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Merry Christmas to Everyone!

Living The Best Christmas To A Child Takes More Thought Than Money

Expensive toys don't always mean the best Christmas for a child. Christmas is a family celebration which should be filled with meaning and joy for every member, especially the child. But, how can parents accomplish this when advertisements urge the purchase of the newest toy or toy for family members?

More than 80 percent of all toys are sold during the months of November and December. With more than 1,000 different types of toys on the market it's no wonder every "Santa" is confused about what or how much should go under the Christmas tree.

The following shopping guidelines may be helpful:

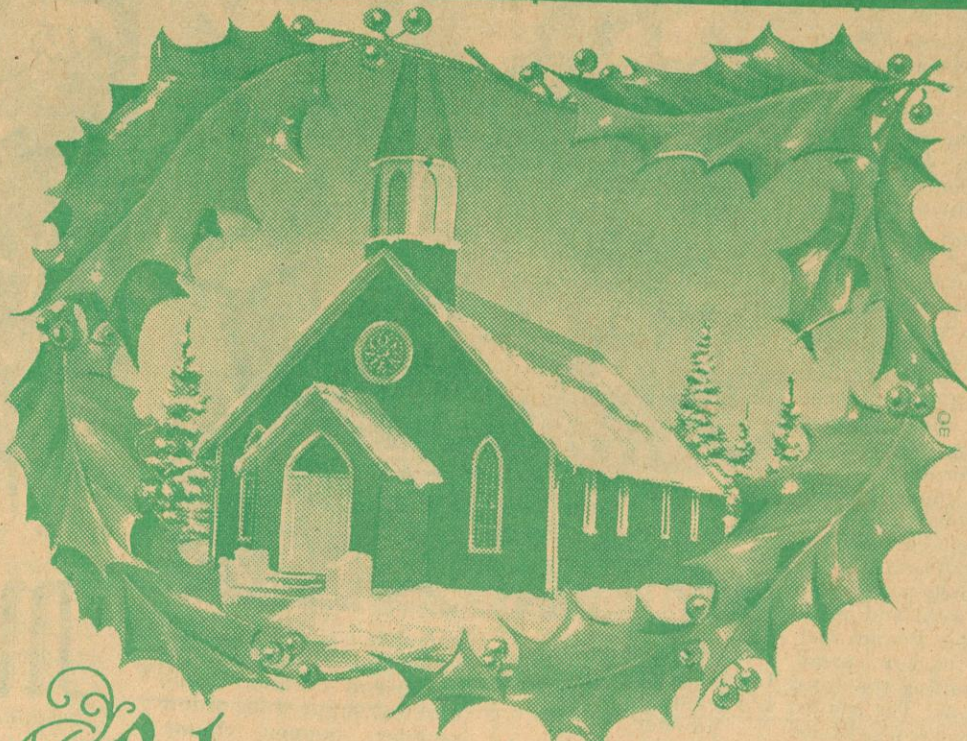
Put the emphasis on quality instead of quantity. Shopping for children,

Toys that work the way they are supposed to and are reasonably durable are more appreciated by children. The dump truck that doesn't dump or the doll that comes apart before the end of Christmas days are sources of disappointment and frustration.

2. Check the recommended age group to be sure a toy will challenge but not frustrate your child. A game or toy appropriate for a six-year-old may be undesirable and even unsafe for a three-year-old.

3. Check for safety factors, but remember that a child doesn't learn to jump rope, skate or ride a bicycle without a skinned elbow or bruised knee.

4. Consider the educational potential of a gift. Appropriate books that are shared with a warm,



Christmas...

On this joyous Holiday celebrating the birth of

the Holy Child, we wish that you

may be filled with peace and gladness,

comforted with hope, and surrounded by your loved ones.

they are primarily focused on following directions. Older children may enjoy colorful pieces of cloth for making their own costumes or puppets for family performances. Squares of burlap to fringe and yarn to decorate offer more creative possibilities than prepared "sewing" cards. The fun of creating one's own game is a partial explanation for the reason children turn to the empty cardboard boxes and/or discarded tree and decorations after the festivities.

7. Limit your purchases. Remember, few children can have everything they see advertised. Bring them into the decision-making process by allowing them to choose for themselves as well as shopping for others but see the choice within limits such as: "You may choose one game from these three games."

8. Allow plenty of time for the assembly required for some items. Purchase batteries or other essentials not included in certain toys or games to avoid disappointment when they are opened but can't be used.

9. Maintain family routines and reasonable daily

schedules during the holidays. Skipping meals and too little rest produce tired, irritable children and adults, and new experiences and excitement are more tiring than familiar activities. Limit the number of outings or new adventures to the child's capacity to absorb and appreciate. Spare children from extended shopping sprees.

10. Arrange time in the holiday schedule for family "projects." Baking cookies for neighbors and friends, helping select and decorate the tree, attending church and/or community services together should be a part of your family's celebration. Psychologists suggest that traditions associated with the holidays are a source of emotional stability. With grandparents and other relatives scattered, young parents may need to initiate or carry on such rituals themselves. Older children may begin to appreciate the Christmas contributions of various cultures as they make Jewish potato latkes (potato pancakes) or a Mexican pinata. Family activities seem to have a merit far beyond the simple gifts that are given.

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interested adult serve as an excellent educational experience throughout early childhood. Give an older child the opportunity to learn via a gift of lessons -- music, photography, tennis or horseback riding. The encouragement of hobbies or collections offers long-lasting educational benefits. Selecting inexpensive "real" accessories from a specialty shop may be more satisfactory than a "play" compass with a camper or hiker.

5. When selecting a pet, keep in mind the care and facilities required. A cute little puppy with a red bow must be regularly fed, walked and trained. Do NOT attempt to teach young children responsibility at the expense of animals.

6. Choose items to encourage creativity by giving raw materials rather than finished products. A variety of colors of tempera paints, wide brushes, and large sheets of cheap newsprint paper provide opportunities for young children to create their own designs. Coloring books and paint-by-number allow little range for creative expression as

IT'S CHRISTMASTIME!



This is the season of good cheer when family and friends gather to celebrate the holiday amid sounds of music and laughter, the smell of good foods to eat, presents for all. To faithful friends old and new we offer a "Merry Christmas" and our thanks for your generous consideration.

**Iuka Discount Drugs
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At Christmas...

We pray that the miracle of His birth in a humble manger will once more spread its wonders, its promise across the land, bringing peace on earth, good will to men. In the joyous spirit of the holiday we offer our thanks to our customers for your many kindnesses. We greatly value and enjoy the privilege of serving you. Merry Christmas.

CHUCK WAGON RESTAURANT

Iuka, Mississippi

Inflation-Fighting FOOD IDEAS

HELPFUL
TIPS

DELICIOUS WAYS TO USE LEFTOVER HAM

One of the best ways to save is to buy the best. Superb, high quality Polish canned ham, for example, has become one of the most economical of meats because it's all taste and no waste, with every bite nothing but tender, edible ham. For that reason it can be stretched over several days.

For the big dinner why not try a new taste treat,

such as a great European delicacy that features Polish canned ham (Krakus, Atalanta or Polka brands) blended with sour cream, caraway seeds, paprika and sauerkraut? Called Polish Ham Sauerkraut Bake, it is a magnificent meal in itself and should be accompanied by nothing more than marinated cucumbers or a tasty three-bean salad.

With the leftover ham the next day, you can make ham loaf, ham souffle, ham kabobs or a great main dish



FOR THE BIG DINNER—Polish Ham Sauerkraut Bake has a tempting new taste.

called Sweet Potato Pie Pulaski that's delicious and easy to prepare.



FOR THE DAY AFTER—Leftover ham makes Sweet Potato Pie Pulaski a family winner.

POLISH HAM SAUERKRAUT BAKE

- 1 can (1 pound, 11 ounces) sauerkraut
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 (3 pounds) Polish canned ham, thickly sliced
- Chopped parsley

Drain sauerkraut. Pour boiling water over sauerkraut and drain. In saucepan cook onion in butter until tender. Add flour and cook, stirring constantly, until bubbling and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in broth and sauerkraut juice. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Stir in sour cream and caraway seeds. Arrange ham and sauerkraut mixture in 1 1/2-

quart shallow baking dish. Cover and bake in 350°F. oven about 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Garnish with parsley. Makes 8 servings.

SWEET POTATO PIE PULASKI

- 2 cans (1 pound each) yams or sweet potatoes
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, undrained
- 1/2 cup quartered stuffed

- olives
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups cubed ham

Drain yams and whip with nutmeg, allspice, salt, 2 tablespoons melted butter and sherry. Use to line a 9-inch pie plate building up edges about 1/2-inch on sides. In saucepan, cook onion in remaining butter until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients; heat, stirring occasionally. Spoon into prepared pie plate. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Thou shalt know Him when He comes. Not by any din of drums Nor by vantage of His airs, Nor by anything He wears, Neither by His crown Nor His gown. But His presence known shall be By the holy harmony Which His coming makes in thee.

Author Unknown

A Merry Christmas

Hoping you will have an old-fashioned holiday with all its joy, contentment, peace... and sending you heartiest thanks!



FROM JALA RUSSELL AND ALL THE FOLKS AT

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IUKA, MISSISSIPPI

Cranberries Featured in Colonial Jersey

Towns called Double Trouble and Misery doze forgotten in the pine country of Southern New Jersey, appearing much the same as they did in colonial times. In contrast to these quiet towns is the bustling, restored town of Smithville.

This historic area in South Jersey is responsible for much of the success of cultivated cranberries. Wild cranberries, popular with the Indians of New Jersey long before the colonists arrived, were soon cultivated by the early pioneers. The low, marshy places, called bogs, where cranberries are grown are still a common sight in New Jersey today.

Since the colonists' first introduction to cranberries, relishes, stuffings, breads and tarts have featured plump, tangy cranberries. This recipe for Rock Cornish Hens with Cranberry Stuffing is reminiscent of New Jersey colonial cooking. The cornbread-cranberry stuffing is delicately spiced with thyme, dill weed and onion. Versatile Blue Bonnet Margarine, the modern spread, gives the stuffing that good buttery flavor. The stuffed Cornish hens are also basted during baking to keep the delicate meat moist and to add to buttery taste.

ROCK CORNISH HENS WITH CRAN- BERRY DRESSING

- 5 tablespoons Blue Bonnet Margarine
- 2 cups cornbread crumbs
- 3/4 cup fresh cranberries

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- Generous dash pepper
- Generous dash thyme leaves
- Generous dash dill weed
- 4 (1-pound each) Rock Cornish hens, thawed and rinsed
- Salt
- 2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard

Melt Blue Bonnet Mar-

garine in a saucepan. Set 2 tablespoons aside. Stir cornbread crumbs, cranberries, sugar, salt, onion powder, pepper, thyme and dill weed into margarine in saucepan.

Sprinkle cavities of hens with salt. Stuff with cranberry mixture. Truss birds. Blend mustard into reserved margarine; brush mixture over hens.

Roast at 400°F., basting occasionally, about 1 hour, or until done. If desired, serve with gravy. Makes 4 servings.

Merry Christmas

It's here again... the season to be jolly...

the season of warm enjoyment shared with friends and loved ones. And a wonderful time for us to express our thanks for your loyalty and consideration. Merry Christmas!

Town of Tishomingo

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The First American Xmas Tree

Christmas traditions date back thousands of years... to the Druids and ancient Rome and beyond, but the first Christmas tree in America was brought into being comparatively recently... in 1847.

The place was Wooster, Ohio. A young German immigrant, August Imgard, a youth of 21, is said to have introduced the Christmas tree to America.

As Christmas drew near that year, it proved to young Imgard a season of somewhat dismal anticipation. He missed the fund of entertainment and observance which marked the Day in his homeland. So he decided to have one like those in Bavaria.

Two other reasons, very personal ones, were his nephew and niece. He wanted to bring added joy to their Christmas, and make it one they would never forget.

Young Imgard went into the woods and chopped down a spruce tree. From the village tinsmith he obtained a twinkly tin star. The family made paper decorations, and thus the Christmas tree, as most of us know it, came into being.

The townsfolk gathered 'round to admire it. Before long, the word had been spread far and wide, about the beautiful tree in Wooster, Ohio. It became an American custom.

America honors August Imgard. His tomb stands on Madison Hill in Wooster. This year, as in previous years, a lighted Christmas tree will probably stand at its door, a tribute to the man who first brought to America the symbol of joy and peace and love that should be Christmas for us all, all over the world.



Greetings

To you and your family, our wish is for all the merriment and excitement of this festive season...all the joy and warmth of a Yuletide celebration. And may we thank you for your much appreciated patronage.

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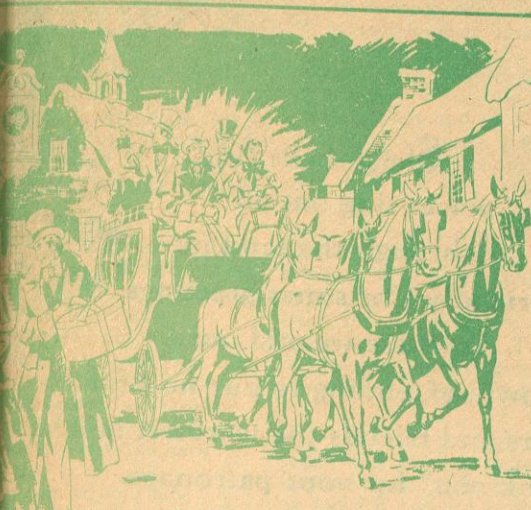
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We're hoping that you and yours will
enjoy every happiness of this season.

FROM THE EMPLOYEES AT
Motor Parts Co.
IUKA, MISSISSIPPI

Throughout history, Santa Claus has had many names, many origins. He has as many personalities as fertile imaginations through the ages can dream up.

The symbol of Santa Claus and other magical bringers of gifts is infinitely variable. In Europe the chief gift-bringers are St. Nicholas on his saint's day, the 6th of December; his Anglo-American descendant is Santa Claus; in parts of Scandinavia dwarfs and goats take his place; there is the Christ Child of the German Xmas Eve; the white-robed girl Kolyada in pre-revolutionary Russia arrived by sleigh on Christmas Eve with attendant carol-singers; and the Epiphany gift-bearers associated with the Magi — such as the Befana of Italy, Babouschka of old Russia, and the Tres Reyes Magos of Spain —



cut up, and the pieces preserved in barrels of vinegar. St. Nicholas found these truncations, fitted them together with a prayer, and brought the boys back to life. To our 20th century minds this may seem a most macabre way to begin a legend's association with children!

In Holland, St. Nicholas becomes Sante Klaas. The children put out a pair of shoes or clogs filled with hay, water and carrots for his white horse; these are placed before the fireplace, and the next morning the shoes are found filled with either sweets and little gifts — or, depending on past behavior, birch rods.

Santa's arrival by chimney in America probably has an origin of antecedent significance. Hearth-gods and gods of the Yule-log went in and out by chimney — also witches, adherents of the old and earliest religion of the horned god only much later made into a satanic Christian devil-figure. (Shades of an exorcist!) These people used hallucinatory drugs and used ointments like belladonna that made them feel like they were flying.

So it seems that the jovial, genial fellow whom we know as St. Nick or Santa Claus has had his darker side, too. All very interesting, as is most history, if you dig deep enough.

Yodeling Yule

An old custom of the Austrian Tyrol is the Christmas yodel. Traditionally, the Yuletide yodel—a song without words — may be improvised, or it may be based on the tune of a familiar carol.

FOOD FACTS & FANCIES

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agility of a gourmet cook, one of the new food processors can help. It not only chops, grates, shreds and slices, but also whips, mixes, kneads dough and purees perfectly.

One of the new food processors has a direct drive motor that purrs—and doesn't growl or make disturbing noises. And it has no belts or gears to wear out.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Radiantly, a star shines across the years . . . recalling the joy of the first Christmas, and gleaming still in hope and happiness for all. Let us rejoice, as we cherish the manifold blessings of this holy season.

