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An Old, Familiar Story Is Told Anew



THE CHRISTMAS STORY—Lou and Peg Horne, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O.H. Horne, Jr., of Circle Drive, take time out from the normal Christmas rush to listen attentively as their mother reads to them from the Bible the Story of Christmas.

Welfare Dept. Discloses All On List 'Remembered'

By EDWINA HAYMES
Reflector Staff Writer

Pitt County will experience the biggest Christmas it has ever had as far as the spirit of giving is concerned, according to Mrs. Peggy M. Evans of the county Welfare Department.

Mrs. Evans is the caseworker in charge of the department's Christmas file on needy families. She reported that public response to the plea for "Yuletide cheer for the needy" has been "overwhelming" this year, and as a result, no family whose name is on file with the Welfare department will go unremembered this Christmas Day.

Some 76 organizations and 33 anonymous "helping hands," plus the towns of Ayden, Falkland, Bethel, Farmville and Winterville, will be responsible for giving 336 families a merry Christmas, while money donations from a number of groups and individuals will make it possible for the Welfare department to help 20 families who were not taken. The Welfare department itself has no funds for Christmas work among the needy, but Mrs. Evans reported that this year people have "been more generous than ever before, donating a total of \$204.55 to bring Yuletide cheer to those in unfortunate circumstances. Caseworkers are either buying gifts for the remaining families in need or sending them checks to purchase their own.

In addition, South Greenville School has made donations of food, while the Negro Home Demonstration agency has given clothing and is sending remembrances to one sanatorium case. Mrs. Evans said that clothes have been donated from many sources, "and our clothing supply is bigger than it has ever been before."

Organizations Assisting Organizations and the number of families they are helping this year include the Moose club, 30; book clubs, 8; church circles, 17; Batchelor Benedicts Club, 12; Sunday School and church classes, 12; Jaycees, 33; Kiwanis Club, 10; St. James Methodist W.S.C.S., 2; Westminster Fellowship, 2; Bethany Church, 4; Greenville Service League, 20; American Legion, 3; Eighth Street Baptist Church, 2; Grace Free Will Christian Church, 3; Exchange Club, 2; Askew's Market, 2 and the Winterville Ruritan Club, 5.

Responsible for one family each are the National Guard Temperance Union, Winterville-Greenville 4-H Club, Presbyterian Church, King's Daughters, home ec club at ECC, Episcopal Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Fleming's Service Station, Greenville High School Student Council Association, VFW Auxiliary, Business, Socialist Club, Junior Woman's Club, Fine Arts Department of the Woman's Club, Newcomers Club, Jayceettes, Telephone company, Brownies, Register of Deeds, Math club at ECC, Elmhurst sixth grade, Woman's Recreation Association at ECC, Greenville High School Glee club and Falkland Presbyterian Church.

Fifty-four families have been referred to Bethel, 17 to Farmville, three to Winterville, two to Falkland, 23 to Ayden. Farmville groups are taking care of all 28 Pitt County Home residents.

Record Or Near-Record Season For Most This Year Merchants Satisfied With Sales

Greenville merchants apparently are well-satisfied with sales to Christmas shoppers.

A spot check of different type businesses this week showed none to be absolutely pessimistic concerning sales although several described business simply as "about average" for this season of the year.

Jewelry store reports indicated that the usual rise in the purchase of Christmas gifts was occurring. One firm saw an increase in purchases of silverware as Christmas gifts and another noted a marked increase particularly in the sale of cigarette lighters.

Furniture stores too, seemed to be doing very well. Floor covering orders, in particular, were cited by one Department store sales also as "quite satisfactory" according to one manager. "Of course we're glad to see all these Christmas shoppers," he said, "but honestly some of our sales people are nearly worn out when the day is over. And," he added, "I know the shoppers are too."

Contacts with hardware stores also revealed a "satisfactory" trend in sales. One firm placed their Christmas business at "about the same as last year; perhaps a little better."

Purchasing of items for Christmas shoppers often poses a serious problem, one sales official pointed out. Some lines he said, have natural sales potential the year round but others are "seasonal" in their value.

This, he added, puts a heavy strain on buyers for the firms for orders with manufacturing concerns must often be placed in July or earlier for the Christmas season.

"We must anticipate the items which the public will want to purchase for Christmas," he said, "and if we guess wrong when we make our buys in the summer, then we may be stuck with material after the Christmas sales are over."

This same person termed what he called the "good" sales this Christmas a "healthy sign" for the national, state and local economy.

Business at the Alcoholic Beverage Control stores was reported the first of this week as "being in line" with that of last year.

"We've had no great rush so far," one employee said, "but we're really hoping some Friday and Saturday."

Sales of liquor, he said also, should surge upward again just prior to New Year's.

Christmas shopping may be tough on the customer, but, as one person put it, "it's just as hard on us salespeople."

"You see," he said, "once these folks get their holiday buying out of the way, they're through until next year. But with us, it's a case of starting inventory, clearing out all old stock, buying new products and getting ready to prepare for other seasonal demands."

Revenuers Get \$1,000 Bond

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—The Internal Revenue Service here received a Christmas present of a \$1,000 negotiable bond in the mail yesterday. With it was this note, addressed to "Dear Mr. Collector":

"The bond enclosed is for an income tax that is almost 20 years old."

The letter was signed "A Conscious-minded Taxpayer."

Bureau officials said the bond, which requires no signature, will be deposited in the U.S. Treasury.

'Mail Early' Plea By Postmen Met Unusual Response

People, at least those in and around Greenville, have finally heeded the post office department's annual plea to mail their Christmas packages and cards early.

That's the word from the local post office, as officials report the Christmas mail rush ended on Wednesday, and the flow of mail in and out of the office is "fairly normal" now. They said the rush began around December 12.

Despite the fact that conditions are almost back to normal, a post office report shows that more mail was handled during this Christmas season than ever before, with an increase of about 13 per cent over last year.

During the peak days, which were Monday and Tuesday of this week, the post office handled approximately 200,000 pieces of mail. Daily mail handled was 150,000 pieces, 20,000 more than last year's Christmas day.

Amount of incoming and outgoing mail was "about equal."

Post office receipts through December 22 are reported approximately \$1,500 ahead of last year's at the same time.

The biggest bottleneck in the Christmas operations has been in correct and incompletely addressed mail "as usual," officials said. They pointed out that this is a problem, "not only at Christmas but all year long."

Eight Christmas assistants, three less than last year, were employed to help make city deliveries during the holidays. No assistants were employed for rural routes this year, while six worked out in the county last year.

There have been no set number of daily deliveries "but we have been getting as much mail out as fast as we can until dark," officials stated. Deliveries have been made at least twice a day.

There will be no deliveries tomorrow except special delivery and perishable packages. The post office will be closed Monday, but there will be parcel post delivery in the residential areas and collection from all boxes in the afternoon. Post office windows will reopen Tuesday morning.

Some Applicants For Hughes' Post

By ALVIN TAYLOR
Reflector City Editor

Several telephone calls in response to the city's advertisement for a new city manager have been received, Mayor W.L. Whedbee said today.

The city placed an advertisement in the Dec. 15 edition of the International City Manager's Newsletter, published in Chicago by the International City Manager's Association.

Councilmen must find a replacement for present City Manager James S. Hughes who has resigned his position effective Dec. 31 to accept a similar position at Pompano Beach, Fla.

Mayor Whedbee said that all those who have replied so far have been from North Carolina. Calls have been received from both the eastern and western sections of the state.

The mayor noted that he has asked each of those who have called expressing interest in the position to submit a formal written application.

He said he was asking each to include "education, training, experience and also references who can be contacted for additional information."

No written applications for the job have been received as yet, Whedbee stated.

City fathers are expecting a large number of city managers to apply for the job. Although Hughes will end his duties next week, it may be weeks before a successor can be chosen.

In the meantime each of the City Councilmen will be responsible for a portion of the town government's operations. Various departments will be assigned to each of the councilmen.

It is a system similar to that which was in effect when the city's first manager was chosen over two years ago.

A REMINDER
Offices of The Daily Reflector will observe the Christmas holidays through Monday, December 26, and open Tuesday morning. There will be no publishing on Monday.



One of the busiest centers of activity during the Christmas season is the post office. As usual, the local post office has been swamped with packages and Christmas cards during the past few weeks. In addition to the regular flow of mail, eight Christmas assistants were employed to help take care of the increased volume. (Reflector Photo by Edwinna Haymes).

Merry Christmas from everyone at The Reflector



Social and Personal

All items for this page received after 10 a. m. will be published the following day. Dial 6166—9 a. m. to noon; 1 to 4:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Batchelor and two sons, Bill and Scott, of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wooten Jr. of Raleigh will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Batchelor.

Miss Hannah Proctor is in Chicago to attend The Passavant Coalition and Christmas Ball at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John J. McInnis.

Mrs. Mamie W. Harris is a patient in Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Given Surprise Party

BETHEL — Miss Shirley Ann Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hardy, was honored by her parents at a surprise birthday party on Monday December 19. Their home was very lovely with a beautifully decorated tree and other holiday ornaments.

The guests were invited for six o'clock. The honoree was celebrating her eighteenth anniversary. The menu consisted of fried chicken, succotash, vegetable casserole, potato salad, candied yams, hors d'oeuvres, coconut cup cakes

and coca-colas. The honoree opened her attractive gifts and thanked each. There were 26 who attended the party.

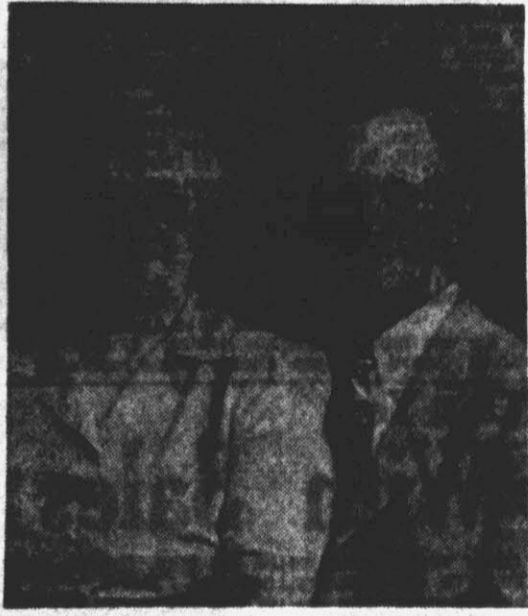
W.M.U. Has Christmas Party
BETHEL — The regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of the Baptist Church met on Monday night at the church for a Christmas party. Mrs. Carey Brown president, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. John Mayo, secretary, gave her report and other committee reports were heard. The program chairmen were Mrs. Irvin Taylor, Mrs. J. C. Smith and the Rev. T.N. Cooper. They brought out in their discussion the power of prayer and encouraged the frequency of praying. Several examples of prayer were used. The meeting was dismissed with a prayer by Mrs. Brown.

The guests were invited to the Recreation Room and were served doughnuts and coffee. There were thirty-three who attended.

Water is so scarce on Mars that its white polar caps are thought by astronomers to be hoarfrost only a few inches thick.

Observe Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. B. F. James are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary today with members of their immediate family at their home in Winterville.

Kindergarten Class Has Christmas Party

BETHEL — Mrs. Cleve Burton, Jr.'s kindergarten class had their annual Christmas party on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. A tree was decorated with colorful ornaments and gifts were placed under it. The centers of the tables were adorned with miniature snowmen, Santa Clauses and pine cones.

The guests were served nuts, candies, cookies, pepsi-colas and favors of apple snowmen were distributed to the children.

The mothers who attended were Mesdames Joe Butterworth, W.A. Moody, E.E. Dennis, Leighton Blount, Jr., Bert Carson, B.F. Manning, Jr., George Abeyoums, John Lloyd Watson, Ernest Alexander, R.B. Edmondson and R.P. Michaels Jr.

The guests invited were Henry Weeks, Ferrell Blount, Hilton Carson, Gray Butterworth, Pat Dennis, Kathryn Andrews, Teddy Abeyoums, Julia Ann and Roger Burton and Miss Marion Burton.

Before the mothers of the children departed, attractive angels containing a hankerschiefe were given to them as presents.

Music Club Presents Cantata

BETHEL — The Bethel Music Club presented a sacred concert entitled, "The Choir of Bethlehem" by Noel Benson on Sunday, December 18 in the Methodist Church. The organist was Mrs. W.R. Humnicutt, the director was Mrs. R.H. Stator.

Mrs. Tom Andrews, Jr. opened the program by singing "O Holy Night".

The songs "In the Highest Glory", "And There Were Shepherds", "Lo, the Angel of the Lord", "The Bethlehem Story", "The Oldest Carol", "Sing Choirs of Angels", "Even Unto Bethlehem", "Mary's Vigil", "The Song is the Air" and "The Choir of Bethlehem" were beautifully rendered and enjoyed by a large attendance.

The soloists, in order of their appearance, were Mrs. Andrews, J.L. Gurganus, Jr., Mrs. S.C. Whitehurst, Miss Carolyn Willis, Durwood White, Mrs. Joe Russell, and Mrs. C.G. Garrenton.

AROUND THE TREE

A glistening Christmas tree apron is made of polyethylene, helps catch spilled water and dropping needles and provides a gay background for gifts. The 72 inch square apron may be gathered around the base to hide the tree-holder.

According to the Federation of Malaya Annual Report of 1955, there were 37,515 people employed in its tin mines.

Mrs. Andrews Hostess To Bridge Club

BETHEL — Mrs. Tom Andrews, Jr. entertained her bridge club at her home on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The living room was artistically and attractively decorated with Christmas arrangements. Other parts of the spacious home contain arrangements using the seasonal theme.

Between the second and third progressions, a hostess tray with yuletide motifs was served with coffee. Individual favors were on the trays. Mrs. J.B. Bunting, mother of the hostess, assisted in serving.

Those who played were Mesdames J.C. Wynne, Jr., James Womack, Clayton Carson, R.J. Whitehurst, Walter C. Whitehurst, Harold Stator, F. Curtis Martin and Dave Speir.

When the scores were tallied, Mrs. Martin received the high score prize and Mrs. Speir was awarded the consolation prize.

Mrs. Andrews then distributed gifts to each member before their departure.

John D. Whitehurst Funeral Set Sunday

John D. Whitehurst, 79, died at his home in the Pactolus community Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock. He had been an invalid for the past seven years and critically ill for two weeks.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Whitehurst was born in Beaufort County and had lived in the Pactolus community for the past twenty years. He was a farmer, and a member of Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Leggett's Crossroads.

Surviving are six sons: Jesse M. Whitehurst of near the home, Eddie Whitehurst of near Pactolus, Paul Whitehurst of Greenville, Artie Whitehurst of New Bern, Johnnie Whitehurst of Pactolus, and Brownie Whitehurst of Scotland Neck; and two daughters, Mrs. William Butler of Bethel and Miss Goldie Mae Whitehurst of the home.

SOMETHING FOR A BOY

Ideal Christmas present for a young student is a world globe made of plastic that can be folded into a small package. It is printed in bright colors and sharp type, protected by a laminated sheet.

HIGHCHAIR SET

A good gift for a youngster is a decorated child's set of dinnerware in unbreakable plastic. One gay 3 piece set of cereal bowl, plate and cup has a gay clown "oops!" cavorting over each piece.

Cantata Choir Honored at Parties

BETHEL — After rehearsal last week, Mrs. and Mrs. J.L. Brown entertained members of the Cantata choir at a party. The hall and living room were attractively decorated using a Christmas motif. The dining table was centered with a bowl of red berries flanked by candles. Wide red ribbon completed the decorations and on the ribbon 1956 and Merry Christmas was placed.

Mrs. Carey Hammond served plum pudding from one end of the table and from the other Mr. Hammond and Mrs. F.L. Andrews Jr. were hosts to the choir at a delightful party. The Methodist parsonage was decorated with original yuletide arrangements with original yuletide arrangements through out the house.

The turkey luncheon with fruit cake and coffee was served. Mrs. W.R. Humnicutt presided over the business session. The secretary, Mrs. Irvin Taylor, read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll. The ladies made plans for a Christmas box for a needy family.

Mrs. Carson introduced Mrs. Julian Whitehurst of Rocky Mount. Her topic for the afternoon was "This I Believe." She gave an interesting review of the book. Gifts were exchanged by thirteen members. The guests included Mrs. Whitehurst, Miss Camille Stator, Mrs. J.C. Smith, Mrs. J.B. Bunting, Mrs. F.F. Pollard and Mrs. A.L. Stoddard.

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Bethel Book Clubs Have Luncheon Meets

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used. The individual tables were centered with miniature angels, ornaments and greenery.

The luncheon menu consisted of turkey, dressing, gravy, green beanlets, scalloped oysters, green peas with pimento strips, candied yams in orange cups, hors d'oeuvres, hot biscuits and for dessert a tray containing assorted sweets were passed. Coffee was served with the meal.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Leighton Blount Jr. presided and Mrs. F. Curtis Martin read the minutes of the last meeting which stood approved. The members decided to contribute to the fund for

local needy families. Mrs. Harold Stator gave the treasurer's report after which Mrs. R.J. Whitehurst gave a most inspiring and enjoyable reading of a Christmas story.

In Borneo, diamonds often are panned out of the sand in stream beds like gold.

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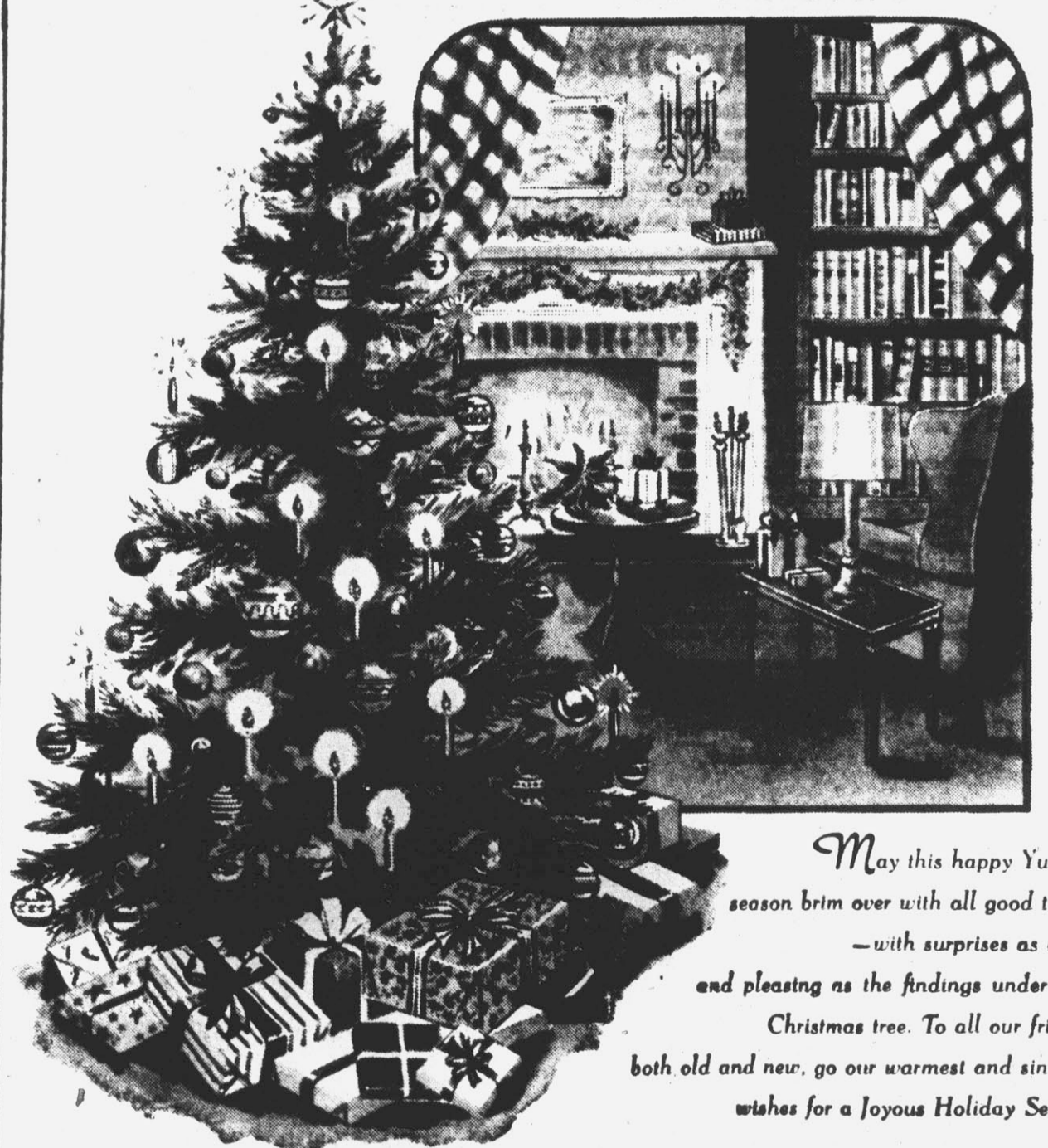
Season's Greetings

As we approach the season that symbolizes peace and good will, we recall with gratitude the friendships we have made in the years that have passed. May this greeting serve to carry the wish that your Christmas be joyous and the New Year hold all that you desire.

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Warm Wishes at Christmas



May this happy Yuletide season brim over with all good things — with surprises as merry and pleasing as the findings under your Christmas tree. To all our friends, both old and new, go our warmest and sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

C. Heber Forbes

Woolum-Moye Vows Spoken On Anniversary Of Bride's Parents

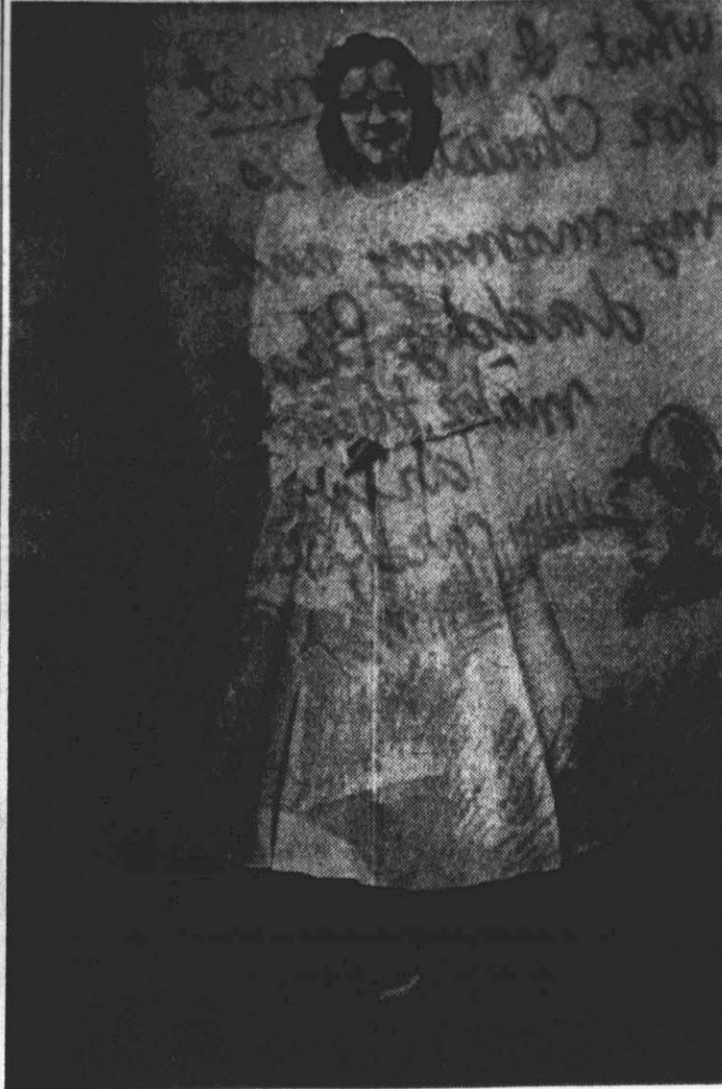
Miss Kathryn Ann Moye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Moye of Winterville, became the bride of Davis Howard Woolum, son of Mrs. Lula Ferrell Woolum of Chapmanville, West Virginia, and Fred Woolum Sr. of Bradshaw, West Virginia, in a lovely informal candlelight ceremony solemnized Friday, December 22, the wedding anniversary of the bride's parents, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville. The Rev. James A. Evans of Wilson, pastor of the bride, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The repeated vows were spoken before an altar amid a background of pines, palms, wrought-iron seven-branched candelabra entwined with trailing ivy holding tall cathedral candles, wrought-iron baskets of white mums with plumosa fern and emerald jade. The couple knelt for the benediction on a wrought-iron prie-dieu with single branched candelabra and a white velvet pillow. Pews were marked with white wedding bells tied with green satin bows.

A program of nuptial music was rendered by Mrs. Paul Braxton of Winterville, pianist. The traditional wedding marches were used for the processional and recessional and "To A Wild Rose" was played softly during the ceremony. Mrs. Joseph Williams Lupton, only sister of the bride, soprano soloist, sang "Because" by D'Hardelot, "Through the Years" by Youmans and for the benediction "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a waltz length dress of white duchess bridal satin with a yoke of rosepointe hand clipped lace edged and designed in seed pearls, a bias satin fold caught with seed pearls, sleeves ending in a point over the wrists fastened with tiny self-covered buttons and edged with seed pearls, a tight fitted bodice dipped to a corded point in the front and fastened in the back with tiny self-covered buttons, and a bouffant skirt worn over a hoop. She also wore white duchess satin shoes. The shoulder length veil of pure silk French illusion was draped from a matching lace over satin Juliet cap encrusted and outlined in seed pearls. The bride carried a lace handkerchief and a white purple-throated orchid, tied with streamers of white satin inserted with the good luck charms on her Nurse's Bible, which was presented to her while at James Walker Memorial Hospital, aunt of the bride.

Miss Polly Ann Nobles of Winterville, a student at Mars Hill Col-



lege, attended her cousin as maid of honor. She wore a copen blue faille street length dress fashioned similar to the bride's with a white Venice lace neckline sprinkled in rhinestones and mits edged in Venice lace sprinkled with rhinestones. She wore a copen blue faille cloche sprinkled in rhinestones, white shoes and carried a cascade bouquet of pink carnations and white pom chrysanthemums tied with pink satin streamers.

Both the bride's and honor attendant's dresses were designed and made by Mrs. Joe V. Moye of Robersonville, aunt of the bride.

Little Miss Joyce Elaine Hardee,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Hardee of Winterville, was flower girl. She wore a rose faille dress fashioned like the bride's with a bias fold caught with tiny flowers gathered skirt worn over a hoop, a headpiece of rose net with blue and pink flowers and matching shoes. She carried a blue satin and net flower basket of carnation petals with a pink carnation corsage inserted and scattered carnation petals in path of the bride.

The bridegroom had as his best man the bride's brother-in-law, Joseph Williams Lupton of Bell Arthur. The ushers were Milton Spain, cousin of the bride of Greenville; and

Tommy Eakins, both students at State College, Raleigh.

The bride's mother wore for her daughter's wedding a soldier blue crepe dress, mauve hat trimmed in sequins, mauve gloves with black shoes, and a corsage of pink carnations. The bridegroom's mother chose a green wool suit with white hat trimmed in sequins, white gloves, black shoes and a corsage of white carnations.

Mrs. C. B. Spain of Greenville, aunt of the bride, was mistress of ceremonies.

Following the ceremony the bride and groom received in the vestibule, later leaving for a wedding trip to unannounced points. For traveling the bride wore a two-piece suit of brown wool, peacock blue velura cloche, scarf and gloves, other accessories of brown suede and the orchid lifted from her Bible. After the wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Woolum will be at home at Apartment 5, 919 9th Street, Huntington, West Virginia.

Mrs. Woolum is a graduate of Winterville High School and of the James Walker Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Wilmington. She has been employed as a graduate nurse at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

Mr. Woolum is a graduate of Jaeger High School, Jaeger, West Virginia, and is a senior at Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia. The bridegroom is a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Marshall College. Mr. Woolum served in the Coast Guard for a period of three years.

Pre-Nuptial Events

Following rehearsal on Thursday evening, December 22, Mesdames C. B. Spain and Joseph Williams Lupton entertained at an informal cake cutting at the Winterville Community Building for the wedding party, out-of-town guests and close friends of the bride. The community building was decorated in the Christmas motif. The bride's table was covered with a white cut-work table cloth, centered with a crystal bowl of white carnations, gypsophelia and lace fern, flanked with crystal candleholders entwined in ivy holding lighted tapers, and on either end of the table stood a crystal punch bowl and the three-tiered wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom on a crystal plate encircled with ivy. Clusters of wedding bells tied with green satin bows were used on each corner of the table. After the bride and bridegroom-elect had cut the traditional first slice and the favors were pulled by members of the wedding party the wedding cake was served by Mrs. T. B. Lupton of Greenville. Mrs. Spain poured lime punch. The guests served themselves in mint and salted pecans from silver compotes. A pink, green and white color scheme was carried out. Mrs. Joseph Williams Lupton presided at the bride's register. Miss Moye was presented a pink carna-

tion corsage and a gift of china in her chosen pattern by the hostesses.

Prior to the wedding rehearsal Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moye, parents of the bride, entertained the bride couple and out-of-town guests at a

wedding buffet supper at their home in Winterville. Guests served themselves to a traditional holiday turkey supper from a table covered with a beautiful white crocheted tablecloth over green linen. The Christmas motif was used.

February Wedding Planned



Mr. and Mrs. John Winiford Warner, 806 First Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Ann of Charlotte, North Carolina, to William Milton Taylor of Charlotte, son of Mrs. Evelyn L. Taylor of Prescott, Arizona, and the late Thomas H. Taylor of Dothan, Alabama. The wedding will take place February 18.

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Season's GREETINGS

*** May time turn backward in its flight... and make you a child again just for a night... as Santa bows in with a sack full of gifts and a wealth of good wishes from all of us to all of you.

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The Original Christmas Story

Luke 2:1 - 20:
 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).
 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone about them: and they were sore afraid.
 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
 Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
 And it came to pass, as the angel were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Spirit Of Christmas Has Not Been Lost

Through the glittering lights of ornamented trees, the shimmering colors of brightly decorated packages, and the sparkling eyes of youngsters on Christmas morning there shines the true spirit and meaning of Christmas. Department stores have poured forth their volume of Yuletide gifts. The mad rush of buying, wrapping, mailing and cooking has ceased. We stand once more on the threshold of the most joyous season of the year, the season in which we celebrate the event which gave meaning and purpose to human life and Christian living. True, we have commercialized the season to the point that the very spirit of Christmas is sometimes lost in the rush. We have turned our eyes toward the secular symbols of Christmas perhaps with little thought for the blessed event from which it all has come. But let us not deceive ourselves. Let us not convince ourselves that modern Christmas has deteriorated into a pagan festival in which the real meaning of the season is lost. For at this season of the year every heart, consciously or unconsciously, calls back scenes from the Christmas story. Who among us does not see in his mind's eye at this season the lowly stable and the manger which holds the most precious gift that was ever given? Does there exist a man so cold and hard that he does not visualize at this season the bright star of Bethlehem, the shepherds, and in a moment of retrospect does not hear the anthem of the Christmas Angels? In every ear rings the message of Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men. Ere the evening is gone and the bright packages of Christmas morning are reduced to shreds of ribbons and scraps of paper, many families will read together again the story of Christmas from the Holy Book. Churches will be filled with worshippers. In our midst literally thousands of people will be cheered by the benevolence of fellow Christians. Even where stockings are partially filled and the festive board is sparsely set on Christmas Day, the real meaning of Christmas is indeed not lost. At this Christmas Season may each be keenly aware that the joy of the season is determined not by the number of packages nor the bulging of stockings, but what the individual finds in his heart at Christmas.

