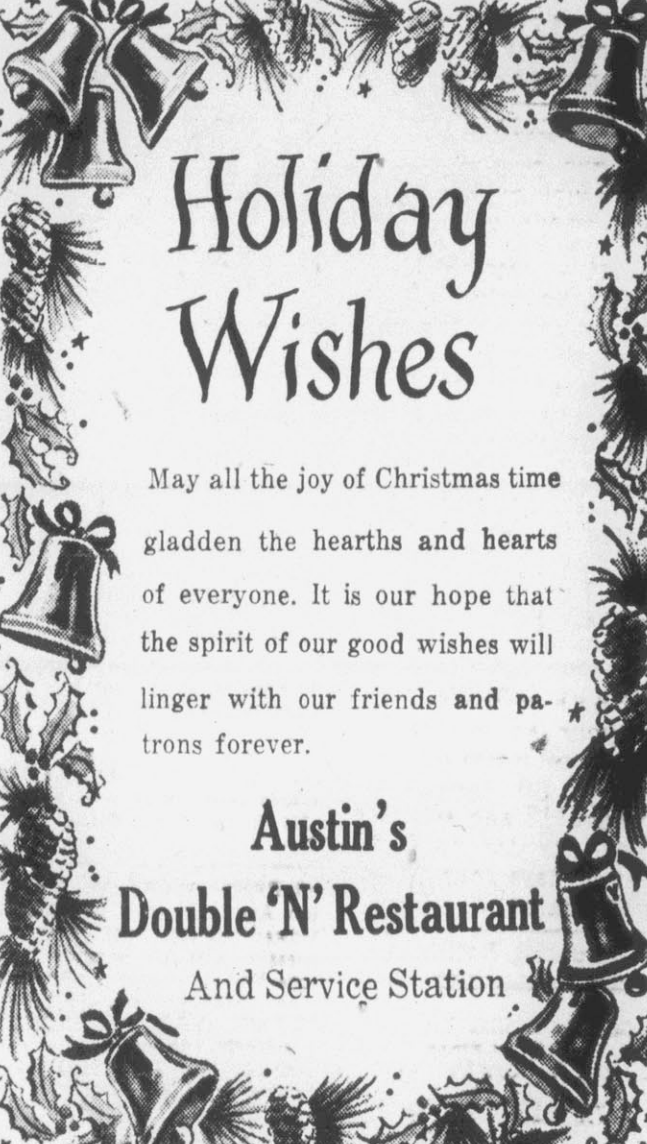
COLD VENISON

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. (UP)—William Miller was hunting ducks when he spotted a buck on the opposite shore. He fired and the wounded deer fell into the river. Its strength gave out within a few minutes and it drowned. The temperature was in the low 40's but Miller stripped, dove into the river, and towed the carcass to shore.



"Merry Christmas" ... in these two words we wish to express our appreciation for your unwavering goodwill and friendship.

General Heating & Air Conditioning Co.

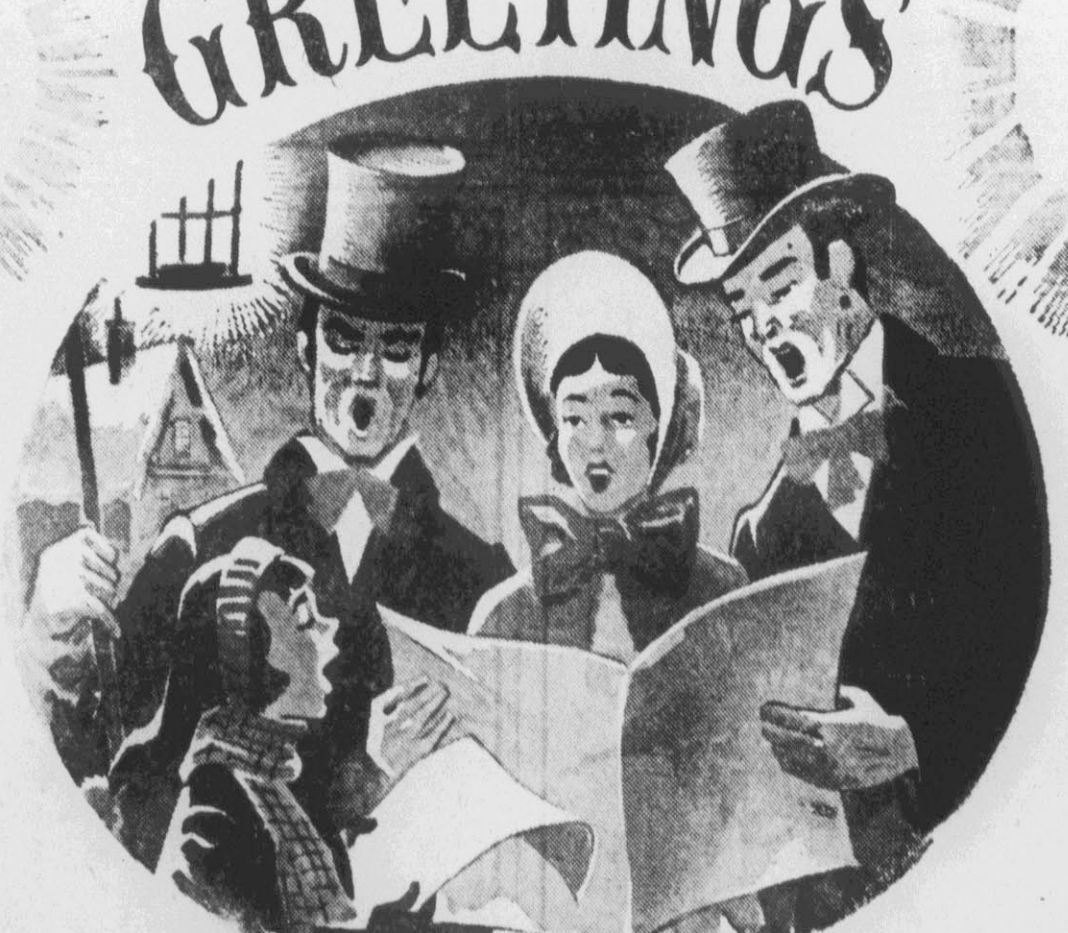


Holiday Wishes

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.

Austin's
Double 'N' Restaurant
And Service Station

GREETINGS



To all our friends and neighbors we give voice to greetings in the true Christmas tradition. With them go our very best wishes for a happy holiday ... full of joy and peace, good health and contentment.

Carolina Dairy Products



Greetings

We express to you Yuletide wishes as bright and gay as the lights on your Christmas tree. And a very happy New Year, too.

Bostic - Sugg Furniture Co.

• 117 EAST THIRD STREET — J. R. LAUGHINGHOUSE & SON, OWNER
BACK OF POST OFFICE — LOOK FOR THE LEADERSHIP SIGN



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Order your ad to run six times, the cost is less per day. When you get desired results call 5717 and stop the ad. You pay for only the number of days your ad actually appeared.

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East Carolina Roofing Company
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DURING GASKINS' PRE-CHRISTMAS
mas sale, prices are greatly reduced. Diamonds 1/2 price. Lay-away new for Christmas Gaskins Jewellers, 110 E. 5th St. Nov. 12-14

IF THE MAN OF THE HOUSE
won't teach you, we will. Learn to drive the safe way. Dual-control cars, professional instructors. Call L. E. Anderson, 2980. Dec. 11-14

BELL STUDIO OF PHOTOGRAPHY
phy, over Unemployment Office, 221 E. Fifth Street, Phone 5573. Personalized portraits: wedding, commercial, etc. This Christmas or birthday give a "picture of you." Dec. 17-19 mo.

DO YOU NEED A BABY SITTER?
"Are you always tied at home because you have no one to keep the children? If this is your problem, call 2018 and ask for Pauline. 18-61

PEOPLE WHO ARE MOVING
Around the first of the year, and people who want to furnish their homes inexpensively should drop by Ken's Furniture Shop, corner 14th and Evans Streets, Phone 5683. 12-23-1 mo.

CLIFF SAYS...
All tricycles, wagons, bicycles greatly reduced. See us today.
**C. H. EDWARDS
HARDWARE HOUSE** 23-24

2—Lost and Found

LOST — APPROXIMATELY 5 1/2
miles from Greenville on New Bern highway: small black ladies purse, containing billfold with Margaret Harris Brown driving license and \$111 and several other papers. Finder please contact W. H. Brown, Post Office, Cherry Point, N. C. Reward. 23-31

WHEN YOU PLACE A "LOST" AD
In The Daily Reflector right away to notify folks what you're missing, you reduce your chances of losing out. Finders generally check the "Lost and Found" column to learn who's the owner, so make sure your ad is in there whenever you lose something of value. Phone 5717 for an ad-writer. The Daily Reflector will gladly charge your ad. 17-121

3—Help Wanted

CAPABLE WOMAN WANTED AS
assistant society editor of The Daily Reflector to fill vacancy created by resignation of Mrs. Harry Forbes who is accepting a position with East Carolina College. Pleasant working conditions, free hospitalization, \$1,000 life insurance and paid vacation. No telephone or personal applications accepted. Apply in writing giving full details of education, training, business experience, if any, and family status. Interviews will be arranged after written applications are in. Write D. J. Wilchard, Box 566, Greenville, N. C. 22-61

WANTED — BRICK MASONS, \$50 per thousand. R. E. Mayo, Farmville, N. C. Phone 3523, Farmville. 24-31

5—Help Wanted

HIRE A GO-GETTER THROUGH
a "Help Wanted" ad in the Daily Reflector. Phone 5717 and an ad-writer will assist you with your ad. 17-121

BODY MAN
Our body shop is over flowing with work and the amount of your earnings depends on you. If you are now employed and are not earning top wages, be sure to see us. We will point out the advantages of working in our organization. We are only interested in men who are sober, ambitious, hard workers. If you meet these specifications and are experienced in body repair work, see us.
**Wagner-Waldrop
Motors** 22-31

10—For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT ON JARVIS
Street—See Mrs. Allen at Bell's Pharmacy. No phone calls. 24-21

MODERN RANCH STYLE FIVE
room house for rent—Furnished, has oil furnace. Will be vacant January 1st. Can be seen at 2508 E. 4th Street. 23-31

FOR RENT—IMMEDIATE POS-
session: one brick and concrete building, business district, between Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. and Harris and Rogers Warehouse. Now occupied by Little's Cleaners. Ample parking space. J. C. Youngblood, Dial 4293. 22-61

FOR RENT—3 ROOM FURNISHED
apartment to couple. Call 3914 until 6:00 and 4800 after 6:00.

HOUSE FOR RENT—IDEAL FOR
tourist home. Has 12 rooms, two halls and two baths. Located at 1111 Dickinson Ave. If you are interested, call 2782. Dec. 11-14

FOR RENT—ONE LARGE FUR-
nished front room, next to bath, at 214 Greene Street. Call or phone 4532. Dec. 9-14

FOR RENT—STORE ON DICKIN-
son Ave. next to C. H. Edwards Hardware House. Rent reasonable. Possession—January 1st. K. W. Cobb Phone 3847. Oct. 29-14

FOR RENT—4 ROOM APARTMENT
1 bedroom and kitchen furnished, 1 bedroom and living room partly furnished, a separate entrance and a garage. Phone 3571, 707 E. 4th St. Dec. 2-14

14—For Sale

"JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL
the way," we cleaned the rugs with Fina Foam. Belk-Tyler's 3rd floor. 22-61

CLIFF'S OYSTER BAR
Take 'em home by the quart or shells in pecks. Eat 'em here, steamed, fried, stewed. We're located on Washington Highway at Port Terminal Road. Open 6 p.m. til midnight. Dec. 9-1 mo.

FOR SALE OR LEASE—CAFE IN
town of Whitakers on Highway 301, now doing good business. Poor health is reason for closing. Immediate possession. J. W. Reid, Whitakers, N. C. 20-71

INSTALL PERMA-STONE ON OLD
new homes, buildings, for beauty, permanence, strength, economy. Pitt Perma-Stone Company, 500 N. Greene Street, Phone 3108-3852, Box 290, Greenville, N. C. Dec. 24-1 mo.

BEAUTIFUL BREATHTAKING
flowers from Tysor's Flower Shop add happy color to your home! Lovely centerpieces for Christmas and holiday parties, poinsettias and begonias, and cut bouquets will chase winter gloom away and replace it with a breath of spring! Dial 3244.

GROW YOUR OWN FRUIT—COM-
plete line fruit trees, berry plants, grape vines, nut trees and ornamental plant material offered by Virginia's largest grower. Write for free copy 56-page Planting Guide in color. Salespeople wanted. Waynesboro Nurseries, Waynesboro, Va.

DO YOU THINK THAT LARD
hogs make better gains than bacon type? Then see the Yorkshires and Records at Pitt Milling Co. or at Proctor Lassiter's Farm, Farmville Highway.

JUST RECEIVED — LIONEL
"Scout" 5-unit electric freight train: includes locomotive, tender, box car, gondola, caboose, transformer and track. Price \$17.75 up. National Supply Co., 412 Evans St. 17-61

WANT CASH?—SELL UNUSED
articles through a classified ad in the Daily Reflector. Phone 5717 for an ad-writer. 17-121

**MOUNTAIN
RIDGE**
STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY
\$365 4 1/2 Quart \$230 Pint
4 YEARS OLD — 86 PROOF
GOODERMAN & WORTS LTD.
PEORIA, ILL.