IUKA SMALL ENGINES

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



TO ALL A Merry Christmas

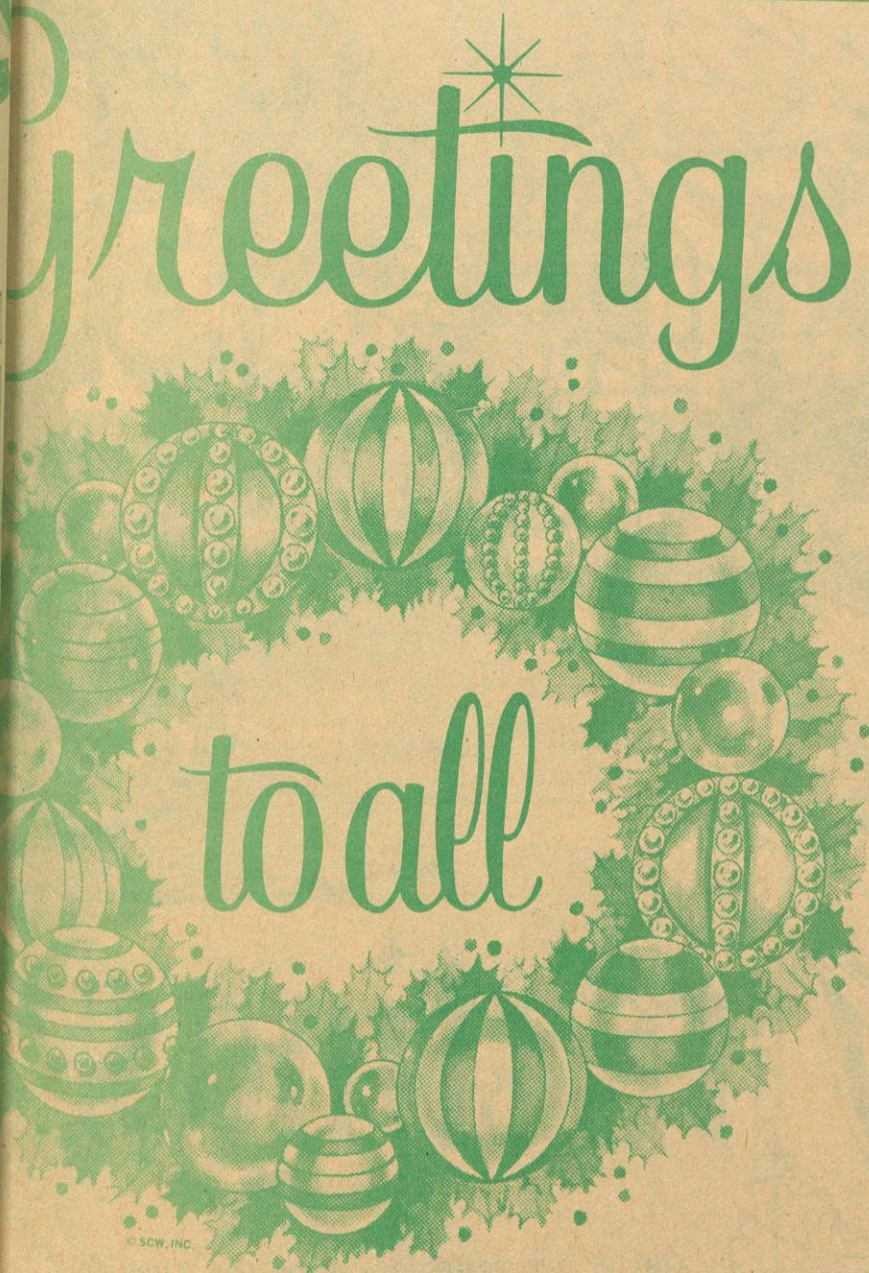
Old St. Nick will soon be coming down your chimney and we'd like to "present" you with our best wishes for a joyful holiday!

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We're taking this opportunity to extend our best Christmas wishes to all of you.

How A Poor Pioneer Family Celebrated Christ's Birthday

"Christmas was coming. The little log house was almost buried in snow. Great drifts were banked against the walls and windows, and in the morning when Pa opened the door, there was a wall of snow as high as Laura's head."

A paragraph from Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved "Little Books" — true accounts of the pioneer life that the writer experienced, from her 6th to 18th years in the 1870s and 1880s; her restless father moved his family from a Wisconsin forest to Indian Territory to Minnesota and finally to the

Dakota Territory.

The books were published between 1935 and 1943.

The family endured many hardships — bitter-cold winters as well as stifling summer heat. They lived first in a log cabin, later in a dugout by the creek, then, later in shacks — wherever fate (and Father) moved them. They went through cyclones, droughts, plagues of cicadas, yet the Ingalls family shared love and faith in each other, and they always celebrated the birthday of the Christ Child.

For a Christmas in the big woods, when the house was blanketed with snow, Ma baked bread, beans, cookies . . . distilled vinegar and baked dried apple pies! Truly a doughy soul. They entertained relatives . . . Aunt Eliza and Uncle Peter and the cousins who arrived on Christmas Eve on their big bobsled, sleigh bells ringing.

Some other Ma and Pa would have thrown up their hands at the sight of them — maybe got the shotgun off the cabin wall and picked them off from a window — but not the Ingalls! They shared their good things — the children slept in a row on the floor — the grown-ups, wherever they could find space.

Christmas Eve found them aglow with anticipation, in a circle of love.

In the morning the children found gifts in their stockings: a pair of bright red knitted mittens and a stick of red-and-white striped mint candy. Guess who the Christmas Fairy was? She must have earned her reward in heaven, but that Christmas Day she received all the reward she wanted, in the surprise and happiness expressed by every child.

For Laura, the smallest child, there was also a homemade rag doll with black button eyes, black yarn hair and a dress of pink and blue calico — a doll "so beautiful that Laura could not say a word."

On other Christmases there were no presents. The Ingalls family were lucky to have their lives. However, Ma had saved a bundle of "Youth's Companions" that had been sent them by long-delayed mail or via a passerby. While the light lasted they read the stories. Pa even managed to buy the store's last two cans of oysters, so their Christmas dinner had a festive quality.

All the "Little Books" tales are fascinating, and

you can be sure that the adults who gave them to children made a point to read them first. The stories have an ageless, timeless appeal. They contain the essence of Christmas . . . selflessness, appreciation of the simple joys, and love of family life.

In the Ingalls family the little Christ Child dwelled, not only on His birthday, but every day.

REFLECTIONS...
... excerpts from the famous essay of Washington Irving

And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment.



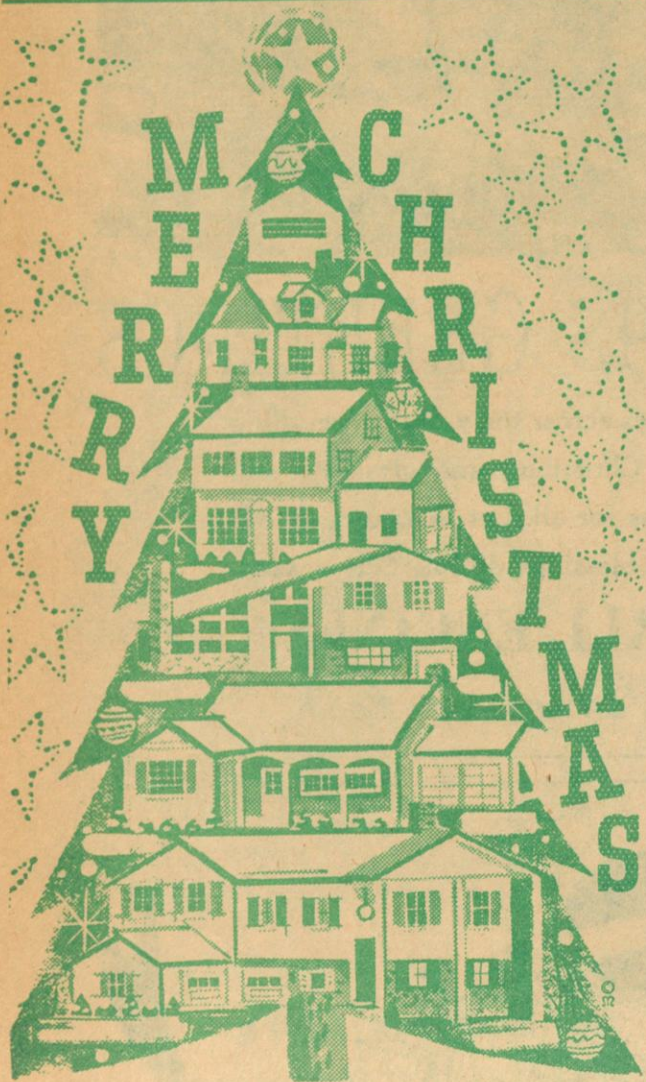
How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide, in the restless struggles of life, are then reunited, and meet once again in the happy state of companionship and mutual goodwill, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight, and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations, and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike number it among the first joys of a future state of existence, provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies, does Christmas time awaken!

We write these words now, many miles distant from the spot at which, year after year, we met on that day, a merry and joyous circle. Many of the hearts

that throbbed so gaily then, have ceased to beat; many of the looks that shone so brightly then, have ceased to glow; the hands we

grasped, have grown cold; the eyes we sought, have hid their lustre in the grave; and yet the old house, the room, the merry voices and

smiling faces, the jest, the laugh, the most minute and trivial circumstance connected with those happy meetings.



All of us at Benson Builders have truly appreciated your interest in our new homes. We wish everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As a reminder, we would like to encourage you to take every precaution in your homes during the season. This time of year fire in homes take the highest toll. In addition to fire resistant construction in our homes, we are adding smoke alarms as STANDARD equipment in every Benson home to demonstrate our concern.

Again, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, from Benson Builders.

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May the old fashioned delights of Christmas make yours a wonderful holiday.

Our sincere thanks for your friendship.

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Goyer

NEWS OF TOYS

Like A Real Baby

A popular doll this year may be one that provides special fun—because it does special things.

She fusses and squirms and rotates her head from side to side, demanding attention—just like a real infant. She rocks her cradle by her own movements. She has all the appearances of being a real live baby.



DEMANDING ATTENTION—A popular doll, cries, squirms and rocks her cradle until she gets her pacifier.

The only way she can be quieted down is when her young play parent soothes her by placing a pacifier in her mouth and feeding her her bottle—just like a real baby.

To set the "Hush L'il Baby" by Mattel in motion, the owner need only press a switch and the battery operated doll starts to fuss. When the bottle or pacifier is placed in her mouth, the mechanism is turned off and the doll relaxes.

It's a doll that gives a child the opportunity to see that an infant doesn't always act like a perfect doll!



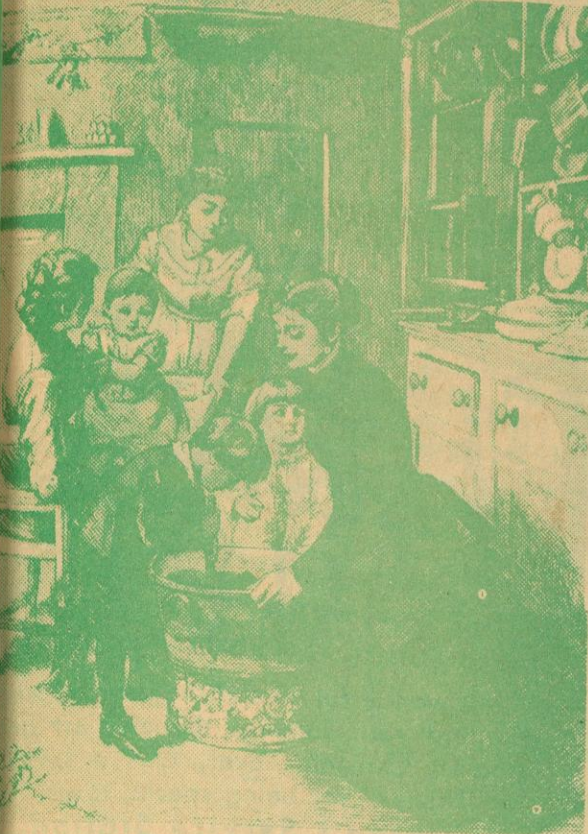
Greetings

City of Iuka
George Cutshall, Mayor
Carl Smith
Leroy Dean
Floyd Curtis
Mamie Culver
James L. Dean

Out of our yesterdays come the Yuletide traditions of happy greetings and cordial hospitality. In this spirit, we extend to all our good friends, a wonderfully warm and truly old-fashioned "Merry Christmas!"

Montez Bingham, Deputy Clerk
Joyce Brumley, Clerk

ooking ahead to Christmas — Make Holiday Food Gifts ive a gift you make yourself For Friends And Relatives



"STIRRING THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING" from Harper's Weekly, December 30, 1876. Courtesy of The New York Historical Society, New York City.

ne of the nicest gifts can give are those e made yourself. They a special way of show- ou really care.

Recipes below are for stting holiday treats you can make before stivities begin. Attraction wrapped they will most welcome gifts, rhaps you'll want to them off at home, for s and your loving

um or Bourbon Balls
te these a few weeks giving, so they have nce to ripen.

pecans, almonds or nts, chopped fine vanilla wafer crumbs despoons Dutch cocoa powdered sugar despoons white karo

up rum or bourbon all ingredients together, about 1 rounded teaspoon mixture, form small balls.

extra powdered sugar re in tightly covered con-making sure they are not d together. That's it! For ge, try chocolate wafers of the vanilla, but leave out of recipe if you do.

Leckerli
y honey
y sugar

1/2 cup chopped candied lemon and orange peel
1 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1 1/2 tsp. cloves
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup unblanched almonds, sliced thin
Grated rind of 1/2 lemon
2 3/4 cups sifted flour

Heat honey and 1/2 cup sugar to boiling. Remove from heat and add peel, spices and baking soda dissolved in 2 tablespoons cold water. Add remaining ingredients and knead until well blended. Roll dough to 1/2 inch thickness. Put on greased waxed paper, on cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven, 325°, for about 25 minutes. Turn out on wire rack and remove paper immediately. Turn, right side

up. Cook remaining 1/2 cup sugar and 1/4 cup water until mixture spins a thread. Spread on leckerli and cut in diamond shapes. Store in airtight container for at least a week before giving or using.

Nut Loaf Sensation
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
2 packages pitted dates — about 1 lb.
1 cup well-drained maraschino cherries

3 cups shelled Brazil nuts — 2 lb. unshelled, or 1 lb. shelled
3 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Start heating oven. Grease, then line with waxed paper, a loaf pan measuring 9" x 5" x 3". Place first 4 ingredients in sifter. In large bowl put nuts, dates and cherries and sift flour mixture over them. Mix with hands till fruits and nuts are well coated. Beat eggs till foamy, add vanilla, stir into nut mix until well mixed. Spread evenly in pan, bake until done. Cool in pan on wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove from pan; peel paper off; cool on rack. Wrap in aluminum foil and store in refrigerator. Will keep for 5 or 6 weeks.

Happy holiday nibbling to all!



For a real honey of a dressing for fruit salad, combine an envelope of instant French dressing with cider vinegar and honey. Refrigerate covered for at least three hours to let the flavors blend.

Even sandwiches can be exciting, if you butter them with flavor. For cold roast beef or turkey sandwiches mix soft butter or margarine, chili sauce or catsup, and oregano leaves, and spread that on the bread.



A delicious salad is spinach served raw with raw mushrooms, crumbled bacon and a vinegrette dressing.

MISSISSIPPI STATE — It's time to get in the kitchen and start whipping up some delightfully delicious holiday gifts. Instead of trying to buy a present, surprise your friends and relatives with a gift made by you. There is an extra special meaning behind homemade goodies, plus it's easier on the budget.

There are numerous ideas to choose from, but first consideration should be storage space in the freezer and refrigerator so that you can make some foods in advance, says Mrs. Ann Rushing.

marketing specialist, Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. You can make breads, pound cakes and fruitcakes in advance. You can use apples to make apple nut bread or an applesauce loaf. Take advantage of sales on eggs and flour and bake several pound cakes in reusable aluminum loaf pans. Freeze these items until gift giving time approaches.

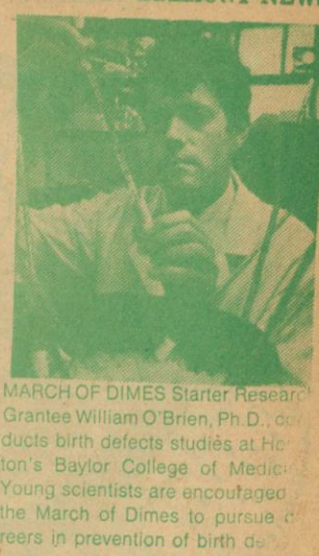
If there are cheese lovers on your list prepare a potted cheese recipe (a blend of cheese, herbs, wine and seasonings) and put in crocks

or inexpensive plastic containers and then store in the refrigerator. Accompany the gift with a nice cheese knife for spreading. Or, select a variety of cheeses and package with a cheese cutting board, suggests Mrs. Rushing.