One Solitary Life

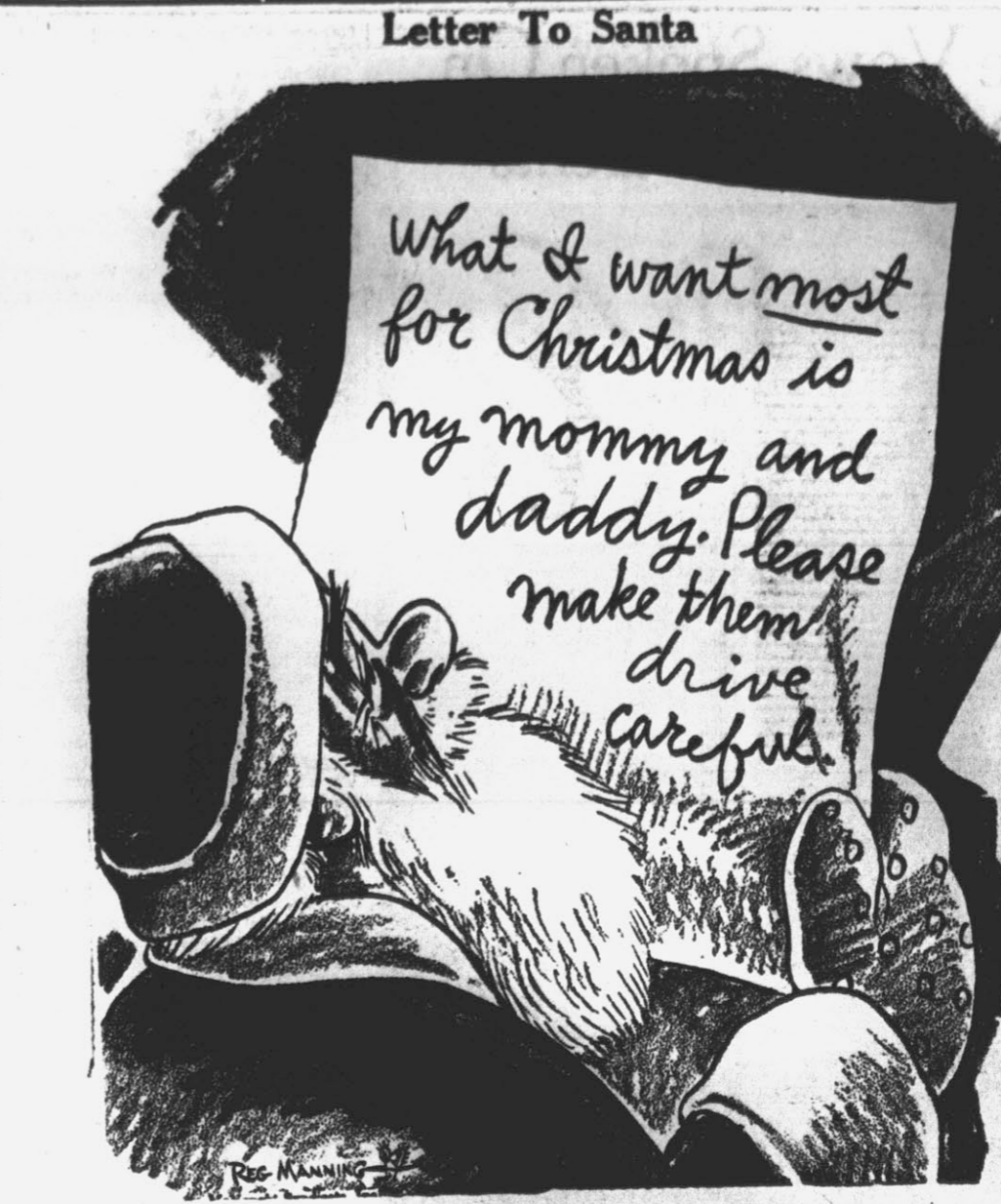
(Editor's Note: Editors, writers and ministers have attributed this anonymous tribute to many sources. It has been read by thousands upon thousands of people. It has been the subject of many sermons. Far reaching efforts to determine its origin have been to no avail.)
 Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself. While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries wide have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life.

No Special Rush On This Santa Letter

By LYNN NISBET
 DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I have been writing you because I knew you were so busy with emergency orders. The things I am asking for do not have to be delivered before Christmas. Some time between your rush seasons, please fill the following orders:
 To the University of North Carolina: A good president and a winning football coach. Two or three good backfielders will also be appreciated.
 To Wilmington: A big company employing a lot of office workers to replace the Coast Line railroad.
 To the Democratic party: A winning candidate for President. A similar request for the Democrats of the tenth congressional district.
 To the Baptists: Settlement of the Wake Forest squabble.
 To the Presbyterians: A free site for the proposed new college, and enough money so that the present fine schools at Flora McDonald, Peace and Maxton will not have to be abandoned.
 To Dwight Eisenhower: Restoration to full health and vigor. Also color television for his tractor.
 To Luther Hodges: All the airplane riding he wants. Also an extra million dollars subscription to the Business Development Corporation.
 To Eugene Shaw: More taxpayers making larger payments. Also a smile which he can use while separating the tax money from the citizens.
 To Charlie Carroll and the State Board of Education: Enough qualified school teachers and adequate classrooms to take care of the kids.
 To Stag Ballentine and the Board of Agriculture, Joe Eagles and his committee, the Council of State, et al: Buyers for the Old Piedmont test farm at a figure high enough to justify all their several positions. Also industrial plants on the site to make Statesville folks happy.
 To Bill Saunders and the C&D Board: A new factory and a big payroll for every community in North Carolina.
 To the Travel Council: More folks traveling more miles and staying longer between on part of Tarheel and non-residents alike.
 To the Bethlehem-Jerusalem area: Some of the peace heralded by the angels two thousand years ago.
 To Kidd Brewer: Identity of the vandal who added that "NT" to his big billboard sign reading "YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID."
 To Ed Scheidt and other highway safety advocates: Reduction of traffic accidents, both in percentage and number.
 To all Newspapers: Increased business and profits, and free access to information vital to the public interest. (And, Santa dear, if you can fix it so the afternoon newspapers get better breaks that will be greatly appreciated.)
 To the Voting Citizenship of North Carolina: A sense of obligation and responsibility to preserve the essentials of democracy by exercising their suffrage in adoption of sound principles and election of honest and patriotic officials.
 To the Administrative Officers on all Levels of Government: Recognition of the fact they are servants of the people not bosses or rulers.
 To the Farmers: Seasonable weather resulting in production of crops to be sold at prices, that will obviate discussion of flexible or rigid price supports.
 To other folks: North Carolinians are not selfish people, Santa. We don't expect or want everything for ourselves. So if you have any hurricanes to distribute, please give 'em to somebody else. We can use the old ones we have for several years. Also we have enough narrow-mindedness and prejudice. Please don't bring us any more. Fact is, Santa, I hope you will be so busy during the interim between Christmas makes that you won't have time to hand out any hurricanes or prejudice to anybody anywhere. If you feel you must mix a little of that kind of stuff with all the good things you dish out, make it as little as possible—just enough to make us all realize the greater importance of the good things. To you: Finally, Santa, please keep for yourself that splendid even temper and spirit of good will. Don't be too much bothered when you are accused of lying and not delivering some of the things you promised. You must understand that the promises brought happiness, even if lack of fulfillment brought disappointment. Take care of yourself, old fellow, because we are counting on you for a lot this Christmas and for the next and for all the time before and after. Thank you, Santa, and best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Other Editors Are Saying... If We Got A Start...

(Goldboro News-Argus)
 If we once got a start, a real start, toward locating new industry in East North Carolina, it would be easy from then on. Ben Douglas, just retired as director of the Department of Conservation and Development, repeated often during the closing months of his office that our section offers the greatest potential for industrial development of any section in the nation today. But the fact still held that in most cases where prospects sought sites for plants in North Carolina they ended by placing them in the Piedmont or western part of the state. It is like any thing else, industry goes to where industry is. Success breeds success. Monroe is the county seat of Union County. It is a city of about 10,000. It is located 25 miles southeast of Charlotte. In the past few years it has recorded a marvelous growth in small industrial plants. Ray Shute, former mayor of Monroe, has played a leading part, along with others, in getting the new plants to his town. We asked him how Monroe, which for a quarter of a century had had little success in attracting new plants, had been able to get so many in recent years. His reply was that there was no set rule to explain things. He notes, however, that it is important to provide buildings for industry at a fair rental. All Eastern North Carolina should be interested in Shute's report from Monroe. He said: "As to the various mills we have established here, I fear there is no pat answer as to how, etc. It was mostly follow-up on prospects, a willingness to build for them and the fact that we have located a dozen new plants here and all of them, save one small one, have purchased their buildings and have expanded them. It is really amazing how this has gone Saturday. I will release news of three new plants, all grown out of one we brought here two years ago. Another has purchased the old Bearskin Mill building in an expansion program. "Radiant Products (electric rugs, pads, etc.) was organized by local people, locally owned, will be announced. "In the past five years we have added about two million annually to our industrial payroll. As you know, we carried an election for a five cents county levy for Industrial Development Committee in July, we employ a full time Industrial Engineer, this tax will be used to attract industry—not to build and finance that will always have to be done by individuals. "Some of our new plants, church furniture, circular knitting, pajamas, skirts, full fashioned hosiery, collars and cotton bed spreads, pillows and mattress cases, crib sheets, etc., animal hair yarn (coat lapels), overalls, chenille products, batting, spinning, radiant heat products, waste, turkey and poultry processing, etc."



by Alvin Taylor

The Only One-Seated 4-Door

There's a story going around about the man who called police to report that his dash board, steering wheel and instrument panel had been stolen from his car.
 A little while later the man called back to tell police it was all a mistake. He had gotten in the back seat by mistake.
 Greenville police haven't received any such complaint as yet. But the other day one theft was reported that was almost as bad.
 The desk sergeant at the local police headquarters received a call from one Bob T. Smith of 311 E. Eighth St. early one morning.
 "I'd like to report a stolen back seat," Smith told the officer in charge.
 "A what?" the officer asked.
 "The back seat is gone from my car," Smith repeated.
 "Yeah, I know," said the policeman, "and so is the dash board."
 "No, I'm serious," the caller continued. "I parked my car in front of my house last night and when I got in this morning the back seat was gone."
 "Okay," said the officer. "I'll send somebody around to check. Soon fingerprint men, detectives and photographers arrived.
 Sure enough. There was nothing but a hole in the back of that car where the seat ought to have been.
 Under rigid questioning Smith stuck to his story that the seat had been in the car when he parked it the night before.
 All the neighbors absolutely denied any knowledge of the missing auto part.
 And the seat is still missing as far as J. know.
 But Smith has one distinction which practically nobody else in town can claim. He's the only man I know with a one-seated four-door sedan.

Notebook On Life

Cluny's Gift For Everybody

Editors Note "Will Santa Claus really come to our house?" That is the most anxious question in America today. It is answered in the following column, written for parents to read aloud to their children. Since its first appearance in 1948 it has become a scrapbook favorite in many homes.
 By HAL BOYLE
 NORTH POLE (AP)—He's off! Santa Claus is on his way at last!
 The jolly old Saint and his famous reindeer are zooming through the arctic skies right now heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.
 The northern lights switched on to a clear steady green—the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:
 "We are clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good luck!"
 And Santa needed that wide clear road in the sky. For his big red sled was piled so high with gifts it overflowed. It looked like a flying haystack as it raced through the crisp cold air.
 "Oh, dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff. "I do hope none of these presents fall out and bean some poor innocent rabbit down below. I believe this must be the heaviest load I've had in twenty years."
 "What is he fretting about?" said Donder to Vixen. "He's only riding in that sled. We have to pull it."
 Vixen laughed so hard the bells on his harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed too.
 As Santa Claus climbed up into the seat of the sled, puffing a little because he has gained some weight this winter, three black and white penguins waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.
 "Here, here, get out of the way, please," said Santa Claus importantly. Then he said surprised:
 "Why what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."
 "We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"
 "Climb aboard, climb aboard," boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there. But I must say this is the first time I ever picked up three hitch hikers wearing tuxedos."
 Just then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.
 "You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.
 "Never mind," said Santa. "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. It'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."
 "That isn't according to Hoyle," said Mrs. Claus. "Hoyle likes to play bridge. But it does make sense, you old sofie."
 Santa stood up to crack his

Strength for the Day

By EARL L. DOUGLASS
 CHRIST AND CAESAR
 As Mary and Joseph wended their weary way from Nazareth to Bethlehem that they might meet the demand of Caesar that all his subjects be enrolled, they no doubt passed companies of soldiers on the way; and when the word went along the road that the soldiers were coming, the pedestrians, mostly peasants, probably hurried to the roadside and stood respectfully until the soldiers had passed by.
 We can imagine someone stopping these soldiers and addressing them as follows: "Soldiers, you are standing in the presence of human destiny. Do you see that man over there holding the reins of a donkey, and a woman sitting thereon? The man's name is Joseph and the woman is Mary. They will be known and revered by millions when the name of Caesar is forgotten. That woman carries in her womb a child from whose birth history will be dated. He shall be called the Son of the Most High, and in every generation through the centuries millions more people than now inhabit the Roman Empire will not only honor this Child but worship Him. The Lord and Creator of the heavens is looking down upon you soldiers, not sure whether He will wipe you off the face of the earth with His little finger now or later. The heavenly host is singing the praise of this unborn Child. You and that pitiful creature, the Roman who calls himself Caesar, are beneath the notice of God and outside the orbit of His pity."

Ike's Future Concerns The Judiciary

By RAY TUCKER
 WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower's possible retirement from politics has caused concern in Federal judicial circles as well as in the political world. Numerous jurists eligible for retirement with full pay will resign soon to insure that a Republican Attorney General recommends and a Republican President appoints their successors.
 Although Attorney General Herbert G. Brownell, Jr., will not discuss the question, he has been notified of the plan both verbally and in correspondence. He will not publicize this premeditated political exodus from the bench because it would discourage Republicans even further about 1956 chances with a non-Eisenhower ticket.
 Although Federal judges are supposed to forswear such mundane matters as partisan affairs, almost every one has such a political background that they maintain their interest in the party and its candidates. With their legal and business contacts, they usually know public sentiment in their far-flung districts and circuits.
 ANOTHER REASON FOR RESIGNATION Their deliberate doffing of their black gowns, however, is not motivated alone by selfish and partisan reasons. They want to make sure that Eisenhower's moderate philosophy will be reflected and implemented by Republican rather than Democratic jurists. They shudder at the thought of their seats being filled by appointments of a Harriman or Williams or a President under Truman domination.
 It was F.D.R. who said, in response to suggestions that future Chief Executives and Congresses might undo his New Deal, "Don't forget that I appoint the Judges, who construe and execute the laws!"
 He proved his point, temporarily at least, when death and provision for profitable retirement enabled him to name a majority of the members of the Supreme Court and lower tribunals. After reaching 70 provided that they will be re-elected, Judges Reed (71); Felix Frankfurter (73). The resignation of Justices

Productivity Will Rise Next Year

By ELMER ROESNER
 Regardless of other economic trends in 1956 and beyond it is almost certain that productivity will continue to increase.
 That means that you, and the fellow who is reading this over your shoulder, will have more work less and enjoy more leisure.
 Productivity is the amount of goods and services workers turn out in given periods of time. The United States enjoys the greatest productivity in the world. With a little more than 6 per cent of the world's population and less than 7 per cent of the world's land area, we produce and consume more than a third of the world's output. We turn out about half of the world's manufactured goods. The average American enjoys a standard of living six or seven times as high as the average foreigner.
 IT GOES UP AND UP
 Furthermore, American productivity keeps on going up at an amazing rate. The per capita income in terms of today's dollars was \$450 in 1850. Last year it was \$1,765, according to Twentieth Century Fund calculations. The 1850 worker put in nearly 70 hours a week and produced about 38 cents worth of goods an hour. Today's worker endures labor only 40 hours a week and produces more than 10 times as much as his 1850 predecessor did in an hour.
 It's often said that American productivity and, hence, its standard of living come from the richness of our natural resources. That is true only in part. Russia surely has greater resources and many other nations may have an edge. The chief cause is American technology—our bent toward assembly lines, automation, inventiveness and education for all with ability and determination. In addition there has been a great eagerness to use inanimate energy. Coal, gas, oil and electricity have largely replaced the horse and the human back as sources of power.
 The Twentieth Century Fund assumes an increase in productivity of 2 1/2 per cent a year or 25 per cent a decade for the near future, and notes that this is conservative compared with other estimates. By 1966 the average man would be turning out a quarter more than he produces today and his living standard can be expected to rise proportionately. 32 HOUR WEEK BY 1975
 J. Frederic Dewhurst, director of the Fund, in addressing the Boston Conference on Distribution in October, said that by 1975 productivity on a 40-hour week would produce a national income of \$700 billion a year, compared with \$300 billion last year. However, he said, experience since 1910 shows that 62 per cent of the increase in productivity goes towards producing more goods and 38 per cent goes toward shorter hours.
 If that pattern is continued for the next 20 years, he said, "The work week will drop from the present 40 hours to 32 hours per week; national income would amount to \$550 billion and the gross national product to perhaps \$650 billion in terms of the dollar's present purchasing power."
 HOW TO SPEND TIME AND MONEY?
 Of course, there could be various combinations; an even shorter average week and less income; a 40-hour week and three months off a year, etc. But however we take it there will be more income and less work.
 And that will change the pattern of American life and American business. There will be more interest in sports and cultural events; stadium management and in-gang hunting, more hobbies, more education, more reading, more trailer tripping and more meditation.
 There will be great expansions in some businesses—travel arranging, highway construction, fly typing, stadium management and printing bingo cards. It will be a different kind of world for us, as different as the world of 1856. We will not only have to find things on which to spend our income and leisure time, but we will have to find ways to do it wisely, or we'll all wind upon the hands of psychiatrists.
 Perhaps schools right now should start teaching stamp collecting and ballet appreciation in the second grade.

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Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Eustace R. Conway, of Greenville, N. C. announce the engagement of their daughter Martha Sale to Mr. Robert E. Fiedner, son of Mrs. Eugene B. Fiedner, of Westfield, N. J. and the late Mr. Fiedner. The wedding will take place in February.

Fellowship Groups Plan Activities For Christmas Weekend

Members of the Pioneer Fellowship at the Presbyterian Church will deliver gifts to a needy family tonight.

At 11 p.m. they will present a Christmas Eve program, in which the Christmas Story will be re-enacted and a candlelighting service will be held.

The Senior High Fellowship will meet at the church at 7:30 p.m. to go caroling. Later they will return to the church for refreshments and will attend the Christmas Eve services.

Tomorrow night both groups will meet at the Mause at 7:30 for caroling, refreshments and a devotion.

Other Christmas activities at the church this season included a Joy Gift service Sunday afternoon with a program of music presented by the young people, and a Christmas party Wednesday night for the children. The Primary Department made calendars for shut-ins. They also made a Christmas tree and carried it to a shut-in.

Mrs. Andrews at Dinner Party

BETHEL — Mrs. Herman Andrews was hostess to members of the Young Matrons Sunday School Class and the Inabelle Coleman Circle of the Bethel Baptist Church and their husbands at a dinner party last week. The mantel was artistically decorated and the Christmas motif was used through out the house.

The tables were adorned with attractive centerpieces. The guests enjoyed a delectable meal served buffet style. Each place was set with a book mark.

After dinner Mrs. J.P. Harris gave a most entertaining and informative program. Mrs. Grimes Beverly Jr. sang three selections. Those who assisted the hostess were Mesdames A.M. McWhorter, P.E. Price, F.F. Pollard, J.R. Whitchard and Misses Judy Cullifer and Betty L. Andrews.

Wednesday Club Meets with Miss Stator

BETHEL — Miss Camille Stator was hostess to the Wednesday afternoon club at 2:30 o'clock. Yuletide decorations made the home very attractive.

Between the second and third progressions, chicken salad, hot cheese biscuits, pickles, crackers, candies, ripples and coffee were enjoyed by the ladies.

At the end of play, Mrs. Z.V. Bunting was awarded the high score prize.

Others who played were Mesdames W.J. Smith, J.C. Smith, Wadie Ward, J.B. Bunting, P.F. Pollard, Alton Carson and X.E. Manning.

30 Years Ago Today

December 24, 1925

Miss Elinor Tyson was hostess to the S. Square Club at a five o'clock dinner Wednesday evening at her home on Evans Street. Covers were laid for eleven. The color scheme was scarlet and silver, with a profusion of holly and other Christmas decorations. The tables were attractive with silver candlesticks and scarlet candles. Dinner was announced with the blowing of Christmas whistles and horns. After dinner the guests were taken to White's Theatre where they enjoyed the picture. From the show they returned to Miss Tyson's home where they were entertained with a Christmas tree and each received a gift. All of the young ladies present spent the night with the hostess.

Social Calendar

SATURDAY
8:00-9:30 p.m.—Miss Janet Watson and Mrs. T. M. Watson will have open house honoring Miss Shirley Saled, bride-elect of January.

MONDAY
7:30 p.m.—Rehearsal for the Boyd-Dunn wedding in Winterville Christian Church.

9:00 p.m.—Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Boyd of Greensboro will entertain the Boyd-Dunn wedding party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ellis.

TUESDAY
12:00 Noon—The wedding of Miss Marjorie Ellis Boyd and 2nd Lt. Jimmy Ellsworth Dunn will take place in Winterville Christian Church. Wedding breakfast immediately following at Winterville Community Center.

8:00 p.m.—Witha Degree of Pochontas

8:00 p.m.—A. A. meets over Globe Hardware.

FRIDAY
6:30 p.m.—Kiwanis Club
6:30 p.m.—Exchange Club
7:30 p.m.—Red Men meet.

PERSONAL TOUCH
BISON, Okla. (AP) — Mrs. Eva Manchester, 81-year-old telephone operator, isn't worried about being crowded out of business by the new-fangled dial system—it could never give her customers the personal service she does.

Mrs. Manchester has operated the Bison exchange for 18 years, and she's all but adopted her 34 subscribing families. The lucky ones even get examples of her sewing handwork.

The energetic little great-grandmother says there's only one way to be healthy and happy—be busy.

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<p>One Group Haymaker Shirts Sold to \$7.95 \$4.</p>	<p>One Group Nylon Hose 66c</p>	<p>ALL FURS REDUCED</p>	<p><i>Brody's</i></p>

MERRY Christmas

May the Christmas Spirit glow in your heart and Good Fortune smile brightly upon you through all the days of the New Year.

Brody's

Welcome Christmas Bonus Received



Greenville Insurance Agent W. M. Scales (left) is shown above as he presents a check for a matured life insurance policy to Todd R. Allen of Ayden. Allen received the check by virtue of a clause in the policy which states that the full value will be paid to the insured upon reaching the age of 85. The Ayden man was 85 this year. Looking on is Mrs. Allen. (Reflector Photo by Alvin Taylor).

Ayden Man Fooled Experts, Collects On Insurance Policy

AYDEN — How does it feel to receive a check for \$767 three days before Christmas? Todd R. Allen of 407 Snow Hill St. is a man who knows. A check for that amount was placed in his hands last Wednesday. And there were no strings attached. Allen can cash the check any time and spend the money as he wishes. To top it all, it was money that the local man wasn't even expecting, but a welcome Christmas bonus nevertheless. Allen has done what few people ever live to do. He had literally stumped the experts and outlived an insurance policy. The local man

who turned 85 this year became entitled to receive the full face value of a \$1,000 life insurance policy which he took out 22 years ago in 1933.

Insurance Agent, W.M. Scales of Greenville presented a Security Life Insurance Co. check for \$767 the full amount of the policy less a loan made years ago, to the local man with a hearty handshake.

Allen said he had already done most of his Christmas shopping but the check "came at a mighty good time."

Allen, still spry at 85 purchased the policy from J.D. Johnson when Allen was 63 years old. Johnson later moved to Rocky Mount, and has since died, the local man stated.

The elderly man was born about six miles west of Ayden in 1870. He lived on a farm for many years, working as a supervisor of 700 acres of farm land, and later moved to Ayden.

He has four living children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Age has done little to slow Allen. He walks downtown at a lively sharp conversation.

He said he took out the policy gate, hears well, and carries on a originally to "have that much to leave the family."

Now, he stated, he has "plenty of places to put it but I'm not going to put it all in one place."

Allen lives with his second wife in a little bungalow behind his daughter's and son-in-law's Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Kittrell, home on Snow Hill St.

His wife who also shows no effects of age, is 75 years old. Allen carries a life insurance policy on his wife, which also will mature when she reaches 85.

"In ten years I'm coming back to give you the check for that one," Scales told the couple as he presented the check.

"I'll be looking for you," Allen replied. "I'll be standing on the street corner."

Still Puzzling Over Phone Call

DOUGLAS, Ariz. (AP) — Mrs. Doris Sturgis is still puzzling over a telephone call she received one night.

As soon as Mrs. Sturgis picked up the phone the caller asked "Who is this?" Mrs. Sturgis gave her name.

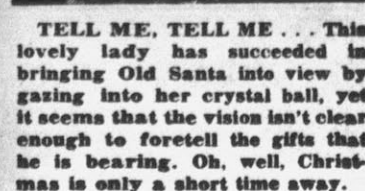
"Oh, you've got the wrong number," the voice at the other end said, and its owner hung up.

Long Way Home For War Flag

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)—A flag from the Philippines — a prize of war — has taken the long ride home. In World War II, a Japanese soldier seized it. Later, M. Sgt. R.R. Holden took the flag back and brought it with him when he returned to Montana State College on the science faculty.

When Juan de Rodriguez, a Filipino provincial governor, returned to his alma mater, Montana, to receive a doctorate of laws honor ary degree, Holden presented the flag — to take it home.

BURNED OFFERING UHRICHSVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Firmen dashed to the home of Helen Arbogast and charged into the smoke-filled interior. The embarrassed Arbogast admitted she had burned a steak.

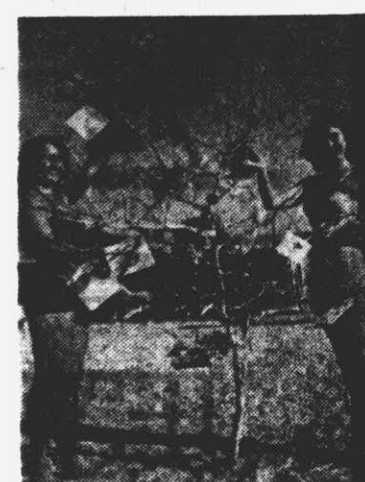


TELL ME, TELL ME... This lovely lady has succeeded in bringing Old Santa into view by gazing into her crystal ball, yet it seems that the vision isn't clear enough to foretell the gifts that he is bearing. Oh, well, Christmas is only a short time away.

Observance Grew With Christianity

The observance of Christmas as we know it today is one of joy and peace, making it difficult for us to realize that the holiday has not always been universally recognized and observed. When Pope Gregory sent out missionaries in 601 A. D., he told them to let pagan converts weave the harmless features of their festivals into the spiritual fabric of Christmas observance.

The popularity of the Christmas observance grew with the progress of Christianity, but there were setbacks. Abuses of Christmas reached such a pitch in feudal England that the Puritan Parliament outlawed the holiday in 1644. The observance declined until the middle of the 19th century when Charles Dickens published his heart-warming "Christmas Carol."



FLORIDA STYLE... Sure, it's Christmas in Florida, too. But white sand must substitute for snow, a sea-grape for an evergreen, but what's the difference when two such expert and lovely decorators are on the scene.

The tallest Christmas tree on record was a 212 foot Douglas fir set up in 1950 in Northgate, a suburb of Seattle, Washington. It displayed 3,500 colored lights.

Among older factory employes, one company found that 36 per cent more people qualified as above-average workers after professional eye care than before they sought such care.

Joyous Greetings. May the gladness of Christmas linger with you like the delightful music of a sweet song. Berry Bostic & Sons, 207 East 5th Street.

GREETINGS. May the blessings of the first Christmas abide with you for all time. May the spirit of good will to all men be your guiding faith forever. Security Life & Trust Co., W. M. SCALES, JR., General Agent.

Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, 510 EVANS ST. Greetings. To all our friends—old and new—our warmest wishes for a Merry Holiday Season!

Silo Restaurant, AYDEN HIGHWAY. With all the warmth in our hearts, we extend to you our best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season. We will close December 25th and 26th open December 27th.

S & E Motor Service, Ayden, N. C. Greetings. Our sincerest wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas with all its joys and pleasures.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. "I don't know that I can answer your question, son, but I'll try. The Christmas spirit... well, it's something you can't touch as you can the tree or feel as you do the cold and the wind and snow. It's greater than the distance to a star or the silence of the night, more wonderful even than Santa Claus... Oh, yes, Christmas trees and snow, presents and things, they're all part of the Christmas spirit. But these are things that we could have the whole year round without the Christmas spirit. It's only at Christmastime that they... Why? Well, it's because the Christmas spirit sort of changes the way we look at things and the way we feel. Little, everyday things, usually so important, go off somewhere and are lost among the Christmas tree lights or the evergreen arches along Main Street. We completely forget about ourselves as we gather presents for all our friends. Our troubles just seem to melt away. We buy gifts the year round for birthdays and anniversaries, its true, but it's not the same. When the Christmas spirit moves us, we feel happy. We just want everyone in the world... "Is it being happy?" Not just being happy as such. It's being happy, and kind, and generous, full of peace, and, most important of all, being reverent; all at once. "Sure, like when we are in church. Outside the snow is deep and the midnight wind whistles through the trees. But inside there's warmth and comfort and a quiet peacefulness that you don't find anywhere else. Though just outside, the world, with its wind and snow and trees and stars and sky seems far removed. The flickering altar candles seem to be repeating a humble prayer in a language of their own. Your heart swells inside you and suddenly you are warm to the very tip of your toes. It's then that you know... that you feel it... the true Christmas spirit. With every breath you know that you are nearer and closer to Him... you know... God? Surely God. You knew it all the time. The Christmas spirit doesn't come from Santa, nor does it come to any man as a present. It comes only when each of us, though we may have been careless or forgetful, reaffirms our faith in His presence and goodness and strengthens our hope to be with Him forever and forever. Then we have the Christmas Spirit, the most wonderful feeling in the world."

A GIFT THEY'LL REMEMBER. Here's the gift with a FUTURE... a savings account! For Christmas, birthdays, graduation, new arrivals, or any occasion—give a gift of thrift. You can open a savings account with a convenient amount. Drop in and let one of our friendly people help you open an account in the name of the individual you have in mind. Savings are insured to \$10,000 by an agency of U.S. government and earn a liberal return. Current Rate Dividends 3%. First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Greenville, 324 Evans Street — Dial 3224. A. C. Tadlock, Executive Vice Pres. & Secretary. Listen to Joe Overman "The Weather Man" Every Day at 7:35 A. M.