14—For Sale

IF YOU NEED FERTILIZER OR
tobacco cloth please see or call Herman Sutton, phone 3898-4, your Dixie Fertilizer Dealer, Route 3, Greenville, N. C. Dec. 9-1 mo.

FOR SALE—DUO THERM HEAT-
er, large size with blower, practically new. Priced for a quick sale. Call 2339 or 4021. Dec. 18-14

BE PRACTICAL—BE SENSIBLE!
Give the family a home freezer, refrigerator, washing machine, G-E radio or TV set from Blackwood's. Use our Lay-Away Plan. 110 W. 5th St. Dec. 2-1 mo.

FOR SALE—TURKEYS, TURKEYS
Give us your order for your freshly dressed Christmas needs. We will have plenty of turkeys. Wholesale and retail. We deliver. Dial 2227. Pitt Poultry Co., West Fifth Street. 12-111

**FOR SALE — USED
Television Sets
\$50.00 up**
WILLIAMS RADIO & TV CO.
204 E. 5th St. Phone 5533

FOR SALE—THE ONE AND ONLY
home roll-up aluminum awning. Your choice color; also insulation weatherstripping and siding. Terms: Phone 2235. C. L. Lupton Co. Your comfort is our business. 8-1-14

FOR SALE—4 KELLY SPRING-
field super flex whitetail tires, 670x15. See or call your Electroflux salesman, J. D. Fleming Jr., 308 White Street, Phone 5710. Dec. 19-14

SPECIAL — LARGE SELECTION
latest styles simulated pearl necklaces. One to four strands, \$1.00 federal tax included. Best Jewelry Co., Evans Street, Greenville, N. C. 14

PIANOS

Rodkin's Piano Store, 222 Dickinson
Ave, Phone 5110. It's the place to buy new and rebuilt guaranteed pianos from \$100. Tuning, reconditioning, refinishing, restyling, and rentals \$5 per month.

ROACHES? — WHY KEEP 'EM!
Roach Films, the new invisible paint-on killer is terrific. Belk-Tyler's 3rd floor. 10-27-14

LAY-AWAY NOW FOR XMAS!
Bicycles, tricycles, wagons, dolls and toys of all kinds. A small deposit holds your selections at Blackwood's, 110 W. 5th Street. Oct. 28-14

BUILD WITH BRICK — FOR
beauty and economy, common brick \$30.00, scratch face brick \$33.00 per thousand delivered Eastern Brick & Tile Co. Inc. Dial 3833-6. 8-23-14

17—Homes For Sale

FOR SALE—BRAND NEW SIX
room house. This beautiful dwelling has 3 nice bedrooms. Call 4201 after 6:30 p.m. 24-21

SELLING YOUR HOME? — A
classified ad in the Daily Reflector gets you many hot prospects. Phone 5717. 17-121

FOR SALE—6 ROOM HOUSE IN
Hillsdale, 402 Glenwood Drive. Has 3 bedrooms. See or call W. L. Siancil after 6:30 p.m. Phone number 3263. 20-61

ONE MODERN 4 ROOM HOUSE
complete bath, hot and cold water, floor furnace, hardwood living room, gutters and down spouts, plus a disappearing stairway Lot 50x100, 610 Ford St. A good buy for the right person.

To buy, sell or rent, call D. D. Garrett Insurance Agency, phone 4476, day or night. 18-61

19—Farms For Sale

70-ACRE IMPROVED FARM FOR
sale—Modern dwelling, tobacco barn, packhouse, other buildings, tobacco allotment, 3 5-10; water works, electricity, paved road. Near Belhaven, D. D. Topping, Attorney, Belhaven, N. C. 18-61

A \$15,000 DOWN PAYMENT AND
terms gets 1200 acres: 750 acres peanut allotment, 20 acres tobacco. For the man with small capital who wants a bargain in diversified farming. Write your replies to "Farm," P. O. Box 408, Greenville, N. C. 23-31

21—Real Estate

FOR SALE—CEMENT BLOCK
building 33x65 feet on lot 50x137 1/2 feet. Located in Greenville. This property will give 10% returns on investment. Price \$6250. See Jimmy Brewer or call Hooker and Buchanan. Phones 2612 or 4433. 18-61

BUYING A HOME?—LOOK IN
the classified ads for a large selection of sound values. If you don't happen to see what you're after, place a "Wanted" ad. Dial 5717. 17-121

35—Expert Services

FURNITURE UPHOLSTERED AND
repaired. We carry a complete line of samples to choose from. Call for deliveries. Free estimates. Work guaranteed to satisfy. Brill's Upholstery Shop, Falkland, N. C. Phone 1817-8. Dec. 1-14

**TELEVISION
SERVICE**
Expert Repairs — All Makes
30 Years Experience
WILLIAMS RADIO & TV CO.
204 E. 5th St. Phone 5533

FREE ESTIMATES ON YOUR
fall and winter interior and exterior painting. Select your wallpaper from our new deluxe books. Globe Hardware Company, 6th & Washington Sts. Phone 3333. Oct. 28-14

FOR PROMPT, SKILLED INSTAL-
lation of television, oil heaters, water pumps and house ocks, call C. H. Edwards Hardware House. Dec. 18-1 mo.

45—Wanted

**BRING US...
"YOUR" SCRAP
TAKE HOME
"OUR" DOLLARS**
We buy and pay highest market price for your old —
BRASS — COPPER — LEAD — IRON
STEEL — TIN — OLD BATTERIES
ETC.
SELL IT NOW AT
J. SAM FLEMING, INC.
BETHEL HIGHWAY — DIAL
3448 — PICKUP SERVICE

BRING YOUR SHELLED PECANS
to Morton's Bakery for top prices. Dec. 4-14

52—Autos, Trucks

REPOSSESSED 4 TON INTER-
national pick-up truck, like new. Guaranteed 90 days. Easy terms. \$1295. Turnage Implement Co. Inc., Farmville, N. C. Nov. 14-14

1952 CHEVROLET
Just like new! A comfortable fortor sedan with radio and heater, allcovers and other accessories. Save \$500 on this near new car at Flanagan's. 23-21

DANCING TIPS—YOU'LL DANCE
with joy when you see how we service your car. Rick's Service Center, 1083, or within ten (10) days thereafter, and answer or demur to the petition or the petitioners will appeal to the Court that their re-

52—Autos, Trucks

1941 PLYMOUTH TU-
dor sedan. Transportation until you can do better. \$260 full price at Flanagan's. 23-21

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NORTH CAROLINA
PITTS COUNTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE CLERK**

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vs.
William C. Gerard

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, in which the petitioners request that they be permitted to legally adopt a minor child of the defendant and named in said action and, further, that the said defendant be declared to have abandoned the said minor child and that his consent to such adoption, by reason thereof, be not required; further, said defendant will take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of said Superior Court at his office in Greenville on the 3rd day of January, 1953, or within ten (10) days thereafter, and answer or demur to the petition or the petitioners will appeal to the Court that their re-

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This the 29th day of November, 1952.

D. T. HOUSE JR., Clerk
Superior Court Pitt County
Dec. 3-10-17-24

PUBLIC NOTICES

Having qualified as administrators of the estate of W. B. Shoe, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of December, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate

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will please make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of December, 1952.

GEORGE W. SHOE
VERNON COX
Admrs. of the Estate of W. B. Shoe, deceased
James & Speight, Atty's.
Dec. 3-10-17-24-31 Jan. 7

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52—Autos, Trucks

\$1150 WITH ONE
third down and 24 months to pay the balance will buy a 1950 Ford V8 fortor sedan at Flanagan Ford. A one owner car with good tires, new slip covers and a good heater. Drive this late model Ford. Compare it honestly with other offerings and you will be the judge. 23-21

HAVE YOUR BRAKES CHECKED
for sure, safe driving. Don't take chances; come in real soon for our brake check-up. Call Allen's Texaco Station, in front of courthouse. 23-21

THREE GOOD USED
pickups, '46-'49 models, priced from \$395 up. Traded on new Ford trucks, these pickups have been reconditioned in our shop and are sold with a written guarantee. Flanagan Burey Co. 23-21

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Reflector Files Recall Christmas Past

(Continued from Page One)
proximately \$3,600,000 pounds of tobacco have been sold since the opening date.

Dan Cupid established a new record yesterday when 14 heart-struck couples applied for licenses to tie the nuptial knot hard and fast. Whether love is working overtime to outdo all previous records is a matter of conjecture.

However, county officials are ready to speed his work and are prepared to issue "privilege" for "better or worse" to as many as may apply suffering from the indescribable sensation called love.

December 24, 1925

Hamp Johnson and Tom McKenzie are in the Pitt jail awaiting trial next Saturday, and the county is in possession of 13 additional gallons of Christmas "hooch" as the result of a raid staged by Sheriff A. C. Jackson and Deputy Sheriff Manley Sellers in Farmville last night.

One of the Negroes, McKenzie, is an old offender, having already received one sentence for handling whiskey. The officers have experienced great difficulty in obtaining information leading to the arrest of the pair.

December 24, 1926

WE WISH OUR PITT COUNTY

STATE

Today Christmas Day

RANDOLPH
SCOTT

In

"Return of the
Bad Men"

with

George Gabby Hayes

Holiday Prices
Christmas Day

FRIENDS A MERRY CHRISTMAS!
J. C. Gaskins, register of deeds; J. Frank Harrington, clerk of court; S. A. Whitehurst, county sheriff; A. T. Moore, county treasurer; John G. Clark; C. M. Tolar; B. G. Abeyounis; S. T. Hicks; P. L. Goodson; A. K. Hatem; Jack Moye; and Curtis Perkins.

December 24, 1927

With business and residential districts gaily lighted with multi-colored lights, indications were today that the holiday season would be one of the greatest in the history of the city.

The business district presents a dazzling appearance with strings of lights swung across Evans Street, and display windows literally blazing their message of good cheer and happiness.

The plan to light up the city for Christmas had its conception in the versatile minds of the Merchant's Association and the Woman's Club.

December 22, 1928

AN INVITATION. You are cordially invited to attend our initial Christmas showing of the outstanding Chevrolet in history.

A six in the price range of the four.

Prices: Roadster, \$525; Phaeton, \$525; Coach, \$595; Coupe, \$595; Sedan, \$675; Sport Cabriolet, \$695; and Convertible Landau, \$725.

December 20, 1929

Contributions in the Merchant's Association fund for the poor continued to climb overnight with gifts of cash totaling \$55, according to the report issued from the office of the secretary this morning. This swelled the entire contribution to \$351.

Nature ran the gamut of its winter vagaries in the Carolinas over the weekend, and left the two states mantled in snow and ice. The weather bureau today predicted more sleet and snow to come.

December 24, 1930

Owing to the fact The Daily Reflector will be closed today and tomorrow, contributors to the Reflector's "Empty Stocking" fund for the Salvation Army are requested to send their donations to Salvation

Army headquarters on Evans St. Workers are still far behind their fund for the relief of the poor during the Christmas season, and the public is urged to give as freely as possible in order that the situation might be taken care of.

December 24, 1931

The Christmas dance given by the Cotillion Club this evening in the high school gymnasium will be one of the outstanding events of the holidays. Dancing will be from 10 until 3 o'clock, and music will be furnished by Weede-Meyer orchestra. A large number of visitors are expected.

Chaperones for the dance this evening will be Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Little, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Sugg, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Spain, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Garis, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hassell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin and R. M. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. White, and Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Fullilove announce the marriage of their daughter, Lucy Carolyn, to Mr. Dink James, on Tuesday, December 22, at Watkinsville, Ga. They will be at home in Greenville, N. C.

December 24, 1932

Santa Claus came to Greenville today where he did his best to spread the spirit of peace and good will among the hundreds of children and grownups who greeted him.

Saint Nicholas made his trip to Greenville by airplane. He landed at the airport north of the city at 1 o'clock, and it fell the lot of Dall Laughinghouse, Jr., to give Santa a lift in his pony and cart.

The Greenville Tobacco Market closed today after one of the most successful in history. Tobaccoists and friends of the market were rejoicing over the fact that the market closed out the season with a definite poundage lead over the entire belt.

December 23, 1933

With everything settled except the last minute rush, Greenville and Pitt County people today turned their attention to the celebration of the Christmas holidays.

The city and several surrounding towns were gaily decorated for the coming of the season "Peace on earth, good-will toward all men," and there was every indication the



NOW, HOW 'ABOUT THIS? Little Warren Wilkerson and his sister Ann confer on the preparation of their stockings for Santa to fill on Christmas Eve. The two youngsters are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilkerson, 1798 East Third Street. (Reflector Photo by Roy Hardee)

celebration this year would be the most widespread in years.

December 24, 1934

Salvation Army funds were cut sharply today by the robbery of one of its workers in the western section of the city Saturday night.

It was reported today by Captain Stratford, head of the organization's activities in this community.

The officer said Mrs. Spears, who operated a kiosk in front of Peider's Store on Evans Street all day Saturday was held up and robbed of her entire proceeds in front of Centre Brick Warehouse about 9 o'clock.