Sweets are abundant during the holidays. Inexpensive glass containers decorated with a bow seem to make homemade candy look even more inviting. There are some delicious easy candy recipes using peanuts or peanut butter, which don't even require a candy thermometer.

You can make these ahead and then package for holiday giving.

Smoked turkey, country ham, apples and peanuts are just a few of the many food products which make delicious holiday gifts, says the specialist. They're also great items to have on hand for holiday entertaining.



MARCH OF DIMES Starter Research Grantee William O'Brien, Ph.D., conducts birth defects studies at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine. Young scientists are encouraged the March of Dimes to pursue careers in prevention of birth defects.



to all our customers

OTASCO

IUKA, MISS.



We hope your joys are many and your troubles few...

A very Merry Christmas from all of us to you!

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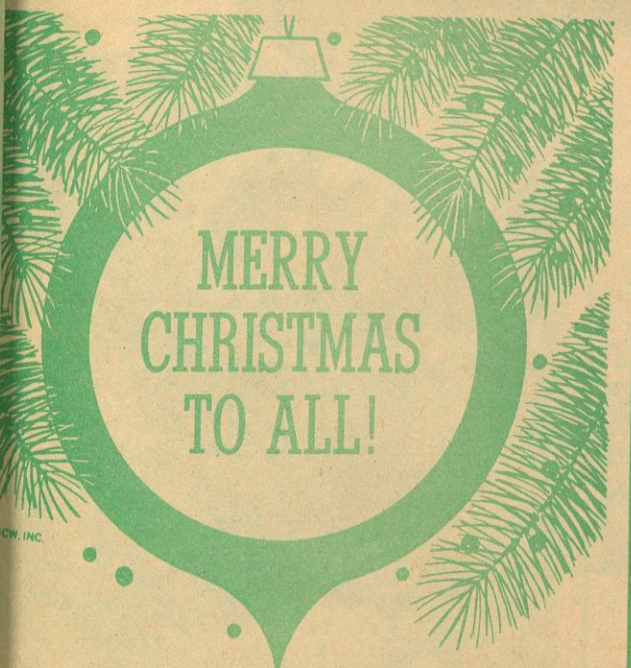
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send to you, our
patrons and
friends!

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Greenfield Village Remembers Christmas Past

Even in our age of electric lights and aluminum trees, the most appealing Christmas cards continue to reflect the holiday celebrations of earlier days. Tinsel-draped trees,

horse-drawn sleighs, Yuletide greens, fragrant candles and festive tables remind us of the days when Christmas was quieter, the way we often wish it could be now.

There was time then for simple pleasures. Time to savor the smells of holiday cookery, time to listen for the sound of sleigh bells across the frosty night air, time to enjoy the warmth of rooms aglow with candlelight.

The serene, unhurried pace which marked those long ago Christmases is not entirely gone. At Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, the holidays are still celebrated in the traditions of yesteryear. From December 4 through January 2, Christmas past once again becomes a reality for the present.

In the Village, freshly-fallen snow is a carpet for horse-drawn sleighs gliding swiftly past historic homes and shops decorated for the season. Some of these original buildings have seen 300 Christmases, others only a hundred. Yet, they all look the same as when their original famous owners hung wreaths and lighted candles on Christmas Eve so many years ago.

In Noah Webster's stately Connecticut home, for instance, the tree in the drawing room is decorated with glass balls, birds and candles in tin holders. It is patterned after one of the earliest known illustrations of a Christmas tree in America which appeared in 1836. Glass balls, popcorn and cranberry strings and colored lights—first introduced in 1907—adorn a tree in the home where Orville and Wilbur Wright once lived. Not far away, inside the birthplace of Henry Ford, stands a tabletop tree decorated with American flags.

In the 17th-century Cotswold Cottage, the oldest home in the Village, flickering firelight plays on the decorative garlands of holly, ivy and boxwood, ancient symbols of the continuation of life. Outside, on the wellhead, rests a Yule log, another symbol, whose steady burning was once thought to guarantee a year of good luck.

At the Plympton House, a one-room structure dating to 1640, traditions surrounding the annual visit of St. Nicholas which were brought to America by Dutch settlers are recalled. Wooden shoes filled with carrots and straw for St. Nicholas' horse are set on the hearth. On the door hang three oranges on a pine swag to represent the three bags of

gold St. Nicholas gave to three young women as a dowry in one of the legends about his generous gift giving.

More than a display of traditional holiday decorations, however, Christmas in the Village also recalls the nostalgic activity of days gone by. Molasses taffy bubbles on the stove in the farmhouse kitchen of the Edison Homestead and visitors are tempted by the warm mince pie tarts coming out of the oven at the Stephen Foster Birthplace. In the Village Crafts Center, bread baking, broom making, weaving, tinsmithing, pewtering, pottery making and other century-old skills are demonstrated.

Inside Town Hall on the Village green, complimentary hot, spiced cider and Christmas cookies await chilly visitors. At nearby Clinton Inn, guests may warm themselves beside a roaring fire, enjoying their food amid festive decorations that recreate Christmas in a roadside hostelry of the 1800s. Outside, carolers stroll the streets, their joyous songs mingling with the sound of sleigh bells and the shrill whistle of a century-old steam locomotive as it carries passengers along the Village perimeter in a restored railway coach of the 1870s.

Adjacent to the Village is Henry Ford Museum where "The Crafts at Christmas" along the Street of Early American Shops has become a holiday tradition. Here, more than a dozen skilled artisans blow glass ornaments, mold candles and fashion brooms, dolls, wooden toys, wreaths and other items reminiscent of the days when holiday gifts and decorations were made lovingly by hand.

In the background, carolers and choirs capture the holiday spirit in song. From time to time, concerts of Christmas music are performed on antique instruments from the Museum's collection. Elegant period decorations grace the galleries and alcoves, while wreaths, ribbons and cedar roping adorn lampposts and doorways.

To round out this Christmas from the past, the Greenfield Village Players present Victor Herbert's charming operetta, "Babes in Toyland" in the Museum Theater. This delightful musical production honors the past tradition of holiday entertainment for the entire family.

At Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, the real spirit of Christmas is not a thing of the past. The kind of holidays we would all like to

remember live on.

Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum are open daily the year around with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. A separate admission to either the Village or the Museum is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.25 for children 6 through 12. Children under six are admitted free.

Picturing Nativity

The Christmas crib or presepio is an especially treasured part of the Portuguese holiday celebration. Every home and church seems to have one, and some of those in the churches are masterpieces of art.

Especially famous is the presepio in Estrella Church, Lisbon. This Nativity scene depicts the people of Bethlehem, in terra cotta figures. Unique among the crowd are the figures of an elephant and a bagpiper.



A VERY MERRY Christmas

To faithful friends old and new, hearty thanks for your good will and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Pour House Restaurant

PAULINE MILLS & EMPLOYEES
BURNSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI



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Merry Christmas



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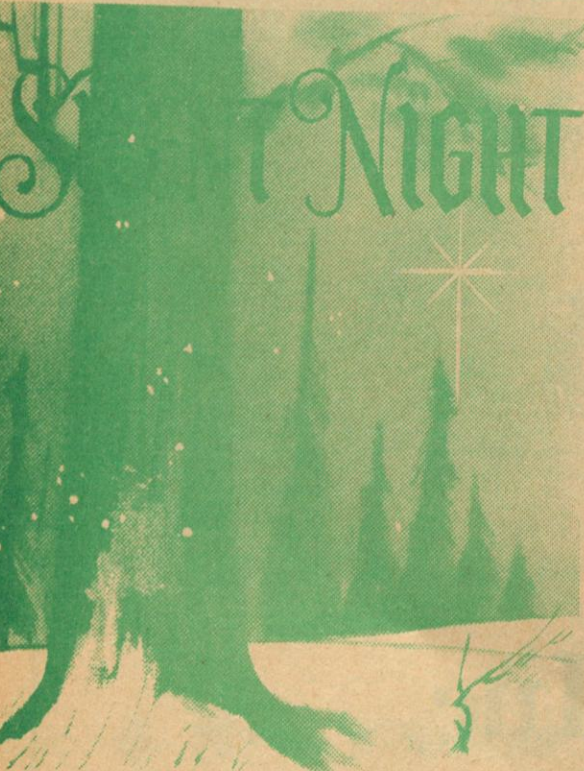


Greetings

with every good wish for a beautiful Christmas! And may we express our sincere joy in serving you. Your patronage is appreciated.

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IUKA, Miss.



Christmas Blessings on You & Yours
McBrides
Bait Shop & Garden Center
IUKA, MISSISSIPPI



May every joy and blessing of this holy season come to you and your loved ones, bringing peace and happiness... making hearts and spirits bright. Merry Christmas!

ROGER'S AUTO PARTS
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And thank you, customers, for your loyal support.

Coca-Cola adds life to...
the holiday season

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PEACE



Indians Had a Sacred Spring Festival Tree Upon Which They Hung Gifts

In early pioneer days in America, Indian children were invited in to see the Christmas tree and were given extra food. On one occasion — in fact, probably on many more than one — Indians were found dancing around the tree, stamping and whooping in the familiar manner ceremonially excited natives.

One can imagine the shock and dismay on the part of some of our pioneer ancestors.

American Indians were accustomed to the idea of giving among themselves, though the habit was prompted less by ideas of doing good and sharing with the less fortunate, than the more human one of raising one's prestige.

They had, also, a tree upon which they hung gifts. This was considered a

sacred spring festival tree, not a Christmas tree. A tribe in North Dakota would plant, each year, a young cedar near the big medicine lodge. Children brought gifts of moccasins, pelts, shawls and so forth to hang on the branches of what was called, with the simplicity of so-called primitive peoples, Grandmother.

In the fall, Grandmother was uprooted and set afloat on the Missouri river for a long journey into the Great Beyond. Much in the way that Alaskans are reported to have set adrift their old folks, upon the icy water flocs.

The Indians of course recognized that the white brothers' Christmas was an important occasion. It came to be called by tribes The Big Eating. By others, in districts frequent-

ed by French trappers, who kissed each other as they exchanged gifts, it was known as Kissing Day.

Carol Singing Still A Popular Christmas Custom

Caroling is the custom in many countries throughout the world. And, there are about as many different customs connected with it as there are countries.

Bagpipe music accompanies the carolers in (no, not Scotland) Italy!

In England the carolers receive gifts for their efforts. "Gifts" of refreshments are often the case in America.

"Star-singers" is the name for groups of carolers in many nations. The term is taken from the pole they carry, which has a lighted star on top.

December 25, 1492
Christopher Columbus and his crew celebrated the first Christmas in the New World in 1492. They were dinner guests of an Indian chief, ruler of the island of Haiti.

Christmas Menu — Circa 1897

In their December, 1897 issue, Ladies Home Journal suggested the following menu for a traditional Christmas dinner:

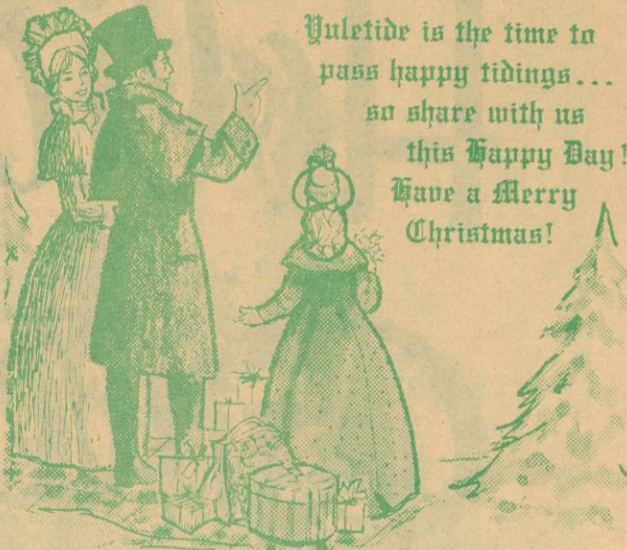
- Oysters on the Half Shell
- Clear Soup
- Custard and Spinach Blocks
- Deviled Spaghetti
- Roast Turkey — Chestnut Dressing
- Sweet Potato Croquettes
- Peas in Turnip Cups
- Ginger Sherbet
- Lettuce Salad Cheese Balls
- Toasted Crackers
- Plum Pudding — Hard Sauce
- Coffee Bonbons

Quite a dinner to polish off! And crammed full of those beautiful and hip hugging calories!



Merry Christmas

Yuletide is the time to pass happy tidings... so share with us this Happy Day! Have a Merry Christmas!



**Diane & Hubert Stephens,
Glen & Kathryn**

Christmas JOY



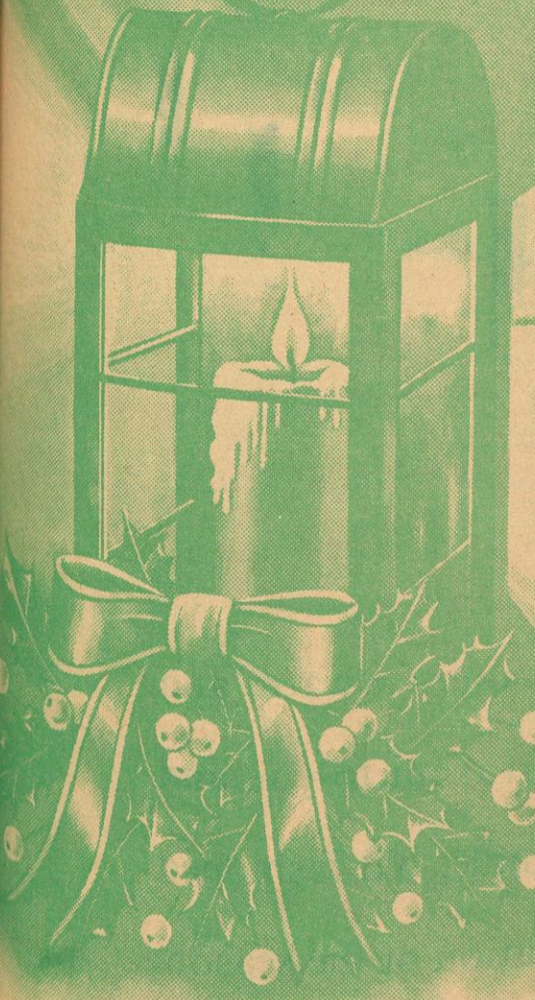
It's always a pleasure to greet the many friends we've known through the years

**NELSON
MARINE & HARDWARE**

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O.C., BETTE, JIM & BOB

Greetings



Greetings



To our friends and patrons... we wish you the best during the coming Christmas and New Year

BOWLING GARAGE

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CHARLES, VANESSA, KRIS & GINGER

IUKA, MISS.

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WE SEND OUT GREETINGS TO FRIENDS FAR AND NEAR
FOR YOUR HAPPINESS DURING THE COMING YEAR...

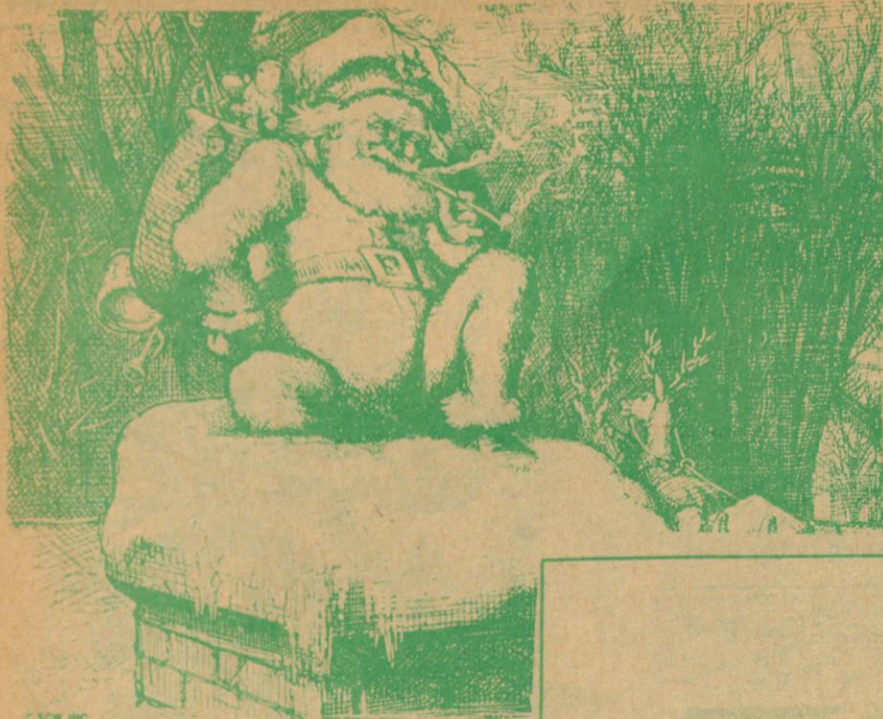
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Mr. & Mrs. Alvia
Blakney & Vicki

Christmas warmth and Christmas cheer,
We extend to you this time of year.