Merry Christmas. We're sextons this Yuletide... We're climbing to the belfry and ringing those joyous, silver-toned bells till everyone of our friends hears the peals of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The NORTH SIDE LUMBER Co., Inc. GREENVILLE, N.C. GREENVILLE

NOEL. A Christmas Greeting to Our Wonderful Community. ...We'd like to shake the hand of every one of you. We'd like to wish you all a personal Merry Christmas. But, please take the thought for the act and accept our sincere good wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity now and always! Glamor Shop, 404 EVANS STREET

Television Log

WNCT Ch. 9

SATURDAY
 1:00—News
 1:10—Weatherman
 1:15—Farming for Tomorrow
 1:30—Industry on Parade
 1:45—Boy Scouts
 2:00—The Top Shop
 2:45—Happy Chief
 3:00—Christmas Carols
 3:30—Christmas Album
 4:00—Holiday Greetings
 5:00—Grand Ole Opry, ABC
 6:00—Little Match Girl
 6:30—Down Home
 7:00—Clisco Kid
 7:30—Grande Ole Opry
 8:00—Stage Show, CBS
 8:30—The Honeyymooners, CBS
 9:00—Two for the Money, CBS
 9:30—It's Always Jan, CBS
 10:00—Gunsmoke, CBS
 10:30—Damon Runyan, CBS
 11:00—A Star Shall Rise
 11:30—Cathedral Services, CBS
 12:30—Bell Telephone Chorus, CBS
 12:45—Boys Town Procession, CBS
 1:00—Christmas Mass, CBS

SUNDAY
 8:00—Christmas Carols
 9:00—Christmas Journey
 10:00—Christmas Album
 10:30—Little Match Girl
 11:00—Emperor's Nightingale
 12:00—A Star Shall Rise
 12:30—Wild Bill Hickok, CBS
 1:00—Oral Roberts
 1:30—Christmas Carols
 2:00—Joyful Hour
 3:00—The Christophers
 3:30—Adventure, CBS
 4:00—Christmas Program
 4:30—Christmas Carols
 5:00—Disneyland, ABC
 6:00—Long John Silver
 6:30—Corliss Archer
 7:00—Lassie, CBS
 7:30—Private Secretary, CBS
 8:00—Ed Sullivan Show, CBS
 9:00—GE Theatre, CBS
 9:30—Life with Father
 10:00—Adventure, CBS
 10:30—Talent Scouts, CBS
 11:00—Sunday News Special, CBS
 11:15—Carolina News
 11:30—Late Show

MONDAY
 6:45—Cowboy Corral
 7:00—Morning Show, CBS
 7:25—Weatherman
 7:30—Morning Show, CBS
 8:00—Capt. Kangaroo, CBS
 9:00—Romper Room
 10:00—Morning Meditations
 10:15—Garry Moore, CBS
 10:30—Coffee Cup Theatre
 11:15—Arthur Godfrey Time, CBS
 11:30—Strike It Rich, CBS
 12:00—News
 12:10—Weatherman
 12:15—Love of Life, CBS
 12:30—Search for Tomorrow, CBS
 12:45—Guiding Light, CBS

1:00—Farm Facts
 1:15—Melodies by Jo
 1:30—Love Story, CBS
 2:00—Family Fare
 2:45—Art Linkletter, CBS
 3:00—Big Payoff, CBS
 3:30—World Geography
 4:00—Brighter Day, CBS
 4:15—Secret Storm, CBS
 4:30—On Your Account, CBS

5:00—Cactus Jim Club
 5:30—Film Feature
 6:00—Sports Highlights
 6:05—Weatherman

WITN Ch. 7

SATURDAY
 12:00—Test Pattern
 1:00—Saturday Matinee
 2:00—Christmas Party
 4:00—Western Theatre
 6:00—News
 6:15—Weather
 6:25—Sports
 6:30—Carolina Jamboree
 7:00—Wrestling
 8:00—Perry Como, NBC
 9:00—Evening Theatre
 10:30—Your Hit Parade, NBC

SUNDAY
 1:30—Test Pattern
 2:00—The Pastor
 2:15—Church of Christ Hour
 2:30—Sunday Matinee
 4:00—No Room at the Inn, NBC
 4:30—A Star Is Born
 5:00—Christmas Carols
 5:30—This Is the Life
 6:00—Question
 6:30—Roy Rogers, NBC
 7:00—It's a Great Life, NBC
 7:30—My Little Margie
 8:00—Colgate Comedy Hour, NBC
 9:00—Amahl and the Night Visitors
 10:00—Loretta Young, NBC
 10:30—Justice, NBC

MONDAY
 12:30—Test Pattern
 2:00—Ben McManis Show
 3:00—NBC Matinee Theatre
 3:45—Pro-Football, NBC
 6:00—News
 6:15—Weather
 6:25—Sports
 6:30—Music Hall Varieties
 6:45—TBA
 7:00—Jewel Box Jamboree
 7:15—Junior Science
 7:30—Secret File USA
 8:00—Cecilia's Hour, NBC
 9:00—This Is Your Music
 9:30—Robert Montgomery, NBC
 10:30—Star and the Story
 11:00—Late News
 11:05—Weather

LAST OF THE BREED

MAGDALENA, N. M. (AP)—Gerry Austin, associate editor of the New Mexico Stockman, went along with a cattle outfit on a drive down the Magdalena Stock Driveway, the only one left of the famed cattle trails. He was the only man rolling his own cigarettes—just like in western stories.

Quaint 'Different' Yuletide In 1894

"The Daily Reflector is a little pink today, is it not?" The newspaper's editor asked its readers on Dec. 24, 1894.

And it literally was. For early patrons of the newspaper received their daily edition that day printed on pink paper rather than the usual white.

"Merry Christmas is here," the holiday-colored paper declared. "The most joyous season of the year has once more come around bringing with it the happy reunions of friend and kindred, its festivities and the hallowed memories associated with the glad day. Let us not in our happiness forget the less favored ones around us, but do some deed of kindness in the name of Him who was God's best gift to the world. We spend a poor Christmas if we fail to make some heart glad."

Dress goods, clothing, hats and crockery were being sold at cost, the Bowell, Speight and Co. advertised.

The special was being offered "in order to reduce our stock and enable our customers to buy useful Christmas presents."

Coal would be delivered before

Christmas at \$5 per ton the same company advertised.

"Don't smell. Don't pop. No clinkers," the advertisement continued.

Frank Wilson was selling a "beautiful line of neckties and he would 'make you better prices than any firm in Greenville' on his goods, notions, shoes, hats and gent's furnishing.

The paper told the boys that Mayor Fleming says you can let off your fireworks from this evening 6 o'clock until tomorrow night 12 o'clock. In those days before the state-wide ban on pyrotechnics it advised its readers to "hang up the baby's stockings, be sure you don't forget."

After Christmas the editor told his readers: "The most cruel thing we saw Christmas was the way a rabbit was being tortured by a crowd near the Court House. The poor thing was turned loose on the street and dogs set after it. When captured it was taken from the dogs and in a few minutes the performance was repeated. This was kept up long the rabbit had life enough left to run."

Socks, Stockings Are Always Welcome Gifts

(AP Newsfeatures) Probably the most popular gift for campus belles is a new supply of stockings and socks—the more the merrier.

But the well-intentioned Santa should make his selections with care, for these junior glamor girls have definite ideas on what they want. Here is help for the shopper, based on a nation-wide survey made among girls aged 10 to 16.

The survey proved first that these young ladies are highly fashion conscious, and that they like a varied wardrobe of different types of ankle and knee socks, plus plenty of nylons.

The favorite ankle sock was found to be plain white with turn-down cuff, but the girls also want a few pairs of solid color socks to match or contrast with certain outfits.

Knee-high socks to wear with Bermuda shorts and kilts also are musts for most young moderns. Favorite style of these is the wool or cotton rib or cable-knit, in colors to match either sweaters or shorts. The girls also like a pair or so of decorated novelty socks in both the ankle and knee lengths.

stockings is processed in such a way that, although they look doll-size when off the leg, they stretch when worn to cling snugly to every portion of ankle, calf and thigh. The stretch stockings come in sheer or heavier weights and some are sold with a guaranty on length of wear.

So give the girls on your list socks or stockings—but be sure you choose the right kind.

Checking Checks They Accepted

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Merchants don't have anything personal against 61-year-old Delfino Naranjo but they aren't often glad to see him. He deals in worthless checks—worthless checks they accepted.

He represents an Albuquerque bank and he rides a bike returning bad checks which merchants accepted and deposited. It's a special service for those who want the checks back immediately—instead of waiting until the end of the month.

TALLER STUDENTS UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (AP)—A research project at Pennsylvania State University indicates that today's male college student is two inches taller and 13 pounds heavier than his 1930 counterpart. The study found that today's average freshman is 5-10 and weighs 150 pounds.

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Anti-Trust Legislation Awaits Action by 84th Congress

Late Eastern Developments Sharpen Crisis for West

By TOM WHITNEY
Associated Press Foreign News Analyst

THE events of the last few days have reemphasized the crisis faced by the Western powers in the Middle East and South Asia. Here are some of the developments:

1. On Dec. 19 after extensive demonstrations and rioting against the British-Baghdad pact, the pro-Western premier of Jordan, Hazzah Mahali, who reportedly desired to join his country to this alliance, resigned.

This was a blow to the United States and Britain who had hoped for Jordan's adherence to this treaty which includes Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Pakistan.

2. The appeal of Syria against Israel, charging Israeli aggression in the attack on Dec. 11 on Syrian positions along the Sea of Galilee in which 41 Syrians were killed was discussed in the U.N. Security Council. This clash had already led to a declaration of war from Egyptian Premier Nasser that his country would take action if there were another Israeli attack.

The increased Arab-Israeli tension was harmful to the West which aims at a peace settlement between the two sides in this dispute. It played into the hands of the Russians who have put themselves by the act of selling heavy arms to Egypt behind the Arabs.

3. The Sudan house of representatives voted a resolution declaring the country's independence. The Sudan, a vast territory inhabited by Arabs and Negroes on the upper reaches of the Nile, had been previously ruled under a joint Egyptian-British condominium in which the British exercised the actual power.

The Sudan's declaration of independence was not in itself a plus or minus for the West since British domination there was soon coming to an end anyway. But it marked one more stage in the decline of the power of the Western powers to influence events in that region.

4. The Kremlin made an effort to "buy" Afghanistan by concluding with that country an agreement to lend 100 million dollars for purchase of Soviet technical aid. This came on the heels of Soviet expression of support for Afghanistan in the dispute with Pakistan over Afghan demands for creation of an independent "Pushtoonistan" from Pakistani territory.

Aid to Egypt
The Soviet aid to Afghanistan could only be described as saturation aid. The magnitude of the sum lent for this country equaled not quite 10 years of Afghanistan's normal tax revenues. It dwarfed U.S. aid. It was bound to have a serious effect on Afghanistan's political orientation.

5. In Indonesia a queer situation developed which showed how precarious law and order is in that rich and populous nation. The premier, Burhanuddin Harahap, who is often described as anti-Communist and pro-Western, attempted to oust the deputy chief of staff of the air force. Armed paratroopers intervened, however, to prevent his swearing in the new incumbent. President Soekarno backed the air force executive

whom Harahap had tried to evict from office. The incident developed into a crisis which Soekarno, a nationalist party leader who has cooperated closely with the powerful Indonesian Communists in the past, was apparently attempting to force the resignation of Premier Harahap.

6. The United States and Britain came across with an offer to help Egypt finance the building of the high dam at Aswan. The possible favorable effect of this offer was diminished by the fact that it was stimulated in considerable part as a result of a Soviet offer to undertake the project.

7. The U.N. admitted 16 new members. This was hailed all over the world, for most of these countries had been waiting for many years to get into the international organization.

However, Western rejoicing over the new members' admission was tempered by realization that this means a strengthening of the Arab-Asian bloc. Of the 16, six are Arab or Asian countries. Four more are Soviet satellites who can be expected to vote with the Arab-Asian group against the West on a number of important issues, particularly colonial disputes.

The region of South Asia and the Middle East is of vital importance to both sides in the cold war. Geographically it lies between the Western and Communist spheres of influence. It contains a weight of population, territory and natural resources which could tip the scale in the global conflict between Communism and the West.

If the Middle East and South Asia should go Communist they might well carry with them all Africa and the presently non-Communist areas of the Far East.

In the writer of developments

in this area in recent weeks, several facts stand out:

1. The strength and influence of the West in most South Asian and Middle Eastern territories and countries is being seriously undermined. Conversely Communist and "neutralist" influence is growing in strength.

2. Economic-political competition between the Communist bloc and the West is becoming acute throughout the region. The examples of Egypt and Afghanistan show that the uncommitted countries there can play off one side against the other in order to force both to cough up more economic aid. Thus Egypt speeded up Anglo-American aid on the Aswan Dam by holding over the West the threat of getting it from the Russians. This is one of the big reasons the foreign aid bill of the United States will increase according to administration proposals in the coming year.

3. Lack of a settlement between the Arabs and Israel is a crucial danger to the West. The issue of Israel has become the biggest issue in the entire Arab world. And it is a conflict in which the West is at a most decided disadvantage.

The year 1958 will probably bring increased difficulties to the West in South Asia and the Middle East. It will also offer new chances to solve these difficulties.

But one thing seems certain: "Muddling through" will not be enough and mere spending of vast sums of money is also not the answer.

Here there is needed in a much more complicated and urgent situation a political-economic initiative and effort as inspired and well-directed as the Marshall Plan for Western Europe. And the United States is probably the only possible source for that initiative.

UN: 10th Assembly Ends

The 10th General Assembly of the United Nations wound up on a generally happy note, its last big problem solved through an unprecedented lottery deal. In this maneuver, Yugoslavia won a security council seat for a two-year term which it will split with the Philippines. The vote was Yugoslavia 43, Philippines 11.

The Yugoslavs got the seat after reportedly handing the Philippines a written promise to resign from the Council in Manila's favor after serving one year. The Belgrade delegation will take the seat now held by Turkey on Jan. 1.

The vote was the 36th round in the deadlock going back to Oct. 14. The solution was worked out by Jose Maza, Chilean diplomat and Assembly president, who said the lottery plan was an old Chilean custom for breaking stalemates in mayoralty elections. In the drawing, the Philippines lost.

With this last business out of the way, the Assembly adjourned. The 11th Assembly will meet next Nov. 15, a postponement from Sept. 18 so there will be no conflict with the U.S. presidential election.

The 10th Assembly's outstanding achievement, according to Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., U.S. delegate, was the decision to give priority in future disarmament subcommittee talks to President Eisenhower's plan for mutual aerial inspections by Russia and the United States. The talks are slated for next February in London.

Other delegates point to the admission of 16 countries to membership as the major accomplishment. This happened after a deal to admit 18 countries was blown up by votes by Nationalist China, which knocked out Communist Outer Mongolia, and by Russia, which vetoed 13 of the countries approved by the West. In a swift about-face, Russia lowered the bars on 16, and in record time they were admitted. Outer Mongolia and Japan were kept out.

Religious Masterpiece in East Berlin



RAPHAEL'S "SISTINE MADONNA," one of the world's beloved religious paintings, has been returned to East Germany and is on display in the Soviet sector of Berlin. The picture is one of 762 paintings of the famous Dresden art gallery seized by Soviet Russia at the end of World War II and handed over recently to East German authorities. The "Madonna," along with 249 others considered the most valuable of the returned works of art, were put on special exhibition in East Berlin.

Bigness of Business Interests Politicians

By STERLING F. GREEN
Associated Press Writer

THE second session of the 84th Congress will talk a lot about trust-busting and may actually do some.

Between-sessions probes and hearings have had a strong anti-trust flavor. By the time the legislators reconvene next month, a sizable bundle of bills and recommendations will be waiting for them.

This is not entirely to be explained as a phenomenon of the political season—a Democratic Congress whaling away at big business and at the business connections of the Republican administration.

Undoubtedly politics has sharpened the attack, but the Eisenhower Administration is backing some of the anti-trust and anti-merger legislation.

Members on both sides of the aisle have shown keen interest in the problem of bigness as explored in the marathon case study of General Motors Corp. conducted by Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.).

The hearings produced some testimony which seemed to satisfy O'Mahoney, if no one else, that when a company gets as big as GM—five billion dollars in assets, ten billions in annual sales—it can injure competition without any abuse of its economic power at all.

Controversial Proposals
It also produced, from O'Mahoney and others, some pretty drastic proposals such as:

1. Federal charters for all corporations engaged in interstate commerce—charters which would limit the number of businesses a company could engage in.

2. The writing into law of a definition of "oversized" companies. An oversized firm would be forbidden to purchase competing firms and would be subjected to steeper tax rates which might persuade it to get rid of some subsidiaries and divisions.

Such proposals are considered much too controversial to have any chance of passage this session—or perhaps for years to come—but they reflect growing concern in Washington over the recent numerous mergers in steel, autos, hotels, banks and other industries which have removed competitors and made big firms bigger. As a longer-term trend, some officials believe the government will give increasing attention to indirect approaches to the problem of economic concentration.

Tax revision is one possible route. Some officials and legislators have urged an exploration of tax policies which might encourage the survival of smaller independent producers and discourage the large "conglomerate" corporations from buying up small companies and extending their economic empires into new fields of industry.

Anti-trust officials say many small firms have been sold to lighten the impact of inheritance taxes on the heirs to the business, while many a big company has bought a money-losing competitor because the losses permit tax savings.

Legislation Expected
But enough specific proposals already are cooking in Congress to make the coming session something of a milestone in anti-trust history if any substantial part of them is enacted.

The House judiciary committee is expected to recommend legislation requiring all companies that contemplate mergers to notify the Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission in advance. This would give the agencies time to move if they deemed a proposed merger a threat to competition.

A bill regulating bank holding companies and forcing them to shed any non-banking business interests, has been approved by the House and is given a fair chance of passage in the Senate. Measures to restrain bank mergers are pending in both houses. The administration officials who supervise banking have endorsed the legislation in principle while disagreeing over who should enforce it.

The Eisenhower administration is expected to press anew for a law compelling companies to open up their books to anti-trust investigators without grand jury proceedings such as now are required.

Another administration bill would make it easier, officials believe, for companies injured by anti-trust violations to obtain civil damages. Present law requires treble damages and the courts frequently are reluctant to mete out such heavy penalties; the administration bill would let the court decide whether the damages should be trebled.

Other pending legislation is less directly concerned with monopolistic concentration of financial power but deals with such phases of anti-trust policy as price-fixing and combinations in restraint of trade.

Fullbright Bill Favored
Topmost on this list is an expected early-session drive to kill the Miller-Tydings and McGuire acts, which are basic to price-maintenance. Attorney General Brownell has indicated he would support repeal.

Some legislators think the repeal bills may be pigeon-holed, however. An election year is not a favorable time to offend the many druggists and other small businessmen who support fair trade.

The administration also favors the bill introduced last session by Sen. Fullbright (D-Ark.) as a result of the stock exchange investigation. It would require registration with the securities and exchange commission of stocks traded over the counter—that is, NOT LISTED on the stock exchanges.

Another rumper over WOC employees — businessmen who stay on their company payrolls while serving without compensation in government—is almost certain. The Defense Production Act, under which many of the borrowed administrators got to Washington, will be up for extension beyond June 30.

The House judiciary subcommittee, headed by Rep. Celler (D-N.Y.) has hinted it will call for a tightening of the conflict-of-interest provisions hammered out in the bitter debate at the close of the last session.

Individually, none of the foregoing proposals could be considered epoch-making. Together, they would add considerably to the government's kit of anti-trust weapons.

And the measures, like the extraordinary investigatory ordeal to which General Motors has been subjected, are a warning to industry that Congress and the administration are seriously concerned over the possible threat to American ideas of free competition posed by the concentration of economic power.

CHRISTMAS: Time of Peace and Hope

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religious News Writer

An ancient light glows today. It was kindled 1955 years ago, and this Sunday, Christians around the earth lift their eyes and their thoughts once more to this never-old beacon of hope.

They celebrate the birth of Jesus. Although His message of peace, forgiveness and love still is often trampled by a vain

world, it rings across many lands this week in worship, song and story.

Even while nations and men still struggle for the empty treasures of power and possession, millions are recalling anew the message of mercy, humility and kindness as the real treasure of an "abundant life."

Despite the false goals and evils at work in the world, said Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Over the Holy Land itself, where Jesus was born, war omens hang like a thundercloud, but pilgrims will make their way across the tense, armed "No Man's Land" to pray at the Bethlehem stable.

It was there the "gift of life" was off red.

And so, on this anniversary, men ponder again the meaning of his coming—the simple way he was born and shared man's pain, poverty and hurt, yet rose above these things—and all the world—by the magnitude of His love.

That lesson was rejected by the many then, and still is not practiced today, but at Christmas, there's a special gratitude, and a special tenderness in the world's mood.

In churches, on the gaily-lit streets and in public parks, the old words sound with new strength, "Peace on Earth. Good

Will toward Men."

Over the clangor of commerce and political invective and frantic jealousies and ambitions, the jubilation of the carols rises, "Joy to the World, the Lord has Come!"

Heaping feasts are set before the poor; gifts are passed about with laughter and affection; baskets are carried to the needy; it is a time of generosity, of warmth and love, one for another.

And beyond that, it is a time of reverence and gratitude. Lofty heads bow, and the churches find themselves overflowing with unfamiliar faces, drawn by the ever-beckoning "Light of the World."

Through it all, there is the strong, triumphant beat of an old song, against the cruelties of the centuries:

"Yet in the dark streets
shineth
"The Everlasting light,
"The hopes and fears of all
the years,
"Are met in Thee tonight."

Quote

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, to Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey upon their return from a Nato meeting in Paris, about the big new foreign aid plan: "George, it looks like they're spending more of your money while you have been away."

Politics

Warming Up
The political arena was crowded this week with announced candidates, would-be candidates, and various politicians who wanted to make statements about candidates.

President Eisenhower remained quiet to rumblings within his party that he should announce soon whether he will run again.

Sen. Knowland, Republican Senate leader, who is expected to go after the nomination if Eisenhower doesn't, is reported to have urged the President for an early decision.

Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), an announced candidate for the presidential nomination, said Eisenhower would be the strongest candidate the Republicans could put up.

A Republican, Sen. Goldwater of Arizona returned the compliment, saying Kefauver was the most difficult for the Republicans to beat among present Democratic presidential possibilities.

Kefauver will enter New Hampshire's primary March 13. He will also run in the June primary in California against Adlai Stevenson, first to enter the nomination race this year.

Dates

Monday, Dec. 26
American Assn. for the Advancement of Science annual meeting, Atlanta.
Sunday, Jan. 1
New Year's Day.

In Short

Announced: By the Ford Foundation that it will sell in January 10,200,000 shares of Ford Motor Co. stock in the largest equity stock issue in history.

Killed: Seventeen in Eastern Airlines crash near Jacksonville, Fla., airport. No survivors.

Charged: By Atty. Gen. Brownell that United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) is Communist-dominated, ask. d. Subversive Activities Control Board for formal finding to that effect.

Freed: Dr. and Mrs. Homer V. Bradshaw, American medical missionaries arrested by Chinese communists five years ago, across the Hong Kong border.

Resigned: Nelson A. Rockefeller, as President Eisenhower's special assistant on psychological strategy.

Reshuffled: The British cabinet by Prime Minister Eden, with Harold MacMillan named chancellor of the exchequer, Selwyn Lloyd foreign secretary and R. A. Butler head of the house of commons and lord privy seal.



SANTA CLAUS IN ASIA
Werner, Indianapolis Star



SCROOGE
Justus, Minneapolis Star

Recreation Department Busy This Yuletide Season

Christmas holidays may mean peace and quiet to some folks, but not to the employees of Greenville's Recreation Commission.

As if trying to compile all the records and statistics from a busy and successful year isn't enough, Recreation workers headed by director Warren Carroll must cope with the problem of presenting entertainment for those who do have spare time during the holidays.

In addition to erecting the Christmas scenes at Elm Street Park, the commission sponsored a holiday party December 10 at Elm Street for the children's Paint and Putter class.

December 12 brought the Christmas Party for the Square Dance club with John Brendle, from Raleigh, calling the numbers.

December 21 was perhaps the busiest day of all with a party for the adult Paint and Putter class in the morning at Elm Street and a

party and dance from 7 until 8:30 p.m. for the sub-teens.

Then from 8 until midnight still another Christmas party and dance—this one for teenagers—was staged at the Moose Club.

Recreation workers also are helping any other organizations stage their Christmas or holiday festivities. Any additional requests for assistance should be directed to Warren Carroll.

Prior to the Christmas parties, the Recreation workers also assisted in the staging of the annual Christmas parade and, with the cooperation of the Merchants Association, erected the tableaux depicting Christmas scenes on the grounds at Elm Street Park.

No big city-wide festivities are planned, Carroll said, because "Christmas is primarily a family affair." Schools, clubs and other organizations will be having their special Christmas programs, the

Recreation Director said, and we will be happy to assist them in any way possible.

Even the end of the holiday season won't give the Recreation Department a breathing spell. Immediately following the first of the year basketball games for the youngsters will get under way along lines similar to the spring

and summer baseball and the fall football programs.

Volleyball, a sport that has been increasing in popularity, is planned for post-holiday recreation too, Carroll said.

Plans as of now call for the organization of a city league with teams from various businesses competing twice weekly at night in the city armory.

was sitting in his wheel chair in front of a downtown department store when the woman dropped some coins into his hat. He said he looked down after she passed and saw a diamond ring.

He told the Akron Beacon Journal he hopes the woman can be found so he can return the ring.

Diamond Ring Thrown Into Hat

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Usually people just toss coins into Billy Wine's hat, but this Christmas season a pretty young woman threw in a diamond ring.

He told the Akron Beacon Journal he hopes the woman can be found so he can return the ring.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL — That's what this Santa Claus and his reindeer seem to be saying from their float at Elm Street Park. Recreation Department officials have erected a number of pictorial scenes for the holiday enjoyment of visitors. (Reflector Photos by Bob Hillrup).

Law Enforcers Mobilized For Holiday Traffic

Law enforcement officials were keeping their fingers crossed early this week, hoping that the year would end with no more than the 16 highway fatalities already recorded.

"We'll do the best we possibly can," State Highway Patrol Capt. S.H. Mitchell said. All available patrolmen will be on duty, Mitchell added, both during Christmas and New Year's.

Chief of Police S.G. Gibbs also had a word of caution for Greenville motorists in warning that "more emphasis will be placed on traffic enforcement." This, he said, will be made possible because officers will not have to be watching school crossings during the holidays.

Gibbs also asked that shoppers keep a close watch on their parked cars, particularly those which contain Christmas gifts or valuables. It's been a dismal year as a rule however, and even the safest possible holiday season can't bring back the 16 lives snuffed out this year in traffic accidents.

Greenville, which has recorded only one traffic death, has been fortunate however, for a large number of non-fatal accidents involving pedestrians and moving cars have been reported.

The 16 deaths so far this year in the county represent an increase of more than 100 per cent over last year's total of seven.

It also marks the worst year since 1950 when 18 died—and the third worst year in the county's history. Eighteen more died in 1938 and 17 were killed in 1943. The best year 1948, saw only three traffic deaths in the county.

Worst of all during 1955 was the Fourth of July weekend when five were killed in three accidents. Two more died in August when a car hit a train near Stokes.

Of the 16 fatalities investigated by the patrol, eight were handled by Pfc. James W. Boykin, D.E. Perry had three, W.E. Whitehurst, one, Cpl. Carl E. Whitfield, two and two others occurred within city limits.

Three of the deaths were near Pictolus, three in the Winterville-Ayden area, three near Stokes, one near Greenville, one near Fountain, two near Bethel and one at Chicod.

Farm experts estimate that 80 million tons of agricultural limestone are needed for use on U.S. soils.



AT ELM STREET PARK—This sign, bearing Christmas greetings, is the first that greets visitors to the series of holiday tableaux erected by the Recreation Department at Elm Street Park.

Usual Time To Abandon Prose In Favor Of Rhyme

By JAMES MARLOW

The Associated Press

Was the night before Christmas the usual time for abandoning prose and reverting to rhyme.

It's the season when children look forward to loot given free by the man in the red flannel suit.

Their elders, of course, know that nothing is free. That daydreams are never fulfilled on a tree.

They know that you're apt to be in for a shock if your hopes for the future depend on a sock.

A runny-nosed stranger might like to pack tight if he fell down your chimney some very dark night.

Yet each in his heart has an unwritten letter—and if just to himself—asking next year be better.

And maybe it will. But years, like a river, warm up for a while and then give you a shiver.

This year, going out, started cool then got nice, and before it was over was covered with ice.

Hostility melted, peace opened the door, when Ike met Bulganin and

Eden and Faure.

At least, so it seemed, for a moment. And then the door slowly closed. There was cold war again.

Had the door ever opened? Some doubt it. They think at Geneva the Russians just came for a drink.

Dark point of the year was the sudden attack the President suffered. But he's coming back.

The biggest sensation and biggest snafu involved Salk's vaccine at the time it was new.

Last Christmas old Santa with contract in hand, must have seemed to two men as especially grand.

They were Dixon and Yates. But this year they won't carol. Their contract is gone and they're over a barrel.

Best gift the old man with the sled and the deer could give the Republican party next year

is assurance that Ike will recover and then make up his mind to start running again.

They'll be awful uneasy if Ike doesn't run since he's been for the party combined moon and sun.

The Democrats, trying to whip up a winner, are busy as chefs at a president's dinner.

The menu, it seems, is what has them in trouble: A moderate course? Or more zip? Or — more bubble?

DOUBLE TROUBLE

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Two Mrs. Ruth M. Browns gave birth at exactly the same minute at the same hospital. It was the second child for each Mrs. Brown and both fathers are R. Browns.

Fortunately for the record keepers, one baby was a boy, the other a girl. But just to avoid feeding mixups, the babies were put in separate nurseries.



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D. H. Conley
Superintendent of Schools

Season's Greetings AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE New Year



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Christmas Wishes


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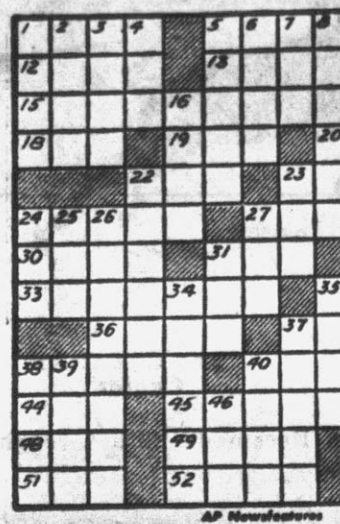
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Musical ending
2. Dismounted
3. Ship's timber curve
4. Roman poet
5. Scold
6. Mark aimed at in curing
7. Fruit
8. Grape
9. Sooner than
10. Female rabbit
11. Chestnut
12. In behalf of
13. Seasoning
14. Oral
15. Execute by strangling
16. Enclosed
17. Field
18. Utter



Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

DOWN
1. Vestment
2. Across
3. Terrible
4. Public notices
5. Protective covering
6. Halt
7. Japanese statesman
8. Part of a locomotive
9. Obstinate
10. Russian river
11. Period of time
12. False god
13. Blunders
14. Dried grass
15. Moccasin
16. Turkish officer
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Santa Listened At Jaycee Christmas Party

'What do you want me to bring you for Christmas?' the big man with the white beard asked the little girl perched on his knee. 'I want a doll with glasses,' the little girl chirped. She was one of dozens of youngsters who had filed by the jolly old gent during the afternoon. For it was the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce Children's Christmas party and all the local club's members youngsters were having the time of their lives. First they had played games, sang songs and had refreshments around the big, brightly lighted Christmas tree in the Moose Lodge auditorium. After some time Santa, himself dressed in his traditional red suit, made his entrance. The kids went wild. That is most of them did. It was not true with one little girl. She kept a respectful distance between St. Nick and herself. 'Come tell Santa what you want for Christmas,' the white bearded gentleman urged, beckoning with outstretched arms. The little girl made no motion. Her older sister was not so shy, however. She boldly marched up to Santa and climbed into his lap. The little girl's mother took up the cause. 'Go see Santa like your sister,' she urged. The little girl stood and stared. 'I'll go with you,' mamma said, sweeping the cute little tot up in her arms. Tears filled big brown eyes and the room was rent with a childlike wail. Momma put her tot down and the youngster put considerably more distance between her and Santa. A little red headed boy had come upon the scene by that time. He climbed on the vacant knee and sat there quietly. 'Where are you going first in Greenville on Christmas Eve,' a parent asked Santa. 'Oh, I'm going to see the children at the hospital first,' St. Nick replied. 'Then I'm going to jump over to College Court. Then with a look at the girl still on his left knee, he said: 'I'll be expecting a glass of warm milk.' 'You know what,' chimed in another little girl. 'I saw you in Raleigh the other day.' 'Yes,' Santa replied. 'That was the day I was up there to see all the little boys and girls. Thus it went. The children filed by Santa and each told him what they wanted for Christmas. Santa listened intently to the request and promised each of the children that he would do his best to fulfill their wishes. And for every one of the youngsters there was a premature present. Santa handed each one a stocking filled with Christmas candy. One little boy felt Santa should receive a present, too. He held on to his stocking for awhile. Then he marched back up to the old gentleman and solemnly handed it back to him.



Dozens of kids told Santa what they wanted for Christmas at the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce children's Christmas party. The jolly gent was caught at a slack moment in the above photo with only four youngsters gathered around. From left to right the children are: Kerry Rodgers, 2; Mike Carroll, 18 months; Margaret Scales, 5; Peggy Carroll, 5. Kerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rodgers of 1304 Evergreen Drive. Mike and Peggy Carroll are the children of Mr. and Mrs. N. Warren Carroll of 306 Alvin St. and Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Scales, College Court. (Reflector Photo by Alvin Taylor).