December 24, 1935

Driving a Ford pickup, R. E. Corbett of Greenville today struck and injured four Negro convicts shoveling snow from the road across the Tar River bridge.

Highway patrolmen who investigated said Corbett would face charges of careless and reckless driving.

Reds Claim U.S. Army Sergeant Asks For Asylum

BERLIN UP—The Communist East German news service said today that an American Army sergeant has renounced his American citizenship and asked for political asylum in the Soviet zone.

The official East German agency ADN identified the soldier as Sgt. Audrey E. Miles, Brooklyn, N. Y. who was stationed with the 4th Division's 8th Infantry Regiment at Buschbeck, West Germany.

According to ADN, Miles asked the Communist East German government for asylum as a political refugee in a letter dated Dec. 10. The Communist report said Miles wrote that "I have deserted my unit and come into the East German Democratic Republic to ask for permission to stay and to work."

Try New Drug On Victim Of Polio

ASHEVILLE (AP)—A new drug today was believed helping to preserve the life of 8-year-old Brice Holmes Harry Jr. of Grover, who has been under treatment for polio at Orthopedic Hospital here since June 9.

Hospital officials said the drug, "Alevaire," was given the boy immediately after it was brought from Greensboro to Asheville in three hours and six minutes by a relay of ten State Highway patrolmen.

The drug was given the child by inhalation through use of a standard "croupette," which is a device for providing patients with warm, moist air to breathe. Hospital officials said the child was somewhat better this morning and it was believed the new drug is helping.

"Alevaire" is a preparation of the Winthrop-Stearns Co., and every

bottle is marked "Limited by Federal Law to Investigational Use Only."

Hospital officials said the Harry child was badly paralyzed by polio and had been a part-time iron lung patient. They said last Thursday he developed an infection of the type of the common cold and that emergency steps were decided upon in an effort to improve his breathing which already had been impaired by the polio.

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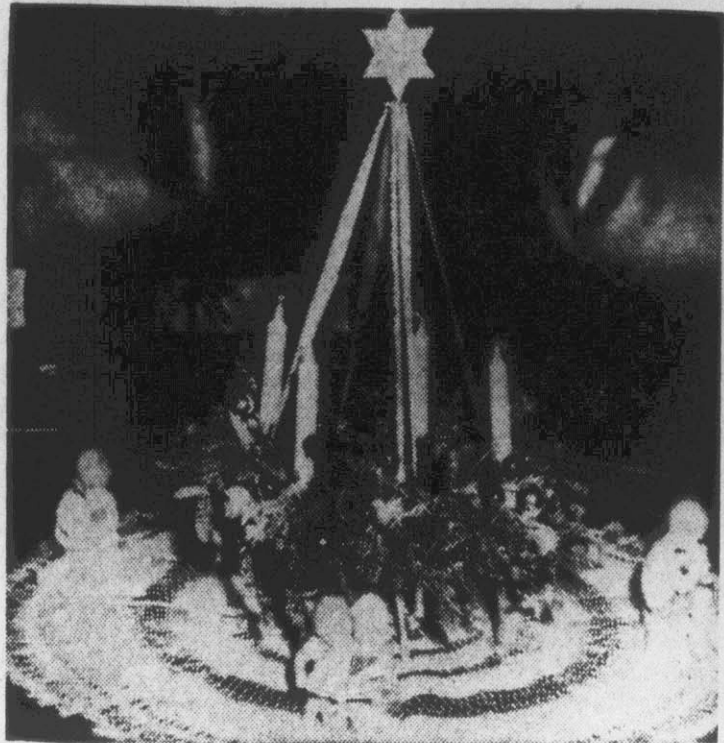


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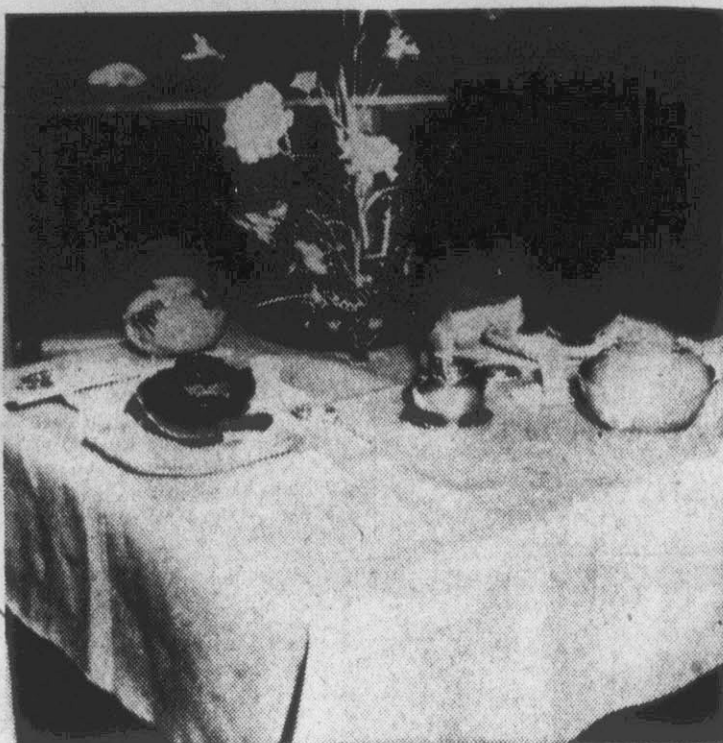
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Christmas Spirit Had Early Start

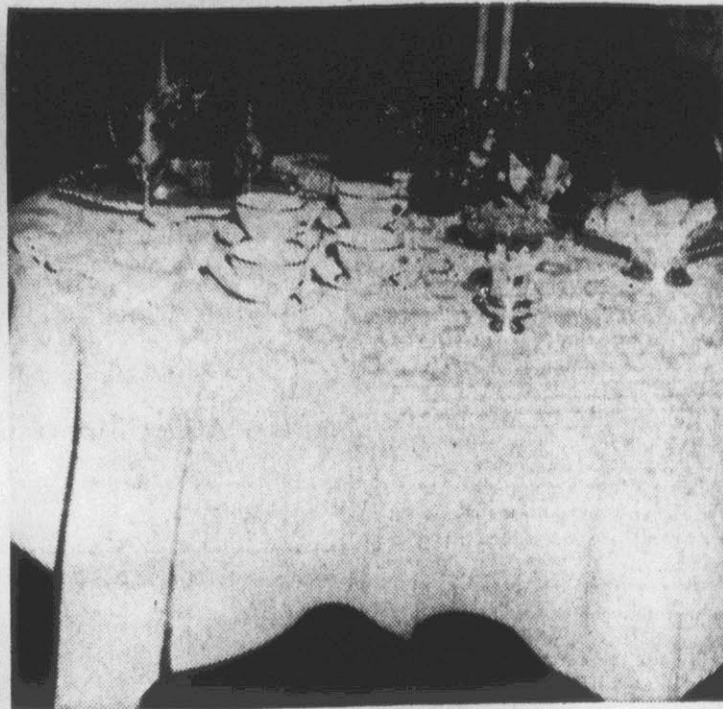
At Recent Garden Club Show



DANISH CHRISTMAS — A Danish Advent Krans (wreath) fixed by Mrs. P. K. Andresen, symbolizes the four Sundays in the Advent season. (Reflector Photos by Muriel Shotwell)



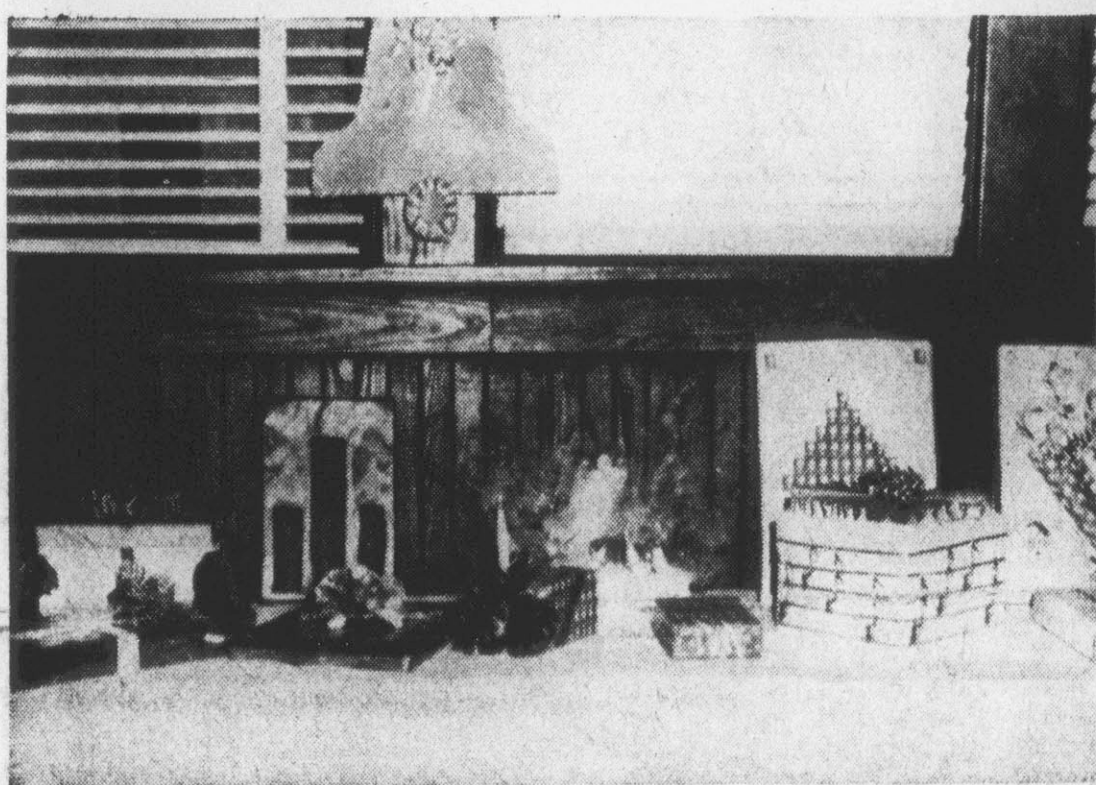
ORIENTAL THEME—Mrs. John Clark, Jr., arranged the above display which is an oriental curry table. On the flower arrangement of this novel setting are dried bees and butterflies.



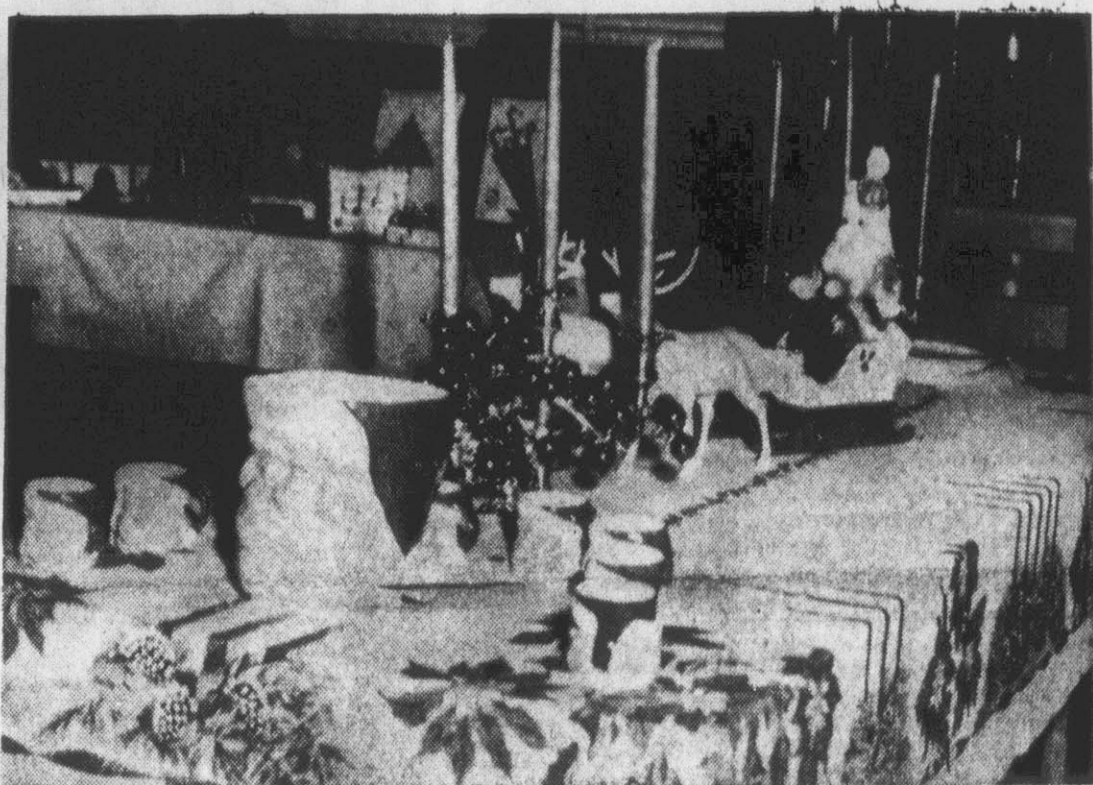
TEA TABLE — The tea table above was one of many displays carrying a Christmas theme, and prepared for the Garden Club show held at the Woman's Club, preceding Christmas. This table was arranged by Mrs. Leighton Blount.