Santa Has Many Parallels in Other Parts of the World

Christmas to American children conjures up visions of Santa in his red suit, with his sack full of gifts, stuffing stockings merrily on Christmas Eve, while reindeer prance upon the roof.

But in Italy, youngsters eagerly await the arrival of an old woman, called *la Befana*. Because she was told by the shepherds about the birth of Jesus, legend says, but delayed in following the Christmas star, she is doomed to search ever after for the Holy Child. She leaves gifts at each home, as that might be where the Christ Child is staying.

In Holland, the gift-giver is Sante Klaas, who fills shoes either with sweets and presents or with birch-rod.

The Christ-Child brings gifts to children in Germany, as a messenger for the new-born Infant Jesus. This role is usually enacted by a female member of the family, or a window is left open and youngsters are told that the Christ Child has just left.

The Christ Child is also awaited in Switzerland, but there the representative of the Infant Jesus is drawn through the streets in a sleigh, by small deer.

Swedish youngsters look forward to the gifts brought by *Jultomten*, a somewhat gnomish figure. However, little elves called *Juhissar* must be placated with porridge by the young Swedes.

In Spain, little children must wait until the feast of the Epiphany, in January, for their gifts. These are brought by the Three Kings during the night, before the feast. The youngsters put out shoes on balconies or window-sills, and fill them with straw or barley for the camels of the Three Kings. The Kings show their appreciation by leaving gifts in return.

In Syria, the camel that

carried one of the Wise Men, brings gifts to children on New Year's Day. The reason for this, so the legend goes, is that the camel, being the youngest of the three that bore the Wise Men, was exhausted by the journey to find the Christ Child. The Holy Infant then blessed it, making it immortal. Thus it is that

in Syria little children set out bowls of water and wheat, before going to bed. The good youngsters find gifts in the morning but the naughty find only a black

mark on their wrists.

Finnish children eagerly await gifts from Father Christmas, who is a man dressed as a yule goat.

A Bulgarian tradition has the Christmas tree and gifts for youngsters brought by Grandpa Koleda, who is the equivalent of our Santa Claus. The youngsters do not see the tree or the gifts until Christmas Eve, when real candles are placed upon the tree and gifts are joyously opened.

Our own Santa Claus is probably descended from

St. Nicholas, who was a bishop of Myra in Asia Minor during the 4th century. He was known as the patron saint of maidens, because of a legend crediting him with having provided dowries for the three daughters of a poor father. Through the centuries, St. Nicholas has become associated with gift-giving and helping little children.

In Holland, we have all-

GREENS FORBIDDEN

Until about 565 A.D., the use of evergreens for decorations at Christmas was forbidden by church authorities

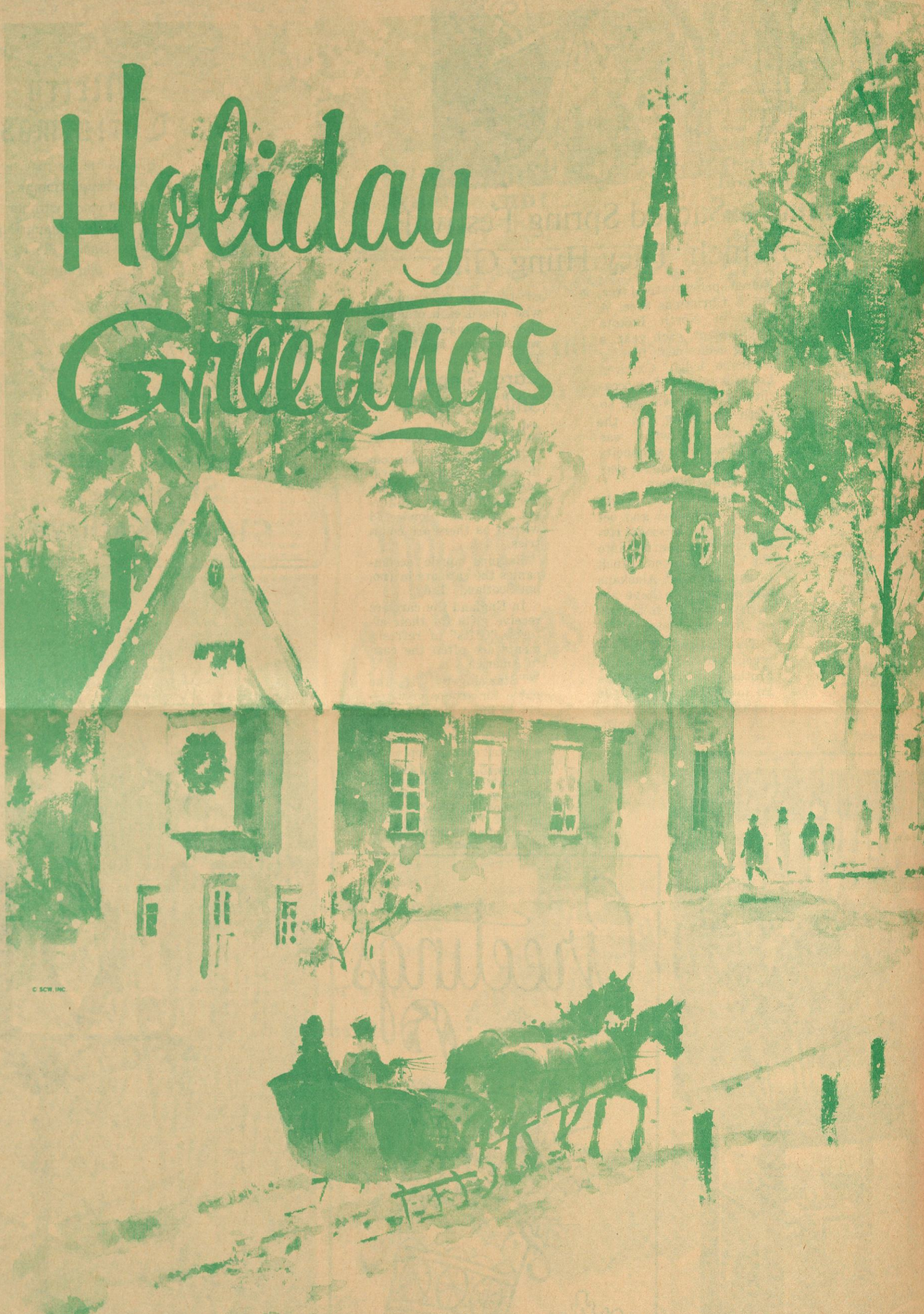


We hope you have a happy holiday

EDMONDSONS CLEANER

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IUKA, MISSISSIPPI

Holiday Greetings



Out of the brisk, tingling air comes a warm and heartfelt wish that the holidays bring merriment to you and your family. May your days be filled with the simple, old-fashioned joys of Christmas. May you experience all the love and fascination of the season.

THE FRIENDLY FOLKS

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to all our loyal friends
Happy holiday!

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DON DINGLER
Phone 438-7379
Dennis, Miss.

holiday time, the pleasure of a warm fire, good food and good drink are all part of the holiday season. Here is an assortment of drinks, both hot and cold, for such good times.

Hot Drinks
Wine Night Special
 1/2 orange juice
 1/2 E & J Brandy
 1/2 honey
 1/2 all ingredients to
 1/2 heat. Pour into 2
 1/2 glasses. Garnish with slice of
 1/2 orange. Serves 2.
 1/2 Pour into front of fire-
 1/2 and enjoy.

Farm Hot Apple
 1/2 Boones Farm
 1/2 Apple wine
 1/2 cinnamon
 1/2 Boones Farm Apple,
 1/2 cloves, simmer 15
 1/2 with lid tightly
 1/2 Pour into mugs, add
 1/2 to taste. Serves 8.

Spanada Toddy
 1/2 Spanada wine
 1/2 Apple juice
 1/2 lemon sticks
 1/2 3 parts Spanada
 1/2 1 part apple juice.
 1/2 Boil. Pour into mugs,
 1/2 cinnamon stick.
 1/2 friends.

Chocolate Brandy
 1/2 each serving you'll need:
 1/2 tsp instant
 1/2 chocolate
 1/2 milk
 1/2 E & J Brandy
 1/2 cream
 1/2 nutmeg

1/2 grated orange peel
 1/2 instant chocolate
 1/2 heat. Add E & J
 1/2 top with whipped
 1/2 Add dash nutmeg
 1/2 grated orange peel.



Cold Drinks
E & J Holiday Eggnog
 6 jiggers E & J Brandy
 1 qt dairy eggnog
 Whipped cream
 Nutmeg
 Pour E & J and eggnog
 into blender and blend well.
 Serve in cocktail glasses.
 Top with whipped cream
 and nutmeg. Serves 8.

Wine/Champagne Punch
 1 lge can unsweetened
 pineapple juice
 1 small can frozen lemonade
 1 5th Gallo Rhine Garten
 1 5th Andre White
 Champagne
 Make lemonade, then
 add remaining ingredients
 into large punch bowl.
 A great yellow sparkling
 punch for all parties that
 everyone loves—even if
 they are not wine drinkers.
 Serves 16.

**Thunderbird/
 Champagne Punch**
 2 5ths Gallo Champagne
 1 5th Thunderbird wine
 1 qt 7-Up soda
 1 qt orange sherbet
 Orange slices
 Combine first 4 ingredi-
 ents into large punch bowl,
 (cut sherbet into chunks)
 mix. Garnish with orange
 slices. Serves 18.

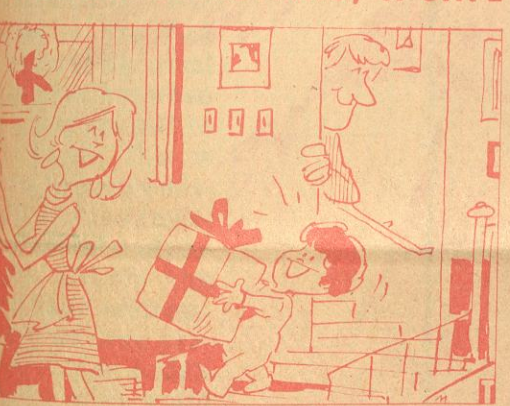
Country Kwencher
 Cooler
 3 5ths Country
 Kwencher
 1 small can frozen
 orange juice
 Mix and serve over ice.
 Makes a great citrus cooler.
 Serves 10.

O. J. Fizz
 For each serving you'll need:
 1 1/2 ozs orange juice
 1 tsp grenadine
 3 ozs Andre White
 Champagne
 Pour orange juice and
 grenadine into chilled cham-
 pagne glasses; then stir. Add
 chilled champagne and stir.

**Strawberry Hill
 Champagne**
 4 5ths Strawberry Hill
 wine
 1 5th Andre White
 Champagne
 Fresh fruit
 Mix first 2 ingredients in
 to punch bowl. Float fresh
 fruit on top. Add ice ring.
 Serves 20.

Tyrolia Wine Bowl
 1/2 gl Tyrolia, chilled
 3 trays ice cubes
 2 oranges, thinly sliced
 2 lemons, thinly sliced
 1 cup fresh strawberries
 Place ice cubes in punch
 bowl. Pour in chilled wine.
 Garnish with fruit. Serve
 over ice. Serves 12.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS; A SAFE CHRISTMAS



A MERRIER CHRISTMAS, build safety into holi-
 day preparations.

A trimmed tree. Twinkling
 lights. Gifts decoratively
 packaged and waiting to be
 opened. A perfect holiday
 scene. Right? Wrong!
 From October 1, 1975, to
 September 30, 1976, over
 170,000 children were re-
 ported injured by toys that
 seemed safe, with the highest
 percentage occurring between
 infancy and 14 years. And, in
 1974, approximately 1,600
 fires were started in Christ-
 mas trees and decorations.
 Royal-Globe Insurance
 Companies remind holiday
 decorators and giftgivers to
 think ahead about safety
 when preparing for holiday

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Just an old-fashioned greeting that comes straight from the heart and carries every good wish!

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sims & Family

festivities.

When purchasing a tree, real trees should be freshly cut and the needles should not be dried out. Artificial trees should be manufactured of nonflammable material and checked for parts that may be sharp and likely to cause serious lacerations.

When putting up your tree, make certain it is standing away from candles, fireplaces, radiators and other sources of heat. Also, safely secure your tree so that it will not topple over. Natural trees should be kept in water and discarded as soon as possible after the holiday season is over.

All lights used in decorating the tree should be checked for proper wiring and be UL approved. Ornaments and tinsel should also be made of nonflammable materials and be securely fastened to the tree to avoid their falling off and causing injury. Toy trains, motors or engines should not be operated under or near the tree.

Remember to consider the purchase of toys as carefully as the purchase of your tree. Toys with sharp, protruding edges should be avoided. Parts that can be easily broken off and swallowed are a hazard for infants. Toys should not be made of highly flammable materials and any toys that run electrically should be UL approved and checked for defective wiring. The Federal government is doing its part to ensure that harmful toys do not enter the

market, but it cannot do everything. There are thousands of new toys on the market each year that are not always inspected by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The consumer must be the final judge when pur-

chasing a toy. Not only should the toy be safe, but suited to the age of the child as well.

Once a toy enters the home, it is then the job of the parents to see that their children are taught its proper use.

This Christmas, Royal-



MERRY CHRISTMAS
 Have a jolly good holiday full of love and laughter!

Jim Kirk
 Justice Court Judge

Globe urges you to concern yourself not only with your family's happiness, but their safety as well.

Helpful Ideas From Leading Holiday Inn Food Specialists
 You can give fruit such as peaches, plums and nectarines

more appeal by removing their peels. It's simple if you submerge the fruit in boiling water for about 30 seconds, remove them with a slotted spoon and dip them in cold water. The skins should slip right off.



May this coming year be a time of happiness, joy and lasting peace for you

BETTY'S BEAUTY SHOP
 Betty Morgan
 Iuka, Miss



There's no time quite like Christmas...
 when the world is bright with fantasy
 and we are all children again at heart.
 In the midst of its magic, Santa and
 we take a moment to wish you all you're
 wishing for, this sparkling holiday.

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Evergreen Is Undisputed Favorite

In Christmas trees, it's the spirit that counts.

Most anything can be—and is—a Christmas tree. In Minneapolis, Minn., they even made a tree out of water pipes, fastened like spokes to a telephone pole, and appropriately decorated.

In Wilmington, N. C., a live oak more than 300 years old is adorned as the Yuletide with colorful ornaments and electric lights. In Indianapolis, Ind., they decorate the 246-foot Soldiers and Sailors Monument with electric candles and stars.

The U.S. National Christmas Tree, officially designated in 1926, is not an evergreen but a giant redwood, located in Kings Canyon National Park, Calif.

This unusual Christmas tree, called the "General Grant," is 3,500 years old.

Many families prefer the "permanent" Christmas tree, often made of aluminum.

Despite all this, the time-tested favorite tree is still the evergreen. Most people, if asked, would probably vote for the "fir tree."

Actually, there are nearly 40 species of the popular fir tree, found in the mountainous regions of Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas and North America.

A frequently-seen Christmas tree variety is the "balsam fir," also called "Canada balsam" or "Balm of Gilead," according to the Encyclopedia Americana. This is one of the most common trees of eastern North America, extending from Virginia and West Virginia in the United States to Labrador and Newfoundland.

The balsam fir may grow to 40 or 50 feet tall. The southern fir is of about the same height and is found in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Other American firs are essentially Western. They include the Pacific silver fir, the white fir, the grand fir, the Alpine fir, the red fir, the Shasta red fir and the noble fir. These firs may attain 250 feet in height.

In Canada, the exporting of Christmas trees, including firs, pine and spruce, is important business. Seven provinces export trees, to countries as far away as Venezuela.

'Kohoutek' Comet Put on Show at Christmas '73

During early to mid-January there was much excitement and anticipation over the expected appearance of the comet Kohoutek.