Multi-Colored Lights Over City Add To Power Needs



W. E. Hill, superintendent of the switch board room at the local power plant regulates one of the many gauges which control the flow of electricity from the plant. For Hill and other employees at the plant, Christmas will be another work day as they go about the job of furnishing electricity to light up the Christmas decorations in the city.

Christmas day multi-colored lights will twinkle in practically every home in Greenville. In fact the lights have been on for some time now and a ride around the city will reveal literally hundreds of beautifully decorated homes. Down town are numbers of strings of inselved covered Christmas lights across the city's business streets. Today and tomorrow practically all those lights will be on, helping to make Christmas the cheerful, beautiful day that it is. And on Christmas day at least ten men will be working to furnish the electricity for lighting up the countless trees in Greenville and for that matter to furnish current for that matter to furnish current modern household. For the Greenville Utilities plant, just off Third St., never closes. Even on Christmas a minimum of ten men must be on duty during each of the eight-hour shifts to insure an uninterrupted flow of power to Greenville and surrounding areas. Thus while most people sing Christmas carols around the brightly lighted tree on the holiday morning and later devour Christmas dinner, perhaps cooked on an electric range, those ten men will be on duty providing the current to light a city. Of course, a portion of the crew will also see to it that gas service continues and the city's water supply is kept flowing. Effects Seen Christmas has already had its effect on the power plant for the holiday season decorations place an additional load on the generators and VEPCO facilities at the plant. Utilities Superintendent Leonard Bloxam says that the Christmas season adds about 600 KW to the normal 18,000 KW consumed daily by Greenville Utilities customers. Of course the additional load will not be apparent on Christmas day because industries and stores will be closed during the period, thus reducing the normal load. Just the current used for street decorations in the downtown area is equivalent to the amount of electricity consumed in six homes with all lights burning, an electric range and a water heater in operation for a similar period of time. Bloxam notes. Getting street decorations up is also a Utilities responsibility. Early in December plant electricians, using a special ladder truck, strung the Christmas lights on the city's streets, not an easy job when traffic is heavy.

Holly Shortage In Much Of U.S.

(AP Newsfeatures) Now that the major portion of the nation's holly crop has been killed by an early freeze in the northwestern, householders will have to use their ingenuity in holiday decorations. Christmas trees also probably will be in short supply—at least the ones that are shipped from the West Coast, reports from growers indicate. Although many other evergreens also have been damaged by the freeze, there are a number of other effects that may be used in Christmas decorations, according to Victor Stein, newly elected president of the association representing a majority of the nation's florists. "While holly is as traditional as turkey at Christmas, there are other beautiful greens which will be in good supply. According to present indications there will be plenty of poinsettias, boxwood and other foliage grown in areas not hit by the freeze. "Some florists' designers have done some effective modern designs using guided branches and leaves such as abovivae and magnolia. Some other types of red berries which grow along the Atlantic Coast and in New England may substitute for holly this year. And of course there always is the good old standby, rhododendron leaves, to supply an effective arrangement of green in the home. These can be combined with Christmas tree balls for a colorful holiday display. Although growers report almost a 100 per cent loss in the holly crop in the Northwest, there probably will be a small supply of holly from other regions available, which can be used as a focal point for arrangements of greenery.

Friday's Cases In Police Court

By CHESTER WALSH In Police Court Friday, Judge Charles H. Whedbee disposed of 13 cases. They ranged from "larceny by trick" to transporting moonshine whiskey, carrying concealed weapons and resisting an officer in the performance of his duty. Wilbert Ward, Negro, of Winterville, larceny by trick, 90 days on the roads, testimony was that Minnie Thomas, Negro, gave him \$10 to pay a bill and "he didn't come back with the change." Clifton E. Phillips, vulgar and profane language, prayer for judgment continued to. Assault with deadly weapons — bottle and knife: William Phillips, Levon Phillips, Leaman Mickey and Moses Clemons, Negroes. The two Phillips and Leaman Mickey were found not guilty. The court gave Clemons 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$15. Harvey Hardy, Negro, Rt. 4 Greenville, paid costs for not having a driver's license. Jure Rollins, Negro, 2718 Pitt Street, damaging property, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$10 and \$6 to the Lions Club for chewing gum machine. For being drunk, the court gave him 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$10. Louis Darden, Negro, 2718 Pitt St., was found not guilty of possession and transporting moonshine liquor. Pompy Thaggard, Negro, Snow Hill, possession of non-tax paid whiskey, 30 days (concurrent), suspended on payment of \$25, costs deducted. Judge Whedbee gave Thaggard 30 days (concurrent) for resisting arrest, suspended on payment of \$25, costs deducted. For carrying a concealed weapon (pistol), the court gave Thaggard 90 days on the roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs. The judgment also provides that he is to remain of good behavior for 12 months and the pistol was ordered confiscated.

'Old Friends' In Municipal Court

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP)— "We were friends; we did each other favors," a defendant told the Newport News Municipal Court. This didn't seem to Judge Ben Jacobs to jibe with the complaint of a woman plaintiff who said she was socked in the jaw. The fine was \$28.75 with 60 days in jail.

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Closing Monday For Yule Holiday

Local citizens were reminded today that the postoffice will be closed Monday for Christmas. The windows will be open all day today. Special delivery and perishable mail will be delivered Sunday and parcel post mail matter will be delivered in residential sections Monday. Postmaster J. Knott Proctor stated. Banks and federal offices and Greenville city offices will be closed Monday. County offices closed at noon Friday and will reopen for business next Tuesday. State offices closed yesterday and they will reopen Tuesday. Business places generally and some drug stores and eating places will be open at stated times Monday. Police Court will not be in session Monday. Arrowhead Found Him; Tire Flat PAYSON, Ariz. (AP) — After spending a day looking for Indian arrowheads C. H. Kelly felt mighty low because he couldn't find any. Tired, he headed back to his car and found an arrowhead, which made him feel even lower. It was imbedded in a tire of his car, and the tire was flat. In spite of the growth of synthetic fibers, about 70 per cent of U.S. textile needs are still supplied by cotton.

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It is the season to be jolly...and happy are we to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

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For the big majority of Pitt County citizens Christmas is a time for giving and receiving of presents. It is a time when Santa brings the kiddies all the toys for which they have wished during a long year.

After the gifts have been exchanged and the toys tried out, it is a time when families sit down to a groaning dinner table for the best and best meal of the year. A big Christmas is a sign of general prosperity and this Christmas promises to be the biggest ever—that is for most Pitt County families.

But even in this time of prosperity there are those who won't have the money necessary to provide all the things that make Christmas a joyous occasion. For hundreds of Pitt County families Christmas could be just another day. There would be no turkey on the table, no presents and toys under the tree, perhaps no Christmas tree at all.

Those families destitute because of sickness or other reasons, might find themselves unable to provide even a poor dinner on Christmas day, or they might find themselves without fuel for their stoves. All that might be true if it were not for a number of clubs and other organizations, which, as annual Christmas projects, are providing the extras that make Christmas what it is and in some cases, the bare necessities to hundreds of poor families in Greenville and Pitt County.

Working largely through the welfare department these organizations have found the needy families in this area and during this week they have contributed hundreds of dollars worth of goods to brighten up Christmas for those who need it.

The list of contributing organizations is long.

Salvation Army
One of the main groups who are helping the poor is the Salvation Army. More than 70 families have applied to the Army for assistance during the Christmas. Included are two families which recently lost all their belonging when their houses burned. The Salvation Army is collecting furniture for these families. And other needed items will be provided to other families.

Money for the Salvation Army Christmas work is raised through donations from various organizations and through individual donations made at the booth set up on Five Points each year.

Moose Lodge
The Greenville Moose Lodge has provided Christmas for 31 families including 91 children this year.

The children along with their parents were invited to a special Christmas party at the Moose Lodge Thursday night. There, gifts and food were turned over to the parents to be taken home for Christmas. The lodge has purchased 33 pairs of shoes and 46 coats to provide for the needs of the families during Christmas. In addition food baskets were furnished. Funds for the project were raised through donations from individual Moose members. Proceeds from



a Thanksgiving dance also reverted to the Christmas fund.

Jaycees
Thirty-six needy families will receive food baskets from the Junior Chamber of Commerce tonight. Jaycees will pack the baskets and deliver them to each of the families. The Christmas project was financed by proceeds from a recent light bulb sale conducted by the club.

Elks
Greenville Elks have made arrangements for distributing baskets of food and clothing and other necessities to ten needy families. The Elks provide for needy families on a year-around basis. Each of the families which are to receive the baskets have been investigated by the Elks.

Kiwanis
The Kiwanis Club is providing for

13 families during the Christmas season. Kiwanians have visited each of the homes and the club will provide whatever is needed to make for a happy Christmas for each of the needy families. Funds for the project come from the Kiwanis Underprivileged Children's fund. The money is raised through the Kiwanis Minstrel.

The Kiwanis work with underprivileged children is in progress all year and the Christmas project is a part of the overall program.

Exchange
Two families will receive assistance from the Exchange Club. The club is providing through its activities fund, for the needs of the families. Exchanges have also cooperated with the Salvation Army in manning its booth on Five Points during the holidays.

Lions
Twenty-five visually handicapped individuals are receiving food boxes from the Lions Club and the Pitt County Association for the Blind. The food boxes are being turned over to the case worker for the blind, Miss Jeannie Manning, for distribution to the visually handicapped. The project is financed from the Lions activities fund.

American Legion
The American Legion is providing for six families. They are furnishing toys, clothes, groceries and other needs of the families.

King's Daughters
An estimated 75 needy individuals are receiving aid from the King's Daughters and Sons Patient Circle. Each case is investigated and needed items furnished. The Circle is furnishing clothing food medicine, toys and other items to needy families.




Holiday Greetings
It's had and hi-ho! Santa's on his way! Now's the season for fun and well-wishing, so, happy holiday to all!

Farrow Auto Body Works
West End Circle



Wells' ESSO Service



Christmas Joy
May yours be a Holiday Season of friends warmth and old-fashioned good cheer.

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Excitingly Filled Week In Lives For Thousands Of People All Over Pitt

This has been an excitingly filled week in the lives of Pitt Countians. For throughout the county, folks have been making plans for Christmas. Here are just some of the ways:

Ayden
Christmas preparations in Ayden began with a rousing parade, street and store decorations earlier in the season and dwindled down to a more peaceful setting in the last Yule week.

The high school band and music classes presented a Christmas concert, featuring hymns and melodies that always go into the making of the holiday.

Ayden's churches sponsored Santa Claus parties during the final week before Christmas day for the children of the community. There were singing, refreshments and prayers acknowledging the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Day is reserved for quiet worship in the churches, family gatherings and turkey dinners to climax the season.

Grifton
In Grifton, merchants bound together to make this Christmas season the jolliest on record. Other than a sprinkling of street decorations, the businessmen of the com-

munity enlightened the faces of their stores with bright lights, pictures and streamers.

One of the highlights of the season took place Friday afternoon, as **TRADE IN GRIFTON DAY** reached its peak. A multitude of prizes were awarded by a master of ceremonies in front of the town hall before a huge crowd. The plan for the **GRIFTON DAY** was as follows:

For every dollar a customer spent in any store in Grifton, he was awarded a coupon, which was marked with a number. December 2 was the day that coupons officially were issued. On Friday, all the coupons were placed in a huge box and a certain number of them were drawn for prizes.

First prize was a sofa and winner of the second drawing was given a bicycle. Approximately 25 or 30 other prizes were awarded. All business establishments donated a prize.

Churches in the community have sponsored special services and parties for children. Christmas Day in Grifton will be a day of worship, prayer and thanksgiving in the Christian tradition.

Farmville
The preparations for old St.

Nick's visit to Farmville were begun back on Dec. 5 when the annual Christmas parade was held. Since then the populace of this community has been busy as a bee getting things ready.

The business sections of the town are gaily decorated with street lights and post ornaments. Every merchant's window is tided in Christmas trimmings, each shooting for the Chamber of Commerce first prize of \$50 for the best decorated one.

The churches in the community are helping needed families in the area. Many baskets of food and pieces of clothing have been placed in the hands of the not-so-fortunate. The civic organizations are also helping in this respect.

The Farmville high school held its annual PTA Christmas program this week. Parents teachers and students got together for a musical program.

There will be two midnight services this Christmas day in Farmville, one at the catholic church and one at the Episcopal church. The Farmville Dance club will have its traditional holiday dance at the Country Club Dec. 28, the day after Christmas. The annual Country Club dance will be held on Dec. 31.

Fountain
The churches in Fountain have united this week to help hardship cases in the township. The various religious groups have been getting together packages, clothing and toys for little children.

The town has a true Christmas spirit. All the streets in the business district are brightly lighted and tinsel streamers and wreaths provide a real Yuletide setting. Some of the merchants in the town have decorated their stores, too.

This past week, the students at the Fountain schools have enjoyed their annual Christmas parties. Wednesday night, the PTA Christmas program, entitled "Why The Chimes Ring" was presented by the sixth grade.

Falkland
Wednesday night was also the big night in the Falkland school. The PTA Christmas program was observed with some 80 children on hand. Friday, the Boy Scouts of the community held their annual Christmas party.



We think you're angels, all of you, our friends and neighbors, tried and true
We wish you plenty of Christmas cheer...
and fortune's nod through the coming year!

Home Building & Loan Association
405 Evans Street



May you enjoy the happiness and pleasures of Christmas Day throughout a bright New Year.

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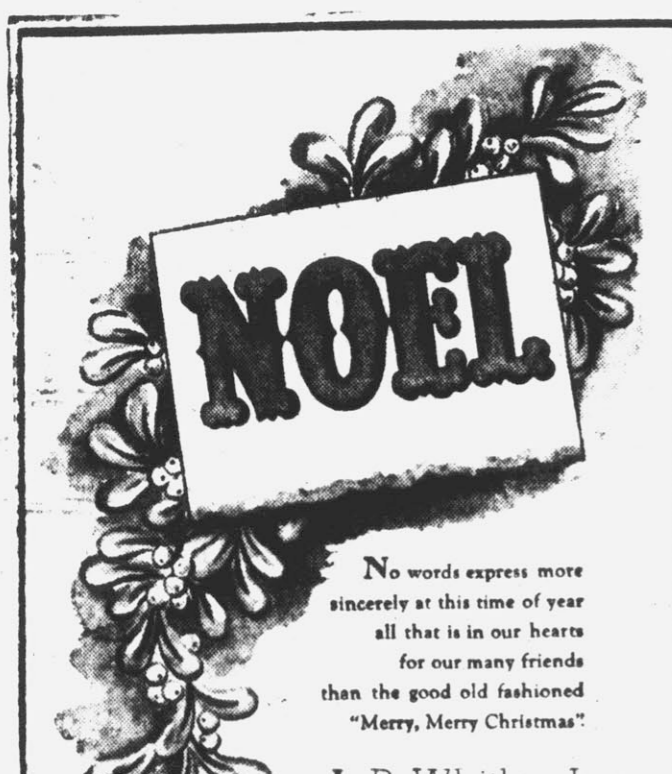
CHRISTMAS Greetings
We hope you and yours enjoy a hearty Holiday... brimful of the love and joy that make Christmas.

Proctor Hotel Barber Shop
George A. Brown, Mgr.



I Wishing you Christmas Joy
Our wishes ring out for a season filled with joy...with love...with peace.

Concrete Products, Inc.
Phone 4000



No words express more sincerely at this time of year all that is in our hearts for our many friends than the good old fashioned "Merry, Merry Christmas!"

A. B. Whitley Inc.
Boyd Avenue



GREETINGS
At this joyous Christmas season...we extend to everybody our heartfelt wishes for a happy holiday, a prosperous New Year.

Coastal Refrigeration Co.
Hooker Road — Dial 3157



The Adoration of the Kings

Painting by Pieter Bruegel, the Elder (1520-1569)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Matt. 2 1-15 (RSV)

This Week's PICTURE SHOW—AP Newsfeatures



A Doctor in the Family

By ELIZABETH SEIFERT

SYNOPSIS

Linda Thornton's strongest memories date from her tenth wedding anniversary, an occasion for her being made sharply aware of the disappointment felt by her husband's family over her failure to produce an heir. The Thorntons—old Jasper, his wife Seretha (Ma'am)—and their clan are the most influential people in Valhalla, Mo. All their hopes are centered in their son Alan, Linda's husband, who is surgeon-in-charge at the Thornton-built hospital at Valhalla. The other Thornton son, Joe, left home and is seldom mentioned. A widowed daughter, Margaret, has a son, Silas—an Army fiddler, and young twins, Jim and Ann. Seretha's brother, old Uncle Arthur Merritt, and his silly wife, Aunt Flora, also live at the Thornton farm—Fiddlers Green.

Alan phones Linda from the hospital and tells her that Miss Little Mae, Uncle Arthur's flirtation, is there with a fractured hip, and a 75-mile trip to an emergency operation will delay his attending the anniversary dinner party Seretha has instigated. Linda walks to Margaret's cottage to talk about the mischievous twins, but turns back when she spies Margaret in a loving embrace with Captain Blake, an Army man who is married—to a mentally-ill invalid.

CHAPTER SIX

Linda let herself back into the big house, checked on the twins and suggested that they should be going home soon. They were on their stomachs, looking at the colored plates in the Britannica, and absent-mindedly they agreed that they would leave soon.

She went to the dining room and then to the kitchen, and asked the butler hopefully if there'd been any word from the Doctor. There had been none.

Out in the hall, she smiled to hear sounds that indicated a stirring throughout the house of the old folk rising from their afternoon naps.

"Miss Linda?" It was Clew, at the door of Seretha's room.

Linda shrugged out of her coat.

"Yes, Clew?"

"Ma'am askin' for you."

"I'll come."

Seretha's maid took Linda's raincoat. Both women knew what Ma'am was up to. She held the reins of family control capably in her hands, and lightened each leather as she considered it necessary or wise. "It's her hat," said the egress. "Seems I can't please her."

Linda shot her a blue-eyed smile, crossed the hall to the closed door, rapped briefly upon it and turned the silver knob.

Linda had seen her mother-in-law at lunch and in the morning when she'd taken flowers to the room, but now she greeted the old lady as if this were the first encounter of the day.

Ma'am was seated before her dressing table, tall, slender, and erect, wearing a long dark red flannel robe. Her white hair hung in a loose cape to her waist. She looked at Linda in the mirror, and did not turn. Ma'am had an alert mind, a crisp voice, a firm will, and she was greatly respected—but she was not a woman one could imagine loved with any warmth or passion.

"You're badly blown, Linda," she said bluntly.

Linda brushed the back of her hand over her tumbled curls. "I know," she agreed. "I had an errand outdoors and the hood of my raincoat played hob with my hair."

"Indeed?"

"Clew said you wanted me, Ma'am?"

Seretha indicated the hair brush. "She's all thumbs today. I thought if you—my arm is bothering me."

Mrs. Thornton suffered somewhat with arthritis. It was an ailment which often served her purposes.

"Yes, of course," Linda moved closer, took the brush, and then the comb. She smoothed the long, fine, straight hair as white as goose feathers, and as unmanageable. Linda had had practice in twisting the stuff into the complicated knot which Seretha wanted, and fastening it lightly with an array of tortoise-shell pins.

Mrs. Thornton rewarded her with a wistful smile, and asked if she would help with her dress. Clew, she said again, was so clumsy. The black woman had come back into the room. Her face inscrutable, she helped Linda bring out several of Ma'am's gowns and spread them out for her to make a selection. None of the dresses was new; Seretha was the kind to keep exact mental files of anything she owned, down to the last button—but she demanded this sort of service, and she got it.

Now she carefully surveyed her gown, the purple velvet, the black crepe, the gray lace. "What will you wear, Linda?" she asked.

Linda looked surprised. "My blue."

"With the jacket!" declared Seretha.

The "blue"—palest, silvery blue—was of satin. It was an expensive model which Alan had insisted on Linda's buying when they'd attended the last convocation, and indeed there was a jacket to it, as well as the bustle-sash of vivid green velvet.

"An off the shoulder frock looks very naked above a dinner table," said Seretha in the tone which settled all things here in the family. Linda said nothing. She could wear another frock.

Seretha moved to the wing chair, and leaned back, showing no intent to select her gown, or put one on. "I suppose you've checked on Ruby and Jacob?"

"Everything is fine," Linda assured her.

"I thought I smelled turkey," "Guinea," said Linda. "I am using the red and white china, and I put white gladiolus into the ruby vases."

"Gladiolus," corrected Seretha. "I have a gift for you, Linda. I remember that it is your tenth wedding anniversary." Her white hand took a small rubbed velvet case from the table, snapped it open, and extended it toward her daughter-in-law. It contained a short necklace of carved gold beads.

Linda looked up in pleased surprise. "Why, it's beautiful! I've never seen it before."

Seretha glanced at the small worn leather chest which stood at the foot of the four-poster. Linda had never seen its contents. "I have my treasures," said the old lady. "Some—my China shawl—this chain—came to me through the Massachusetts branch of our family. They had shipping interests, you know. My valuable jewelry will, of course, go to Margaret and then to Ann—though if you had had a daughter—"

Linda bit her lip, and caught back her impulse to say, "I'm sorry." She was sorry, but without ever openly defying Seretha, from the first she had set up certain barriers against the woman's tyrannical rule of her family. That rule should not, and would not, engulf Linda!

Now she busied herself with the examination of each bead. No two were alike. "I hope Alan won't be late for his own dinner party," she murmured. "You knew that he'd been called to Kemmerly?"

"You told us at lunch. Did you send flowers to Miss Little Mae?"

"Yes, Alan said they would probably operate—he called it pinning her hip."

"She'll be a cripple. I dread such a fall."

"Alan seemed quite hopeful. He

At The Churches

There will be no evening service or mid-week prayer service. The public is cordially invited.

JARVIS MEMORIAL METHODIST
Rev. W. M. Howard Jr., pastor
Rev. Robert McKenzie Jr., associate pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, J. H. Rose, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Meeting
7:30 p.m. Thurs.—Troop 30 Boy Scouts
7:45 p.m. Thurs.—Choir Rehearsal
A cordial invitation is extended to all.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Percy B. Upchurch, pastor
Mr. James Simpson, Music Director
Mrs. James Simpson, Organist
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Carlton Cozart, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Message by the pastor; subject: "Crowding Jesus Out"
7:30 p.m.—"Angels O'er the Fields," Old French Carol (Annette Dunn, Joanna Hardee, Barbara Conway)

said that Dr. Ernst was very skillful.
"Does he like that new doctor, Linda?"
Linda smiled. "I don't know about liking, Ma'am. He hasn't said much about him in any respect. I am sure Alan hopes that he'll be a good doctor."
"He's coming tonight?"
"Oh, yes, I put him at your left, so you'll have a chance to find out if you like him."
Seretha's eyes snapped. "I'll wear the mauve," she threw at Clew. "But I won't put it on until later. You might see if you could help in the kitchen." She turned to Linda. "Who is my other partner?"
"Also young and handsome. I put Captain Blake there."
"Why did you ask him?"
"Alan suggested it."
"Oh," said Seretha. "Is he so young?"
"About forty, I think. He came to see Alan about his being available about the Fort hospital need him. Alan liked him very much."
"Will your table balance?"
"Oh, no. Seven men five women. Dr. Bowman is a bachelor, and Captain Blake's wife is an invalid."
"Seems a bit odd to invite a gentleman without his wife."
"Alan seemed to think the Captain should go out socially."
"And so he should. If he remembers that he has a wife ill at home. But—I understand that he doesn't always remember. Nor, I'm afraid, does my daughter."
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Illustration Of Woman's Right

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Christmas tree salesmen got a Juliette demonstration this week of a woman's right to change her mind.

A woman brought back a tree she had bought. She wanted to exchange it, she said, because it somehow just didn't seem to fit into her living room.

The salesmen told her to take her choice, and she started a tour of the trees. While she was looking, the tree she had returned was replaced among those on display.

Circling through the forest of Christmas trees, she finally picked out one she liked—the same one she had brought back for exchange.

LOANS HIT PEAK
WASHINGTON (AP)—The number of GI home loans guaranteed by the Veterans Administration in November reached a new high for the second consecutive month.

Monday afternoon from 3 to 5 Visitors welcome.

GREAT SWAMP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Elder C. L. Coker, pastor
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Kinston
Rev. Alfred Buis pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
Sermon—"Victorious Soldiers of the Lord"

FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
Columbia and 13th Sts.
Rev. C. C. Cribb, pastor
8:30-9:00 a.m.—Broadcast from the Church
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Louis Jones, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
7:30 p.m. Tues.—Prayer Meeting
8:30 p.m. Wed.—Youth Service, John David Cannon, president
The End of Your Search for a Friendly Church.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
Services at 11:00 a.m. every first Sunday

THE SALVATION ARMY
L. B. T. Lewis Commanding Officer
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:15 p.m.—Youth Meeting
7:45 p.m.—Salvation Service
3:45 p.m. Tues.—Junior Legion
6:30 p.m. Tues.—Coro Cadet
7:30 p.m. Tues.—Girl Guards
3:45 p.m. Wed.—Sunbeams
8:00 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Meeting
7:30 p.m. Thurs.—Ladies League
7:30 p.m. Fri.—Men's Club

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
J. Martz, pastor
10:00 a.m. Sat.—Sabbath School
Mr. J. F. Tyson, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship
Interested persons contact the pastor at 2523 Dickinson Ave or call 5923

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS (Mormons)
1515 Broad St.
Dr. N. M. Jorgensen, Branch President
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—Sacrament Service

Colored Churches

SWEET HOPE F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. W. L. Phillips, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Charlie Hardy, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service
The public is invited to meet with us each third Sunday

ROCK SPRING F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. S. Hemby, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Tony Thigpen, superintendent
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship

SYCAMORE HILL BAPTIST
Rev. J. A. Nimmo, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, J. W. Maye, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Messages by Rev. James A. Nimmo Jr., pastor of Tenth St. Baptist Church, Camden, N. J.
12:45 p.m.—Holy Communion
6:00 p.m.—B.T.U., J. S. Alexander, director
7:00 p.m.—Baptismal Service

GOOD HOPE F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. S. Hemby, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. O. C. Bryant, superintendent

YORK MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION
Rev. F. H. Mumford, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Joseph Godette, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
"God's Gift, the World's Supreme Friend"
Music by Junior and Senior Choirs
7:30 p.m.—Special Christmas Program
Tues. Nite—Gospel Chorus Rehearsal
Wed. Nite—Prayer Meeting
Thurs. Nite—Senior Choir Rehearsal
Fri. Nite—Junior Choir Rehearsal

MT. CALVARY F.W.B. CHURCH
Hudson Street
Rev. E. M. Hill, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Willie Joyner, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

PHILIPPI CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. J. P. McLaurin, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, L. Benjamin Blount, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship 2nd and 4th Sundays
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
7:30 p.m. Tues.—Sunday School Club
7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service
7:30 p.m.—Jr. Choir Rehearsal
2nd and 3rd Mondays
7:30 p.m.—Sr. Choir Rehearsal
1st and 4th Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.—Program Committee
Twice Monthly

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST
Corner 13th & Railroad Streets
Rev. J. E. Tillis, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Milton Carr Jr., superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays
6:30 p.m.—B.T.U., Milton Carr Jr., director
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

ENGLISH CHAPEL F.W.B.
Rev. S. Hemby, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Luther Smith, superintendent

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION
Boomer's Lane
Rev. Joseph H. Banks, rector
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
12:00 noon—Church School

ARTHUR CHAPEL
Rev. S. Hemby, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Leander Monk, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Message by the pastor; subject: "Have You Made Room For Jesus?"
3:00 p.m.—Rev. W. L. Jones will officiate. He will be accompanied by Mt. Calvary Senior Choir, ushers, members and friends.
7:30 p.m.—Rev. James Thigpen will officiate at Rock Spring. Music by the Junior Choir.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
Falkland
Rev. T. T. Shivers, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Douglas Avenue
Rev. B. B. Dunn, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Bible Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS
Pitt Street
Bishop J. C. Street, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Julius Hemby, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
The public is cordially invited to worship with us on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

BELL CHAPEL CHURCH
Elder W. Y. Leary, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

SIMPSON CHAPEL F.W.B.
Simpson
Rev. A. W. Williams, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, W. D. Hardy, superintendent
11:30 a.m.—Service 4th Sundays
Wed. Nite—Prayer Meeting

CEDAE GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. Leroy Perkins, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Leon Evans, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 2nd Sunday

CHERRY LANE F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. W. M. Clark, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship 1st Sunday

MORNING STAR HOLINESS
Simpson
Rev. Sister Hannah Moore, pastor
Services each 3rd Sunday
8:00 a.m. Wed.—Prayer Service
Quarterly meeting on 2nd Sunday

BROWN'S CHAPEL CHURCH
Belvoir Highway
Rev. Raymond Grishwald, pastor
11:00 a.m.—Bible Church School, Mr. Eliza Spain, superintendent
12:00 noon—Worship
Choir rehearsal 2nd & 4th Friday nights

PATRICK CHAPEL F.W.B.
Rev. E. R. Reaves, pastor
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship

PHILIPPI BAPTIST CHURCH
Simpson
Rev. E. H. Hattie, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, L. E. Clemons, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship
7:45 p.m. Thurs.—Prayer Service

MORNING STAR A.M.E. ZION
Alden
Rev. Zachariah Pierce, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Simon Reeves, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship 2nd Sunday
11:30 a.m.—Children's Prayer
7:30 p.m.—Worship

FLEMING'S CHAPEL
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Frank Perkins, superintendent
9:30 a.m.—Worship 4th Sundays
8:00 p.m.—Worship 4th Sundays

ALLEN'S CHAPEL F.W.B.
Rev. W. A. Rogers, pastor
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. W. B. Blount, superintendent
Worship service every 1st Sunday
James Barnea, superintendent

WARREN CHAPEL F.W.B.
Rev. E. L. Hardy, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, H. M. Laft, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

HOLLY HILL F.W.B. CHURCH
Belvoir
Rev. L. Wilson, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Lacy Atkinson, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship

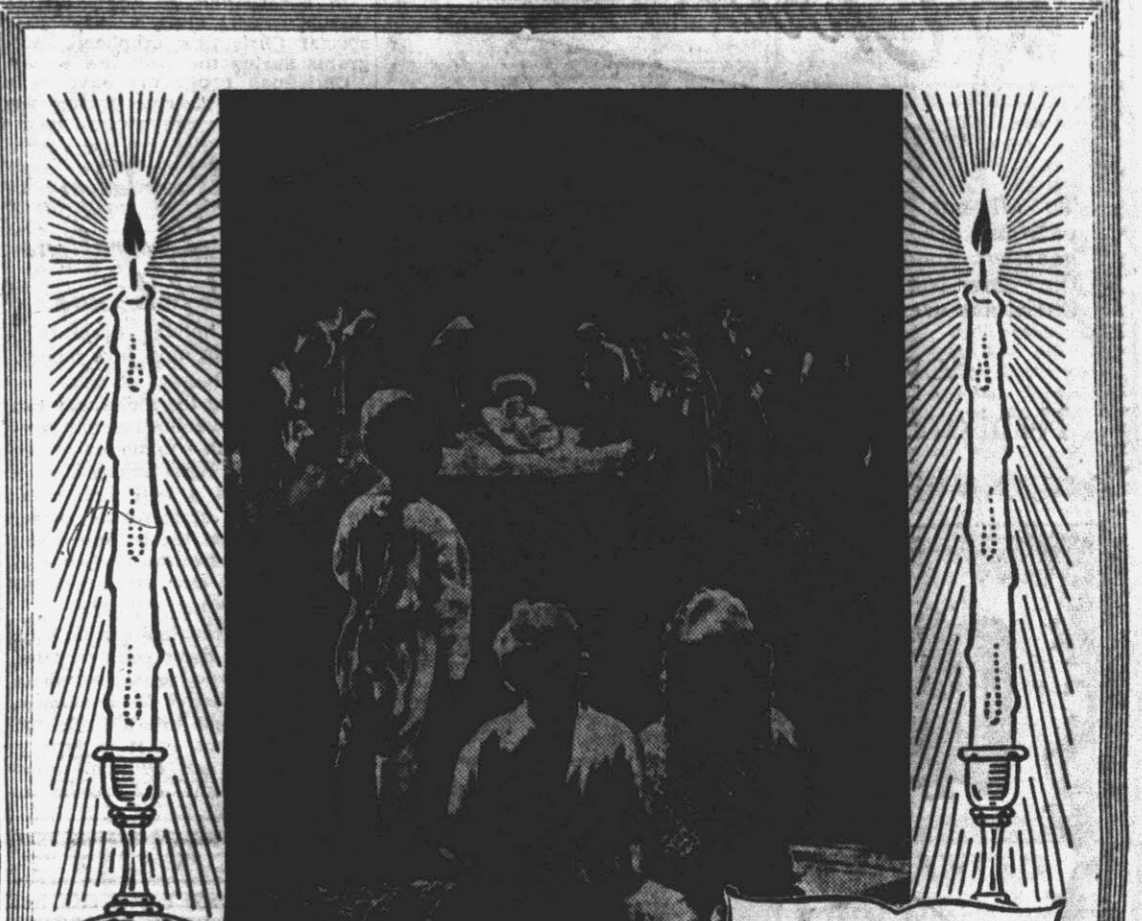
Farmville Churches Colored

ST. JAMES F.W.B.
W. Perry Street
Rev. W. W. Askew, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Charlie Parker, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 2nd and 4th Sundays

ST. JOHN F.W.B. CHURCH
Lincoln Park
Rev. P. L. Dixon, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Deacon L. Armstrong, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 3rd Sundays

ST. TIMOTHY EPISCOPAL
Lincoln Park
Priest J. B. Banks in charge
11:00 a.m.—Worship 1st Sundays
9:00 a.m.—Service 3rd Sundays

MADEIRA BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner Wallace and Walnut Sts.
Rev. John A. Mehane, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mrs. M. L. Blount, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays



CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS

"... And so in this way, my children, Christ was born in Bethlehem."