WHITE CHRISTMAS — An all-white Christmas tree with blue lights on a white table trimmed with blue flowers and tinsel was arranged by Mrs. L. T. Shotwell.



IDEAS FOR PACKAGING—Candy canes, Christmas seals, vari-colored balls and other trimmings add more beauty to Christmas packages. All of these suggestions for wrapping packages were on a long table display at the Garden Club's Christmas show.



PARTY TABLE — Mrs. Sam White arranged the above Christmas party table with a Santa Claus head, punch bowl and cups. The table was centered with red candles and red balls and a Santa in a sleigh.



VICTORIAN — A Victorian table with magnolia leaves and candles was arranged by Mrs. Alton Barrett. A prayer book rests on the marble-top table.

With best wishes for the
Holiday Season



May this
Christmas be one
of resounding joy
and good cheer for you
and all those dear to you,
and may your Holiday
happiness continue through
every day of the New Year.

Garris-Evans Lumber Co.

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.

BLACKWOOD'S

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May the world rejoice again, in
Peace on Earth Good-Will to Men.

NATIONAL SUPPLY Co.
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Here's How To Choose Your Christmas Tree

NEARLY 30,000,000 Christmas trees will be sold in the U. S. this year. Select one which will retain its needles well indoors. A simple treatment will keep the needles from drying out, make the tree less flammable and keep it green longer.

Choosing the tree: Select a balsam or Douglas fir. Their needles will last two or three weeks indoors. A balsam is easily identified by its fragrance, rigid branches and two thick rows of needles which do not stab the hand. Douglas fir, the best of the firs, has long pointed red buds. Other firs have globose buds. All have soft needles. A spruce drops its needles soon after it's placed in a warm room. A Norway spruce, however, makes an ideal community Christmas tree outdoors. A white spruce is better than a Norway spruce for indoor use. Pines recognized by extra-long needles can be used. Hemlocks and junipers are of little value as Christmas trees.

Preventing needle drop: Cut at a slant an inch off the base and set the tree in a bucket of water or wet sand 24 hours before bringing it in the house. Then anchor tree firmly in a holder that contains water or moist sand. Do not place it near a radiator.

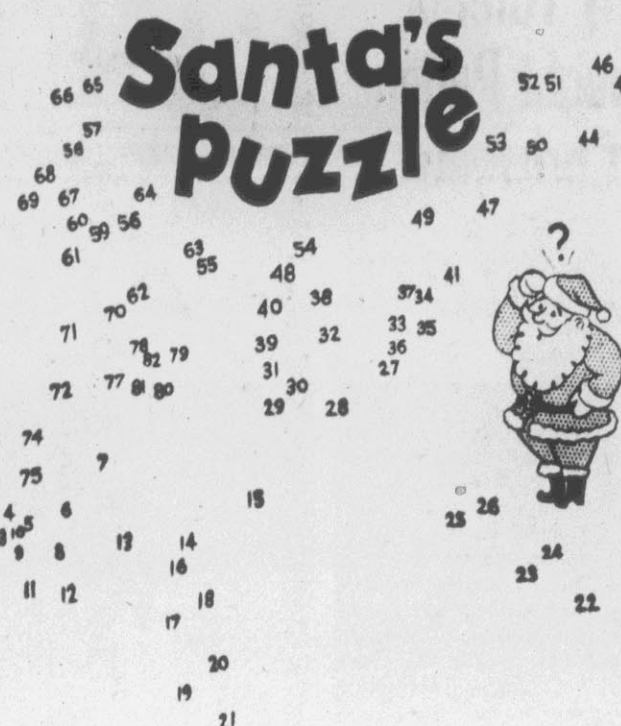
Fire precautions: (Internally)—No tree can be made completely flame-proof. Government experts suggest reducing flammability by standing tree in a solution of either ammonium sulfate, ammonium phosphate, calcium chloride or ammonium sulfamate four to six days. First weigh tree and divide by four. That will be number of pounds of material required. To each pound add one and a half pints of water. During treatment, keep tree in cool, dark place. (Externally)—Mix nine parts water glass (soluble sodium silicate) with one part water containing teaspoon of wetting agent (such as solvent soap) per quart. Dip tree into solution or spray it on tree. This will give shiny finish to needles.

Christmas Greens: Measure height of ceiling before buying tree. If branches must be trimmed from tree, use them for door spray, mantel piece or swag for newel post.

Christmas Game

Snappdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago; it is still played in modified form in England and 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 poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "The Song of Snappdragon," accompanied the game.



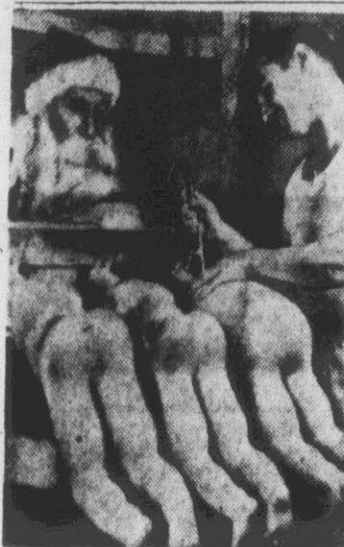
Draw A Line Through The Numbers To Solve

Santa's Puzzle

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.



INFLATION . . . Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.

Sincere Wishes

Midst the many greetings that will come to you this Christmas, we want you to include our wishes for a joyous Holiday and a Rich and Happy New Year.

COX FLORAL SERVICE

117 W. FOURTH ST.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



It is our sincere wish
that all the exciting joy
and pleasant surprises of Christmas morning
live with you every day of a Happy New Year.

Riddle Roofing & Heating Co.

Christmas Wishes

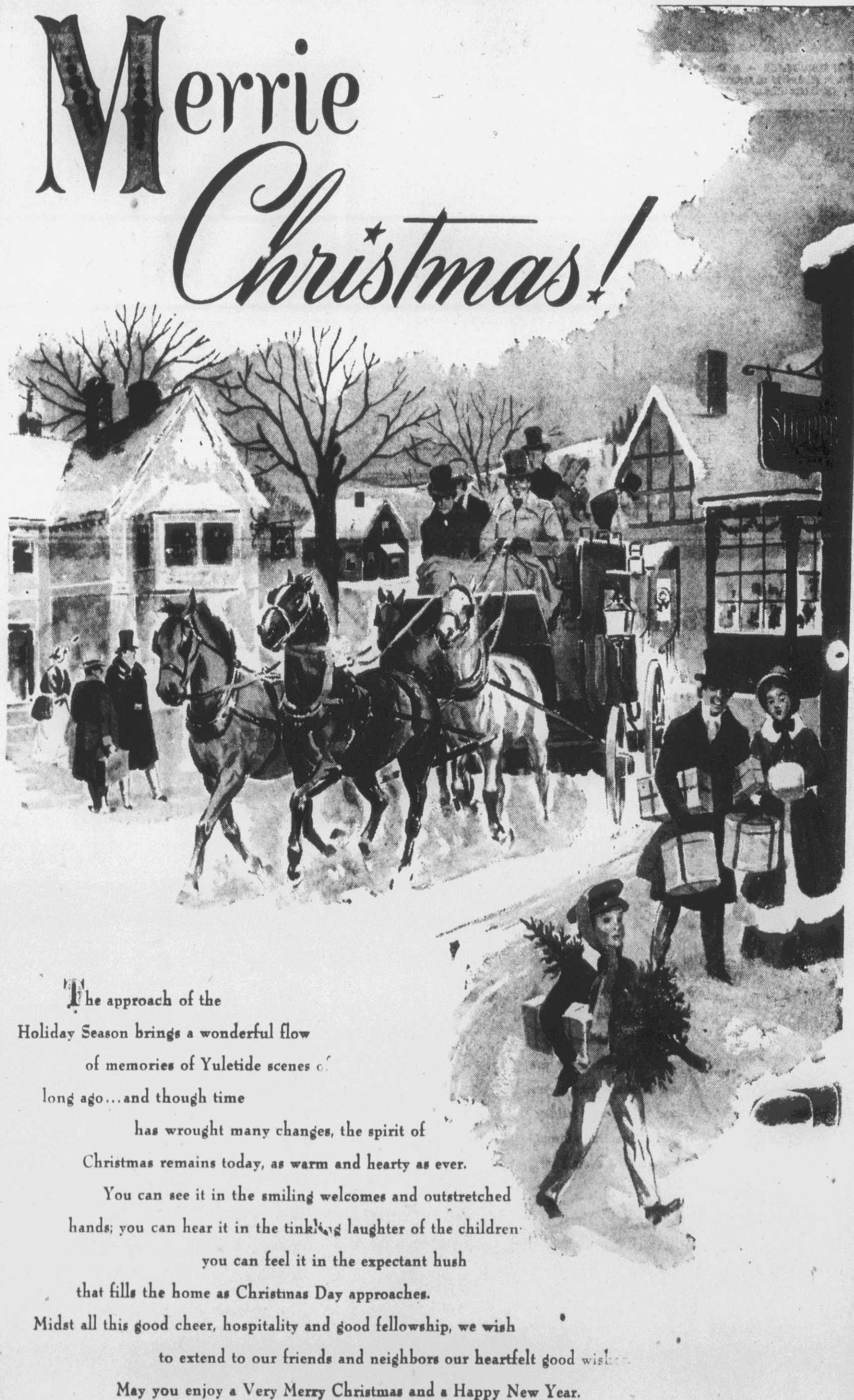


The warm glow of candle-light at Christmastime is symbolic of our warm wishes — of our hope that this Yuletide be filled to overflowing with every joy and happiness for you and yours.

HOOKE & BUCHANAN

INSURANCE

Merrie Christmas!



The approach of the
Holiday Season brings a wonderful flow
of memories of Yuletide scenes of
long ago . . . and though time
has wrought many changes, the spirit of
Christmas remains today, as warm and hearty as ever.

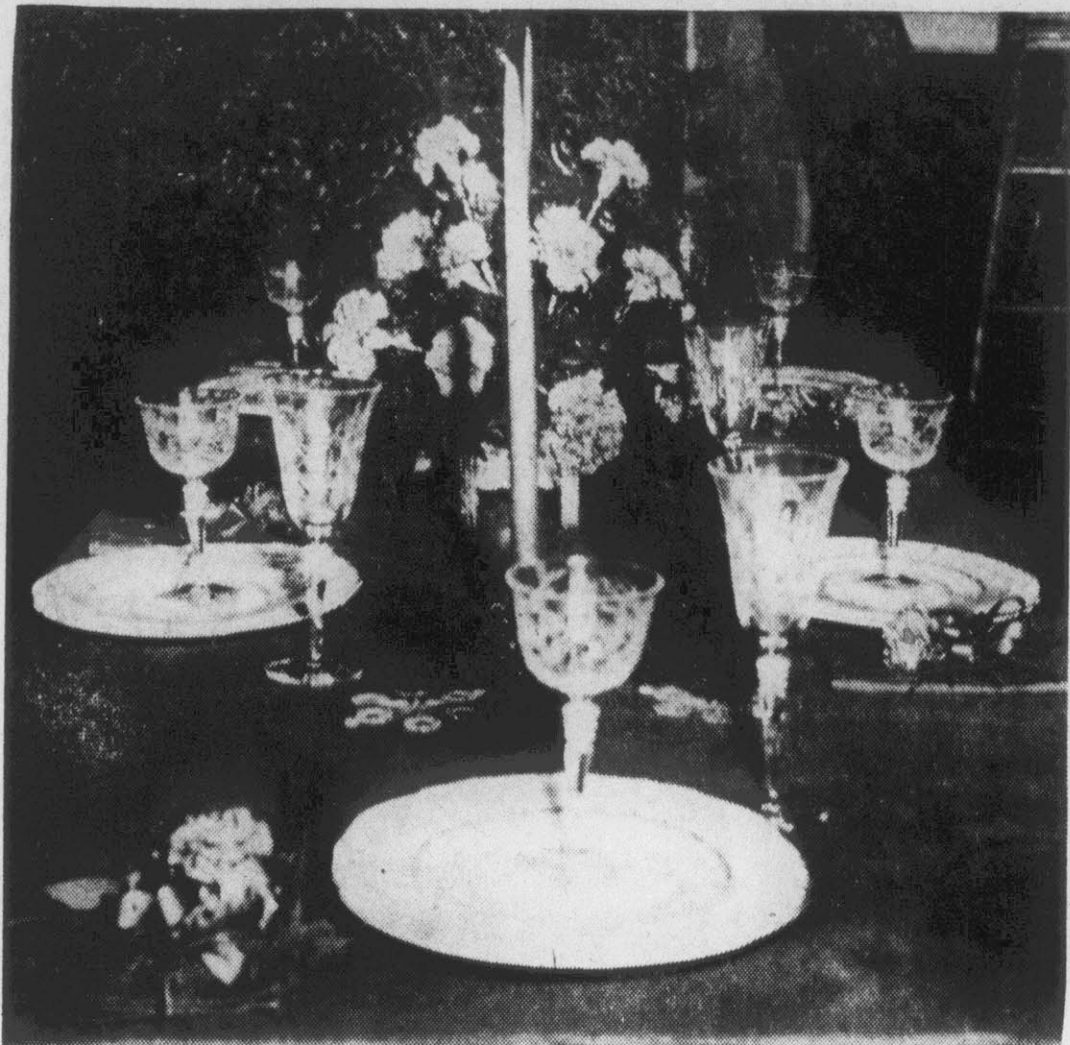
You can see it in the smiling welcomes and outstretched hands; you can hear it in the tinkling laughter of the children — you can feel it in the expectant hush that fills the home as Christmas Day approaches.