It was dubbed "the Christmas Comet" and was expected to be most visible to the naked eye on January 14, at twilight.

Alas! The spectacular comet fizzled. It went into a decline, as far as earthlings are concerned. True, many thousands viewed its pulsing splendor through powerful lenses at observatories, but the common man on his own backporch was acutely disappointed that he couldn't look over to the southwest skies and see this phenomenon.

The comment occasioned by the heralded appearance of the comet caused many people to wonder if the star of Bethlehem was also a comet.

The discoverer of the comet is Lubos Kohoutek of the Hamburg Observatory who observed it when it was near the orbit of Jupiter, 350 million miles from earth.

As we go to press, the most authoritative sources say that Kohoutek has lost its tail, too.

On the evening of January 14, looking through one of the world's most sophisticated telescopes, the comet was a great round shimmering glob of glow, surrounded, as it were, by myriads of tiny winking diamonds.

Spectacular, certainly, even if it did not "live up to its notices".

HELPFUL TIPS ON ENTERTAINING

"Many people shy away from entertaining for fear of failing," says Hollace Ann Dahler, a fabricare home economist for Pittsburgh-based PPG Industries. "But by following a few simple guidelines, you can ensure a successful party for your guests, and you'll even have a good time yourself."

"Remember, a good party doesn't necessarily mean a large party," Miss Dahler said. "A well planned evening with a few close friends will usually add up to a good time for everyone."

"Don't allow those little

imminent disasters—a punch spill on your new jumpsuit or a cocktail stain on the sofa slipcover—to cast a gloom on your party. Tell yourself beforehand that accidents will happen in a party atmosphere, and plan to visit your dry cleaner the next afternoon.

"Always try to complete any necessary housecleaning at least one full day in advance of the party. This includes polishing silver, wiping out glasses and serving bowls, and rearranging furniture if necessary."

"Arrange furniture for

the best traffic flow. If it's a large party—more than 12 guests—move furniture away from the center of rooms and out of doorways to allow space to mingle and move about," Miss Dahler said. "Keep chairs in groups of three, or at least two. Don't leave one chair off in a corner where a guest is likely to be isolated."

"Make sure all chairs allow easy access to a table—even the simple fold-up kind—so guests can put their drinks down or reach an ashtray."

"Show off your finest items," she said. "Party time is the time to bring the best napkins, table cloths and

linens out of the bottom drawer and use them. So what if they get soiled. A quick trip to your local dry-cleaner will restore your linens to like-new condition for the next party."

Providing ample food and drink is essential to a successful party according to the PPG home economist. "It isn't necessary to serve alcoholic beverages. Soft drinks or a large holiday punch bowl are sufficient," she said. "But if alcohol is served, figure 20 drinks to the fifth, and allow three to four drinks per person."

Hors d'oeuvres need not be fancy, but they should

be plentiful, especially if alcoholic beverages are served. A cheese ball and crackers, potato chips and dip, pizza, cookies, cake and other finger foods are among the easiest snacks to serve.



"Music is a nice addition to any gathering," Miss Dahler continued. "Whether

you choose to play your stereo, tapes or the radio, keep the music soft enough so it doesn't interfere with conversation but loud enough to provide background sounds throughout the party area.

"It's very important to allow enough time to get yourself ready," she said. "Three hours should be enough time, and this should leave at least one hour for you to sit and unwind before the first guests arrive."

Whether or not a party is successful depends primarily on the hostess or host, says Miss Dahler. "Be festive. Dress the part. Holiday en-

tertaining provides the excuse of all to put out of storage.

"And once the party is over, she said, "Remember, your local dry cleaner can store all your party linens from linens to that gown—to like-new condition. Just smile and have a happy holiday."

You may not think it possible to take an emotional vacation with children, but you can. If you are in the United States, children can stay in parents' room for free. Extra beds are required.

IT'S OUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR... WHEN WE WISH ALL,

MERRY CHRISTMAS



To all our employees, friends and neighbors,
sincere best wishes for the holiday season.
May your Christmas be bright with good cheer,
warm with affection of those you love, and merry
with the sound of laughter.

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Austrian Boys' Choir evokes Christmas memories

Many Americans have been pleased with the Vienna Boys' Choir, which makes appearances as a cherished and regular part of the Christmas season. But few realize that this choir has a history steeped in tradition . . . In fact, it dates back to over four and a half centuries to Columbus' time. In 1498 Emperor Maximilian I of the Hapsburgs ordered a court chapel to arrange for a singing group to perform in the Court Chapel in Vienna. The boys were carefully selected and made wards of the state which assumed responsibility for their education as well as room and board.

As boys, several famous musicians were members of the Choir . . . among them, Josef Haydn, Franz Schubert, Beethoven, Mozart, Liszt and Bruckner.

Today the Choir includes four separate singing groups which rotate the concert circuit, one way remaining at home

singing at the Court Chapel where service is performed today as it was in Emperor Maximilian's time. The different choirs travel all over the world; naturally, boys are anxious to join, but less than 1 percent of those who apply can meet the Choir's high standards. Age groups are in the 7-15 age range, involving the usual boys' high jinks, but when they sing, they are said to be like the angels. This is due to the uncompromising discipline of their music training, and rules of deportment. Within the sphere of their performances they are true professionals with an artist's touch which the whole world admires.

Alleluia Cheer

Up on more wood! — the wind is chill; let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still.

— Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832)

Who Will Rule?

Holly and ivy are grown practically all countries in the world, and they are widely used as Christmas decorations. In one Yuletide legend, holly is considered to be "male" and ivy "female." Whichever is brought into the house first tells who will rule the house during the year.



THE LEGEND

One of the many legends about the Christmas tree tells of Martin Luther, wandering through the woods on Christmas Eve and marveling at the stars shining through the branches of the fir trees. Inspired by the sight, he brought a fir tree for his family, set it up, and lighted it with candles to represent the stars.

Realism Reflected at Christ's Birthplace

In the Middle East, where Christ lived, Christmas has a touch of realism. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry in gorgeous array. The service starts from 10 p.m. until

of the Nativity.

patron saint of travelers

Modern-day man carries around today's counterparts of magic potions and signs used by his ancestor to dispel evil spirits.

One of the tokens many of us use is the Saint Christopher medal seen frequently hanging from the rear-view mirror in automobiles.

Who was this St. Christopher? His story is fascinating.

In 200 A.D. there was a powerful Arabian king, who had a son whom he named Offero, which means "the bearer."

His passion for proving his personal bravery caused him to leave home and seek

the ultimate challenge.

One night he could hear a voice as if calling from the river:

"Offero! Offero! Help me!"

Seizing his staff, Offero ran toward the river bank. To his great surprise, there was a little boy. When the child saw the youth, he smiled, and to Offero there seemed to be a great light around him.

"Offero, will you carry me across the river?" asked the child.

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Offero, thinking that the child had been separated from his parents, picked him up and started across the river with him.

But as he proceeded, the child seemed to become heavier and heavier, and the tide more fiercely strong. The waters almost carried them away, but by dint of his staff Offero somehow managed to steady himself with his little burden and to reach the shore, exhausted, but safe.

He was falling asleep

when as if from a great distance he heard the child's voice saying,

"I am the Christ. You have served me well, for you, Offero, carried Me, Who bears the burdens of the world, through these waters tonight. And I shall leave a sign so that you will know that it is so."

And miraculously, when Offero awakened, in the full blaze of noon, he saw that where his staff had lain, there now grew a lush, luxuriant palm tree with leaves, flowers and dates.



Christmas is a time of reverence . . . a time of reflection . . . and above all, a time of joy. We wish that joy to each and every one of our many wonderful friends.

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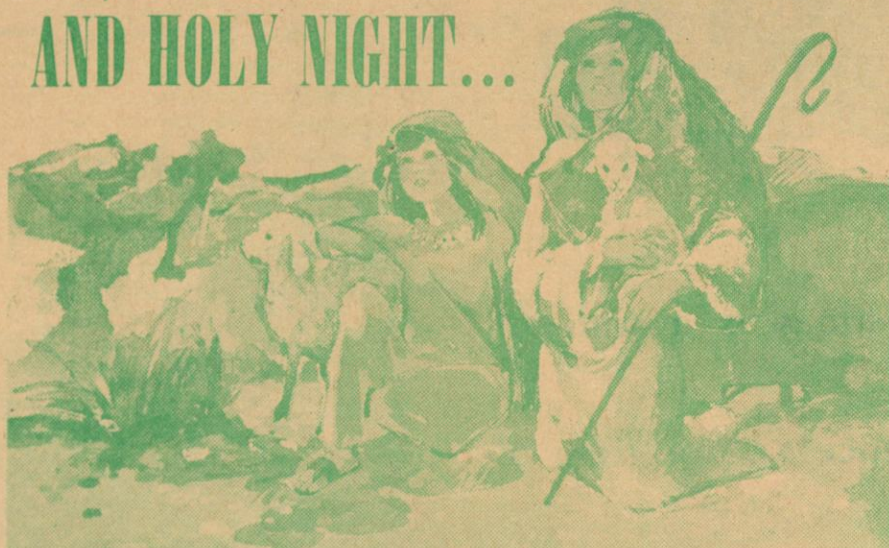
Madonna and Child, bathed in light,
The symbols of a promise bright
To mankind given thru prophets old,
A hope to generations yet untold.
This Holy Babe with loving Mary,
In His small Self a gift does carry
From God the Father: God the Son,
To men that they may be as one.
Now Mary smiles upon the Child
Who comes in such a manner mild
To take His place as King of Kings,
Who with His birth salvation brings.
For this sweet Babe and mother young
Let homage joyously be sung;
Let painters praise them with great art;
Let there be praise in every heart!



A Joyous Christmas

Take these flowers, gemm'd with dew-drops,
As a loving gift from me:
May thy heart reflect their brightness
And thy Christmas joyous be!

OH, SILENT AND HOLY NIGHT...



We wish all of you the blessings of the
season. May the spirit of Christmas
guide you always and keep you well.
Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

LAMAR RUTHERFORD
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
AND EMPLOYEES

O HOLY NIGHT



May the guiding star of Christmas light your way

Saw Mill Restaurant

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Our thanks
and good
wishes ring
out to our
friends...

JOYOUS HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Buds & Blossoms

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With thanks
to our many friends
we say A Happy Holiday.

FROM ALL OF US AT

Kiddie Land

IUKA, MISSISSIPPI

Greetings



May Yours be a Wonderful Holiday!

IUKA AMINAL CLINIC

DR. & MRS. JIM PERKINS
EMPLOYEES: RANDY & LAUREL LEIGH



Season's Greetings

May the joys and blessings
of Christmas be with you
through this season.

Dr. Bobby King & Family
Dr. Kelly Segars & Family
Dr. Dean Draper & Family

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The first day of Christmas my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

The second day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

The third day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Three French Hens
Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

The fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Four Colly birds...

The fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Five gold rings...

The sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying...

The seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming...

The eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking...

The ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Nine drummers drumming...

The tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Ten pipers piping...

The eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Eleven ladies dancing...

The twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Twelve lords a-leaping,
Eleven ladies dancing,
Ten pipers piping,
Nine drummers drumming,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five gold rings,
Four Colly birds,
Three French Hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

Children Show Generosity, Treat Santa to Surprises

As a certain white-bearded, jolly old gentleman makes his rounds on Christmas Eve, delivering happy surprises to children the world over, he may look forward to being, in turn, surprised.

In the legend and lore of Christmas, giving to Santa is a time-honored tradition, with the gifts usually taking the form of food or beverage. Today, many families encourage children to be generous, by observing the custom of setting out treats for Santa — perhaps some candy, a dish of cookies, a glass of milk.

Through the ages, the gift-giver now known as Santa Claus has been called by many different names, but Santa's predecessors, like Santa himself, were often greeted with special treats.

Filling Pockets

In Italy, Befana is the gift-giver who preceded Santa. She took her name from the name for Twelfth Night — Epiphany, or Epiphany — and brought her gifts on Epiphany Eve, January 5th.

To make ready for Befana, tradition says, Italian children empty their pockets and hang up their clothes. Then into each pocket goes a surprise — something good to eat.

After taking out the treats, Befana refills each pocket with gifts for the children.

Guarding the Home

Sweden has an unusual gift-giver — it's a goat! According to tradition, the Yul-bock or Yule goat comes to the door of Swedish homes on Christmas Eve and tosses the family's gifts through the doorway.

Another legendary guest at Swedish holiday celebrations is Tomte, a kind-hearted elf who guards the home. A dish of food is placed in a quiet corner, so that Tomte may feast as he secretly observes the family fun.

Enjoying Pudding

In Denmark and Norway the legendary good spirit of the house is Nisse, who watches over home and farm and is sometimes said to be the gift-bringer, too.

His Christmas treat, the rice pudding traditional at Scandinavian holiday feasts, is placed beside the kitchen door or, on farms, in the hay-loft.

Treating the Donkey

Today's Santa relies on his reindeer for transport, but the gift bringers of yesterday had other animal helpers, who usually shared in

In Holland, for instance, legend says that St. Nicholas arrives early — on St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th — riding a white donkey.

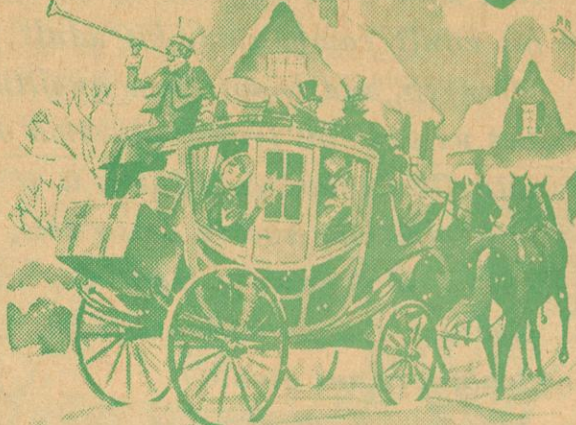
For the refreshment of the good saint's donkey, children stuff their shoes with hay and set out a dish of water. Carrots and a potato are sometimes added.

Feeding the Horses

Twelfth Night is, in Spanish tradition, the time for giving gifts, and the traditional gift bearers are the Wise Men, who as they journey each year to Bethlehem bring gifts for good children.

First performance of Verdi's opera, "Aida," took place on Christmas Eve, 1871, in Egypt.

Glad Tidings



We're making the most of the holiday spirit by wishing you the best greetings of the season.

JAMES H. BISHOP

Tax Assessor & Collector

christmas Joy



We would like to offer all of our wonderful patrons the gifts of peace and love for the Christmas season and always. We have enjoyed doing business with you and hope to continue to do so.