But Christmas is more than the celebration of this event which happened long ago and far away. It is a present reality.

Through the eyes of faith we see ourselves kneeling before the manger. We have come to adore our new-born King.

Through the wonder of faith, the Christmas story becomes alive. The Christ Child is born in our hearts. The angels speak to us:

"Behold I bring you tidings of great joy... For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord!"

Our Bethlehem today is our Church and Sunday School. Let us go and take our children to worship our new-born King.

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May the old fashioned Christmas spirit of peace and joy embrace your home this glorious holiday season. And may the richest gifts—health, happiness and good will come to you and your dear ones.

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Churches Generally Plan Christmas Services

Services emphasizing the Christmas theme have been planned for Greenville churches Sunday.

With the exception of the Catholic, Episcopal and Christian churches, regular morning worship services will begin at 11 a.m. as usual.

Midnight mass will be celebrated at St. Raphael's auditorium beginning at 12 o'clock tonight. There will be two masses at St. Raphael's on Christmas Day, one at 8 a.m. and the other at 10 a.m. A late afternoon service will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church at 5 p.m.

have a midnight celebration of Holy Communion beginning at 11:30 tonight. The Christmas Day service, which will also be a communion service, will begin at 10 a.m.

A family service, combining Sunday School and church programs, will be held at the First Christian Church tomorrow at 10 a.m. The worship program will feature Christmas carols, the Christmas Story from the scriptures, and a Christmas story told by Dr. Elizabeth Utterback of East Carolina College. Primary and Junior youngsters will also take part. Immediately following this

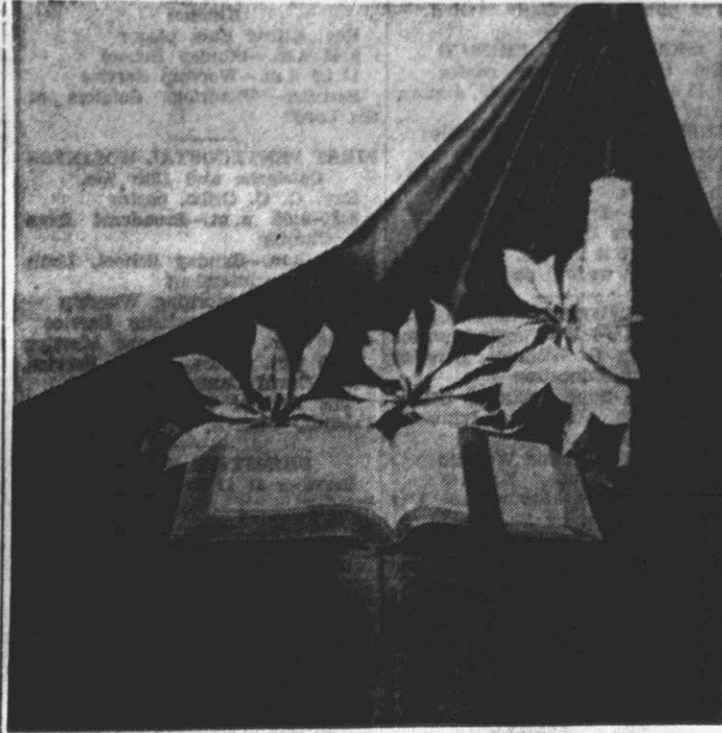
program a Christmas communion service will be held at 11 a.m. Dr. Frederick Jones will be guest speaker for the morning and evening worship services at tomorrow Immanuel Baptist Church. All families are being encouraged to sit in a family group at the morning service. The evening worship will begin at 7:30 p.m. In addition, each family is urged to conduct a candlelight service in the home.

Regular Sunday School and morning worship hours will be observed at Memorial Baptist Church and there will be no evening service. Regular services will be held at Grace Free Will Baptist Church, including the evening service at 7:30.

The Christmas service at Greenville Free Will Baptist Church will be held at the regular hour, and there will be no evening service. At 5 p.m. a drama for young people, "Christmas in the Cobble's Shop" will be presented, with the youth of the church and the junior and intermediate choirs participating. There will be only one regular church service at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, at 11 a.m. Regular services will be held at St. James Methodist Church and at the Pentecostal Holiness Church. There will be no evening worship at the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow, but morning worship hours will be observed as usual.

In observance of the Yuletide season, each church has held special Christmas emphasis programs during the past few weeks. Christmas programs have been given by the church youth, who

have also gone caroling, visiting hospital patients and shut-ins. A number of church groups are helping needy families, and have held parties for underprivileged children. Special offerings for the needy have been taken, and evangelism and prayer meetings have stressed the Christmas theme.



"O come let us adore Him..."

With Proper Care, Poinsettia Plant Will Bloom Again

That popular Christmas plant, the poinsettia, need not be discarded when the holiday is over. The right care can keep it in condition for blooming again next year.

Horticulture specialists say you need not be alarmed about dropping leaves. Leaf dropping simply means the plant is going into its normal rest period, which lasts until about May 1.

After the leaves fall, put the plant in a cool place—40 to 50 degrees—and water sparingly. About May 1, cut the plant back quite heavily, to remove excess wood and make it more shapely.

Shake off the old soil and repot in a mixture of three parts garden loam, one part well-rotted manure and one part leafmold. Use a pot just large enough to hold the mass of roots without crowding and still provide good drainage. Water enough to keep the soil from drying out.

In about another month, when weather is warm, set the potted plant outdoors, submerging the pot in the soil at ground level or a little below. Put it in full sunshine unless the weather is very hot. In that case, give it light shade. When nights cool in the fall, put it in a window where there is good light and air and where temperature is about 60 to 65 degrees, but with no draft. Water regularly so the soil never dries out and use a little liquid fertilizer every week. Long nights, uninterrupted by even a shaft of artificial light, are needed to bring the poinsettia into flower.

NOEL

Our heartfelt good wishes for this joyous season to all of our wonderful friends.

WORSLEY'S
Sine SHOES

116 East 5th Street Dial 3907

Merry Christmas

To all our friends and patrons, we extend our heartiest good wishes for the merriest, brightest Christmas ever.

Royal Crown Cola
Nehi and Party-Pak Beverages

Holiday Greetings

It is our sincere wish that your Holiday Season be enriched with all the blessings that belong to Christmas... that you find every happiness in the New Year ahead.

Ruel W. Tyson
Sheriff of Pitt County

Making Your Own Holiday Decorations Adds To Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a bell, ball ornament or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball ornaments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?

Successful, In Odd Direction

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP)—William L. Wood, a retired railroad man, wanted to keep his job as park commissioner after it was changed from a part-time to a full-time post. But the salary didn't suit him.

Finally, after two city council meetings, Wood got his way. He was given the appointment at \$600 a year instead of the \$4,000 the city council offered.

Literary Tree At Library



A featured display at Sheppard Memorial Library this Yuletide is this Christmas tree, uniquely and appropriately decorated with designs cut from book jackets. Librarians have also made the lobby and reading room festive with holiday bulletin board displays, a manger scene and a worship center. (Reflector Photo by Edwina Haymes).

TALKING TO SANTA... It's an old, old story that's new every year for thousands of children, this visiting Santa in the big department store to talk about what's to be in the Christmas stocking. Most always, there's a proud parent standing nearby to do a little prompting if necessary.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
From All Your Friends At...

STATE Bank & Trust Co.

J. T. MARSTON, JR., Executive Vice-Pres.
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Established 1931 Phone 3151

The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

Collins-Pridmore
628 Dickinson Avenue



SANTA CLAUS LAND... You'd never convince the younger set, but this photo shows the real Santa Claus land—Antalya in Southern Turkey, capital of the province where St. Nicholas was born, lived and became a legend 1600 years ago. Snow and reindeer are never seen in this lush land on the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean where swimming on Christmas Day is common.

OUR BIG AFTER-CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE

Starts Tuesday 9 a.m.
REDUCTIONS TO 50%

JANE'S SHOP
308 Evans Street

Greetings

May you find good cheer, peace and happiness at Christmas time. These are our sincere wishes for all our friends who have made this Christmas such a wonderful one for us.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Lundy Chambers, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned Administrator at Greenville, North Carolina, on or before the 8th day of December, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment thereof to the said Administrator. This the 8th day of December, 1955. Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. Administrator estate of Lundy Chambers, deceased. Dec. 10-17-24-31 Jan. 7-14

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA PITT COUNTY ACCRIAH MOORE vs. ISLELINE HIGHSMITH MOORE. To: Iseline Highsmith Moore, defendant. Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: by plaintiff to obtain an absolute divorce upon the grounds of two years separation. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than January 27, 1956, and upon your failure to do so the entry of judgment against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 9th day of December, 1955. H. L. LEWIS JR., Asst. Clerk Superior Court Pitt County Dec. 10-17-24-31

NOTICE OF SALE PITT COUNTY. Pursuant to the provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina, notice is hereby given that one 1950 Studebaker automobile, bearing North Carolina License No. 600-543; Motor No. 6999988, and Serial No. G-618-270; the operator of said automobile having been found guilty of violating the law relating to intoxicating liquor, and the said automobile having been seized by an officer of the law while being used in the transportation of intoxicating liquor, contrary to law, and the said automobile having been ordered sold by a court of competent jurisdiction, will be sold by the undersigned Sheriff of Pitt County at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH at the courthouse door in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, at eleven o'clock on December 31, 1955, or be forever barred. This the 9th day of December, 1955. RUEL W. TYSON Sheriff of Pitt County W. W. Speight, Pitt Co. Atty. Dec. 10-17-24

EXPERT SERVICE SPRAY PAINTING ROOF REPAIRING—Also septic tank cesspools grease traps pumped out the sanitary way Free Inspection Work guaranteed Call Randolph 6522 P.O. Box 321. Nov 22-31

ELECTROLUX Vacuum cleaners—Sales and service Free home demonstration Vacuum cleaners and floor polishers by a bonded salesman. 4 years experience in sales and repairs. Permanent resident of Greenville, Phone 8710 or see J. D. Fleming Jr. 305 White St. Nov 28-31

WE OFFER COMPLETE LANDSCAPING and planting service Free plans and estimates gladly furnished Call or write Hillcrest Nurseries, Kinston, N. C. NURSERY AND LANDSCAPING service—Shrubbery landscaping seeding grading and dirt Visit our sales yard on West 9th Street Jefferson Florist & Nursery Phone 6195-6196 Oct 12-14

ROOF RUG OR RADIO REPAIRS! For any type of service read the EXPERT SERVICE column in The Daily Reflector Classified Advertising section Phone 6166

DAILY REFLECTOR WANT AD INFORMATION. Your Want Ad Telephone Number in Greenville is 6166. RATES: \$1.00 minimum charge for 25 words or less for first insertion; 2 insertions \$ 1.75; 3 insertions \$ 2.25; 4 insertions \$ 2.75; One Month \$14.00. DISPLAY WANT ADS: \$1.25 per column inch per insertion; 1 Week \$ 6.75; 1 Month \$23.00. Above rates for more than one insertion apply to ads running on consecutive days. DEADLINE: No new ads, kills or corrections accepted after 3 p.m. the day before publication. ERRORS - OMISSIONS: The Daily Reflector will be responsible only for the first incorrect or omitted insertion of any advertisement in these columns and then on to the extent of a make good insertion. Errors which do not lessen the value of the advertisement will not be corrected by a make good insertion. The publisher reserves the right to revise or reject any copy.

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EXPERT SERVICE

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CUSTOM FEEL GRINDING AND MIXING We grind corn wheat and other grains; also can grind peanut and soybean hay. We also can spray wet molasses in your feed. Save money on your feeding cost by using our custom grinding and mixing service. PITT FOX Nov 1-14

TWO CHRISTMAS DANCES AT Whitehall's Beach, Washington, N. C., Saturday night, Dec. 24, and Monday night, Dec. 25. An evening of pleasure your friends and holiday visitors will be sure to enjoy. Music by Bob Jones and his orchestra. Admission: ladies 50c, men \$1.00. 22-31

NOW OPEN FOR STEAMED OYSTERS, 7 days per week. Cafe at New Enterprise Warehouse, Memorial Drive. Seafood dinners a specialty. Book parties now. Dec. 20-1 mo.

HELP WANTED - MALE WANTED, SALESMAN—GET IN on the ground floor of a new selling deal. Clean selling with opportunity unlimited, with \$300 to \$300 per week or more, depending on you. Should have car. If interested apply for interview, Frank Farrow, Proctor Hotel, Dec. 29th, or write P. O. Box 641, Greenville, N. C. 23-41

WANTED—THREE WHITE MEN to start work by January 1st. Ages 21 to 44. At least eighth grade education required. Must be willing to work 40 hours. Salary and commission. To make appointment call 8560 Friday 12:30 through 3 p.m. and all day Saturday and the following Wednesday. 21-27

HOUSEKEEPERS WANTED—FOR private families in New York City. Live in. Private room and \$125 per month. Payday twice a month. Ticket sent to you. Pack your clothes then write to Earl Littleton, 1518 West 37th Street, Norfolk 8, Va. Distribution. 24-71

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FOR SALE INGREDIENTS PURE MAKE FINA Foam sure and tops for cleaning rugs and upholstery. Belk-Tyler's, 3rd floor. 24-26

FOR SALE

CREOSOTE POSTS—8 FT. THRU 30' lengths. The post that will last 30 years. Also fence wire and barbed wire. See us before you buy. PITT FOX Sept. 8-14

CLOSING OUT ALL SHEERWILLIAMS, Kem-Ole and Super Kentone paints at cost. Visit C. H. Edwards Hardware today. Dec. 1-1 mo.

A LARGE STOCK OF CHRISTMAS trees, light bulbs just received. Decorate your home by visiting Edwards Hardware today. 15-124

MARQUETTE HOME FREEZERS at less than cost. One 9 cu. ft. freezer and one 15 cu. ft. freezer. Priced below cost for quick sale. Full warranty with each freezer. H. L. Hodges Co., 210 E. Fifth St. Phone 4186. Dec. 15-14

COMPLETE STOCK OF PUMPS, irrigation equipment, pipe, galvanized roofing for immediate delivery. Drop by Edwards Hardware today. Dec. 1-1 mo.

FOR LESS THAN COST YOU CAN get these two brand new Marquette wringer type washing machines. Full warranty. H. L. Hodges Co., 210 E. Fifth St. Phone 4186. Dec. 15-14

MUSICAL MERCHANDISE—LOW overhead means low prices at Rodkin's Music Co. Band instruments, accordions, new and used pianos, Minihall organs and all types of musical instruments. Rodkin's Music Co., 723 Dickinson Ave. Phone 6116. Dec. 2-1 mo.

SADLER FLOWER SHOP WINTERVILLE, N. C. Swiss Giant Pansies and English Daisies ready for transplanting from our plant beds to your yard for beautiful early blooms. Start peacocks trees. 21-27

MARK AND AMERICAN FLYER electric and mechanical trains, tricycles, wagons and cars going at cost. Williams Sport Shop, 206 E. 8th Street. Phone 2904. 21-27

WINCHESTER SHOTGUNS AND rifles now available at only 10% down and up to 20 months to pay at Williams Sport Shop, 206 E. 8th Street. Phone 2904. 21-27

CHRISTMAS TOYS GOOD QUALITY wagons, musical records and furniture for the whole family. Reasonably priced. Shop early at Ken's Furniture Shop, 927 Dickinson Ave. Dec. 2-1 mo.

PHONE 6166 AND LIST YOUR merchandise in our Classified Christmas Gift guide The Daily Reflector. 21-27

YOUR GAMBONITE LUGGAGE headquarters in Greenville is Home Furniture Store, corner of 8th and Dickinson Ave. Complete assortment of sizes and colors for men and women. Nov. 28-31

LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF Christmas gifts we have ever had. Anglons, health sets, electrical appliances, radios, sporting goods, housewares, power tools. Make Edwards Hardware your shopping center. Dec. 1-1 mo.

HOMES FOR SALE

Attractive 6 room house on nice lot on East Fourth Street. G. I. loan available. Seven room house with two baths, garage, and basement on Harding St. Six room brick house with 1 1/2 baths and a two car garage in Elmhurst. GENERAL INS. AGENCY Dial 2461 for Appointments 13-139

SELLING YOUR HOME? A CLASSIFIED ad in The Daily Reflector gets you many hot prospects. Phone 6166 and place your ad today. Classified Display

Let us deliver your 1955 Christmas Gift each day during 1955. Give 1 year subscription to The Daily Reflector, 1 year by mail \$11.50, by carrier delivery 1 year \$12.00. Call 6166.

East Carolina Roofing Company Jobs Applied and Financed. CLAUDE B. WEST, Mgr. Office - Fretter Hotel Office Phone 6181 Residence Phone 5253

FORD—1950 MOD-ern sedan. Immaculate for the model both inside and out. Owned by one of our mechanics, this will make an ideal second car for some lucky person. \$295 and worth every dime of \$1 Flanagan's. 24-26

For your holiday seafood menu we offer Ballard's Chesapeake oyster, North Carolina large select oysters, Craven Co. deviled crabs, three grades crab meat, frozen shrimp, also nice selection of fish daily. NORRIS SEAFOOD MARKET 117 E. 14th Street Dial 4679 21-24

WANTED Several reliable boys, 12 years and older to carry papers. Good money for right boy. Apply Circulation Manager, The Daily Reflector.

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FOR QUICK CONFIDENTIAL loans from \$15 to \$100 on your household furniture and kitchen appliances, contact Security Loan Corp., supervised by N.C. State Banking Commission, 107 E. 8th St., Greenville, N. C. Phone 3800. W

CONFIDENTIAL LOANS - Watches diamonds all kinds of jewelry, typewriters, adding machines, watch repairs. 24 hour service. Greenville Loan & Jeweler, 613 Dickinson Ave. We buy old gold. Oct. 25-31

LOTS FOR SALE THE J. H. WOOLARD VACANT lots facing Holly St., between 4th and 8th, on same block as high school. Mail offer by January 1st to J. P. Gaston, P. O. Box 571, Greenville, N. C. 10-184

FARMS FOR SALE FARM—93 ACRES NEAR STORES 7 1-10 acres tobacco allotment, 7 room residence, 3 tobacco barns, packhouse and stables. J. J. Perkins, Phone 3177, Greenville, N. C. Dec. 3-ood-14

HOMES FOR SALE 4 1/2 YEAR OLD SIX ROOM BRICK home close to school and college. Priced reasonable. Owner being transferred. For information call 6747. Dec. 17-14



Car Crashes Into Train, One Dies, Near Stokes

Naval Officer Is Accident Victim

By BOB HILLDRUP
Reflector Staff Writer

STOKES—This tiny Pitt Community chalked up its fourth highway fatality yesterday in less than six months when a naval lieutenant was killed in an accident grim with irony.

John Hoyt French, 25, of Elizabethtown, was killed instantly about 3:45 p. m. when his car, headed west on 903 in Stokes, rammed the side of a north-bound freight.

The freight, nine cars in length, was operated by John W. Hines, of 1405 Eastern Avenue, Rocky Mount. J. F. Bishop, who normally would have been the engineer, was riding as fireman, while Connie V. Preast, of 230 Nash Street, Rocky Mount, was the brakeman.

Hines and Preast were the occupants of a train involved in a wreck in Stokes last August which killed two men at another crossing less than half a mile away.

And, in addition, yesterday's fatality occurred less than 300 yards from where another French, Mrs. Mable F. French, of Norfolk, was killed this summer.

Papers taken from French's body

Santa Claus San Goes To Japan

By JAMES CARY
TOKYO (AP)—A frosty night, a jolly little man and a sleigh flashing across the moon going east—It's Santa Claus San headed for the land of the sun goddess.

And with him will come Japan's unique and joyous celebration of the Yuletide—borrowed from the Western world and stripped in most cases of its religious significance.

This year the old, old fairy tale of Christmas will live in probably more homes of this predominantly Buddhist and Shinto nation than ever before, although tailored carefully to limited resources.

For days children have been prattling about Santa San, singing "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night" and taking goggle-eyed walks with their parents into the lavish Christmas wonderlands of Tokyo's department stores.

There, curvaceous girl Santa Clauses direct crowds into elevators, giant spangled Christmas trees rear two and three stories high and gifts of pearls, silks and artwork are amazingly cheap by Western standards.

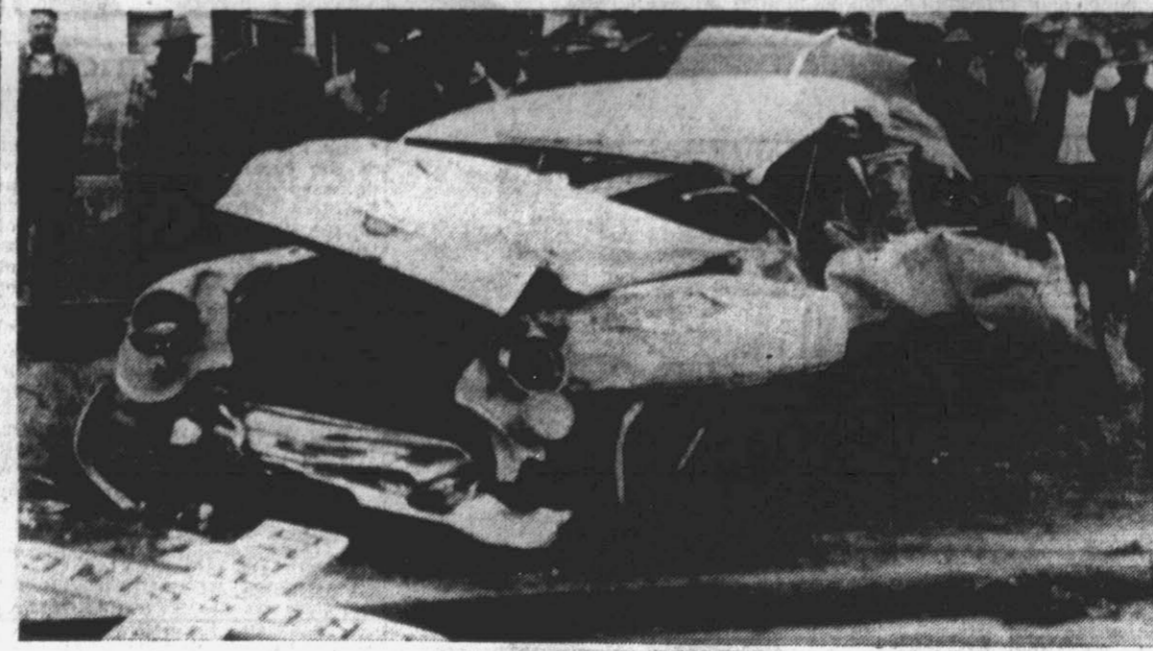
The decorations do not carry over into the average home. Only the rich can afford a tree, largely because of the approaching, more traditional New Year's holiday which requires special ornamentation of its own.

Christmas morning children will pop out of bed to find a present or two waiting for them. Later in the day the family may dine out, perhaps on chicken. For the children there will be ice cream and cakes.

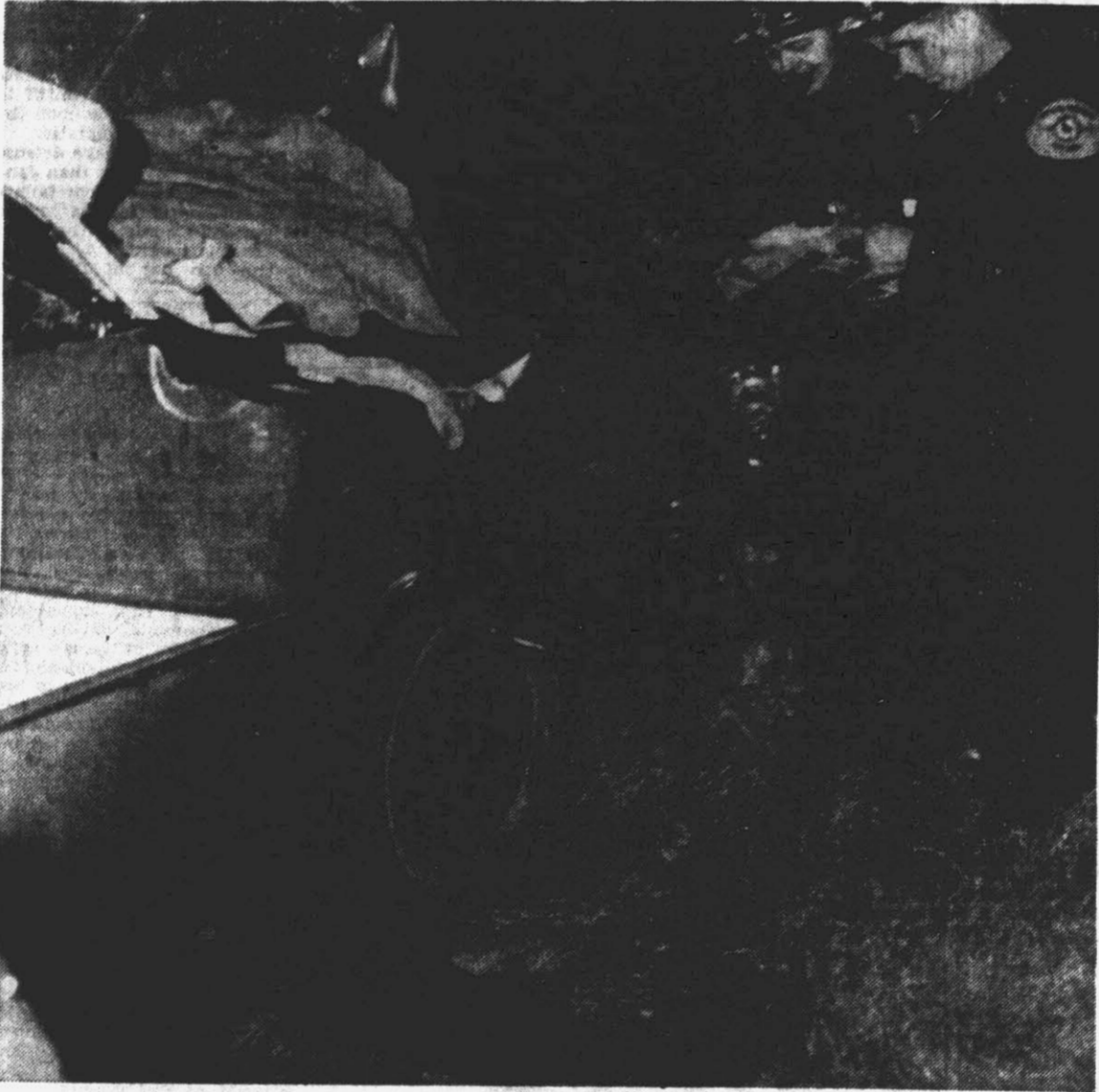
To the average fun-loving Japanese, Christmas — an imported custom — is a good chance to have a good time. Lavish amounts of liquor are consumed.

For Japan's more than 500,000 Christians there is a more reverent note. Church services on Christmas Eve, prayers, a choir singing Christmas hymns and a sermon are normal activities.

Japan's Christmas always has had strong commercial roots. In the early 30s merchants began promoting it to boost year end business. The custom gradually spread. Now even geisha girls and the lusty big city cabarets promote the season to increase profits.



PITT'S 17TH—A railroad warning sign lies near the wreckage of a car in which a naval dentist, John Hoyt French, was killed yesterday. The wreck which occurred in Stokes, was the 17th highway fatality in Pitt County this year.



AT DEATH SCENE—State Highway Patrol Cpl. Carl E. Whitfield (left) and patrolman D. E. Perry compare notes at the scene of Stokes' fourth traffic fatality in less than six months. The body of John Hoyt French, 25, of Elizabethtown, can be seen beneath the rear wheels of the car which crashed into a freight train at a grade crossing. (Reflector photos by Bob Hilldrup).

Sound Of Blast 'Aimed' At City

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—In the municipal bandstand shell, which is like a teacup on its side, someone—at midnight—set off a charge of dynamite. In the wake of the sound wave, darkened homes were lit up by awakened citizens.

Hundreds called police, who were as mystified as the callers. One said: "It about knocked me out of bed."

Sir Walter Had An Easy Solution

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—School crossing guard Walter Knight had an easy solution when rainwater in the gutter blocked his crossing.

He pulled his car up to the curb and parked it astraddle the puddle. Then he opened both its rear doors and invited the children to walk — high and dry — right through.

GREENLAND MINE
MESTERVIG, Greenland (AP)—Officials of a Danish-Swedish-Canadian mining company say they plan mining lead in Greenland.

A Texas Tower, one of the artificial islands in the U.S. radar warning system off the Massachusetts coast weighs 6,000 tons.

First Federal
Savings and Loan Assn.
Of
Greenville
3%
Current Dividend Rates
On Insured Accounts
Assets Over \$5,000,000

Merry Christmas
Is Our Wish For One and All
Christmas Day, Mon.-Tues.

OUTSIDE...
the smell of gunsmoke and violence!

with all the thrills, emotion, suspense of 'High Noon'

RAY MILLAND
A Man Alone
TRUCOLOR
by Consolidated Film Industries
co-starring MARY MURPHY • WARD BOND
with RAYMOND BURR • ARTHUR SPACE
LEE VAN CLEEF • ALAN HALE • DOUGLAS SPENCER

STATE
Today—"Pride of the Jungle"

M-M-M BOY!
JACKIE GLASSON
is back on TV for
BUICK
in
THE MONEYMOONERS
with Art Carney,
Audrey Meadows
TONIGHT 8:30
brought to you by
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MYERS
THEATRE AYDEN
Tonight
"Top of the World"
"Lonesome Trail"
Sunday-Monday
"The Spoilers"
Jeff Chandler—Anne Baxter
Tuesday-Wednesday
"To Catch A Thief"

PARAMOUNT
THEATRE FARMVILLE
Tonight
"SHANE"
"Big House USA"
Sunday-Monday
"The Spoilers"
Jeff Chandler—Anne Baxter
Tuesday-Wednesday
"We're No Angels"

Hal Boyle . . .

(Continued from page 4)

whip in the air—the signal to be off. But then heard a small voice crying: "Wait, please wait."

It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He liked her because she had a good heart.

"Here," said the tiny elf holding up a small shiny figure. "What's this? What's this?" grumbled Santa. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded."

"It is only my present to the world," said Cluny. "I made it at night in my room — all by myself."

Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.