Midst all this good cheer, hospitality and good fellowship, we wish to extend to our friends and neighbors our heartfelt good wishes.

May you enjoy a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Waldensian
THE BAKERS OF

Sunbeam Bread



LUNCHEON TABLE — Mrs. R. M. Garrett arranged the above luncheon table for the Christmas theme carried out at the Woman's Club display. The table is covered with a green cloth, with red carnations set at each place and in the center, carrying out the traditional Yuletide colors.



WAITING FOR SANTA . . . Mannequins dressed as children on a staircase decorated with Christmas greenery was one of the Christmas suggestions illustrated at the Greenville Woman's Club.

Early Yuletide Thought Pagan By Christians

CHRISTMAS, like any other blessed institution has had to fight its battles. The first great enemy of Christmas was the Roman empire whose pagan emperors determined to blot out all kinds of Christian rites.

Then when Roman Emperor Constantine Christianized the empire other enemies of Christmas arose. One course of contention was: Is December 25 really Christmas? Some said Christ was born on January 6; others held for March 29. Some set April 21 as His birthday. Nobody knew with complete confidence just when to celebrate Christmas. At last, in the fourth century, Pope Julius I settled the matter in favor of our present date. His decision was accepted.

From the first there had been among Christians a certain hostility toward the Christmas festival. The celebration of birthdays in general was considered heathenish and something taken over from the pagans. Nor did the enemies of Christmas fail to observe that many pagan customs had crept into the feasting of the day. Christmas and the days of Advent that go before it occur at the time of the winter solstice, when the days cease to grow shorter, and begin to lengthen—when the sun, having declined its furthest from zenith, begins to climb again. The period was one of festival in many parts of the world, and was held sacred by many religions. Then occurred the Roman Saturnalia, with its wild excesses, and the people of the north, too, had a great midwinter feast with days of hearty eating and deep drinking.

From the Saturnalia came banquetings and dancings and riotings in masks and the giving of gifts. Our Christmas dinner and Christmas presents and Christmas cards and the wearing of Christmas masks in various parts of the world date back to the Saturnalia. The mid-winter feast of the northern peoples was called Yule, hence our Yuletide and Yule log. The burning of the Christmas log descends from northern tree worship. So does the Christmas tree.

Santa Claus seems to date from later Christmas times. He is good St. Nicholas, of course. The hanging of stockings comes from the legend that the saint, among his other charities, used to provide dowries for poor girls. The older form of the Christmas stocking custom was for poor girls to hang up stockings in the hope that benevolent St. Nicholas would place marriage portions in them.



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.

VanDyke Furniture Store, Inc.

Merry Christmas!

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will share in every Christmas pleasure.

And may the New Year be one of good health and contentment for all our many friends.

COZART'S SUPER MARKET

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Merry Christmas

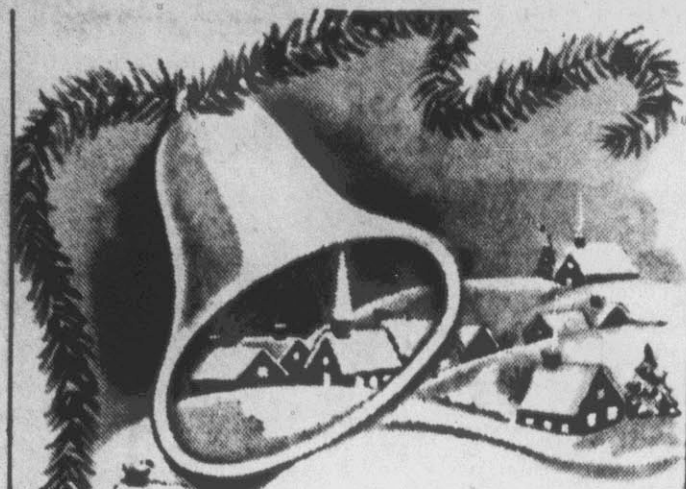
To our faithful old friends, to our devoted new friends and to those whose friendships we hope to earn—we wish a most cheerful Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things in life—Health, Happiness and enduring Peace.

We extend this greeting, not because it is the customary thing to do but because it is a sentiment genuinely felt, for as the years go by our appreciation of cherished friendships becomes greater and greater.

Greenville T-V & Appliance Center

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Season's Best Wishes

As the Christmas chimes ring out
once more we send wishes for a
Happy Holiday to all our friends

**First Federal Savings & Loan
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THE *Season's Greetings*



The very best of Holiday
Wishes to all our friends,
extended in warm appre-
ciation of your good
will and patronage.

**Saad's
Shoe Shop**

A Prayer For Christmas

God grant this day of Christmas dawn on one honest man...

On one happy child, secure in the perfect idealism of the very young...

On one act of pure generosity, consecrated to the Christ whose birth we celebrate now...

On one word of peace, spoken in faith to still the clamorous horror of cannon, bomb, and bullet...

On one deed performed for love and not for gain...

On one leader who himself is not led astray in arrogance but humbly guides others in the paths of goodness and true progress...

On one follower who is willing to play his role not blindly but with the alert and critical wisdom which is the heritage of all people...

On one great human thought that will not be crushed and rent by the cynical, the hopeless, the greedy, and the ignorant.

God grant that some essence of these miracles be performed in all of us, and we shall see a Christmas that is like unto the first one the angels watched over.




"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

THIS CHRISTMAS, as we rejoice in the commemoration of the birth of our Lord, let us remember the good his teachings have brought to all mankind.

MAY OUR HEARTS be open this Christmastide to His message that by the power of God's love alone can we be inspired to great deeds and wise action.

South - 11 Theatre

Ayden Highway

A Merry Christmas to all!

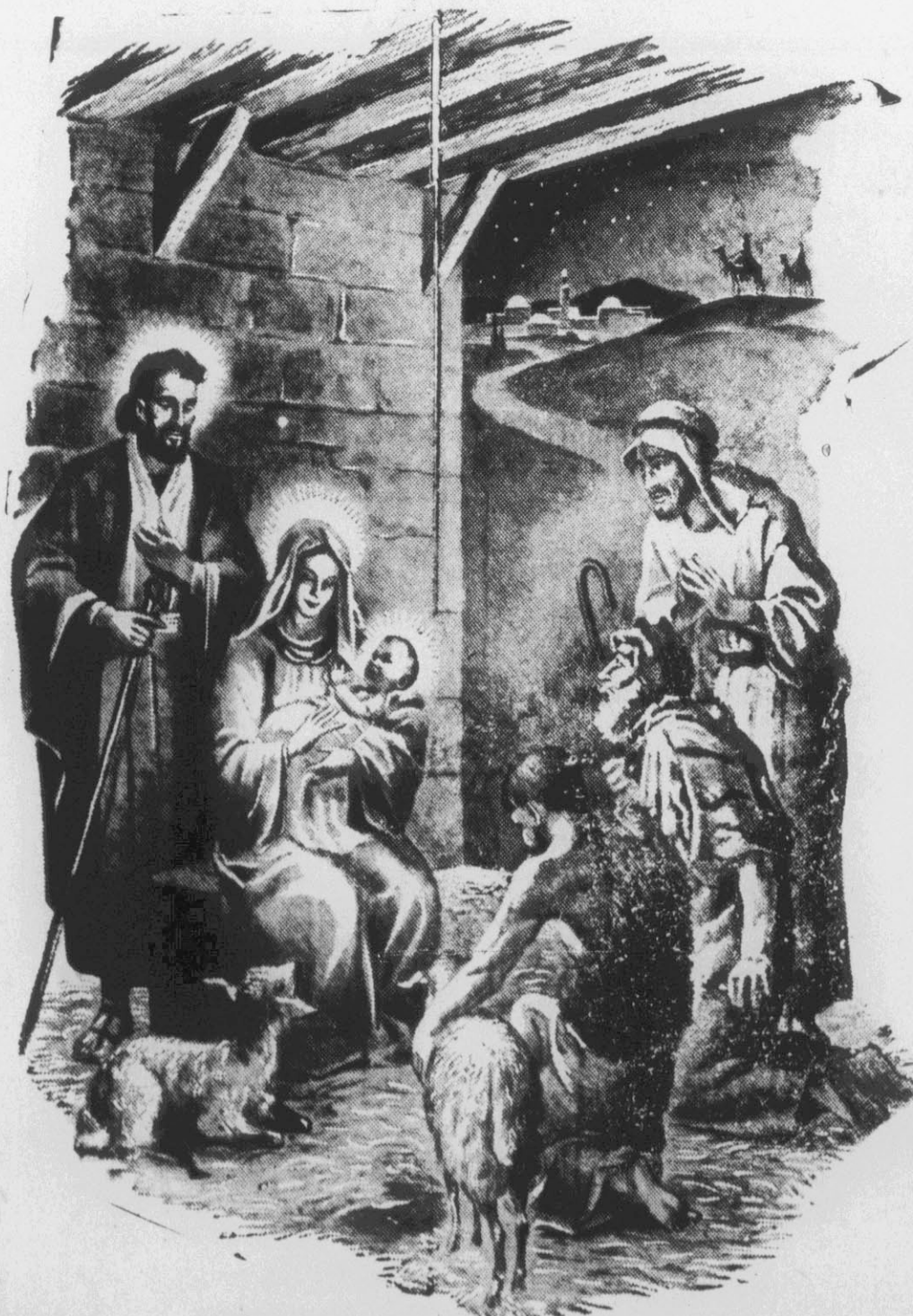
The Management and Entire Personnel Of
Friendly Furniture Company

Greenville and Grifton
Extend



Greetings

To all their friends and customers. And, as we come to the close of another year of pleasant associations with those whose confidence and goodwill we value so highly, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your splendid patronage during 1952!



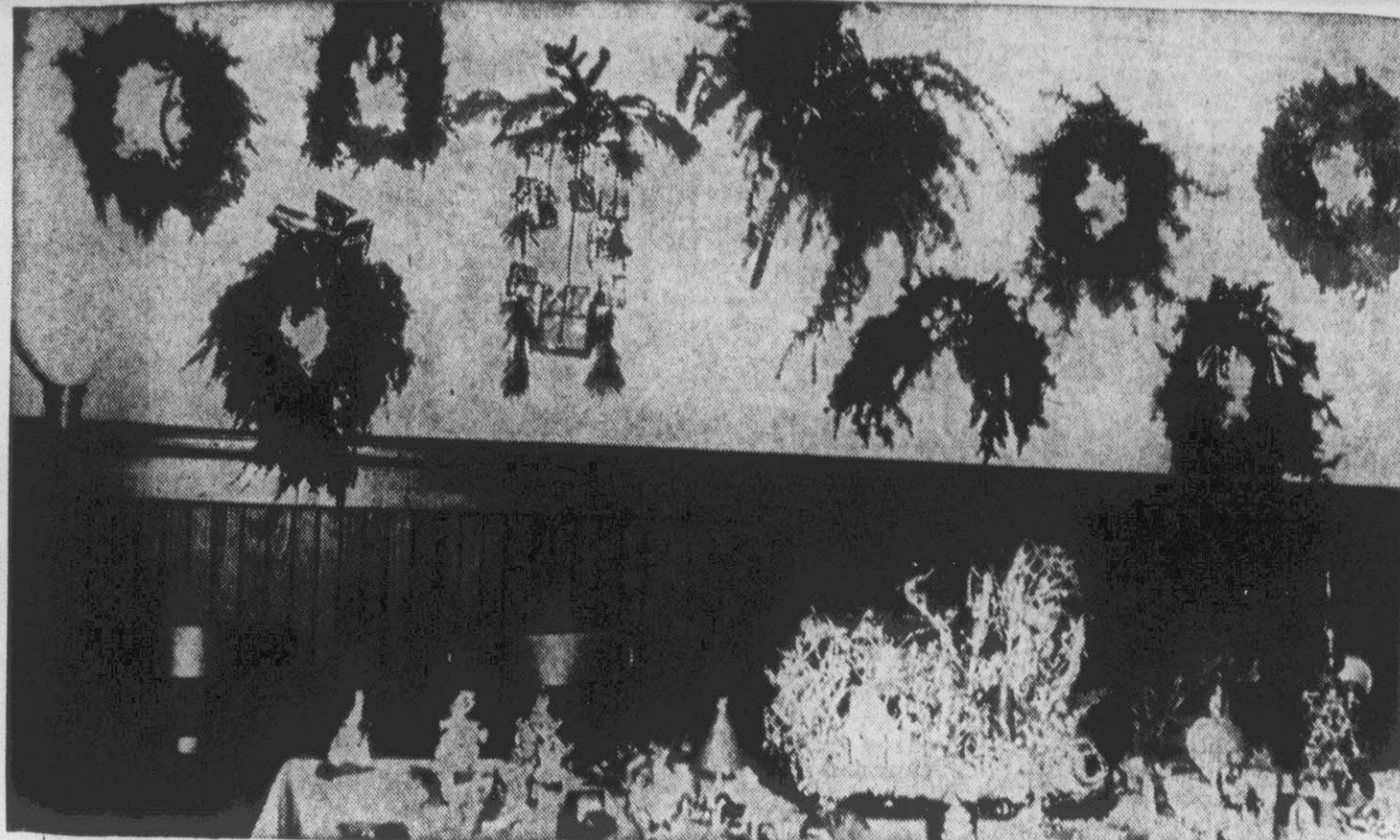
FRIENDLY FURNITURE COMPANY

GREENVILLE and GRIFTON

Season's Greetings

May all the pleasures
of a cheerful Christmas remain
with you and help to keep you
happy throughout the New Year.