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REFRIGERATION
SALES AND SERVICE**

Earl, Nancy, And Butch

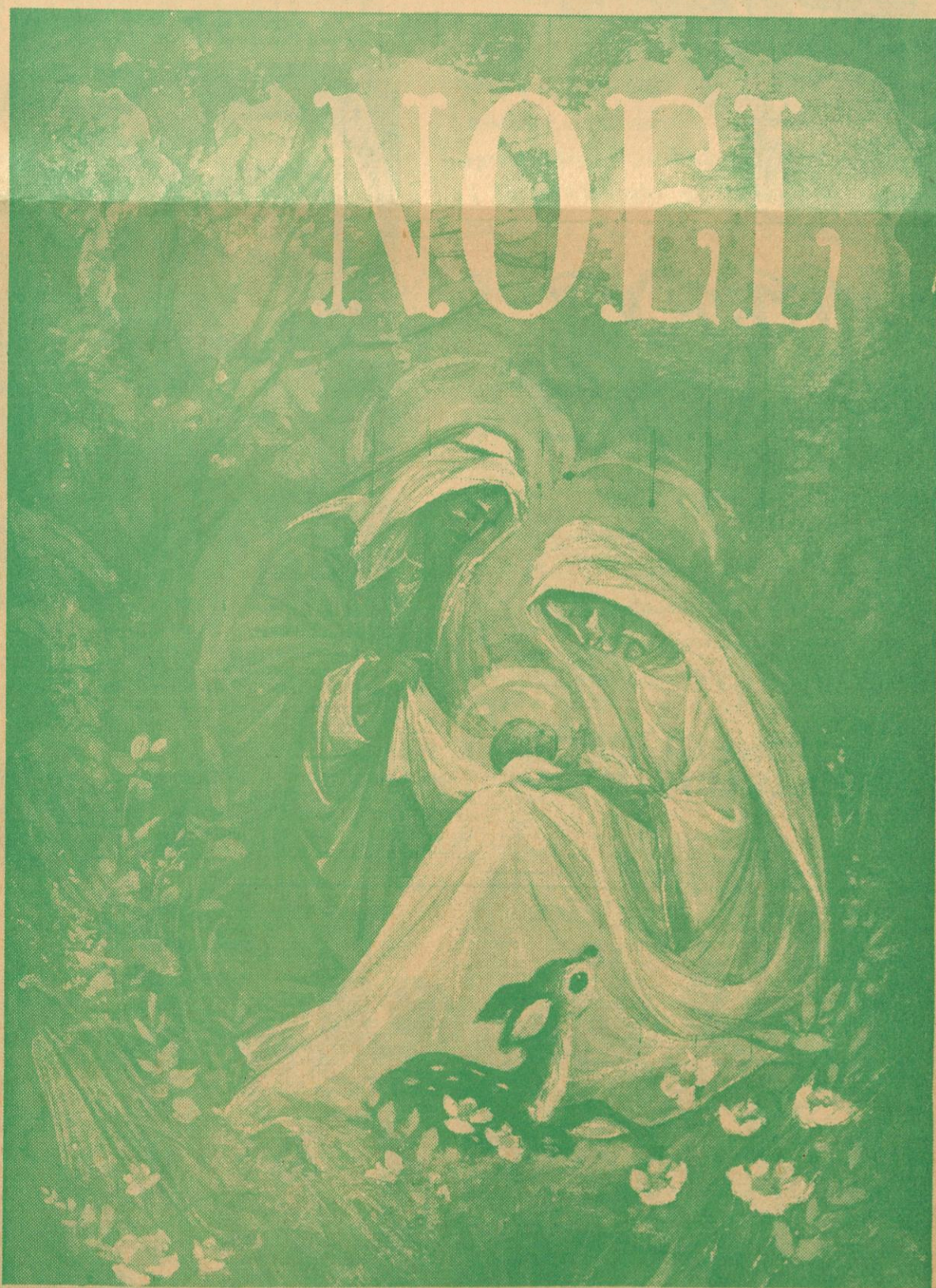
**Come,
all ye
faithful,
joyful
and
triumphant!**



*Joyous Christmas hymns ring out,
sounding a message of peace and love to all
mankind throughout this Holy Season.*

CUTSHALL FUNERAL HOME

NOEL



*A Holy Christmas to Everyone. We hope that remembering
the true meaning of Christmas will bring you Peace and
Happiness as you rejoice in the Birth of Our Saviour.*

TISHOMINGO SHOE CO.

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'Christmas Only for Children'? Let's Change That

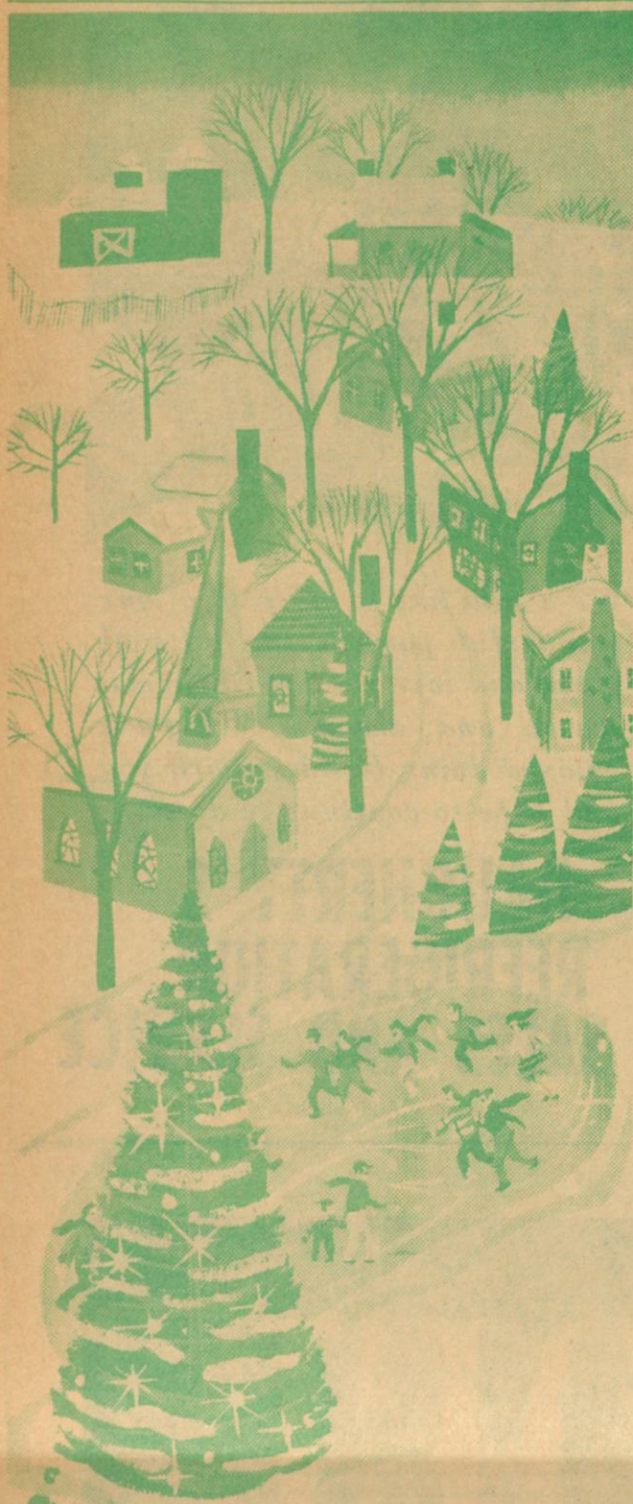
Grown-up cynics are frequently heard to say, "Christmas is only for children". This is a declaration of having abandoned any

of the precepts of Christmas as far as they, themselves, are concerned. And perhaps in an attempt to set things right again, these same grown-ups "go all out" for the children in their family circles, and their acquaintance.

It's fine to "go all out" for children, at any time, as long as it is in proportion to the event, and if the children's well-being is taken into account. But sacrificial or extravagant giving can be harmful to the children, give them a false sense of values, and of course cause the giver hardship, for no good purpose.

Let us take an adult look at Christmas. Let us think of the strong, virile Christ when we think of Christmas, not merely the helpless Babe. Let us think of this mature man-God, with his adult convictions, his adult compassion, his adult physical strength, and honor these qualities.

Let us put this true evaluation of Christ into Christmas. As adults, it is we who must do this. And in doing this, we take not a whit away from the children's pleasure. But we add significance, immeasurably, to our own.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our wish to you this happy season: days full of joyous holiday spirit, a heart brimming with good will for all, and a host of friends, both old and new. A very Merry Christmas to you and yours.



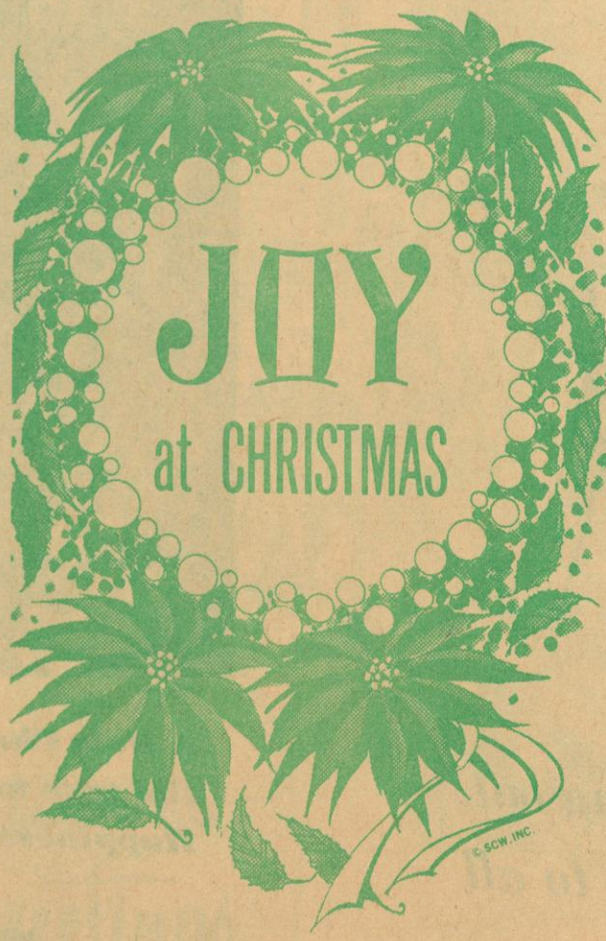
CONSOLIDATED ALUMINUM

In Liberia

Liberians use an oil palm in place of the traditional fir as a Christmas tree. The palm is decorated with red balls, other palm leaves and ferns.



JOY



It adds much to the enjoyment of the season to extend to our friends and customers

our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS...

The Step Ladder

Mr. & Mrs. John Paden and Mr. & Mrs. L. D. McNeil
IUKA, MISSISSIPPI

WISHING YOU THE BEST
THAT THE SEASON HAS TO
OFFER YOU AND YOURS!

ROLLEIGH CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

DR. & MRS. THOMAS ROLLEIGH & FAMILY

Tree Radiates Yule Meaning

The Christmas tree, a universally recognized symbol of the merriest season, radiates the meaning of the Christmas story.

For many people, the tree recalls the atmosphere of the holiday home and thus reflects the joyful warmth of the season.

As a religious symbol, the tree with its lights and greenery represents both the story of the garden of Eden and the belief in Christ as the "Light of the world."

Although only a century and a half old in America, the custom of the tree has a history that is measured in many centuries. The forerunner of today's Christmas tree was seen in medieval miracle plays, which were produced as religious instruction for the illiterate — in an era when illiteracy was common and the ability to read a rarity.

A play about Eve's eating the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden was enacted with only one prop on stage, a single, apple-laden fir that became known as the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the promise of the coming of Christ and was usually presented just before Christmas.

At about the same time, people also decorated for the Christmas season with pyramid-shaped frames of light, symbolizing the birth of Christ as the Light of the world.

Early efforts to combine the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid are recorded in manuscripts from Germany dating to the 16th century, collected by the Hallmark Cards research library.

The first tree was thought to have been brought to the United States by Hessian soldiers during the American Revolution. These homesick soldiers and other immigrants carried the tree throughout the country.

A major setback almost occurred in Cleveland in 1851 when a pastor decorated a tree in his home. His parishioners condemned the tree as pagan, but relented after an explanation of its religious aspects.

Conservation-minded President Theodore Roosevelt again nearly stamped out the practice when he banned trees in the White House. After one of his sons sneaked a Christmas tree into the White House, a forerunner convinced the President

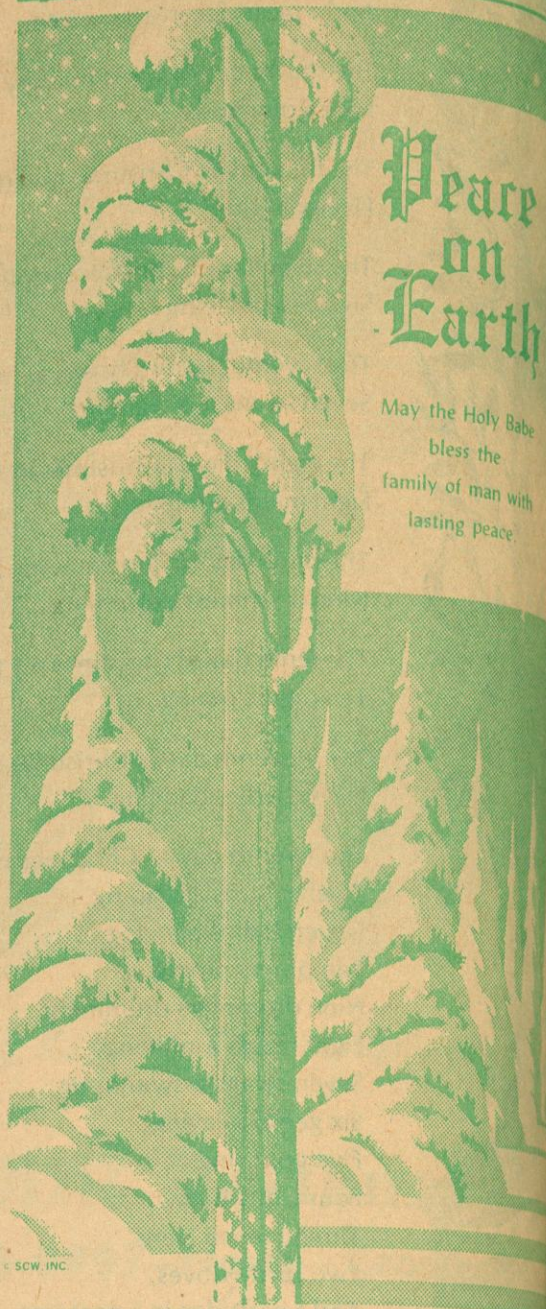
that thinning helped forests.

The tree that is common today is a combination of the religious elements. The evergreen with glass, plastic or metal balls hanging from it is the Paradise Tree with its lights, tinsel, angels, apples. Lights, tinsel, angels, a star on top, ornaments and other "good things" reflect the Christmas Light.

YULE LOG

Come, bring with a noise
My merrie, merrie boys
The Christmas log to the
firing.

— Robert Herrick
(1591-1633)



Peace on Earth

May the Holy Babe
bless the
family of man with
lasting peace

Our entire staff joins in wishing you a

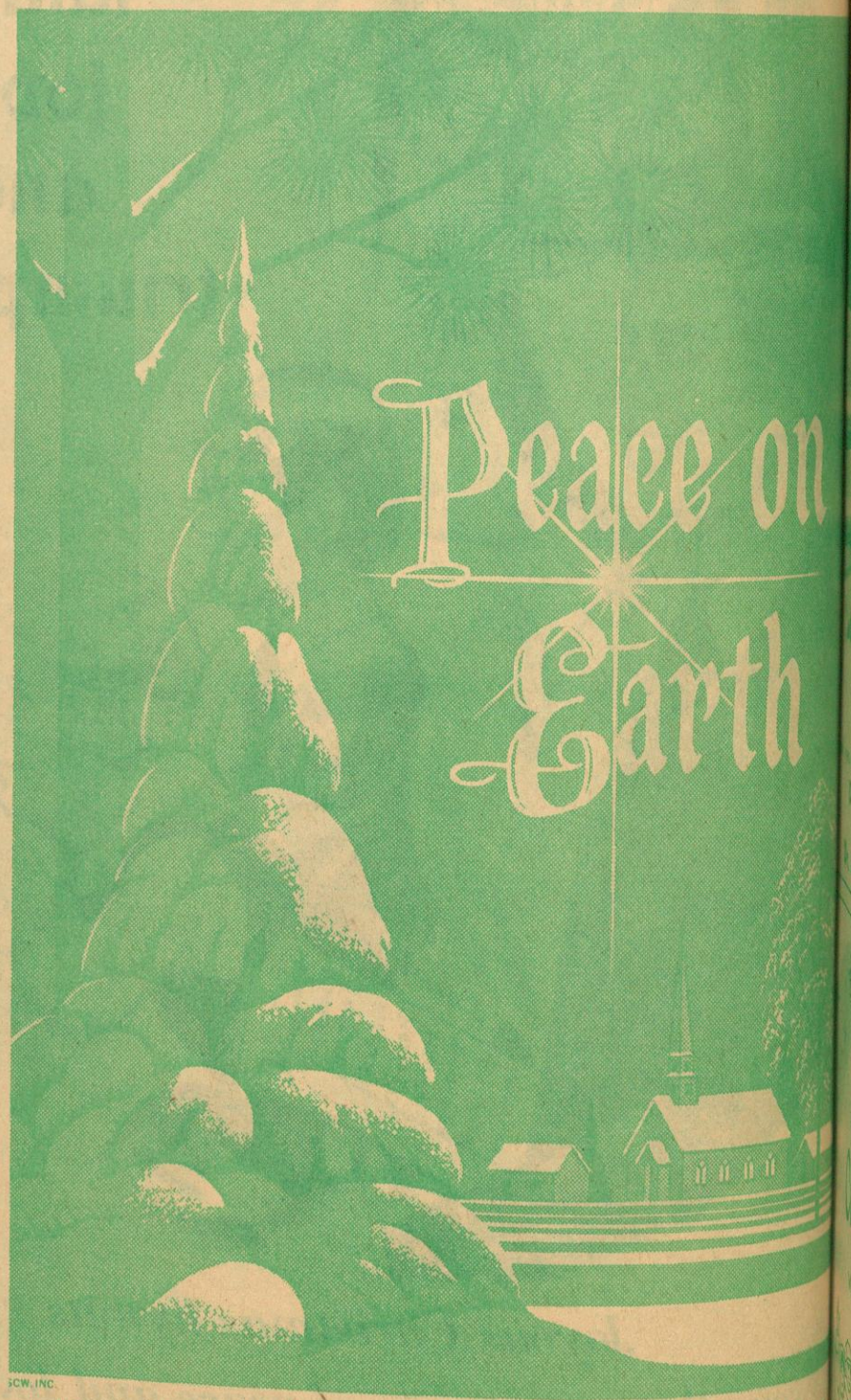
Christmas that is filled with peace and happiness