"It is the Angel of Peace," explained Cluny. "Why, Cluny?" said Santa. "This is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home in the land."

And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-ticky kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho! Here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho! Here we go!" the eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster — and then they were off the ground and into the air.

Santa was on his way. And tonight, if you go to bed, he will come to your house wherever you are.

Colored News

The public is invited to attend Holy Communion and candlelight service Saturday night at 9 o'clock at St. Andrew's Mission, Bonner's Lane.

Rollaway Car Showed Potential Automation

DECATUR, Ill. (AP)—A driverless car rolled backward and moved diagonally across an intersection, bounced off a traffic island, turned completely around and headed up a railroad embankment. It stopped unscratched.

Its owner got in and drove away.

Advertised Spacious Home With 26 Baths

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Classified ad in the House for Sale columns of a local newspaper.

SOUTHGATE—Attractive spacious home. Three bedrooms, den 26 baths, perfect condition.

SUPERB CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT . . . PICKED FROM THE TOP OF THE TREE!

NOW THE SCREEN EXPLODES WITH ALL THE STAGGERING EVENTS BEHIND THE MOST SENSATIONAL TRIAL IN U.S. HISTORY!

THE COURT-MARTIAL OF BILLY MITCHELL
WARNER BROS. PRESENTS AN
CINEMASCOPE AND WARNERCOLOR
STARRING
GARY COOPER
"You'll never see a better screen portrayal!"
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Ends Tonite
Bill Williams
in
"APACHE AMBUSH"

PITT
Tuesday—Wednesday
Randolph Scott
in
"Lawless Street"

Thursday—Friday
EFF CHANDLER
ANNE BAXTER
in
"The Spoilers"

Features At 1:20—3:20—5:20—7:20 & 9:20

Merry Christmas

No Christmas would be complete for us without an expression of the warm feeling that we have for our many loyal and appreciative friends. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Clarence & Darwin Waters
Service Station
Bethel Highway

Merry Christmas

May God grant you a heart this is peaceful in the fullness of this Christmas day, may he lighten your burdens, reward you with love and bless you while guiding your way.

D. D. Garrett Insurance Agency
Greenville, N. C.



Christmas Morning At City Hall....

City's Festive Street Decorations Are Product Of Lengthy Preparation

Did you ever stop to wonder about those gay, sparkling lights and many-colored streamers that silently announce the happiness of Christmas throughout the main section of Greenville? Where did they come from? Do they just sprout from the street lamps and cold cement like a seasonal flower, or could it be that Santa's helpers sneaked in one night and enveloped our city with the shimmering tinsel and merry symbols of Yuletide?

Well, hardly. As unromantic as it may seem, Greenville's festive decorations are the results of months of hard work and concentrated study by a group of the town's businessmen. A large part of Greenville's holiday spirit can be accounted for with the toil and good-will of the Merchant's Association.

Contrary to a general belief, the city itself is not in charge of decorations, parades and all the celebrations that go into the making of Christmas. The local Merchant's Association, volunteering time, effort and money, has for many years taken the situation under its fold and has been the moving force. However, the City aids the project in a financial way and labor is donated freely by the Greenville Utilities Commission.

Trade Promotions Committee
Each year, the President of the local Merchant's organization ap-

points a Trade Promotions Committee, which is responsible for planning the big holiday operation. Chairman of the 1955 committee, Mr. Daniel Sauced, and his group began preparations for the present Yule as far back as July.

The Committee, composed of J.L. Harris Jr., George Lautares, R.W. Davenport, H.F. Steinbeck, Brooks Beddingfield, Jack Whichard, B.B. Drum and B.D. Johnson, began work early. Volunteer contributions from all business firms, in response to letters from the committee, are collected and put to use. The committee is in charge of readying previously used decorations and obtaining new and better gimmicks by rent from detached organizations outside the city.

Mr. Sauced stated that many of the decorations seen this season are not actually owned by the Merchant's Association. We strive to improve things every year," he said, "therefore, we rent many of the things we use in order to have fresh, different decorations each year." This system, according to Sauced, serves its purpose well economically also. "If the Association bought all of these materials every year, it would amount to over \$5,000 for the new decorations alone," he said.

A budget is selected each season by the Trade Promotion Committee, which the Association feels will

be sufficient to finance the project. Last year, the total cost of the entire operation ranged around the \$2,300 mark and is expected to repeat for 1955. All of the money spent is donated freely by local business firms, with a small portion coming from the city's advertisement fund.

\$200 Christmas
Many Greenville merchants can remember back 18 years ago when the Merchant's Association sponsored the Christmas program for approximately \$200. At that time, there were no tinsel laurels, toy land plaques or colorful streamers. Tiny strings of multi-colored bulbs were hung at points about the main street by paid workmen. Even then, and earlier, the Greenville Merchant's Association was the force in charge of supplying the city with its largest portion of holiday spirit.

After Santa has come and gone, and the people of Greenville begin looking for a new year, and thoughts of Christmas begin to fade, the Merchant's Association still has the tedious task of disposing of decorations that are so soon forgotten.

The majority of materials, such as wire, lights, laurels and streamers, are the organization does own. It is stored away in some city building to rest until another year. The rented articles must be taken

down, returned and accounted for. The surplus money in the Christmas budget (there seldom is any) is transferred to the Trade Promotion fund of the Merchant's Association for further use to the merchants who donated it.

No, the holiday decorations that Greenville enjoys do not sprout from lamp posts and cold cement like seasonal flowers, but in a sense, they are planted by Santa's helpers. For, if the Merchant's helpers, then who is?

Paid Fine, Feels She Had It Easy
ROSWELL, N.M. (AP)—A 74-year-old California woman driver paid a fine for speeding and still thinks she got off easy.

After paying it to Justice of the Peace R. Perry Bean, she asked: "Is this case closed now—I mean nothing can change your verdict?"

Bean assured her it was closed.

"Well, in that case," the woman said with a grin, "I just want you to know that the officer who arrested me was wrong."

"I wasn't doing 80 miles an hour. I was doing 90."

Varied Christmas Gifts Requested

Just what do people in Pitt County want for Christmas? Mostly, it's the same old thing—but there're are a few unusual requests.

The youngsters, of course, lean rather heavily toward the usual run of goodies, toys, dolls and the like. Cowboy suits appear to be on the way back after suffering a temporary defeat at the hands of Davy Crockett and science-fiction devices.

For the adults, clothes and household items appear to be the old stand-bys but an unusual request crops up every now and then such as the one by Miss Margie Rhodus, of the clerk of court's office, to wit, a one way ticket to Cleveland to see that certain someone.

Tommy Mallison, Greenville High School student is a little more

easily satisfied—"I want a sport coat."

Tony Dawson, printer, puts in a bid for a ping pong table. "I'm tired of playing on my dining room table," says he.

J.Z. Smith, farmer, of Route 6, has an unusual request; also, "an increase in tobacco acreage. But," he adds "what I'd really like is to have my son back from Korea."

Others take a little more pessimistic attitude toward in all. "I doubt if he (Santa) even knows I'm around," claimed a waitress. "Most anything," would satisfy Odell Owens, Greenville police woman but Recorder's Court Clerk Johnson Dees claims satisfaction would come "from having all my bills paid."

One elderly gentleman when asked the "What do you want for

Christmas?" question, gave it a moment's serious thought and then said "Son, if I'm still alive, I'll be thankful."

The City of Greenville and other governmental organizations probably have a request or two they'd like to make of the benevolent spirits of Christmas.

Just by way of guessing, one might ask Santa to provide the Fire Department with a nice shiny new truck and S.G. Gibbs and Co. at the police station about six extra patrolmen.

The City Council undoubtedly would be happy to find a new city manager to replace the resigning James Hughes while the post office folks probably wouldn't object to having people start mailing their 1956 Christmas Cards in July.

Harry Douglass and the folks at

the probation office could welcome a little more office space.

Santa, in the form of the County Commissioners, had any available and the ABC officers probably would welcome the same thing—one more destroyed liquor still.

Folks on E. 10th Street might find use for the elimination of Green Mill Run and the gentlemen of the Sheriff's Department probably wouldn't object to an increase of from seven to 10 cents per mile for their travel.

Then to, if Santa had an extra dormitory or two the folks at East Carolina College would be able to make good use of them and lastly, it probably would be right nice if the Reflector's new office building were completed by January 1.

For The Kids, Dreamland Tonight Will Be A Wonderful Place



Green up dream of a white Christmas but the kids slumber during the holidays brings visions of Santa Claus and toys, plus all the other wonders of the Christmas season. In this room, Donald and Ronald, twins sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Jr., of Lakewood Park, old St. Nick has already arrived, even if it is only in the dream world. (Composite Photo by W. C. Taylor, Jr.)



CITY LIGHTED Old St. Nick will have his way well-lighted in Greenville this Christmas eve. The town is one of the best decorated in North Carolina, as the portion in the photo above illustrates. This shot was made looking up Evans St. from the south side of Five Points.



A Merry Christmas

This greeting goes to all our friends, With a special note of cheer — "We wish you joy on Christmas Day and happiness throughout the year."

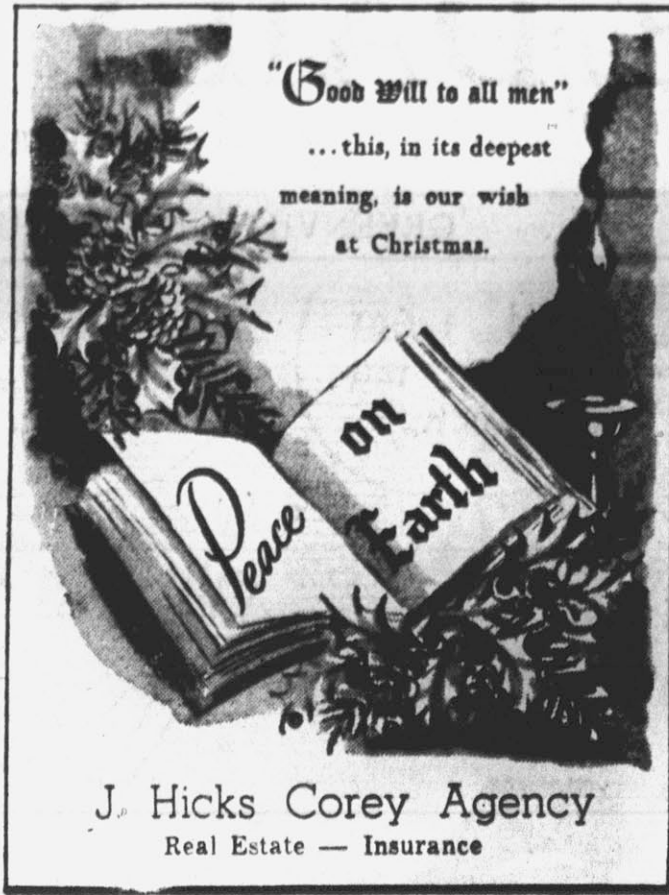
Ben Harrison
Sealtest Distributor



Best Wishes

To our friends and neighbors... greetings and sincerest wishes for the happiest Christmas you ever enjoyed.

Riddle Roofing & Heating Co.
515 Cotanche Street



"Good Will to all men" ... this, in its deepest meaning, is our wish at Christmas.

J. Hicks Corey Agency
Real Estate — Insurance



GREETINGS

May love and joy surround you at this time. May the Season's blessings be yours.

Taff Office Equipment Co.
214 East 5th Street Dial 2874



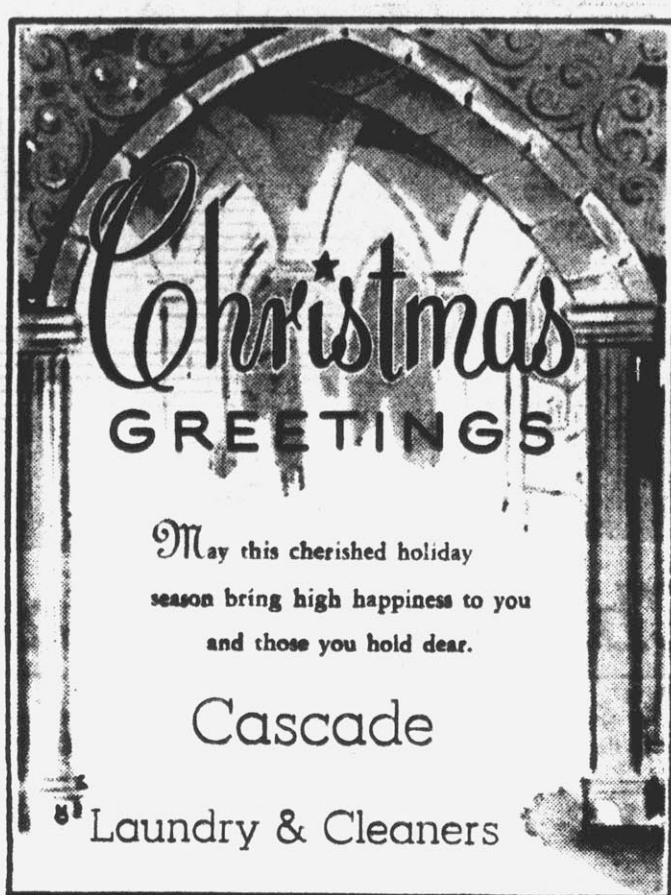
Peace and Happiness for Christmas

May this Holy Season bring to our many friends all the rich blessings that will make for happiness and joy throughout the year.

Garris-Supply
Furniture - Appliance Dickinson Ave.



Merry Christmas To All



Christmas GREETINGS

May this cherished holiday season bring high happiness to you and those you hold dear.

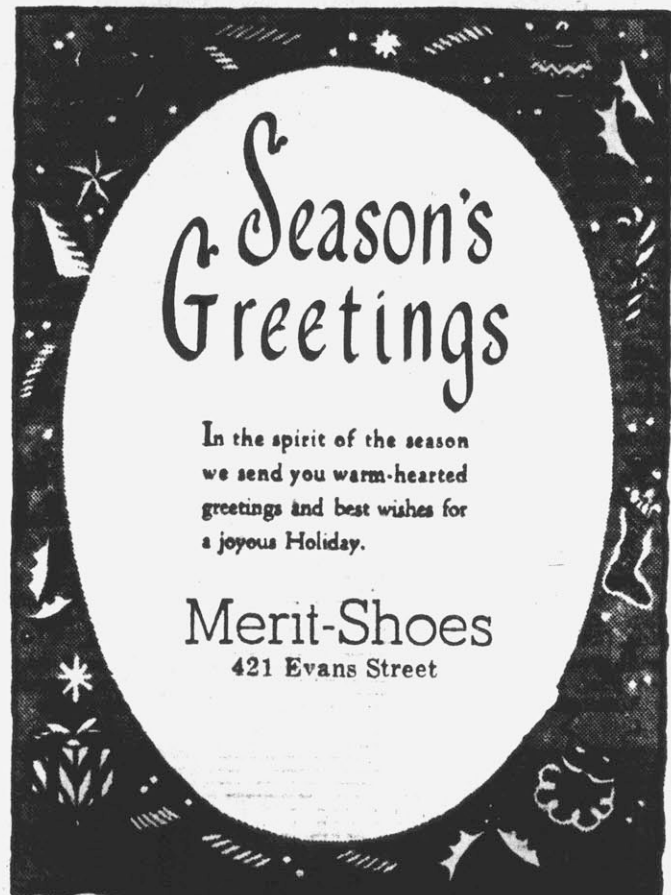
Cascade
Laundry & Cleaners



Christmas Greetings

and every good wish for the coming year

Brown's Gulf Station
Corner Evans & 10th Street



Season's Greetings

In the spirit of the season we send you warm-hearted greetings and best wishes for a joyous Holiday.

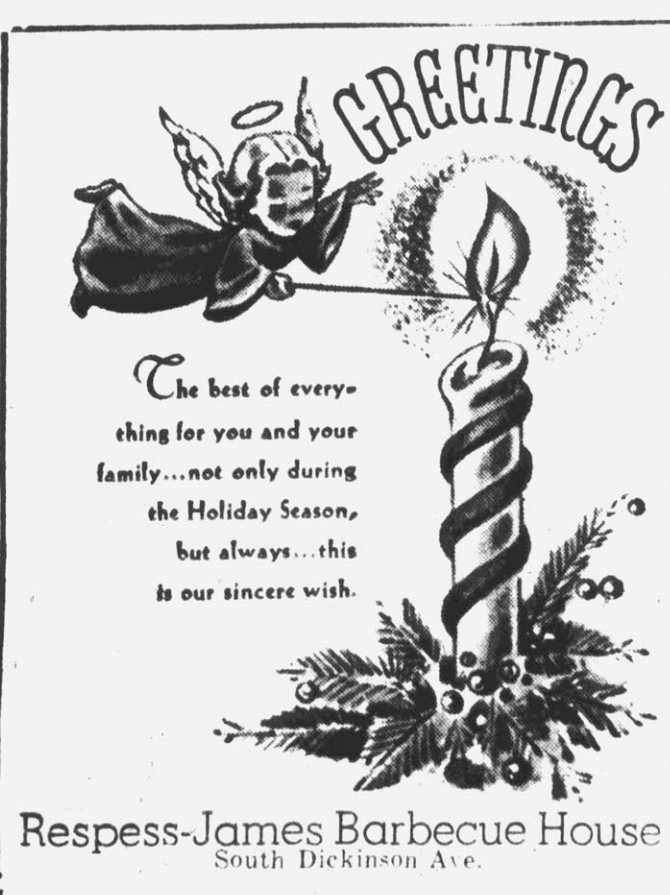
Merit-Shoes
421 Evans Street



MERRY CHRISTMAS

This very special time of year is here again... so, to all our friends and patrons—we want to say may Santa shower you with everything your hearts desire.

Bunch Shoe Service



GREETINGS

The best of everything for you and your family... not only during the Holiday Season, but always... this is our sincere wish.

Respass-James Barbecue House
South Dickinson Ave.



Greetings

A cheery word for a cheery season ... may your Holiday be a merry one!

Harrison's Drug Store



A HAPPY Christmas

We wish all our friends a heart-warming holiday, full of joy and good fellowship!

William's Sport Shop

East Carolina College Campus Desolate Over Yule Holidays

Any other time the campus at East Carolina College would be bustling with students and student activities. But with the Christmas scene at hand, the college is as desolate as a baseball stadium in mid-winter.

The 2,900 students have all debouched to their homes for two weeks of vacation before returning to take up in the middle of the winter quarter. Many left early last week, those with special holiday jobs awaiting. The main body of students left Friday, the official last pre-holiday school day.

Skip Still Around
A visit to the campus these days finds only the college mongrel. Skip, a little mixed breed, strolling the byways between the familiar old buildings and the new ones.

There stands the towering Austin Building, the oldest building on the campus, where co-eds in cashmere sweaters and boys with books under arm usually would be seen chatting between classes.

Even the bus, College Union is covered with a pall of silence these days. This is where you can always find something going on when school is in session. The big lounge is usually filled with bridge and checker games or groups of students just "socializing."

The popular ping-pong room is just collecting dust over the holidays. Ordinarily, the dust would be flying with activity here, as there are many enthusiastic table tennis players at East Carolina.

Yet, with all this desertion, there is one sound that makes you think this is just another week in the regular nine months. At 50 minute intervals the mighty familiar school bell sounds off, disdainful of the lack of regard.

The students and faculty members have scattered to their homes all over North Carolina and many other states. Some traveled as far as New York city and some as close as Jarvis St. to be home for Christmas.

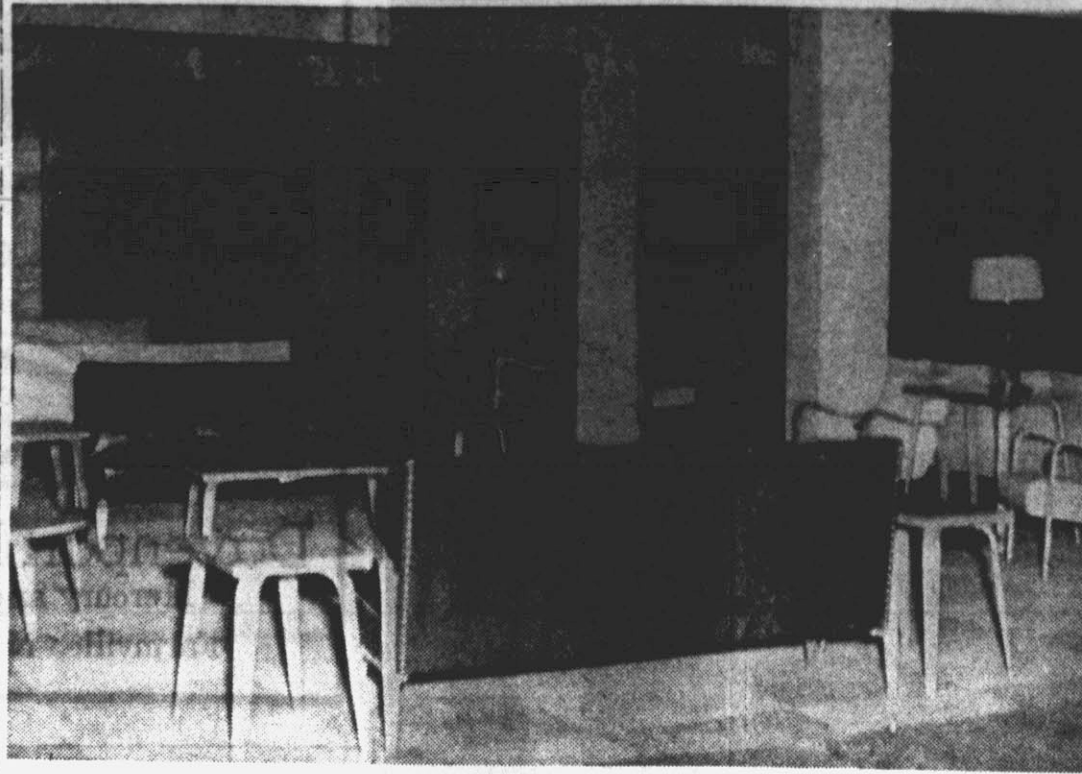
Jobs Varied
Many of the students had obtained jobs for the holidays. The jobs are varied, too, from Joe Graysons as deck hand on his uncle's boat as deck hand on Harry Rainey's as baby sitter for his young son in Wilmington.

The Christmas spirit had to come to East Carolina a little prematurely. During the final week, there were many yuletide activities, highlighted by a Christmas dance and the annual program sponsored by the college music department.

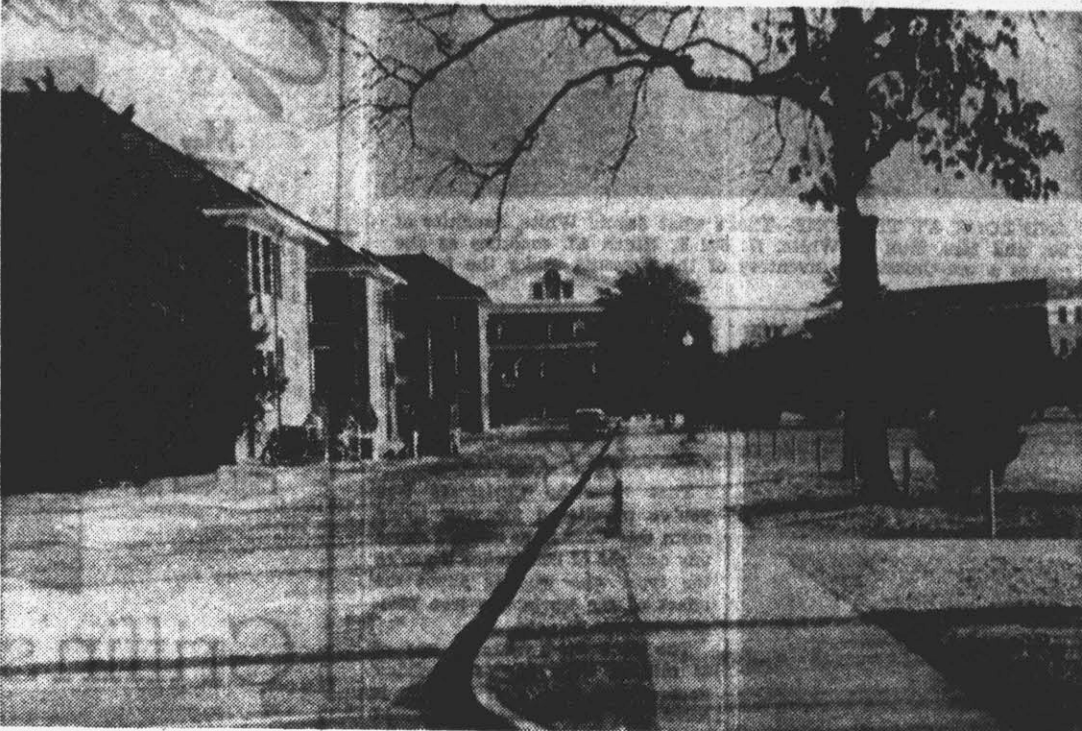
The five residence halls for women were the scenes of parties during the week. Singing of carols and distribution of gifts from decorated trees were included on the agenda in each dormitory.

Many student organizations, working through the YMCA-YWCA on the campus, carried out Christmas projects to help the needy and underprivileged in Greenville. Among these, the Circle K Club, collected clothes from students and faculty members for distribution by the county welfare department.

To top off the week of Christmas celebrating, the male students gathered the final night and went



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS—The East Carolina College Union (above) is deserted during the Christmas holidays. The students have gone home for the traditional celebrations.



RARE SCENE—The back campus of East Carolina College is usually bustling with students on their way to classes. The photo above was taken during the Christmas holidays with only distant workmen on the scene.

caroling at the dormitories. With January 1, the students will return to the East Carolina campus and things will be normal again.

RAPID TURNOVER
LINCOLN, Ill. (AP) — Julius A. Wood suffered only cuts when his car, shot across Route 66, went down a steep embankment, flipped over and landed on its wheels in Brainerd's branch.

Went out of control, struck a sign,

To all of you, whose friendship and loyalty have made this such a happy season for us, we send our warmest Holiday Greetings... and a sincere wish that the New Year may prove memorable for the many joys that it will bring to you and yours.

Greetings

Biggs Drug Store

Greetings

Once more, with the approach of Christmas, we take time out to express to all our friends and patrons our deep appreciation for the confidence placed in us and for the loyalty shown us throughout the past year. It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled with a glad spirit and good health.

College View Cleaners & Laundry

The Management and Employees

Season's Greetings

To all of our wonderful friends and neighbors... we hope that Santa arrives bearing a sleigh-load of all the good things in life. May the season find you rich in the blessings of Happiness, Peace and Health. The season's best to all.

Garris-Evans Lumber Company



Christmas
For all of our friends we wish a real old-fashioned holiday filled with good cheer and happiness. Merry Christmas, all!

Rick's Service Center
Cor. Evans & Ninth Street

In The Services



Airman Robert S. Little (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell C. Little, Winterville Route 2, is completing his Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Airman Luther E. Jones (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones, Winterville Route 3, is completing his Air Force recruit training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Seaman Bobby G. Cox, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cox of Greenville Route 2, has completed nine weeks of recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Loyd M. Williams was promoted to engineman third class, USN, while serving aboard the Pacific Fleet seaplane tender USS Curtis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Williams, 1225 Evans St., Greenville.

Private Charlie Wallace, son of Alonza Wallace, of Vanceboro, is serving with the 4th Infantry Division's 8th Regiment in Germany. Pvt. Wallace, a jeep driver, entered the Army in May of this year and arrived overseas in October.



Airman Billy Ray Smith, (above), son of Mrs. Della Smith of Winterville, is completing his basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Private Roosevelt Daniels (above) is a qualified parachutist with the 503 Airborne Infantry Regiment, stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. With six jumps to his credit, Pvt. Daniels is medical aidman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Daniels, Greenville Route 4.



Private Lester R. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bell, 107 N. Pearl St., Williamston, has graduated from the supply handling course at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.

Private Paul M. Scott, son of Mrs. Francis Woolard, 147 Hunter St., Williamston, recently was graduated from the Military Police Training Center at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Seaman Bobby R. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Jackson of Ayden Route 3, has completed his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Private Albert L. Teel, of 714 Vanderbilt Lane, Greenville, has been assigned to the 518th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Jackson, S.C. for his basic military training.

Ensign Paul B. Conway, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eustace R. Conway Jr. of 1510 East Fifth St., Greenville, is undergoing the final phase of flight training before winning his wings as a naval aviator at the Sherman Field Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Army Specialist Third Class Roscoe Phillips, son of Mrs. Laura Phillips of Farmville, is serving with the 507th Engineer Company in France. Specialist Phillips, a cook, entered the Army in November 1952. He arrived in Europe in October 1953.

Private David Whichard, grandson of Mr. W. Perkins, 208 East Third St., Greenville, has been assigned to the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, Fort Bragg, N.C., for advance military training.

Seaman Isaac McCoy Jr., USN, son of Mrs. Ora C. McCoy, 807 Douglas Ave., Greenville, has graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The Bureau of Naval Personnel has authorized the advancement of William G. Davis, 1018 Ward St., Greenville, to boilerman second class, USN, while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Pre-Examination



AND LOOK AT THIS ONE—That's what Jamie White, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sam T. White, II, 602 E. Ninth St. exclaims as she makes a pre-Christmas inventory of the presents under the family Christmas tree.



Private Eugene Hamilton (above), son of Mrs. R. L. Hamilton of Grimesland, has been assigned to the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, Fort Bragg, N.C., for advanced military training.

Seaman Bobbie G. Reaves, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reaves of 112 Mill St., Ayden, was selected honor man of his recruit company by his instructors, company commander and fellow company members. Seaman Reaves entered the service in September of this year and graduated from the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. in November.

Private Alton S. Keel, son of Lester Keel, Williamston Route 3, has graduated from the supply handling course at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va.

All The Recipient Could Afford

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Dean Ives had a birthday and received a package from his son, Doug, a university student. Opening the box Dean found a set of inexpensive cuff links and matching tie clasp. And this note: "Dear Dad. This isn't much. But it's all you can afford."

Christmas Tree Industry Aids Forestry Programs

That beautiful Christmas tree you've purchased for your living room this Christmas needn't cause any qualms of conscience if you're the type who worries about the effect of the Christmas tree business on our forests.

The fact that yours is one of 31 million trees used for holiday decorations this year makes it seem that our forests are in great peril, but such is not the case. In fact, at least half of these trees are coming from sources that did not harm or actually improved the forest land they occupied when cut.

Foresters who grow saw-log trees generally divide cut-over land into four classes and Christmas-tree land is the lowest classification. It won't grow good forests, but is ideal for Christmas trees since it barely supports tree life. The tree, in its struggle to exist, throws out quick and frequent branches.

On such land are the Christmas-tree farms, such as one operated at Tacoma, Washington, by Paul Kirk, the "Christmas-tree king." Kirk distributes 4 to 5 million trees a year and keeps several times that number growing.

The last two or three weeks before Christmas are about the busiest of the year for Paul Kirk, for his carefully grown trees must arrive at their destinations on time. It isn't unusual for him to tour dozens of cities checking on shipments before he gets home at the last moment to gather with his family around the Kirks' huge white-sprayed tree.

Thousands Send Cards To First Family

Last year some 15,000 Americans sent Christmas cards to President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

This number was almost twice the total received by the Eisenhowers the year before.

About 75 per cent of the senders wrote personal messages on their cards last year and most of them said they were praying for the First Family.

GREETINGS

Davenport Motor Sales
Mercury and Ford Dealer
Farmville, North Carolina

A merry Christmas

Our Yuletide best to all our friends... for a season packed with all the wonderful things that Christmas means!

Friendly Beauty Shop
121 West 4th Street

Greetings

May your heart be light and your home be bright with every Christmas joy

Griffin's Bootery

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our friends and patrons, we wish all the pleasures that come with a joyous Holiday Season.

Bell's
Oil & Coal Co.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Carr Allen's Texaco Station

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

A word of thanks and Season's Greetings to the many friends we have been privileged to serve. We wish you and your family health and happiness for many years to come.