Ricks Service Centers
No. 1 and 2



FAVORS AND WREATHS—Original and traditional swags and wreaths line the wall above the long table loaded with many types of Christmas designs and favors. The Christmas suggestions were arranged by interested individuals for display at the Garden Club show held at the Woman's Club.

The Season's Greetings

May your Yuletide
happiness be as bright as
the glittering decorations
and ornaments on
your Christmas Tree!

We will be closed be-
ginning December 24
through Monday, De-
cember 29th.

THE SILO GRILL
Ayden, Highway

Christmas Greetings

May the wondrous joy
of Christmas remain
with you all twelve
months of the year.

D. H. Conley
Superintendent of Schools

Serving of Boar's Head One of Old Christmas Customs

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's college, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in



its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers.

In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish troubled the board:

*Then set down the swineyard,
The foe to the vineyard,
Let Bacchus crown his fall.
Let this boar's head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and turkey,
And so ye are welcome all.*

Christmas GREETINGS



To all our patrons we extend our thanks . . . for a year filled with friendship and goodwill. It is our sincere hope that our ways—during the coming year—may once more follow similar paths. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Season's Greetings

Christmas is
wonderful . . . and its arrival
always brings to us the realization that we have such
wonderful friends. May your Holiday
Season be filled with outstanding happiness.

Taft Furniture Co.

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COLLINS-PRIDMORE

DEPARTMENT STORE

May your Holiday Season be filled to the overflowing with surprises as joyous and welcome as the findings in a Christmas package.

Sheriff of Pitt County

Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fit the words into the right spaces. One letter "X" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL	LOVE	CHILD	SPILL	INFANT
BORN	HOPE	TRAIN	MANAGER	WOMAN
EVE	ROSE	WIKEN	SEASON	WOMAN
WOMAN	WOMAN	WOMAN	SILENT	WOMAN
GAY	FINCH	GLORY	WHITE	WOMAN
RAIN	WOMAN	HOTEL	ANGELS	WOMAN
RAIN	SKID	LIGHT	CANDOR	WOMAN
BURN	FOOT	ATLANT	WELSH	WOMAN
AWAY	WOMAN	WOMAN	DANCER	WOMAN
BELL	THROW	FACE	BAISER	WOMAN
GOLD	CHERRY	SANTA	DOCK	WOMAN
HALL	CANDY	SHEEP	GOPEL	WOMAN

Answer

The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled the "First Christmas" may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word *coma*, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist.

From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

JOY

While we give and
receive gifts, let us
always remember God's
greatest gift to mankind.
A Joyous Holiday to all.

D. T. House
CLERK of COURT

Greetings

May your Christmas glow with bright contentment and may the New Year reflect every joy this wish can bring.

Moseley Bros. Inc.

INSURANCE

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Get Santa Colored Before He Goes Down The Chimney

REFORMATION

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OMAHA, Neb. (UP) — Mary Lou told her parents that her nursery school teacher here had scolded her for throwing dirt at a little boy. Asked the next day if she had reformed, Mary Lau said she had. "I didn't throw dirt," she explained. "I threw rocks."

DUSTY RESEARCH

DUSTY RESEARCH
DETROIT (UP) — Ford Motor Company laboratories sort and grade dust particles 50 times smaller than the diameter of human hair. This is done to duplicate the dust of farms and dry areas where motor vehicles must operate just as efficiently as on clear highways.



WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR A

Happy Holiday Season

All that makes for a merry, merry Christmas . . . the voices of carol singers filling the air, the bells pealing melodiously, the holly wreaths hanging in the windows . . . all these things plus joy and happiness in your heart we sincerely hope is yours on this glorious holiday.

Glamor Shop

404 Evans Street

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We send
these sincere
greetings with
a wish that your
Holiday Joys
go far beyond your
fondest dreams.

S & E Motor Co.

Ayden, N. C.

Season's Greetings

In extending our sincerest greetings to our friends at this time we find an ever deeper meaning in the spirit of Christmas. For it is the furthering of friendship and brotherhood with others that brings to us the true joy of living...
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Best Jewellery Co.

Established 1901



Season's Greetings

The Christmas greetings we send to you, hold every good wish for a Joyous Holiday Season.

Tadlock Mutual Insurance Agency

Your Poinsettia Will Bloom Next Christmas

THE POINSETTIA has long been a popular Christmas plant but probably few people have given much thought to the fact that it does come into bloom each year only at this season.

The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably 10 hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the daylight period to 15 hours by means of artificial lights.

Flower growers have learned how to bring garden chrysanthemums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

How can one keep a poinsettia plant until next season? After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where it will not freeze. Do not water it, or at least very little, and let the soil dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two-thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil.



THIS IS... CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tumble of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the hoking feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the ear that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrance of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather, undimmed by golden time.

It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts.

Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children can call their own. It is the striped candy cane.

It is the joyful music of chimes and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends.

It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for Sis. It is sincerely in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the hello from neighbors.

Christmas is a light. A light that conquers darkness; the light of charity.

'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Engelbert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes - Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall in the course of His search. He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.

The observatories on the 86th and 102nd floors of the Empire State Building in New York City have nearly a million visitors a year.



Season's Greetings

...with every good wish for your happiness at Christmas, and throughout the New Year.

A. B. Stallworth
J. B. Smith
Heber Tripp



GREETINGS

of the season

Our Holiday Greetings to our friends come straight from the heart...simple and with no false frills. May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and a very Joyous New Year.

Tetterton Motor Co.

Bay and Rosemary Christmas Tradition

Bay and rosemary have also been represented among our Christmas plants from time immemorial. An ancient writer says: "Rosemarie and Baies that are most faire were stuck about the houses and the churches at the time of Christmas."

According to tradition it was the bay tree, with its lance-like leaves and purple berries, that sheltered the holy family during a thunderstorm. Accordingly it was believed that lightning would never strike a bay tree.

The association of the rosemary plant with Christmas also goes back to the early childhood of our Lord, namely to the flight into Egypt to escape the wrath and jealousy of King Herod. Its branches are said to have held the little garments of the Christ-Child that were placed upon them by the Virgin Mother. Originally, its flowers were supposed to have been white, but the plant changed the color of its blossoms to lavender, same as Mary's cloak.

At least 2,000 different species of snakes are known.

There have been more than 30 sieges of Jerusalem.



Dear Friends,

It's been a long, hard pull getting ready for Christmas! But it's been worth the many hours spent at the workshop. For when you stop and think of the sheer delight reflected in every face on Christmas morn, it makes you feel really glad that your efforts have brought happiness like this into the World.

So, have a Merry Christmas friends... and a very Happy New Year, too!

Sincerely,
Santa

EFIRD'S DEPT. STORE



GOOD WISHES

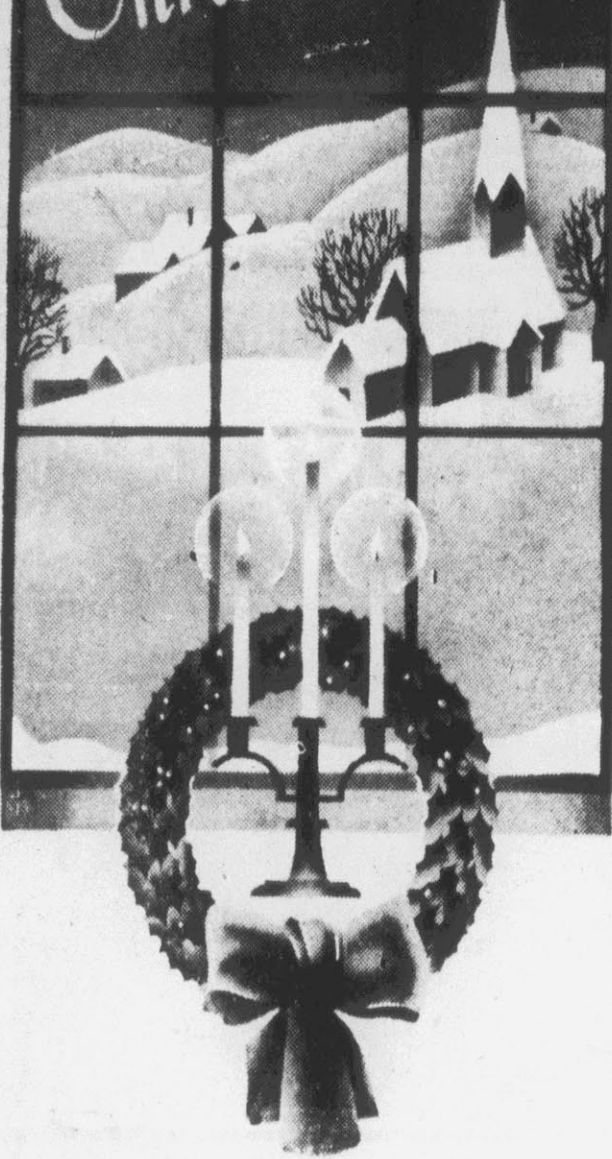
for everyone

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

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

Carolina Dry Cleaners

A Joyous Christmas to all



May every moment of this joyous holiday season sparkle with gaiety and happiness for you and yours. For your kind patronage of the past may we extend our appreciation and express our desire to continue to serve you faithfully in the future.

State Bank & Trust Co.

Egyptians Made Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

By and by in Europe, the French fashion dolls became all the rage, not for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or nuts, or cornucobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS
Much of the joy of Christmas for mothers and fathers is watching the thrill children get from finding toys under the tree. These children express their joy on Christmas morning. Much of the joy for the children is the anticipation of and mystery in Santa's visit and the guessing about what the old fellow will bring.

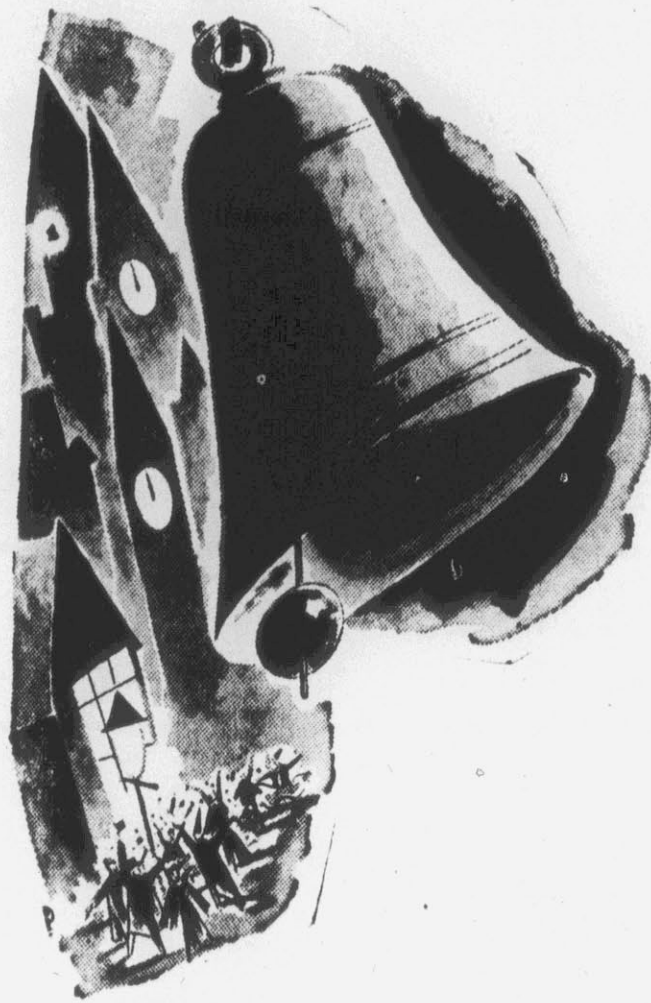


Merry Christmas
in other languages
Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! The spirit conveyed by these words is the same in all countries, but words themselves sometimes fall harshly on American ears. "Merry Christmas" in French has a soft and musical sound. It is Joyeux Noel.
In Spain the greeting is "Feliz Pascuas," and in Italy, "Buon Natale." For Sweden it is "God Jul" and Norway, "Gladig Jul."
In Germany and Holland the greeting is a tongue-twister that will stump the average American. The Germans say "Froehliche Weihnachten" and the Dutch, "Plezierig Kerstfeest."
But whatever the language, the spirit behind this greeting is the

Holiday WISHES

To all our friends we wish good cheer, not only for Christmas, but for all of the coming New Year.

United Surplus Co.
629 Dickinson Ave.