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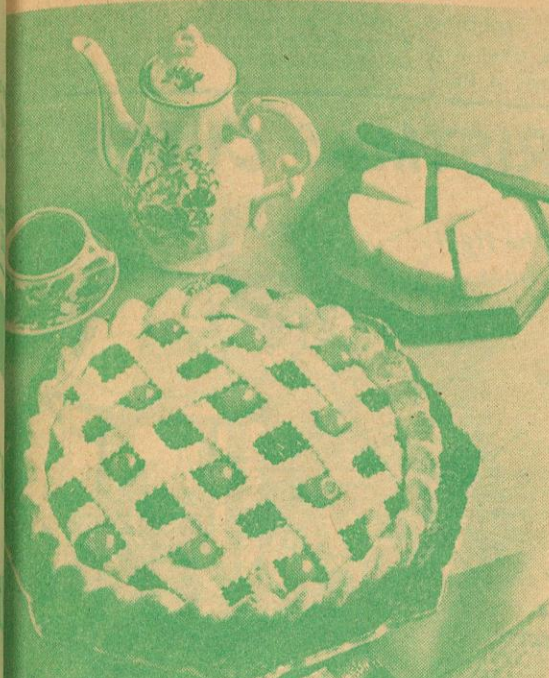
Peace on Earth

May the beauty of the Season brighten your
life, not only at Christmas, but always

Moore's Body Shop & Wrecker Service

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IUKA, MISSISSIPPI



great-grandmothers mince meat by laboring the fruits, adding and flavorings, and for long hours. To mince meat is available and—ready to use in condensed form to substitute with water or eggs.

of mince meat have extended to cookies, cakes, and salads. This medium and spices also enhance meat and poultry. Regardless of the uses, mince meat is a traditional favorite.

Meat-Cherry Pie is to make...even a cook can turn out a delicious mince pie.

Final holiday decorations add terriment!

a shimmering eff-wag long strips of at the top of your ws, over whatever ns or drapes are y there. Add glis- Christmas tree and you'll have a e window that is inside and out.

a festive indoor w-sill box, fill a planter with ever- and tuck bright flowers thickly th the greens. You also want to stand rismas garden on book shelf.

a silver metal basket in some ected corner of ouse, filled with and small balls of

Across the Years, Music Reflects Holiday Joy, As Carolers Sing Traditional Songs of Christmas



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"Carol, brothers, carol. Carol joyfully.

With the coming of Christmas, almost everyone accepts the injunction of the old song to "carol joyfully." From special church services to family gatherings, a "carol sing" is a traditional pleasure.

The custom of singing carols at holiday time is an ancient one — begun, perhaps, even before the first Christmas, at celebrations such as the Roman Saturnalia.

Modern interest in music, and in learning to play musical instruments, has given carol singing a healthy boost. In most homes, at least one member of the family can be depended on to provide instrumental accompaniment for carols — and the instrument may vary from the old favorite piano to the currently popular guitar.

Music in any form has long been especially beloved as a means of expressing Christmas joy. Early Christian believers were forced to worship in secret — and therefore, quietly. Then, in the fifth and sixth centuries, Christianity came out of the catacombs — and exultation for freedom of worship was expressed in the glad ringing of church bells.

Early hymns and carols, however, were in Latin. Carol singing in its modern form — in the common language of the country — probably originated in 1223, when St. Francis introduced the first realistic replica of the manger scene, in the little town of Greccio, Italy.

From this beginning, the practice of erecting a creche or crib soon became a Christmas tradition in many towns. Around the representation of the first Christmas, villagers gathered to marvel, pray and sing. Often, the creche was constructed in a churchyard or on a public street. Thus it was natural for the worshippers to stroll away from the devotional service — formal or informal — and continue singing the beloved carols as they made their way home.

This spontaneous action may well have led to the custom of going from place to place to sing carols. And the more music, the better, was the rule. Any musical instrument, however humble, was a welcome addition and accompaniment.

In later centuries, the "wassailing" or "gooding" expeditions helped the growth of caroling. Singers went from house to house, receiving treats as rewards for carols.

Even oppression could not put an end to carol singing. When the Puritans abolished Christmas observances in England, printed sheets of carols were bootlegged for a penny. And poets and musicians went right on composing carols, as they do today.



It's that time of year when Santa's gifts are given out. And when best wishes for a happy holiday are given out to one and all. Thanks for your patronage!

FROM ALL OF THE FOLKS AT
Four Star Building Supply
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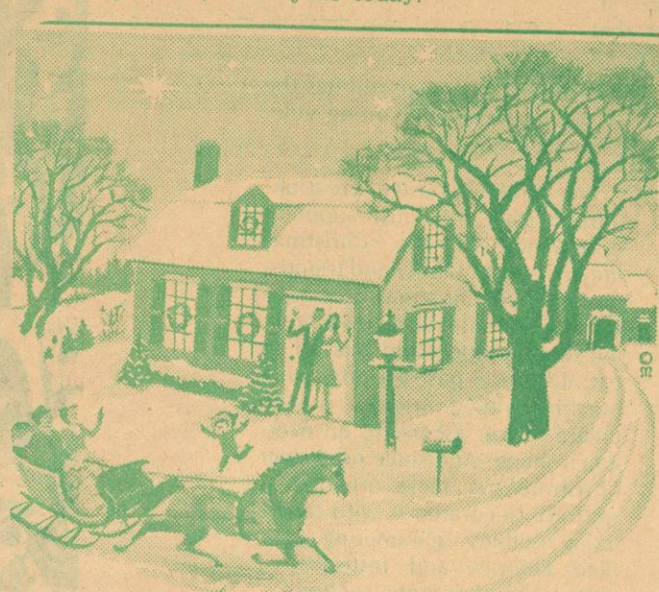


Greetings

Now's the time to thank you for your continued good will, and wish you and your family a happy holiday!

Clothes Cottage

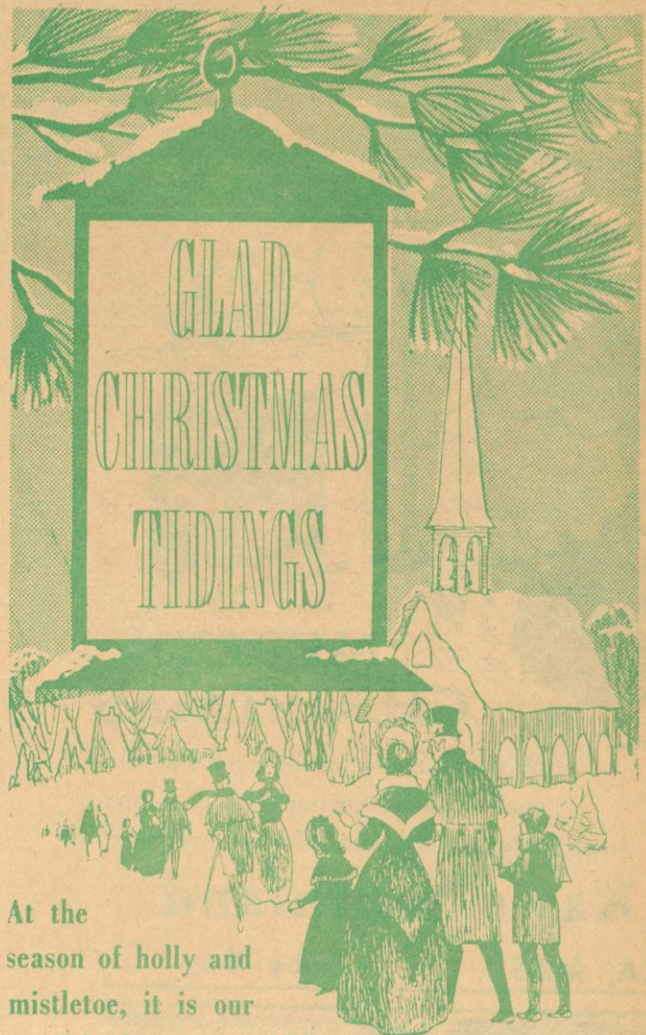
PLEASANT HILL ROAD IN IUKA
BOB & AUDRA PADEN, NAN, LINDA & JILL



Merry Christmas

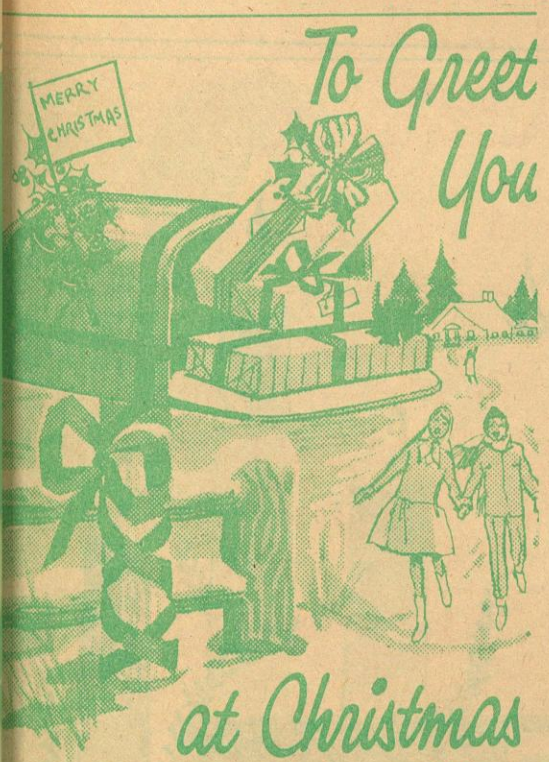
The best of hopes are extended to you for a warm, happy holiday with friends you hold near and dear. And it is time to thank you for your loyal patronage.

SANDERS SPUR STATION
and
SELF-SERVICE CAR WASH
CLARENCE SANDERS & TERRY CLARK



At the season of holly and mistletoe, it is our special pleasure to wish you a Merry Christmas and to express our thanks for your patronage throughout the year.

Nelson's Supermarket
Hwy. 25 So. in Iuka



With fond hopes that all your holiday dreams come true, we you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Dr. Joe Barlow, D.D.S.
and
Dr. Phillip Gray, Optometrist

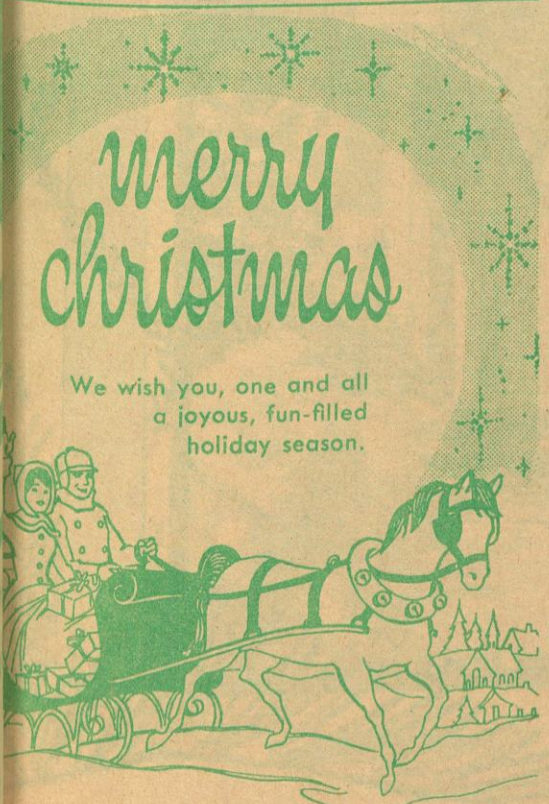


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TISHOMINGO GRAIN & ELEVATOR
TISHOMINGO, MISSISSIPPI



We wish you joy . . . in laughter and good cheer . . . joy in gifts and surprises . . . joy in friends and family . . . joy at Christmas, with all its deep meaning. May the true old-fashioned joys of the season come to you . . . and linger long.

Dailey's Body Shop & Wrecker Service
JAMES & NELTA DAILEY, GIMECE & CRAIG



A CHRISTMAS CONFECTION extraordinaire! The Orange Christmas Tree is luminous buffet table centerpiece and spectacular dessert, all in one.

fleeting experience. For once tasted by your guests, it will disappear rapidly, leaving behind the memory of an extraordinary holiday treat.

Cream Puffs:

- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup unsifted flour
- 4 eggs

In small saucepan, combine water, butter and salt; bring to a boil. Remove from heat, beat in flour. Return to low heat and continue beating until mixture forms a ball and leaves side of pan. Remove from heat. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each, until mixture is shiny and breaks in strands. Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls, 2 inches apart, onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 400°F. oven, 35 to 40 minutes or until puffs are golden brown.

Yield: About 40 puffs.

- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatine
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 cups Florida orange juice
- 2 teaspoons grated orange rind
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 2 cups fresh Florida orange sections
- 1/2 cup candied cherries

In small saucepan, combine gelatine, sugar, and salt. Beat egg yolks with orange juice; add to gelatine. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until gelatine is dissolved, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in orange rind. Chill until mixture mounds slightly. Beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Fold into gelatine mixture; fold in whipped cream. Cut tops off cream puff shells. Fill centers with orange cream; replace tops. To assemble tree, arrange cream puffs in a 10-inch circle on a plate. Stack puffs to form a tree, securing them in place with food picks. Place orange sections and cherries between the cream puffs to resemble ornaments. Spoon Carmelized Sugar Glaze* over tree.

Yield: 15 to 20 servings.

***Carmelized Sugar Glaze**

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1/4 cup water
- In medium skillet, combine sugar and water. Cook over low heat until mixture forms a light

brown syrup, about 8 minutes. Stir to blend; remove from heat. Working quickly, spoon sugar over cream puff "tree".

CHRISTMAS CHEER

May the light
of Christmas
shine on
you and
your loved
ones.
May its
bright
warmth
fill each
day. We
appreciate
your loyalty!



**REID BROS.
Men's Wear**

Imaginative sweets are an essential part of Christmas festivities. Remember those "visions of garplums" that danced in the

heads of the sleeping children in the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas?" Despite the fact that most of us have never seen a

sugarplum, the image still has the power to evoke enchanting yuletide memories.

We have a pastry creation, though, that may just supplant sugarplums in the Christmas dreams of your family and friends. Our orange Christmas tree is a wondrous confection, breathtaking to gaze upon and blissful to eat. Delicate pastry puffs, near bursting with a luscious orange cream filling, ascend to an evergreen shape. And since no proper Christmas tree lacks ornaments, we have decorated it with tantalizing edibles—glimmering candied cherries and festoons of golden Florida orange sections.

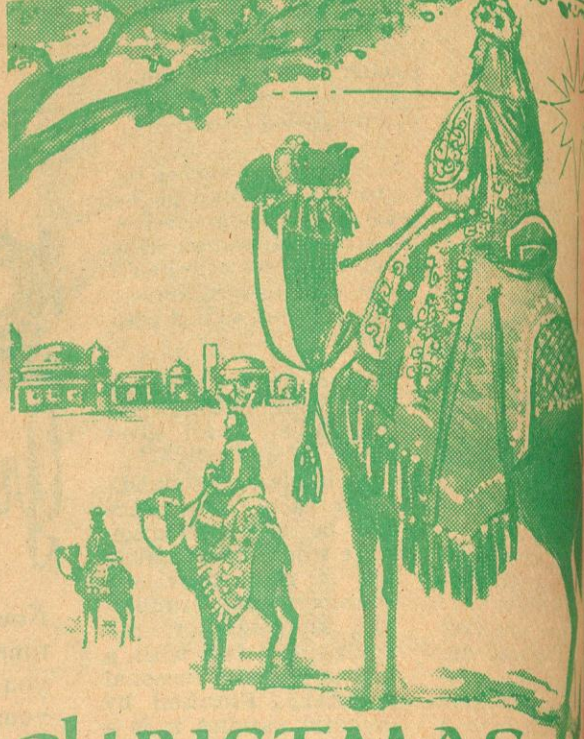
Never fear that your culinary engineering skills may fall short in the tree's construction. The cream puffs are held securely in place by invisible but effective toothpicks. And for a gleaming finish, the tree is overlaid with a luscious patina of carmelized sugar glaze. Hardened to candy consistency, the glaze crunches sweetly at every bite of the cream puff. The French have a name for such a pastry. Croquembouche; literally, "crunches in the mouth."