Diana Shop
319 Evans Street

Christmas WISHES

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

Punch & Judy

Greetings

May the season bring life's brightest ornaments—the Joy of Loving, the Fun of Giving.

Goodson Roofing Service
1005 West 4th Street Phone 4322

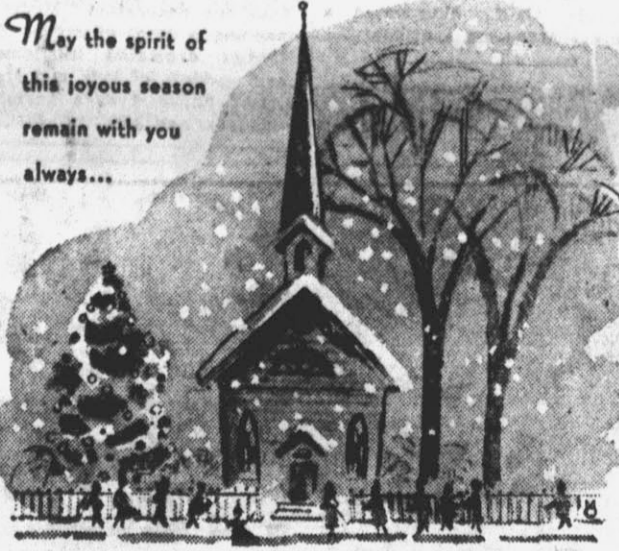
Hello!

We join jolly Santa in extending our hearty greetings to everybody. May your holiday be full of joy and good fellowship.

Mary-Ann Soda Shop

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the spirit of this joyous season remain with you always...



United Surplus Co.
629 Dickinson Ave.

December 25th Is Almost Certain Not To Be Correct Birth Date Of Christ In Bethlehem

(Copyrighted by the Morehead Planetarium, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

December 25 has come down to us as the date for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We can be almost certain that this is not the true day, however, if for no other reason than that December 25 has been celebrated by many pagan peoples as a festival. It has an important astronomical significance. On December 22, in our time, the Sun stands farthest south in the heavens. For six months, each day it has been lower in the sky for us in the northern hemisphere, rising later and setting earlier. After December 22, the Sun slips slowly northward again, the days grow longer, and the Sun stands higher at noon. We call December 22 the date of the winter solstice, the word solstice meaning "Sun standing still." That is, the Sun has been going southward, on that day it stops its southward motion, and begins to go northward. It is the date that marks the beginning of winter.

Because of the small error of the Julian Calendar, amounting to a day each 128 years, the winter solstice, established by Julius Caesar's calendar as December 25, had slipped back to December 22 by 325 A.D. at the time of the Council of Nicaea, the first great Christian gathering. It continued to slip back and, when Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1582, the winter solstice was occurring on December 12. The Gregorian Calendar provided for a higher degree of accuracy—a day's error in 3000 years—and, as a fresh start, the condition of the calendar was restored as of the time of the Council of Nicaea, and not as of the time of Julius Caesar. The solstice, then, occurs in our present calendar on December 22, and the original cause for celebration of December 25 as a festival has been lost.

The Romans celebrated the Saturnalia, the festival of the husbandman, signaling the harvest of the crops, from mid-December onward for a few days. In time, the whole period from December 14 to December 27 became one of good feeling and festivity. For at least a portion of the time, even the slaves were permitted some measure of freedom. Gifts were exchanged and doorways were decorated with evergreens. Vergil has described a tree, decorated with baubles and loaded with presents. The Christmas tree was probably introduced to northern Europe by the early conquerors from Rome who invaded the land of the Germanic tribes, because we received the idea of the tree from Germany.

In Persia, December 25 was celebrated as the nativity feast-day of Mithra, the Sun-King. In 275 A.D., the Roman emperor Aurelian designated the date as "Dies Natalis Invictus"—the birthday of the unconquerable (Sun) Venerable Bede stated that to the Angles December 25 was "Madranecht" or Mothers

Night. To the Scandinavian peoples, particularly, the return of the Sun was a welcome thing, and the custom of the Yule log and the surrounding celebration probably came from that part of the world. The Norsemen believed that from December 25 through January 6 they could sense the contact between the god Odin and mankind.

We must remember that the early Christians were outlaws in Rome, not permitted to meet and worship together. They met in secret from time to time, and in small groups, to observe their holy days. But there was no uniformity for the date of the observance of the birth of Jesus. Some groups celebrated it in the spring, others in early January, particularly January 6. From about 180 A.D. onward, there are records of celebrations of Christmas, but at various times of the year—March 29, April 20, May 20, September 29 and several others. Always, however, there were some who celebrated Christmas on January 6.

The Romans held their very riotous Kalends celebration on January 1, and for a few days thereafter. Some of the Christians despaired of a solemn celebration of Christmas on January 6, so soon after the hilarious welcome to the new year. It may have been decided by some of them that a celebration before the Kalends might be more appropriate and, inasmuch as the Romans celebrated December 25 as a festival day, the Christians might be able to use this date, also, and thus escape detection.

With the emperor Constantine, who became a Christian and established Christianity as the state religion, the lot of the early adherents to the new faith became a happier one. By 350 A.D., they were worshipping openly in Rome and were celebrating December 25 as Christmas. But we can be sure that December 25 does not coincide with the date of the birth of Jesus. We have only one clue, in Saint Luke's Gospel 2:8—And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Since earliest days, it is only in the spring, when the new lambs are being born, that the shepherds of Judaea have ever watched their flocks at night. In December, in Judaea, the rains fall, and shepherds are not likely to be out; the sheep are then in corral.

It was probably in the spring of the year that Jesus was born, and the year must have been 7 or 6 B.C.

IN THE DOGHOUSE
NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (AP)—Three patrolmen had to rip the roof off a doghouse to arrest Henry Maselbas, 38, on a breach of the peace charge entered by his wife Maselbas was hiding in the house.

ALL WASHED UP
DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Police said this was a clean case of theft; the loot was a bathtub from a house under construction.



LOOKING AHEAD—These young ladies were looking forward this week to Santa's annual visit. The larger of the two is Peggy Carrol, while the little lass is Barbara Behr. The Christmas tree was erected at the Elm Street Park Recreation building. (Reflector Photo by Bob Hildrup).

Joyous Christmas Wishes

May the Christmas spirit of Peace and Good Fellowship shine in your heart now and always.

J. Sam Fleming, Inc
Junk Yard
1201 N. Greene St. Greenville, N. C.

Merry Christmas!

Just dropping in with a packful of cheery wishes for all our friends. May your Christmas be a merry one, overflowing with happiness.

Bodkin Music Co.
722 Dickinson Ave.

Merry, Merry Christmas

We hope you have lots of fun, and joy, and laughter, this Christmas.

Larry's Shoe Store
At Five Points

Greetings

For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always.

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A gay and glorious Holiday

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HANDY GIFTS



How often at Christmas time have you experienced that panicky feeling that comes when you discover you've forgotten someone? It happens nearly every year.

You can, however, save yourself a good deal of embarrassment by having gifts wrapped and on hand in case someone drops by with a gift for you—someone accidentally omitted from your gift list.

A safe bet and a gift that will be appreciated is something that you, yourself, have made—perhaps seasonal cookies and candies, nuts, and stuffed fruits. These are gifts with a particularly personal touch. And that, after all, is what the spirit of Christmas giving should be—giving a little of yourself to others.

You can pack your handiwork in wooden or earthenware bowls, a flower pot, small basket, or inexpensive cake or loaf pan. Other handy and inexpensive packaging items are oatmeal boxes, coffee cans, or paper plates covered with gay paper.

A gaily wrapped package makes even the smallest gift look good. Use odd ends of wallpaper, brightly colored magazine covers, shell paper or scraps of material. If you have a favorite candy,

cookies or fruit or nut bread recipe, use it, by all means. And for an additional touch, tuck a copy of your pet recipe into your gift.

Children Expect Realistic Toys

Santa's helpers, the toymakers of America, made something like \$900 million worth of toys last year, using up a fabulous supply of plastics, paints and lacquers, adhesives and other new materials developed by industrial chemistry.

Toy consumers—America's precocious children—have come to demand a realism in toys that was unheard of a few years ago. If a youngster gets a toy automobile, it must look like one of the latest styles he sees on the highways, a jet airplane must look like the pictures he sees in magazines. Most little girls won't look a second time at any doll that doesn't cry, walk, have washable hair and a wardrobe that ranges from evening clothes to a bikini bathing suit.

Expected to be big hits among toys this Christmas season are all various types of "do-it-yourself" kits for youngsters of all ages—kits they can use to make practically everything from atomic submarines to 1956 model sports cars. In addition to do-it-yourself packages for advanced children, most manufacturers this year also are furnishing the completely assembled toy for the younger set.

The Great Lakes carry more than two-thirds of all the inland transport in the United States.

Where Will They Go?

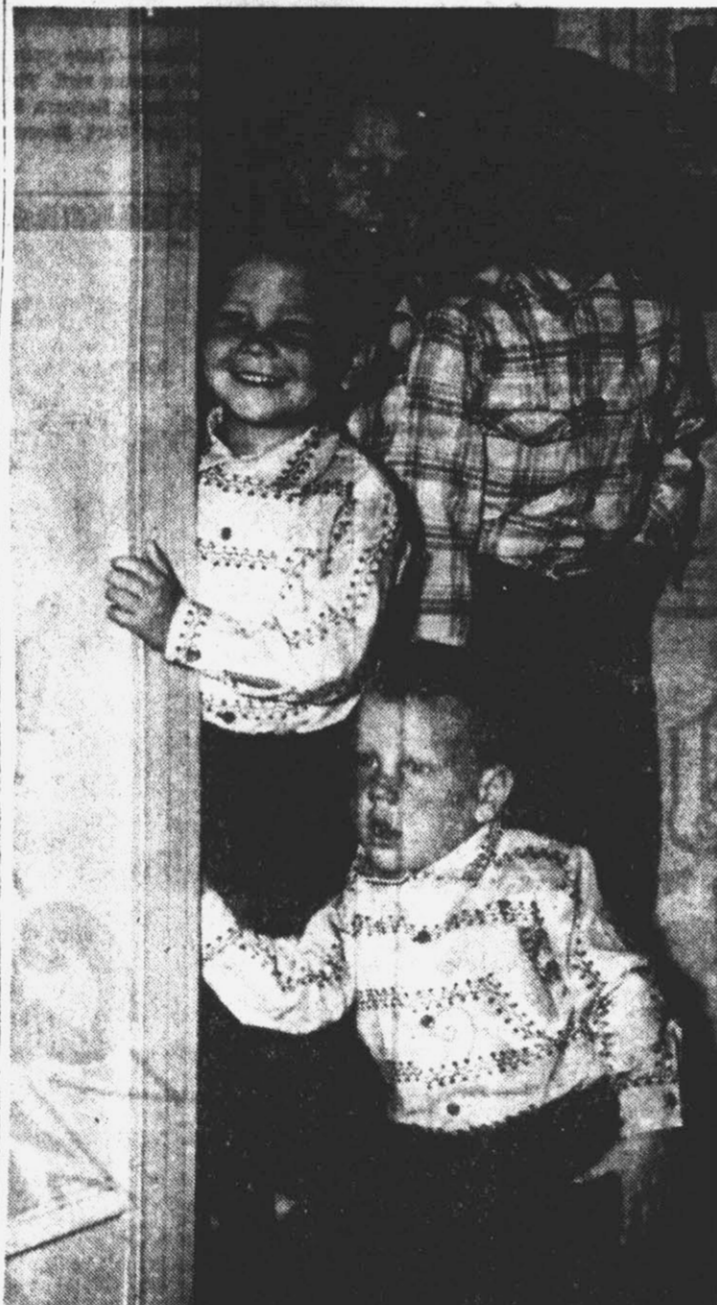


JUST PRACTICING—Betsy and Louis Boyd, children of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boyd, Jr., 906 Charles St., look for an approving nod from their mother as they try to decide where to hang their Christmas stockings. Like other youngsters, they are anxiously awaiting Santa's annual visit tonight.

Wide-Eyed Wonder



GUESS WHO... Everybody is impersonating Santa or Mrs. Santa these days. Here Hilda Estaves gives her impersonation of Mrs. Santa Claus—and while it may not resemble a reasonable facsimile, the gift-laden pack on Hilda's back may give a vague clue.



HAS SANTA COME—Looks like these on the faces of the four Tatum brothers will adorn the faces of many youngsters on Christmas morning as they get the first glimpse of their stockings filled by Santa. These four bright-eyed youngsters are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Tatum, 307 Glenwood Dr. Their names are Robby, Ronny, Danny, and Timmy.

Outdoor Decorations Began in Small Towns

Today nearly every community in the land has some kind of outdoor Christmas decorations and in nearly every big city you can find two or three spectacular displays.

It was a small town that first came up with the idea of lighting up the outdoors at Christmas time, but no one is quite sure which town gets credit for the idea.

Four communities are believed to have thought of it about the same time, as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, are in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a Sitka spruce and Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from early Danish custom of blowing in

the Yule with four hymns representing the four corners of the world.

Early Saxons named the curious berried tree parasite used as a Yule-time decoration "Mistletoe", meaning a shoot of a tree. Early Nordics dedicated mistletoe to their goddess of love and started kissing under it as a gesture of friendship and love.



Season's Greetings

At this happy time our best wishes go out to all our friends and neighbors: may peace, health and good will be with you always.

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Clerk of Court



CHRISTMAS CHEER

Age-old, yet ever new, the true spirit of Christmas brings good cheer to every heart, new sparkle to every eye.

May you and your loved ones experience, in fullest measure, all the joys of the season, and may its happiness spread its glow throughout the New Year.


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May the light of the Christmas Spirit shine on you and yours. May your holiday cheer remain long in your heart.

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Season's Greetings

One of the special joys we find at Christmas time (along with trimming the tree and exchanging gifts) is reflecting on all the wonderful friends we have...and wishing each and everyone of you a most delightful holiday season.

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may your Christmas be bright!



Christmas morning around the tree... bright faces, young and old... bright Christmas tree lights... and the bright star of Bethlehem gleaming on top.

Giving, sharing and worshipping make it the nicest season of the year. May your Christmas season this year be the brightest and best ever!

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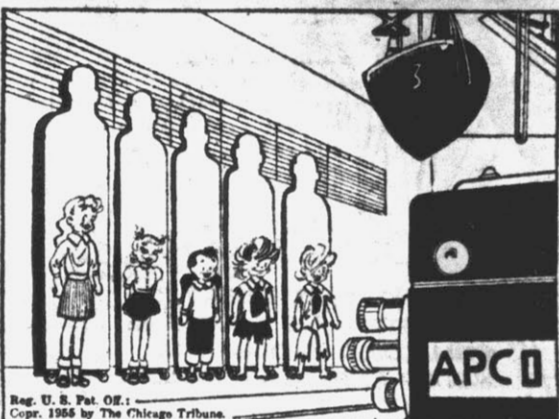
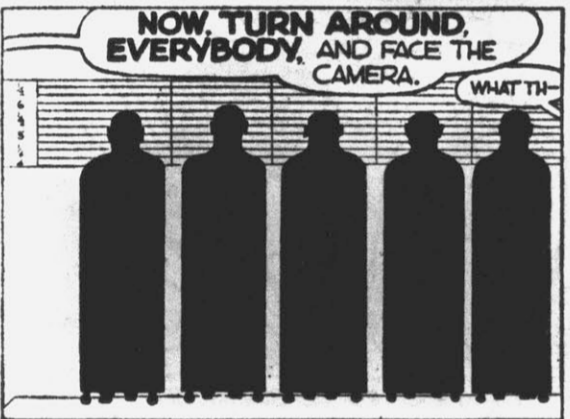
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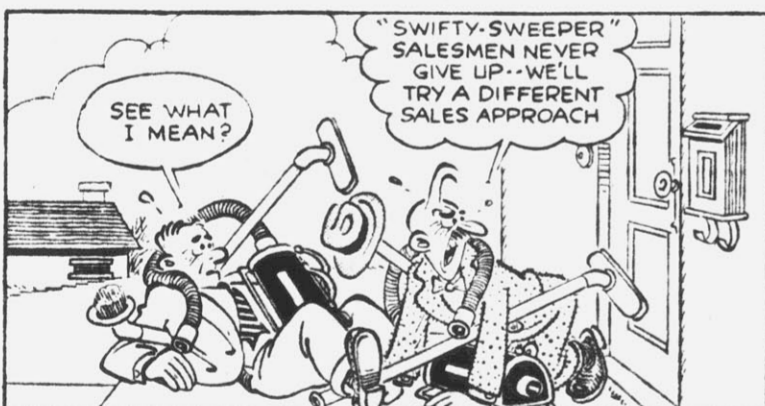
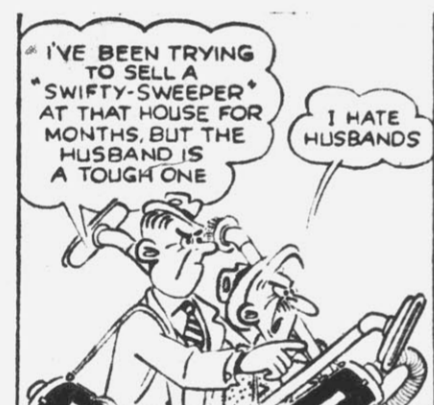
REMEMBER!

IF YOU LEAVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS IN YOUR CAR, KEEP THEM OUT OF SIGHT AND KEEP THE DOORS LOCKED.



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BIG BEN BOLT
 by JOHN CULLEN MURPHY

BEN, HOP OVER TO THE BRISTOL ARENA TONIGHT AND CATCH THIS NEW FREAK, THE MASKED MARVEL. HE'S WON A COUPLE OF SCRAPS, AND INTEREST IN HIM IS GROWING.

IN MY TIME I'VE SEEN 'EM COME AND GO—THE FREAKS, I MEAN. WHEN THEY COME IN CONTACT WITH A REAL PRO, THEY ALL TURN OUT TO BE FOURTH-RATERS MASQUERADING AS FIGHTERS.

THAT NIGHT AT THE BRISTOL ARENA...
 TIE IT GOOD AND TIGHT, MARK.
 DON'T WORRY, HUTCH—THIS'LL STICK!

HEY, CHAMP—ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS MASKED MARVEL CHARACTER?
 MY EDITOR IS. IS HE ANY GOOD?

TO TELL THE TRUTH, BEN—I'VE COVERED ALL HIS SIX FIGHTS...

HE'S GOT SIX WINS! THAT COULD BE BECAUSE OF A GOOD LEFT HOOK—OR SMART MANAGING! I DON'T KNOW. YOU TELL ME AFTER THE FIGHT—O.K.?
 I'LL TRY!

BEN STUDIES THE MOVEMENTS OF THE "MASKED MARVEL"—AT FIRST THE RETIRED CHAMPION IS CURIOUS...
 ...THEN IMPRESSED!

HEY, MARVEL, THIS IS BEN BOLT—HE USED TO BE—
 I KNOW WHAT HE USED TO BE, MISTER—AND I GUESS HE STILL COULD BE CHAMP IF HE WANTED TO BE. NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT TO SHOWER.

I DON'T KNOW. A ONE-PUNCH FIGHT ISN'T MUCH TO GO BY. WELL? BUT I'D GUESS THAT BOY HAD A REAL FUTURE. YEB, SIR—HE CAN HIT!
 TO BE CONTINUED.

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OZARK IKE
 by ED STROPS

THE YOUNG FRESHMAN BACK TOOK THE KICK-OFF ON HIS OWN TEN AND MOVED THE BALL PAST THE MIDFIELD STRIPE!
 ONLY TWO CADETS STAND BETWEEN THE RUNNER AND THE GOAL LINE!
 A KEY BLOCK AND SOME FANCY FOOTWORK ELIMINATE THE FINAL OBSTACLE...
TOUCHDOWN!
MIDDIES-20
CADETS-20

THE POSSIBLE WINNING POINT IS RIDING ON THIS KICK AFTER TOUCHDOWN...
 ...AND THAT OLD CLOCK IS TICKING OFF THE LAST FEW MINUTES OF THIS FOURTH QUARTER...
 THERE'S THE KICK!

NO GOOD!
 A TIE SCORE, WITH ONLY MINUTES TO PLAY.

AND IT'S ONLY 98 SECONDS LATER THAT THE FINAL WHISTLE BLOWS...
TWEET!

IT WAS A THRILLIN' GAME, FLIP. YOU'VE GOT A TEAM TO BE PROUD OF?
 FACT IS, BOTH TEAMS SHOWED GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP... BUT THEN YUH COULDN'T EXPECT ANYTHIN' ELSE!
 RIGHT YOU ARE, SAL! THESE FELLOWS HAVE A TRADITION TO CARRY ON!

LATER
 HEY? WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?
 (MOAN) WE DONE MISSED TH' ENTIRE GAME!



FLASH GORDON by Mac Raboy






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The PHANTOM
 By **LEE FALK and WILSON MCCOY**



OUR GUIDE'S WAITING AT MY HUNTING LODGE, DIANA.
 THE OLD BOY IS PALMER-PALMER INDUSTRIES. CARRIES LOTS O' CASH.
 NICE OF HIM. WE'LL SEE HIM LATER!



WHAT A LOVELY LODGE, GRAND-PA!
 LET'S CHANGE. WE WANT TO GO RIGHT OUT
 WE WANT GRIZZLY BEAR. TODAY, MAC.
 I SPOTTED A BIG'N' YESTER-DAY, SIR.



THERE HE IS, MR. PALMER. THE BIG'N' TWO MILES AWAY.
 WE'LL STALK HIM! I'LL GO WITH MAC, DIANA. YOU AND BARTON CIRCLE EAST.
 WHAT LUCK! OUR FIRST DAY OUT! COME ON, DIANA!



I'LL GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO BE ALONE TOGETHER. THEY LOOK HAPPY. HE'S A FINE OUT-DOOR TYPE. THE KIND SHE LIKES.
 SHE'LL SOON FORGET HER MASKED MAN! MY PLAN'S WORKING!



GRANDPA'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S WATCHING!
 THEY'RE LAUGHING TOGETHER! SHE SEEMS TO LIKE HIM. I GUESS I WAS A FOOL TO FOLLOW-- SHALL WE GO HOME, DEVIL?



THERE HE IS--MOVING THIS WAY. HE'S UPWIND OF US. LET'S WAIT HERE.
 IF ONLY HE WERE HERE--



THOSE BIG BOYS OFTEN TRAVEL IN PAIRS. KEEP ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HIS MATE.



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RUSTY RILEY
 by **FRANK GODWIN**



WHEN I WAS OUTSIDE, I HEARD THREE VOICES! WHERE'S THE OTHER GUY?
 MISTER BLACKHART, IF YOU FEAR YOU HAVE A RIVAL FOR THE HAND OF THE FAIR DIANA, YOUR EARS HAVE PLAYED YOU FALSE!



YEAH? DON'T TRY TO KID ME! WHAT'S THE BIG SECRET? WHO IS "RUSTY"?



JEEPERS!



REGGIE, DON'T BE SUCH A JEALOUS BEAST! THERE'S NO OTHER MAN HERE!
 DON'T LIE TO ME! I HEARD THREE VOICES!
 CHILDREN, CHILDREN! CALM DOWN!



DIANA, WE ARE CAUGHT RED-HANDED. WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LET HIM IN ON OUR PLOT!



WITH YOUR PERMISSION, BOSS LADY, I'LL DIVULGE OUR ENTIRE SCHEME TO MISTER BLACKHART TO ALLAY HIS SUSPICION THAT THERE'S FOUL PLAY AFOOT!
 ALL RIGHT, WINDBAG... GET TO THE POINT!



YOUNG MAN, CHURLISH NAME-CALLING WILL GET YOU NOWHERE!
 SORRY... BUT WHO'S "RUSTY"?



DIANA, MAY I BORROW YOUR LIPSTICK?
 HUH?... OH, OF COURSE!



WHY DOES HE WANT MY LIPSTICK?... WHAT ON EARTH IS HE GOING TO DO WITH IT?

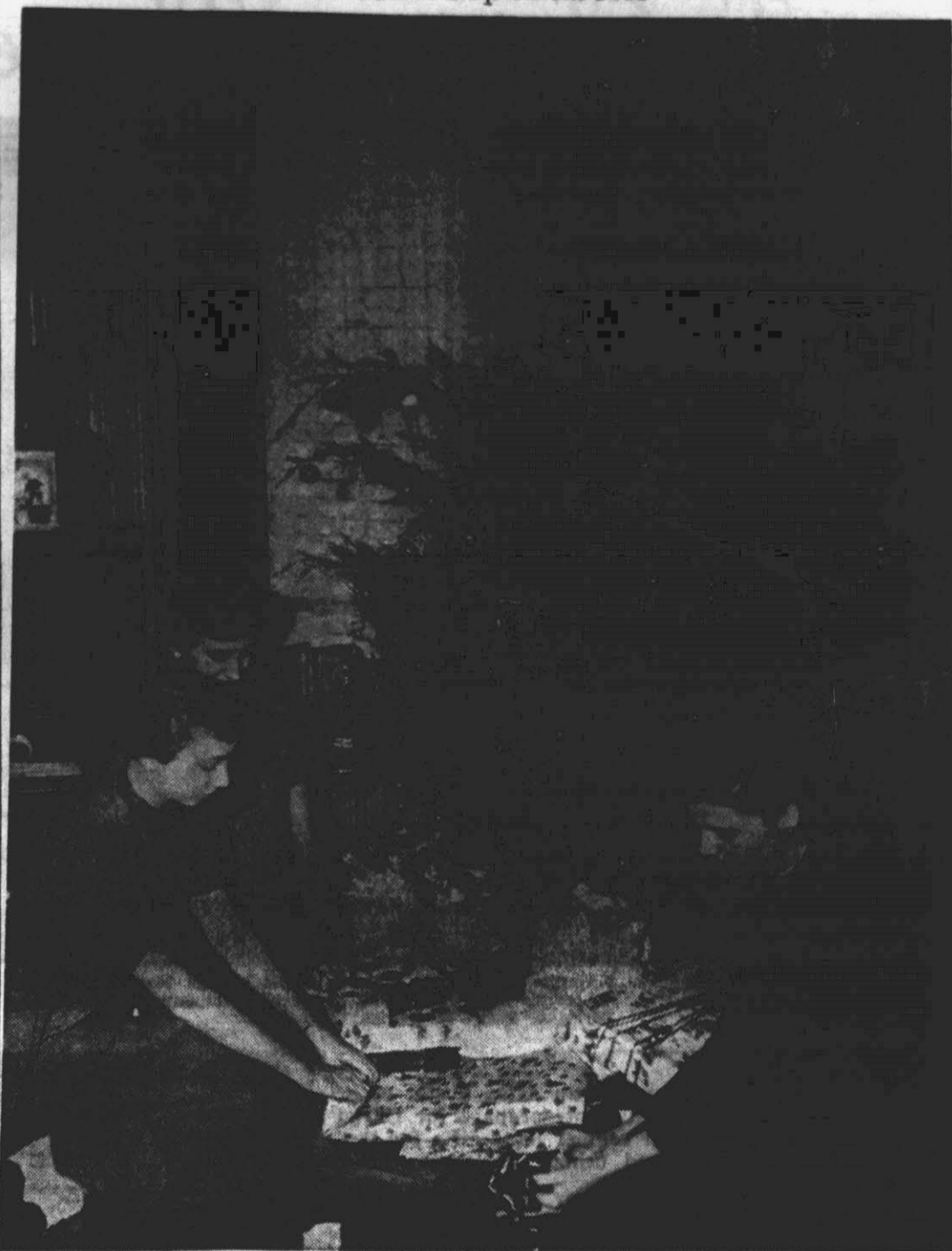


NOW, FRIENDS, I SHALL CONCLUDE MY DEMONSTRATION AND AT THE SAME TIME ANSWER THE BURNING QUESTION: "WHO IS RUSTY?"





Final Preparations



With Christmas only one day off these three members of Greenville's younger set get together for a gift-wrapping session at Dee Hux's home. Left to right, the girls are Helen Hawes, a student at Southern Seminary and Junior College Buena Vista, Va.; Dee and Dornning Jenkins, both Greenville High School students. (Reflector Photo by Edwina Haymes).



The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmastime is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinus of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metallurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the "Csar Kolokol." It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.

From Where Came Christmas Trees?

Like so many other Christmas customs, the origin of the tree tradition is not definitely known. One theory holds that the 8th-century missionary Boniface persuaded the Teutons to transfer their worship of Odin's sacred oak

to an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ child.

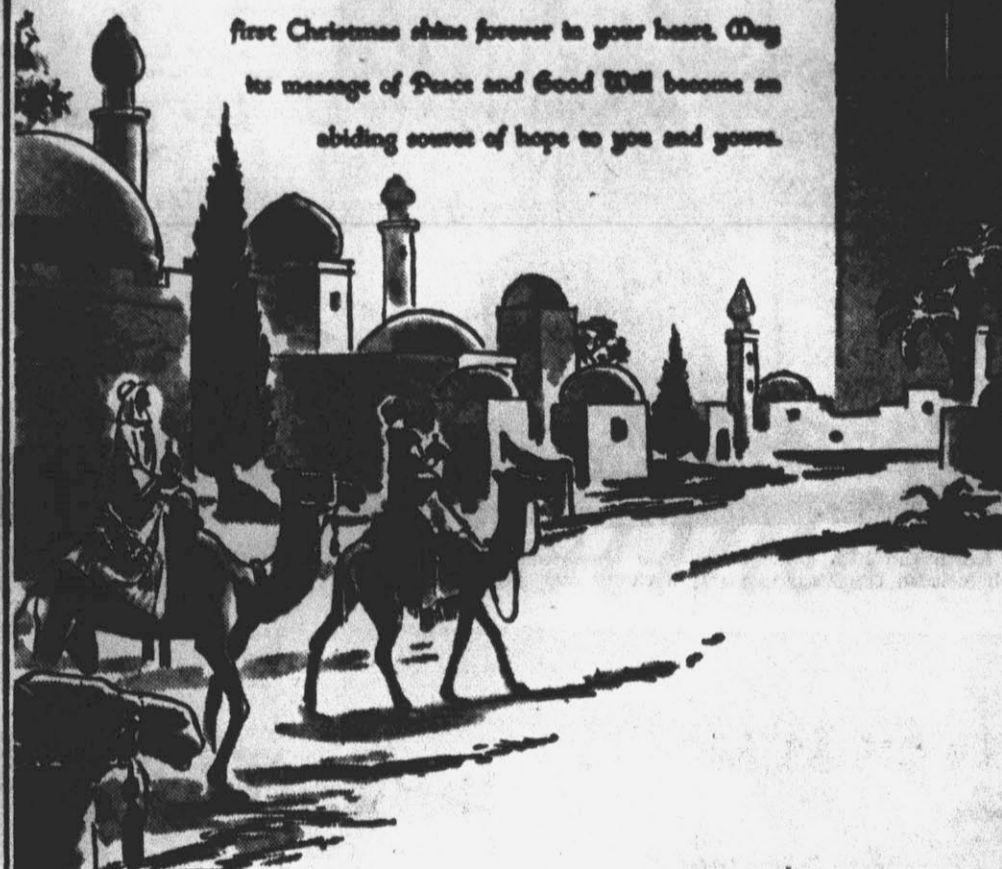
Popular legend has it that the first Christmas tree originated in Egypt where the first trees used were palm trees. Another story says that Martin Luther decorated a tree with candles to simulate an evergreen shimmering with starlit snow.

We do know the Germans did

much to popularize the use of Christmas trees, introducing them into both England and America. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, started the custom in England when he had a tree for his young daughter. The tradition crossed the Atlantic with Western missionaries during the American Revolution.

Season's Greetings

A brightly as the star of Bethlehem, that Silent Night, may the spirit of the first Christmas shine forever in your heart. May its message of Peace and Good Will become an abiding source of hope to you and yours.



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A Merry Christmas

To all our friends and neighbors

we send our sincerest wishes for a joyful, cheerful, healthful Holiday Season.

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The old joke about Dad "monopolizing" Junior's train is ceasing to be a joke, according to some toy producers, who contend that this year there will be toys for adults under some Christmas trees.