Season's Greetings

1952

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

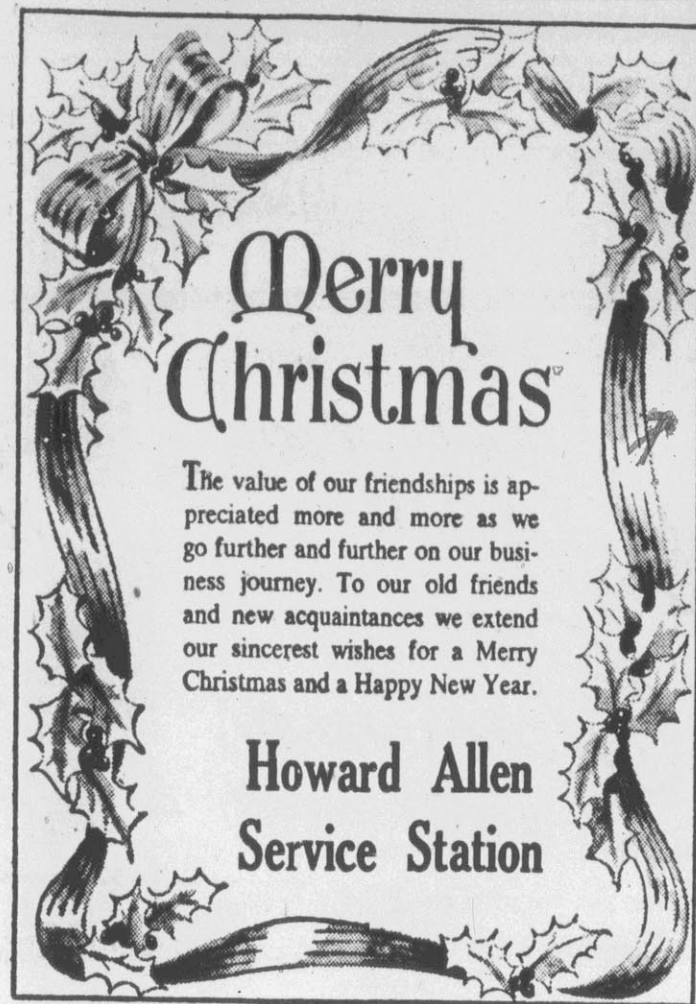


Holiday Greetings

WITH OUR BEST WISHES

To one and all go our heartiest wishes for the happiest Yuletide ever. May good cheer and good health be yours for all of 1953.

Biggs Drug Store



Merry Christmas

The value of our friendships is appreciated more and more as we go further and further on our business journey. To our old friends and new acquaintances we extend our sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Howard Allen Service Station



SILENT NIGHT — Groups of singers from the Salvation Army have toured the city nightly, bringing songs of Christmas cheer to local citizens. Above, one of the groups is singing a Christmas carol.



Greetings for the Holiday Season

To all our friends...here's to a Merry Christmas and a very gay New Year.

Bunch Shoe Service

XXXMAS KISSES
Mistletoe Bestows Good Fortune

VERY few people don't know what a sprig of mistletoe means at Christmas time—especially when there's a pretty girl standing beneath it! But few people realize that this very pleasant custom has its root in age-old superstitions.

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe. According to an ancient Norse legend, the sun god was slain by an arrow fashioned from the mistletoe plant. He was resurrected by his mother's tears, which falling upon the plant, were crystallized into pearly berries. Because of this magical healing, it was ordained that mistletoe should grow neither on heaven nor earth, but suspended between. That is the reason, runs the legend, that

mistletoe is found, growing on trees.

Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for that purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful powers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

Because of its supposed salutary properties, mistletoe was often hung over the doors of primitive houses as a sign of good-will. Belief in magic has disappeared, but this custom still remains. And a kiss under the mistletoe still has beneficent effects. Try it and see for yourself!

Allegorical Parades Mark Mexican Yule

THE people in Mexico build elaborate floats for allegorical parades during the holiday season.

For eight evenings before Christmas there is a religious procession at the head of which the figures of Joseph and Mary are borne.

On the ninth evening entrance is permitted and a religious ceremony conducted about the straw-filled manger of the Babe.

True Christmas Spirit Is Found in Sharing

FOR a really satisfying and meaningful Christmas, share yours with the old and feeble, the ill and shut-in, the bereaved whose sorrows you might lighten.

Unfortunately all the flurry and preparation associated with Christmas are apt to make parents as well as children overlook the real significance of the coming birthday of Christ.

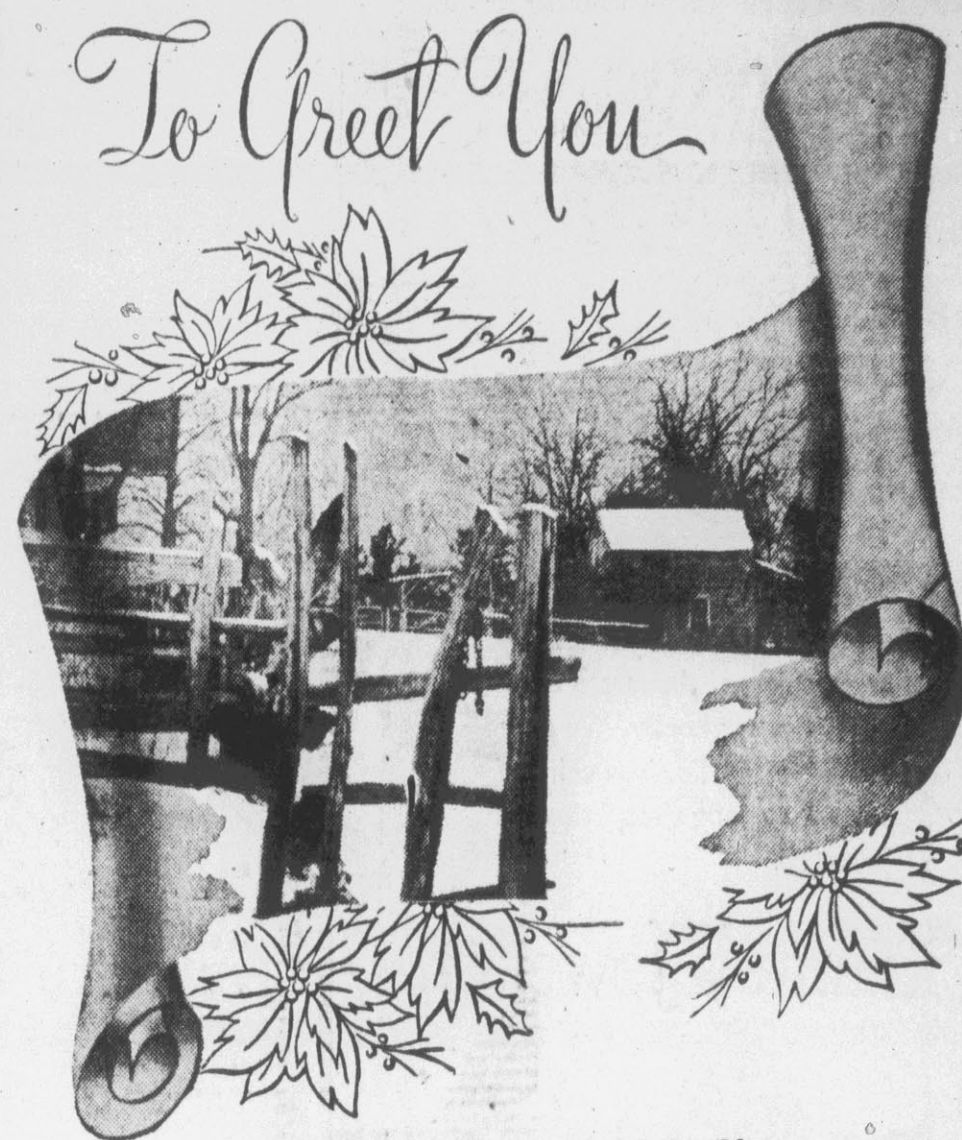
Burial Place of Santa Said to Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was tempting to remove his remains. However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus to a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty-stricken orphan to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and remembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.



We wish you all the joys of the Christmas season and a very happy New Year too!

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24 Hour Service



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.



Merry Christmas

We wish to use this means to express our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who have in any way contributed to our success for the year 1952.

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

GARRIS SUPPLY

RICHARD GARRIS, Owner

Christmas Cheer

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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.

Stauffer's Jewelers

KEEPING CHRISTMAS

by Henry Van Dyke

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

Doesn't Miss Stolen Bathtub

CHICAGO (UP)—Someone stole the bathtub that eight families in an apartment building use, but one of the tenants didn't mind. "I don't know what happened to the tub and I don't care," Robert Cannon, 30, said. "It leaked and the water dripped into my rooms."

WRONG GUY

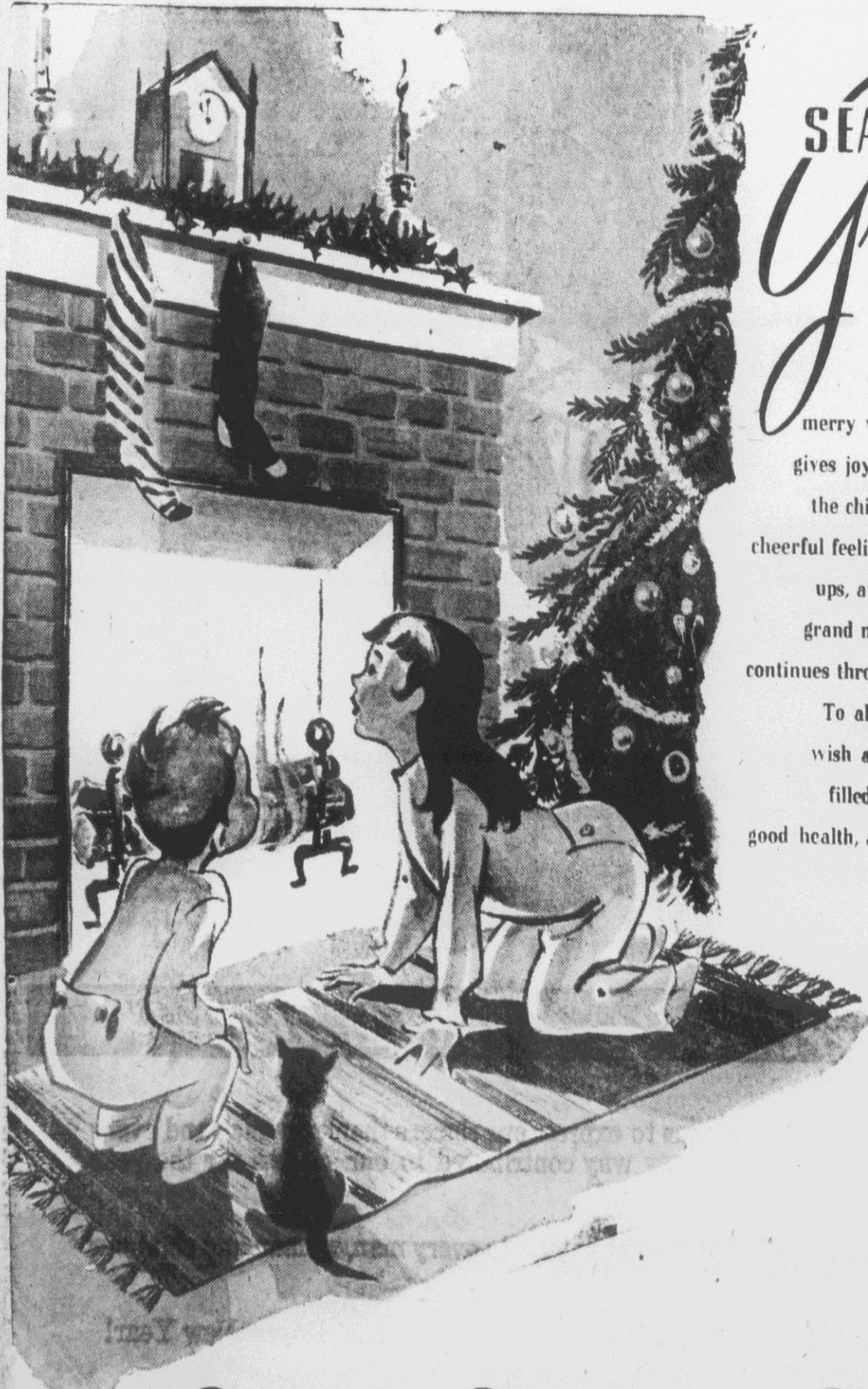
SANTA ANNA, Tex. (UP)—Mistakes in spelling occur frequently in the names of Texas towns, but this one probably has suffered most. Its founders wanted to name it for Santanta, a friendly Indian chief, but the Post Office Department erroneously made it Santa Anna, thus commemorating a Mexican general infamous for his deeds in the Texas-Mexican struggle more than a century ago.

Best Wishes for Christmas

Christmas is here again and we're very glad. For we know that you and yours are looking forward to a merry time this year, enjoying all the pleasures of the holiday. And when our friends are happy we're happy too!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Greenville Equipment Co.



SEASON'S Greetings

Christmas has a merry way with all... it gives joy and laughter to the children, warm and cheerful feelings to the grown-ups, and best of all the grand memory of its joy continues throughout the year. To all our friends we wish a Holiday Season filled with happiness, good health, and contentment.