Like the most exciting Christmas joys, the orange Christmas tree is a



GREETINGS
The beauty and spirit of the season brings to mind most wonderful gifts . . . friendship, loyalty and good will. We thank you for yours and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Sunrise Cleaners
Iuka, Miss.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
As the Three Wise Men brought gifts to the Manger, so may this holiday season bring to you peace and joy.

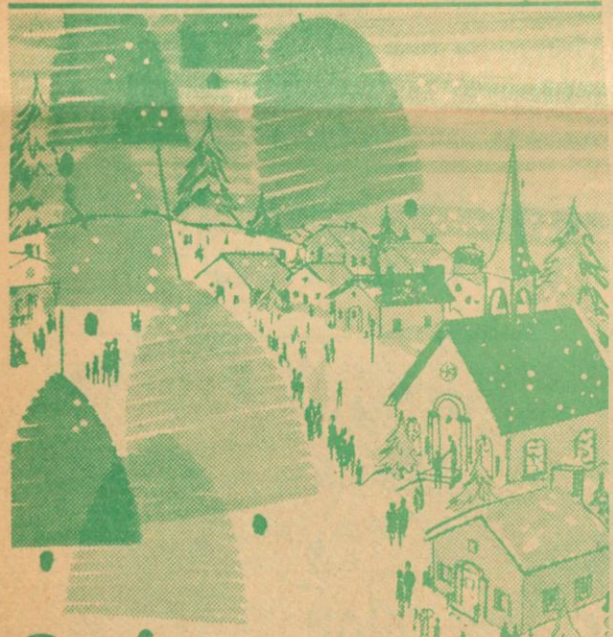
HIWASSEE LAND CO.



We hope Santa leaves some room in your stocking for our wish of happy times for you and yours. Merry Christmas!

Kay's Southland

IUKA, MISS Toby Kay



GREETINGS
Here's wishing you the fulfillment of all your dreams for Christmas. Thank you for your patronage.

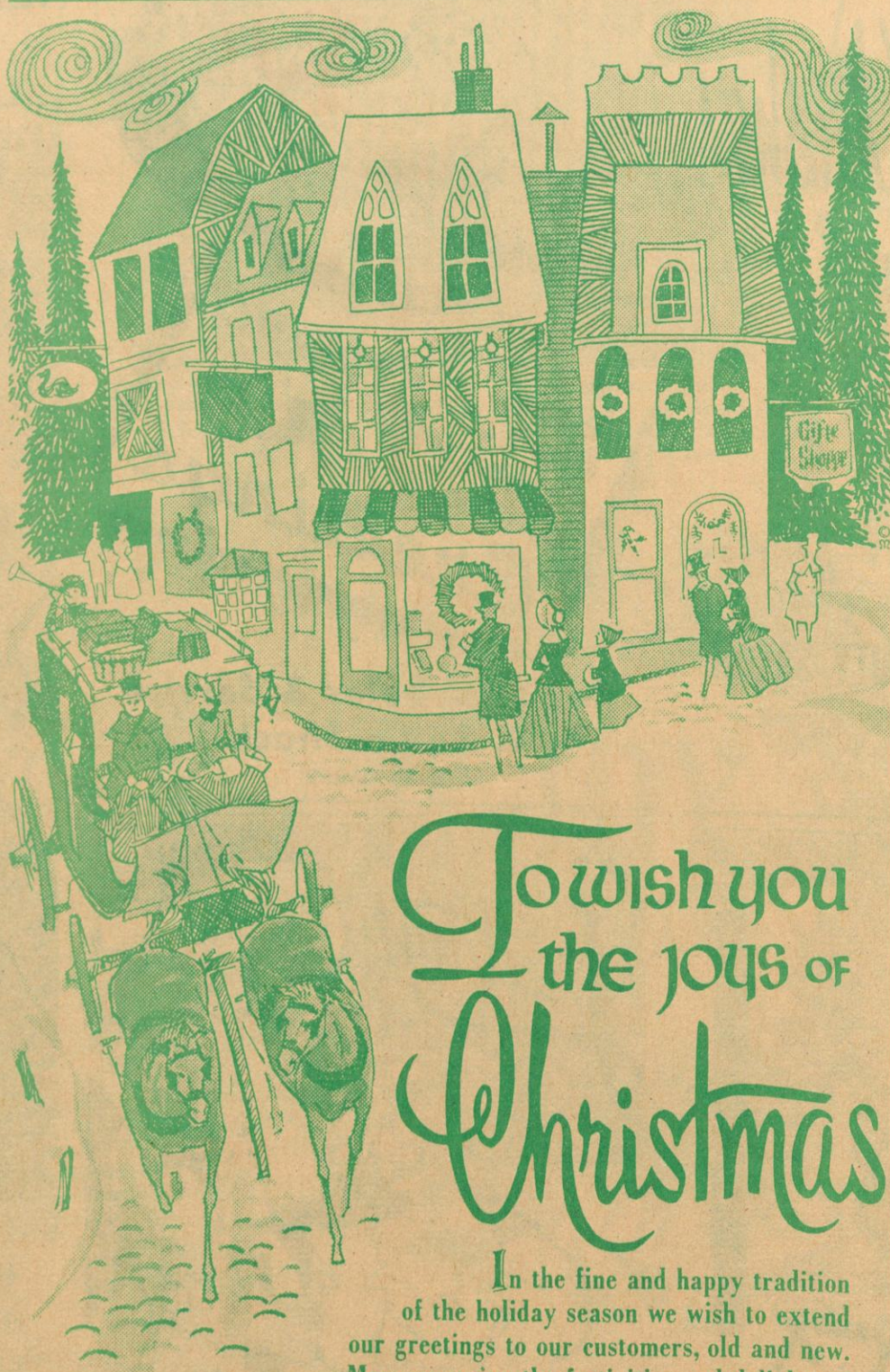
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crossett



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Gatlin's Pharmacy
OPEN CHRISTMAS EVE
TISHOMINGO, MISSISSIPPI



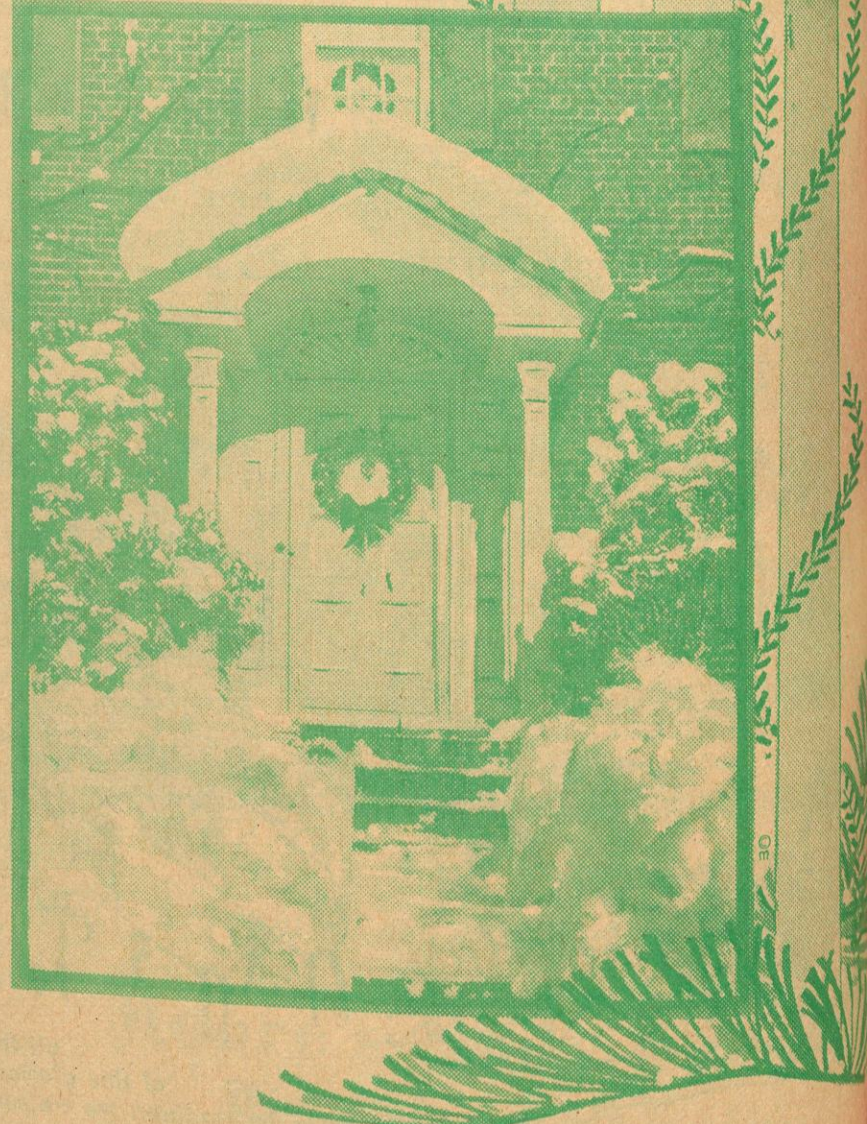
To wish you the joys of Christmas

In the fine and happy tradition of the holiday season we wish to extend our greetings to our customers, old and new. May you enjoy the festivities and delights of this special time as your families gather in joyous celebration. Thank you for your loyal trust and support. Your warm friendship makes us feel very proud. Merry Christmas.

McBride's Meat Market & Slaughter House
Lloyd and Charlotte McBride

Merry Christmas

Doorways wear garlands of welcome . . . candles beckon with a hearty glow. The season of good cheer arrives, in all its friendly warmth. May the joys of Christmas be yours!



SUEZETT'S FLORIST

SUE POOLE

TISHOMINGO, MISS.

CHRISTMAS STORY

people reading this will not live through the month of December. They will bring in the year wearing casts, or in rehabilitation, adjusting to their confinement. Those who must face manslaughter or murder charges they were negligent behind the wheel. Seeing the aftermath of a

lethal weapon at any time. During the month of celebration, gift giving, and rejoicing the birth of Jesus Christ, 70 people were killed on Mississippi streets and highways last year. This total was the highest for any month recorded in 1977 by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. Nine of the deaths were pedestrians. Four of the 70 deaths resulted in instant murder or manslaughter charges. Grand Juries later returned murder or manslaughter indictments against some of the drivers after investigations revealed they had been criminally negligent behind the wheel.

fatal automobile crash is gruesome, bloody and sickening. In most cases it is not a painless way to die or see a loved one die - and yet sometimes death would be easier for the victim and his family. Highway death does not respect the rich or the powerful. It does not know the difference in race, sex, or natural origin. It took 690 lives last year and 676 thus far in 1978.

James Finch, Commissioner of Public Safety, says, "The person fortunate enough not to be exposed to how fragile a human body is when entangled with 4,000 pounds of steel, should feel blessed. Those persons who drive recklessly, while intoxicated, or speed excessively should have the duty of removing injured bodies from automobile crashes. They should have to visit those who have lost the use of their limbs or suffered brain damage because of a careless person behind the wheel. - It would be a rude awakening."

The Commissioner continued, "Some people will say that the Department of Public Safety should respect the public more than to associate this blessed time of year with highway death. It is difficult to paint a rosy picture when we must paint it with the blood of innocent people who have been slaughtered on our highways."

"The leading cause of accidents in Mississippi is failure to yield the right of way. This does not speak well of our motorists, especially during the month of December. The major contributing cause of accidents is faulty equipment. So if one takes the leading cause and the major contributing cause, it is obvious that a courteous attitude behind the wheel of an ill-equipped car is just as dangerous as having a bad attitude in a properly equipped car."

Finch said, "Some automobile owners feel that if their vehicle runs it doesn't matter if the tires are slick, the tail and headlights burned out, or the braking system is bad - as long as it runs. Others feel if everything is in good working condition they should see just how many laws they can break and not get caught. We need to begin taking driving serious because death on our highways is serious."

The Commissioner said that, "Although more highway miles are traveled during daylight hours, the accident rate is 2 1/2 times greater at night. For this reason, we are offering the following nighttime driving tactics for motorists with the suggestion that they are clipped out of this publication and read by all the drivers in each household."

SUGGESTIONS FOR NIGHT-TIME DRIVING:

Always reduce speed at sundown and keep speed down until daybreak.

Turn headlights on at the beginning of sundown and keep them on until sunrise, or anytime during the day that visibility becomes poor.

Do not use parking lights at all - ever - to drive. If you want to be seen, always use headlights.

Avoid "overdriving headlights" which is driving so fast that one cannot stop within the distance one can see.

Dim headlights when meeting or following other traffic.

When meeting a vehicle with blinding lights, look to the right edge of the highway, away from the glare of the lights.

If driving in fog or rain, use the low-beam headlights.

Be extra watchful for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Be sure all lights on the vehicle are in good working order, and keep the headlights clean and properly aimed.

When it first begins to rain, slow down, because oil and dust that has accumulated on the pavement becomes extremely slippery when mixed with water.

EVERYDAY DRIVING SUGGESTIONS FOR THOSE WHO CARE:

Be thoroughly rested before starting a long drive. Avoid driving when emotionally upset.

Never drive more hours than your normal work day.

Map your trip out well in advance.

If possible, avoid driving during late afternoon hours or early dusk.

Avoid heavy meals or alcoholic beverages.

Prevent children from standing on seats or in front of the instrument panel.

Install and use safety belts.

Provide special seats with straps or belts for small children.

Never leave children alone in an unattended vehicle.

Keep doors locked, using an interlock with children.

Keep your speed not only within the law but always reasonable and prudent - well chosen for the existing conditions.

Help another driver who wishes to pass.

Avoid stopping if arriving at the scene of an accident unless you can render aid.

Avoid artificial stimu-

lants to keep awake; stop and sleep.

Drive as far to the right as possible if meeting a one-eyed car.

Avoid overloading the car; distribute the weight evenly.

If you do smoke while driving, train yourself to do it without taking your eyes off the road.

Glance at your speedometer frequently; know at all times the exact speed you are traveling.

Make sure you see and that you are seen.

The inside rear-view mirror was designed for safer driving. It was not intended as an object from which to hang foxtails, dice, baby shoes, or other souvenirs.

Remember that at least 9 out of 10 accidents are caused by human error.

Obey traffic rules and be prepared to adjust for driving errors of others.

Yield the right-of-way to

a police car, ambulance or fire truck flashing a red or blue light.

A driver who is tired is dangerous.

Always keep the windshield clean.

Because of the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning, avoid sitting in an idling automobile for any length of time.

The staff of the Department of Public Safety, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Mississippi Crime Laboratory and the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy extend to every Mississippian wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Safe Yule Toys Urged

Santa Claus is coming soon. And that means Dad and Mother are out doing the last-minute shopping for the toys that old St. Nick will leave under the tree.

Toys—all the way from a ten-cent rubber ball to a shiny new bicycle—are a part of growing up, and the child without a toy or two—or two dozen—at Christmas is a forlorn lot indeed.

The chances are that your youngsters will open their gifts Christmas morning and have a large time getting acquainted with their new toys. But in all too many households across the nation the toys themselves will dim the happy Christmas season, by causing accidents and injuries.

The American Medical Association offers some simple tips for selecting toys that will help insure a completely happy Christmas.

- * Beware of small toys that can be swallowed, flammable toys, and toys with rough or sharp edges.
- * All electric toys should be safe. Look for the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label on the cord and on the toy itself.
- * Avoid toys made of lead or colored with lead-based paints. You're unlikely to encounter these today, as the dangers of lead poisoning are now well known. But it's wise to be sure.
- * Baby's toys should be too large to put in the mouth, washable, lightweight and non-brittle.

Eye injuries are a particular hazard from some Christmas

toys. Sling shots, air rifles, archery sets and even the spring-action toy pistols that propel sticks capped with rubber cups have caused injuries.

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