Mr. Jay V. Zimmerman, president of the largest hand puppet makers in the world, recently told toy buyers and salesmen that "toys made specifically for adults to play with will eventually exceed the present popularity of children's toys."

This may sound a little unbelievable and optimistic (for the toy industry), but Mr. Zimmerman says the theory is neither radical or new. "For centuries," he says, "man has been playing with his children's toys under the guise it was for Junior's sake, but that's a lot of toywash. They enjoy playing

with their kid's toys, but they're too ashamed to admit it." Right or wrong, several major toy companies are producing specific adult toys this year. We'll just have to wait and see how many Dads receive some of them as presents from Santa.



SINGING SANTA . . . It seems that Santa Claus is everywhere this time of year. In this photo he is shown unloading some of the more than 11,000 Christmas trees shipped from Canada to the United States.

Scientists are now studying mysterious "jet streams," which whirl some eight miles above the earth, for clues to weather behavior.



As old as our faith, as young as our hopes, is the spirit of Christmas. May it once more lift your heart, lighten your cares and brighten every corner of your life. May its infinite joy and glorious promise abide with you and your loved ones . . . now and always.

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Holiday Wishes

The blessings of friendship and loyalty are the very essence of the Spirit of Christmas . . . and so, at this joyous and heartwarming season we want to wish all of our many friends the richest of life's treasures—peace, good health and happiness.

Saieed's

Young Hands, Minds Turn To Christmas Theme In Schoolroom



The fourth and fifth grade combination presented a Christmas program at Arthur School. This is the manger scene from the program, which included Christmas carols by a chorus and scripture readings.



Farmville fourth grade students, taught by Mrs. Margaret Speight, painted a mural showing the three wise men approaching Bethlehem to see the Baby Jesus. They also painted miniature Santa Clauses, and angels, and made homes typical of those during Biblical times. (Reflector Photos by Edwina Haynes).



Fountain's seventh grade spent some of the days before school was out painting a Christmas mural and decorating a tree for the classrooms. Shown working here are Melvin Vandilford, Harold Bradshaw, Faye Harris, John Tugwell, Joyce Norville and Annette Little.

Christmastime always means an extra bustle of activity in the schools, as the students prepare for Christmas programs, decorate their rooms, make gifts for their parents and collect food and other articles for needy families.

This year has been no exception, and in both the city and county schools young hands and minds have been working industriously as they looked forward to the coming of Santa Claus and the celebration of Christmas Day.

Many classes have given Christmas programs for the other students, or for Parent-Teachers Association meetings, and have enjoyed Christmas parties in their rooms.

Yuletide scenes and decorations have given the classrooms a festive and holiday air. The students painted Christmas pictures and murals of Santa Claus and the manger scene, hung Christmas stockings and decorated Christmas trees.

One of the favorite activities has been making gifts for Mother and Daddy, and students have made such items as bread boards, hot dish mats, calendars, pomanders, candles and baskets. They also made Christmas cards for parents and friends.

Lessons have included reading the Christmas Story and singing Christmas carols. Helping others has been stressed, and a number of classes have gathered food, clothing and toys to make some needy family's Christmas a little brighter this year.

One class has summed up the spirit of the school activities this season in these words: "In learning and doing things for Christmas, we have learned that one of the most important things is to make someone else happy. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!"



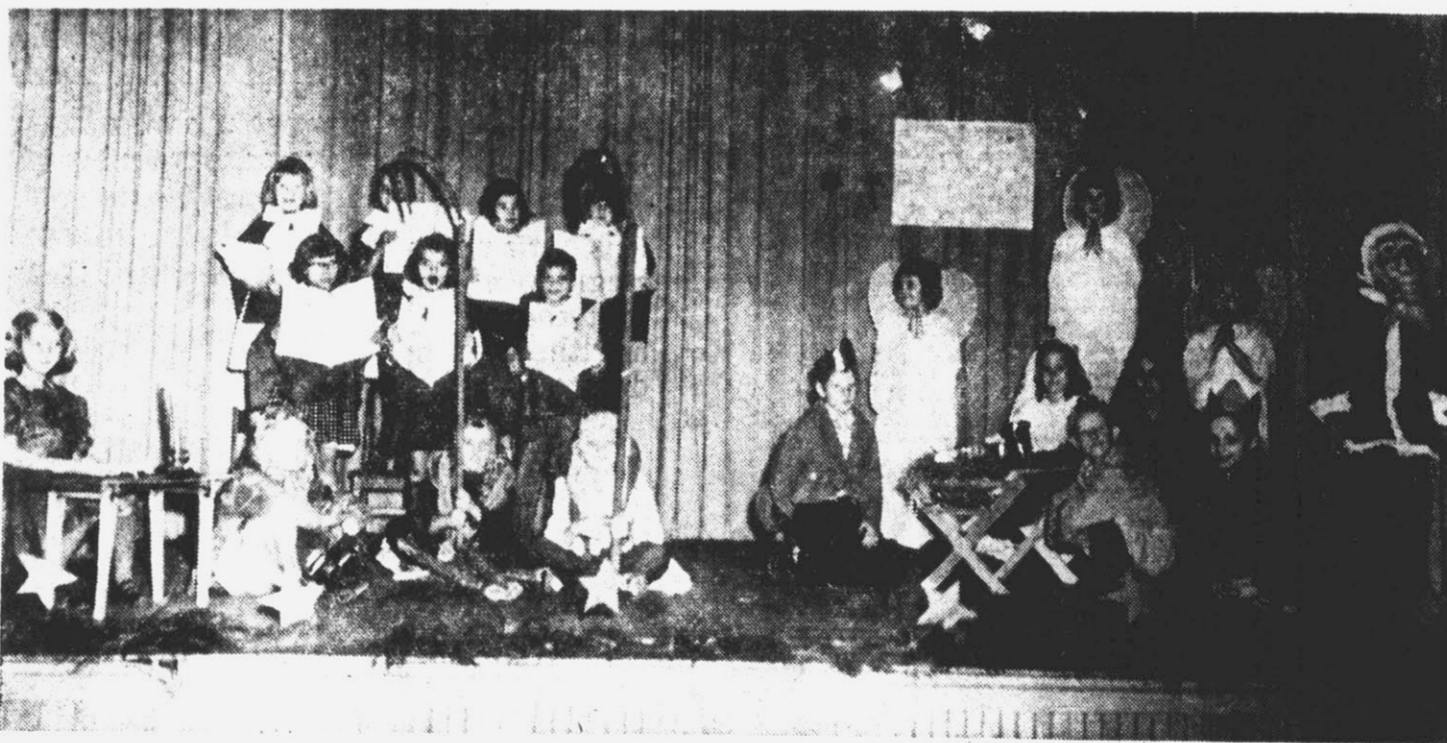
In the sixth grade taught by Miss Maggie McLawnorn at Ayden, students kept busy with pre-Christmas activities such as painting Christmas murals, making a fireplace for Santa Claus and reading Christmas stories.



First grade at Pactolus had fun tacking on the bulletin board Christmas pictures which they brought to school. The class also made figures of Santa Claus which they colored and put on the bulletin board.



At Chocod students gave a Christmas program entitled "The Christmas Candle" showing how the Christmas candle directed so many wayward people to happiness. Pictured here are some show men, snow flakes, angels and dancing dolls who took part in the program. Music was provided by the junior and senior glee clubs under the direction of Mrs. Frances Madrey.



Mrs. Ethel Warrington's second grade at Bethel presented an assembly program, "The Christmas Story." Characters included Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise men and a choir. One of the children served as reader for the pantomime, and even Santa Claus put in an appearance.

Bethlehem: Many Languages Join Together In Holy Praise

As the angels sang on that first Christmas night, so will there be singing in the village of Bethlehem in this year of 1955.

Bethlehem carolling is in many languages. An Arab choir will join with the voices of tourists and pilgrims in a simple outdoor service. In a grotto which might have been the sheepfold for the watching shepherds, the Christmas story will be read from the Gospel of St. Luke.

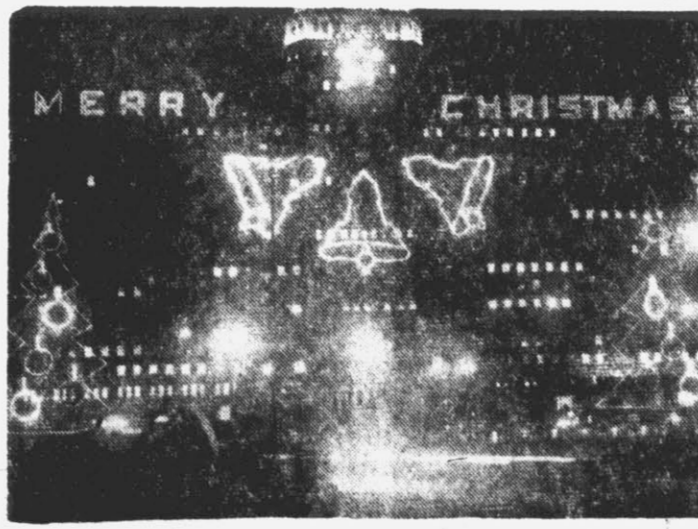
The stone buildings and churches of Bethlehem will be filled with thousands of pilgrims who have journeyed here for a pontifical mass at midnight in St. Catherine's Chapel and the procession which later leads down a flight of stone stairs to the grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity.

According to tradition, nearly 2,000 years old, the grotto is the site of the stable where Jesus was born when Joseph and Mary could find no room at the inn.

During the ceremony an infant figure of Christ is placed first on a silver star, then in a manger in a wooden crib where it will remain until the feast of Epiphany.

On both sides of the Israel-Jordan border, a short distance from Bethlehem, tent cities are set up to facilitate border crossing for pilgrims for almost 2,000 Christians living in Israel and temporary Christian residents of Israel traveling to Bethlehem for Christmas. The formalities do not take much time. In one tent, pilgrims get stamps for their permits; in another, their luggage is checked and their money is changed.

Then they cross the border Bethlehem-bound, just as was Mary and Joseph on a similar night long, long ago, and just as are fervent travelers from all parts of the world in this year of 1955.



BRIGHT DISPLAY . . . Long noted for its pleasing Christmas decorations, Chicago's Merchandise Mart, which boasts more floor space than any other structure in the world, presented this gala Christmas greeting to the people of Chicago.

Medieval Dinner Once Was Popular Custom For Coeds

Eating peas with a knife is contrary to Emily Post and doesn't seem to have much qualification for observance as a Christmas tradition, but for more than 24 years coeds at Pennsylvania State University partook of a fork-less meal each Yule season.

The traditional medieval dinner, complete with everything from costumed lords and ladies to the legendary boar's head, dated back to 1919, finally had to be cancelled when coed ranks swelled to almost 1,000.

The affair, sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association, began with a formal procession through the dining hall, Lord and Lady McAllister—the

dinner was held in McAllister Hall—led the throng, which included noble lords and ladies, heralds, a poet, a cardinal, pages, and two jesters bearing the boar's head. All these girls were appropriately costumed and sat upon a raised dais in the center of the holly bedecked room, which was illuminated by candlelight.

A choir furnished Christmas music, and the poet entertained the guests by reading Old English poetry from a scroll. In accordance with medieval custom, no forks or napkins were allowed, although guests sometimes secreted them in their pockets. The menu consisted of roast pork, mashed potatoes, peas, and a very rich plum pudding.

Today's students eat a special Christmas dinner before going home for vacation—but it's served "sissy" style. They're allowed a full complement of table utensils.



GREETINGS

May your Christmas happiness last all year long.

Tadlock Mutual Ins. Agency

Christmas Promise

By Shirley Sargent

WHEN I was a boy Christmas couldn't come soon or often enough. The longed-for day was more exciting than my birthday, Fourth of July and the last day of school all put together. It was magic. Sheer, unadulterated magic compounded of hoarded pennies, the scent of pine needles, locked closets, mysterious winks, expectation and the unusually peaceful household. This last because my brothers and I were doing our darndest to be good, as if to make up in one month for all the sins of the past year.

Later, Christmas lost its meaning to me, now a roving bachelor. In fact the great day came too quickly, too often, and I would work late to escape the carolers and sleep even later so my empty apartment wouldn't reproach me. But now I have discovered the magic of Christmas again. A little boy gave it back to me along with a grubby kiss and a hug. It

Say, do you think he's too young for a football? Just a small one of course."

Preparations

That's how it went—peacefully, traditionally—from the purchase of the tree, to the opening of Christmas cards and the hiding of presents from Butch. Until now, Christmas Eve. I ran quickly to Butch when I heard him sobbing. His brown hair tousled, his baby-plump cheeks stained red with emotion, Butch was another boy from the one I had put to bed.

"What's wrong, dear? Tell Daddy?"

"I want a dog more'n anything an' I can't have it." "Can't have it." I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wracked body in my arms. "Why not?"

Carol's hands were on my shoulders. "Because we live in an apartment."

Butch choked. "That mean old man won't let me. He is too mean, mommy."

Carol said, "He means Mr. Allen, the owner. No dogs allowed."

"If I talked to him?" I appealed to Carol. "If I explained . . ."

"No," Carol's face twisted, "he made an exception to allow Butch here."

To allow Butch. For an instant anger blazed through me, then I remembered, with an effort, that Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy.

"Butch when we move I promise you may have a dog," I explained carefully.

"When are we gonna move?" Children needed a time. He would go three in May. "Before your birthday," I promised. "Now go to sleep, son."

In the living room, I said, "I could buy turtles and fish."

"It wouldn't be the same," Carol said, "when you were little, don't you remember . . ."

"Yes," for I did. I remembered the disappointments that weren't swallowed up by other presents but only by time and the gift of love. My son has given me more than I could give him no matter where we lived. He has given me not only the happiness but the heartbreak of Christmas. I took Carol's hand and drew her into the magic of love that surrounded us.



NEW ADDITION . . . Santa Claus (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) fondles a new member of his reindeer team presented to him by proud mama, Blitzen (left). This was the first fawn born to the group of Alaskan reindeer born last year from Alaska to Santa's workshop in North Pole, New York.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

May this joyous Christmas season bring you all the gifts of Happiness, Peace and Friendship.

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With happy memories of many pleasant friendships, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas to all.

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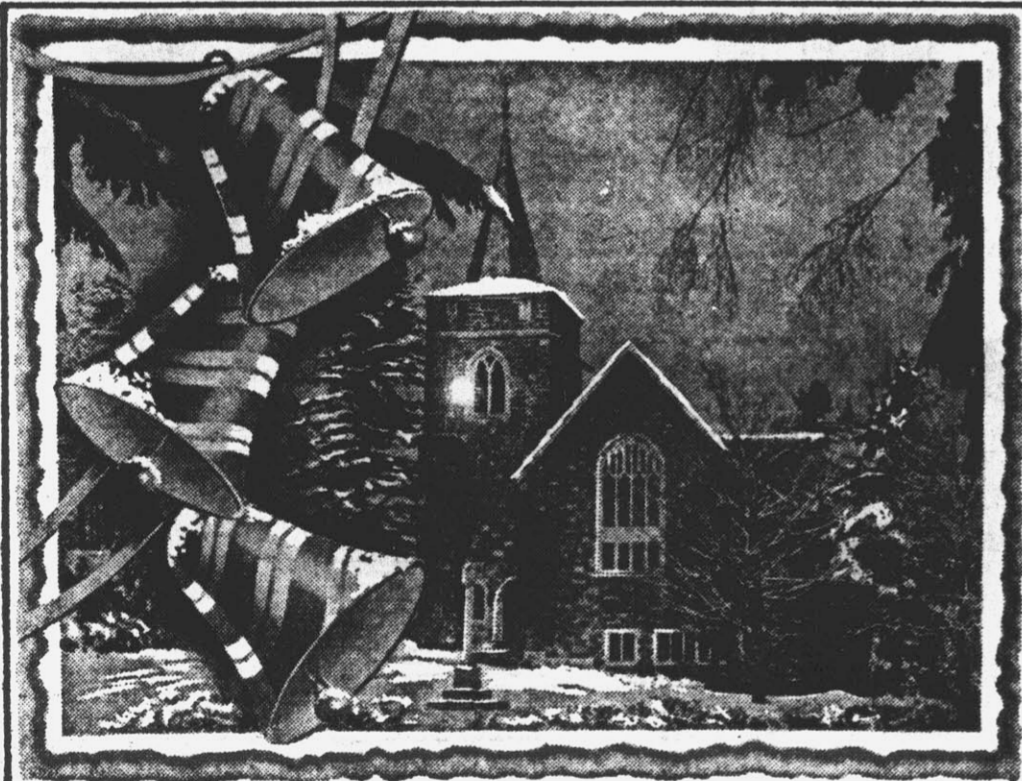


He looked at me sadly. "Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he asked.

It is Christmas Eve and I have been home from Korea for two weeks getting acquainted with Carol, the wife I married five months before I went overseas, and a rowdy two-and-a-half-year-old named Butch. He is my son, the child I had never seen, and he is the boy that gave Christmas back to me.

Carol and I had planned eagerly on just what Butch should receive. Butch had a long list of toys that changed from day to day, but when I had asked him what he wanted most of all, he had just looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he had asked. So I told Carol, "I think Butch is worried that there isn't a fireplace for Santa to come down.



Season's Greetings

TINKLING BELLS, holly wreaths, winter scenes with evergreens; logs on hearth, candles bright, little faces beam delight . . . these, to us, are all warm reminders that a very special time is here . . . so a very special wish is due . . . May this Holiday Season bring you abounding stores of good cheer, peace and happiness.

Scott's Dry Cleaners

Merry Christmas

To All Our Friends And Neighbors In **EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA**

And May The New Year Be A Happy One . . .



The value of friendship cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Yet we count the friendship of our customers as our most important asset, our most dearly cherished possession. That's why our Christmas message is primarily one of warm, deeply felt gratitude to all of those whose loyalty and good will have made possible our growth, progress and success.

It is our firm resolve always to conduct our business in such a manner as to confirm your confidence, hold your friendship, and merit the privilege of serving you for many, many years to come.

It is our sincere wish that the joys of the season may shine brightly in your home and in your heart at Christmas and that the New Year may bring you an abundance of good health, deep happiness and rich fulfillment of your dearest desires.



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Dig—These Crazy Christmas Gifts

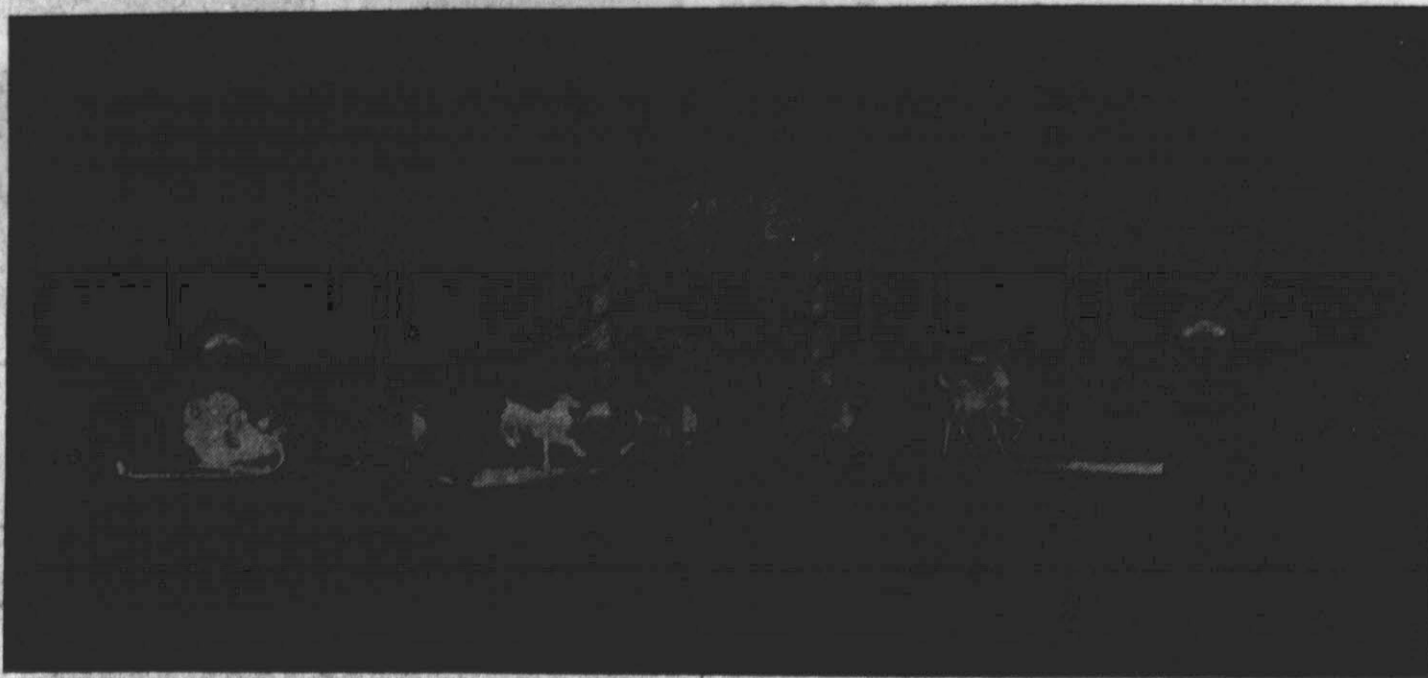
Even Christmas has caught up with the atomic age. A sign of the times is the increasing demand for Geiger counters as Christmas gifts. Manufacturers say people from all over the country are giving as presents the miracle instruments that nose out uranium.

If you're buying a gift for a prospective uranium prospector you can get him one of these radioactivity detection devices at prices ranging from \$24.95 to \$2000. Most popular model, manufacturers say, is about the size of a miniature camera and retails for about \$35.

Uranium "sounds" are as varied as the instruments they buy. They range from housewives with infants in their arms to geologists and hirsute prospectors—as well as business tycoons, clerks, laborers and society women. An amateur uranium prospectors' club in the East, composed entirely of women, is known as the "Geiger Widows."

Last year gift Geigers were mailed all over the United States. One woman telephoned the New York office of a leading manufacturing firm from Florida to order a \$1,995 unit as a Christmas surprise for her husband.

Christmas Decorations At Home



Home Christmas decorations are more elaborate this year than ever before. The use of outdoor displays is prevalent in residential areas. Above is a night photo of the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Armistead, 1603 E. Sixth St. The Armisteads installed flood lights to illuminate the Santa and reindeer on the front lawn. (Reflector Photo by Alvin Taylor).

From Missouri, And Showed It

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—A Missouri motorist passed through here and left evidence that he doesn't believe anything unless he is shown.

An irate motorist burst into city hall in the Capitol city claiming he

was unjustly given a parking ticket. A quick check showed that the ticket has been put on the windshield of a car bearing Missouri license plates and its driver apparently took it off and put it on the other car.

Surplus military weapons, including flares and grenades, are used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to scare off crop-destroying birds.

Cheaper By The Half Dozen, Too

ROANOKE, Va. (AP)—Six children of the James Beckners had their tonsils and adenoids removed here the same day.

"It's cheaper by the dozen only we didn't have but half a dozen," said Mrs. Ruby Beckner.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

Let us harken to the clear-voiced choristers, as they hail the approach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year.

Quality Chemical Corp.
Keel Warehouse

To every member of our community, we extend sincere wishes for a happy, hearty Holiday Season that is filled with the joys of good health, good cheer and good fellowship.

Pitt Hardware Co.
718 Dickinson Ave.



Among the signs of Christmas in Grifton this season is this manger scene on the lawn of the Grifton Methodist Church. Cut from heavy cardboard, the figures have been painted to represent Mary, Joseph and the Babe, the shepherds and the wise men. Hovering overhead is the angel herald. (Reflector Photo by Edwina Haymes).

Weather Or Not, World Is Told

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Ever decide that life can't possibly be as serious as everyone makes it?

An Albuquerque weatherman apparently did one morning as he announced to the world over his

teletype printer: "Here is a weather summary of interest to particularly no one." He then told that at some particular hour and date it was 46 degrees in Aberdeen and the skies were clear. London had fog and 51 degrees and at Kimpo it was 45 degrees and clear.

Michigan companies make nearly all the aspirin used in the United States.

Greetings

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

Garris Grocery Co.

GREETINGS

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

Carolina Dairy Products, Inc.

Prosperous Happy New Year



Christmas CUSTOMS

Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Halls!" or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatitas, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we re-create in our homes



Saad's Shoe Shop
118 Grande Ave.

Teamwork Does The Job



Mrs. Craven Hughes of 906 E. 14th Street receives some assistance in decorating the Christmas tree from her two and one-half year old son, Cliff. Not tall enough to reach upper portions of the tree, Cliff is assigned to the lower branches. (Photo by W. C. Taylor, Jr.)

WHEN SANTA LEAVES

While American children always find their Christmas presents in the stockings or under the tree, children of other nations must search for theirs. Norwegian children seek them out in hiding places which may be anywhere in the house. In Italy, they seek them in "Urns of Fate" and in France children usually find them in wooden shoes.

TRUE CHRISTMAS CAROL

Charles Wesley, a Methodist minister England wrote "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" on a Christmas morning. The brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was inspired by the pealing of church bells when he penned the famous carol.

Dogs are meat eaters, but many like fruit such as apples, peaches and grapes.

Grandfather Frost Is Russian Santa

Christmas in Russia! Behind the Iron Curtain it's Grandfather Frost who delights the children.

Grandfather Frost (really an actor from the Moscow stage) was revived by the Russians two years ago. Through most of the month of January thousands of Russian

children dance around a fir tree in St. George's Hall and may shake hands with Grandfather Frost, the Russian Santa Claus.

Grandfather Frost entertains the children with the aid of singers, dancers and variety artists from the theaters. Last year, for the first time, American correspondents were admitted to the Kremlin to see one of the gatherings.

SAVE THE TREE

If your tree holder is the type that allows the butt of the tree to rest in water, you can help keep needles from dropping by dissolving plant food in the water. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution. Use one teaspoonful of plant food (or one plant food tablet) to each gallon of water in the container.

Quality Eastern Oil Co.
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WISHES YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.

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May the good cheer of the season enter your home at Christmas and abide with you and yours through all the days and months to come. To all we extend our sincerest wishes for health, happiness and the fulfillment of dreams most dearly cherished...

Hendrix-Barnhill Equipment Co.

Greetings

We hope the magic of this glorious season extends throughout the year for you and yours...bringing with it the blessing of happiness, the joy of good health and the pleasure of warm friendships.

Carolina Cleaners & Laundry
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Wrong Kind Of Suit Is Waiting

BALTIMORE (AP)—Police are keeping a grey suit in storage, tagged with a note: "Awaiting an owner."

James A. Barnes told the officers he found the suit, complete with white shirt and tie, in a box behind his house.

He doesn't want it. Presumably, no one in the police station wants it, either.

It's the kind used by undertakers for burial purposes.

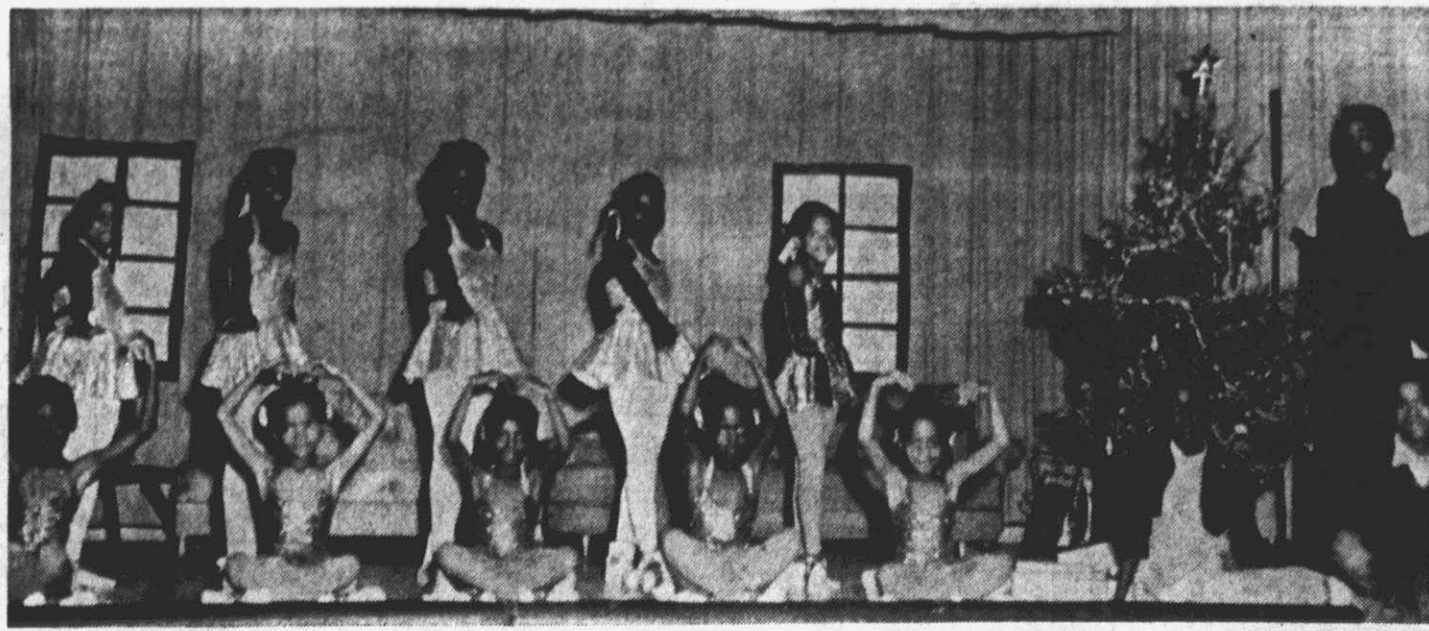
After 55 Years He's No Vagrant

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—City Judge Laurence D. Childs has ruled a resident of 55 years has lived here a little too long to be considered a vagrant.

Herman Sellers, 65, was charged with vagrancy after being found sleeping in a packing box.

He explained he was locked out of his apartment by mistake. That explanation plus his long residence in St. Petersburg served to secure dismissal of the charge.

Special Student Projects Had Yuletide Theme



South Greenville school children gave a Christmas program entitled "Christmas Jewels" this month. In this scene from the program are the "jewels" who danced for the selfish children and the grandmother, around the tree. The jewels tried to show how one can find peace and contentment in giving to others at Christmas. Other activities at the school included helping needy families and decorating the classrooms and halls with Christmas wreaths and scenes.

Our jolly good wishes go out to all our friends and neighbors for this season of good will and cheer!

GREETINGS

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As Shepherds watched their flocks . . . and wise men followed their star . . . a baby was born in Bethlehem almost two thousand years ago. Today as then. His message of peace and good will shines brightly in the hearts of men . . . a beacon of hope to light the way to a better world for all. In true spirit of that message, age-old yet ever-young. We wish for everyone a Christmas rich in the joy of blessings received . . . bright with the promise of happiness, deep and abiding, through all the years to come.

Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.
Greenville, N. C.



In Eppes High School Library students worked and read in a Yuletide atmosphere. Murals and other decorations graced the walls and bookcases. Studying above are Harry Edwards, Willie Barrett, Delois Sherrod, Luke Williams, Daniel Floyd and Garland Allen.

Tips on Choosing Christmas Tree That Will Last

If your Christmas tree sheds needles all over the living room last year, chances are you weren't careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicy tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to withstand the hot siege indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

RUGGED THIEF

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Madison police are looking for a burglar who is very rugged or else has a broken leg.

A thief entered a Madison grocery store in the nighttime through a high window and then dropped 16 feet down a stairwell. When he hit, he broke off a bottom stair. But the burglar still was in good enough shape to make off through another window with \$189 in cash.



In Mrs. E. P. Norris' 2A class at Fleming Street School students decorated a Christmas tree among other activities celebrating the Yuletide season. A group of students put the finishing touches on this tree, as the other members of the class look on.

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We hope that Santa's good to you . . . and brings the things you want him to. Happy Holiday!

Fleming's Service Station

Greetings

To all our cherished friends and patrons we extend our sincere good wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dot & Jean's Grocery
North Greene Street

Merry Christmas

It is our sincerest wish that this Christmas brings a great abundance of warm and lasting pleasures to everyone.

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