Garris Grocery Co.



White Chevrolet Co. Inc.

*To wish you
Christmas Joy*

The lantern of welcome is always shining for our friends... especially at this warm, friendly time of the year. Extended with it are our best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Meadowbrook
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Theatre**



AROUND THE WORLD

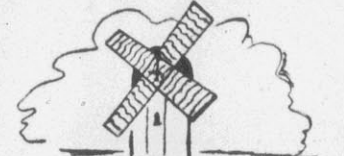
UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



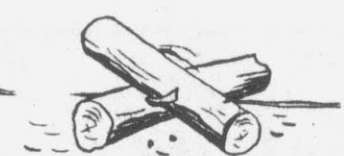
HOLLAND (Hartelijke Kerstgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townfolks sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Xristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maligayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



How Many Santa Claus Heads Can You Find
In This Picture?

Man of Bethlehem

Jesus Christ is a God whom we approach without pride, and before whom we may abase ourselves without despair.—Pascal.

As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself, so Christ is the express image—the perfect representation of God.—Ambrose.

The devotion to the person of Christ that steers clear of the doctrines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody.—Herrick Johnson.

This is part of the glory of Christ as compared with the chiefest of His servants that He alone stands at the absolute center of humanity, the one completely harmonious man, unfolding all which was in humanity, equally and full on all sides, the only one in whom the real and ideal met and were absolutely one. He is the absolute and perfect truth, the highest that humanity can reach; at once its perfect image and supreme Lord.—French.

Silk was introduced into the Western world about 550 A.D. by the Emperor Justinian who induced two monks to smuggle eggs of the silk worm out of China.



*Greetings
at
Christmas*

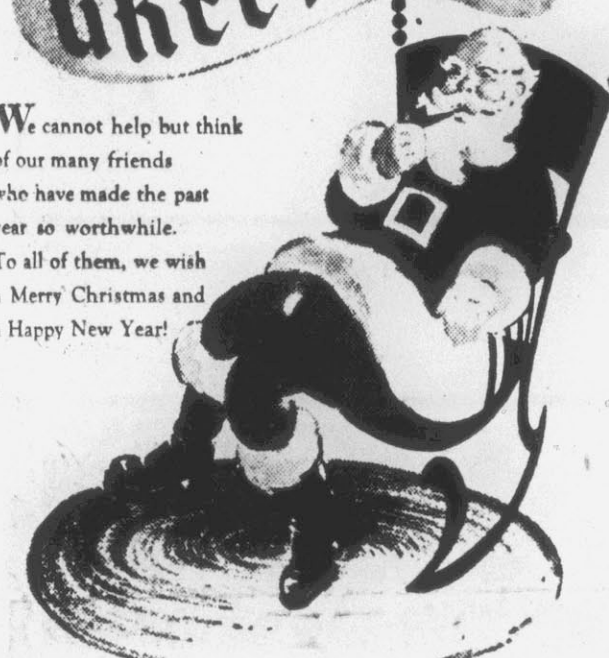
Santa's smiling countenance lights up the world on this gay and festive Holiday. We join Santa in wishing one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Whitley Paint And Wallpaper Co.

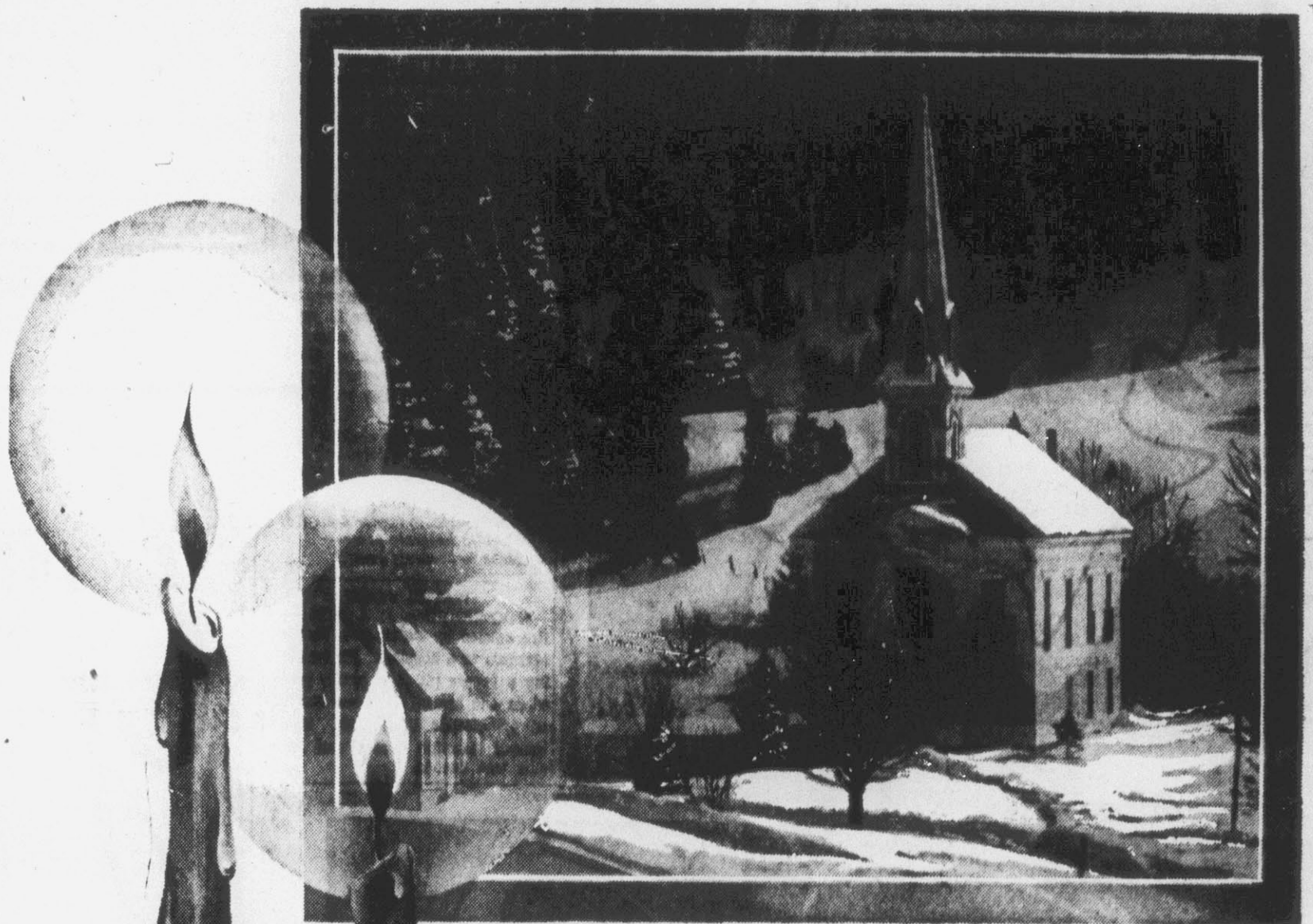
1804 Dickinson Avenue

GREETINGS

We cannot help but think of our many friends who have made the past year so worthwhile. To all of them, we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



NICHOLLS' MARKET



Season's Greetings

For us, each new Christmas seems to hold an added significance... a deeper meaning... because we realize that whatever we accomplish from year to year is made possible through the cooperation and good will of our patrons and friends. We are grateful for this manifestation of loyalty and confidence and it is with full sincerity that we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



Greetings

We're sending you loads of wishes of joy, good health and good cheer for the Holiday Season... and though they're delivered on Christmas, they're good for all the days of the New Year.

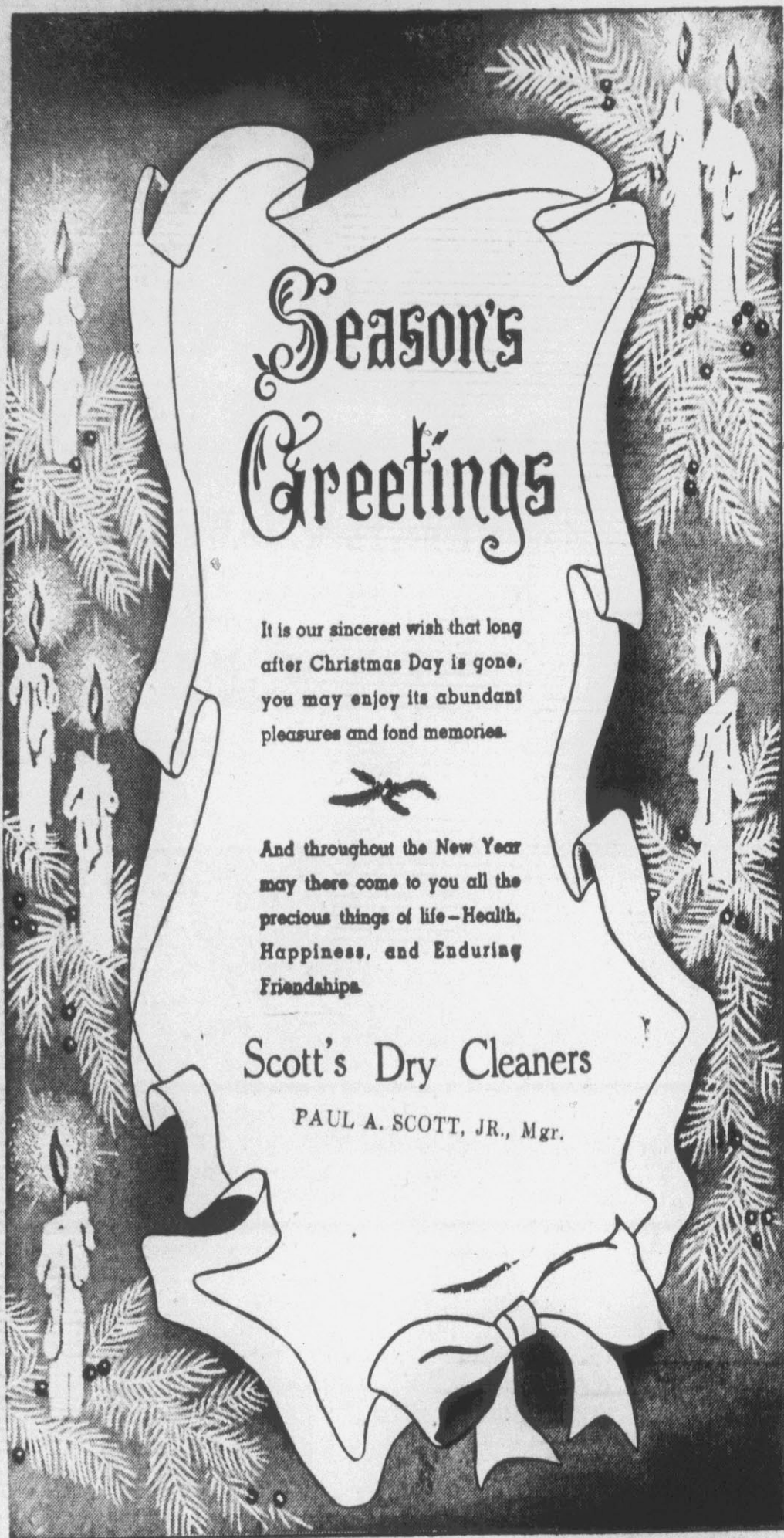


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Season's Greetings

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.

'Silent Night' Hymn Is Often Called Song From Heaven

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence. On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were



alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

"Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round your Virgin, Mother and Child;

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace."

WATER BLAZE
WOONSOCKET, R. I. (UP) — A fire caused by water sent Bertrand Marquis to a hospital. He was hoisting a grease pit at a public garage when the stream of water shattered an electric light bulb. Sparks ignited gasoline fumes and Marquis was burned.

History of Christmas Seals

When you see the Christmas seal do you ever wonder how it started?

It was born in Denmark, home of the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen.

Einar Holboell, a Copenhagen postal clerk, was sorting mail one snowy afternoon before Christmas, 1903, when he thought of the idea of a penny stamp to swell a fund for children's hospitals.

Authorized by King Christian, the first Christmas seals were sold in Copenhagen in 1904.

Holboell's scheme outgrew his wildest imaginings, for before his death in 1927, he lived to see it spread to 45 countries.

The seals found their way to America on letters and packages and first attracted the attention of Jacob Riis who wrote an article about them. Few people, however, were interested in the idea.

Then, in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a public health worker, concerned about the fate of a small sanatorium, recalled the article and sat down to sketch America's first Christmas seal, a wreath of holly encircling the words "Merry Christmas."

With 50,000 stamps printed and nowhere to sell them, Miss Bissell at last enlisted the aid of a columnist on a Philadelphia newspaper. The idea caught and within a few weeks \$3,000 was collected.

The first nation-wide sale was held the following year and was backed by newspapers all over the country, religious and civic groups, and sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association.

In the far distant past, the sequoia trees, now found mostly in California, were widely distributed over four continents.

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.

Mrs. Morton's Bakery

316 Evans Street



Greetings



It's not easy to express in cold type the warm appreciation we have for the loyalty and good will of our many friends. Our sincere thanks for your friendship is second only to the pleasure we've had in serving you. To one and all we wish a joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

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