

By Gene Alleman

In nearly every Michigan small town we have visited in the past year or so, one common trend has been evident. It is this:

Country living is enjoying a revival. Industry is decentralizing. It is opening branches in small towns. It is even migrating from the big city. There is more building activity outside the city limits of many towns than there is inside. These signs are significant, if we are to try to fit them into a common jig-saw mosaic pattern.

Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Company, stated in the current issue of the Atlantic Monthly that the company is going to decentralize. Why? Because big business, unless broken down into well defined segments, becomes top-heavy and inefficient. Because "many of the social problems of our times are made worse and in part have been created by concentrating vast numbers of people in crowded city areas such as Detroit."

John Gunther, in his 370-page report "United U.S.A.," refers to Detroit as the most explosive labor center in the Nation; to the U.A.W. the automobile workers' union, as the "most volcanic union in the country."

Here is a union, centered in Detroit, whose membership has grown from 15,000 to 1,250,000 in only ten years. And here is also a union whose leadership demanded, only a few years ago, the right to inspect the employers' books in order to find out how much of the profits could be paid to the workers in higher wages.

This confusion over profits is one of the by-products of industrial centralization where the boss and the worker never meet except beligerently around a strike table. "There seems to be an impression around," said young Ford in the magazine interview, "that for some obscure reason or other, Ford does not have to make a profit. That's not so. Unless we can obtain a return that enables us to pay reasonable dividends, renew our plant, invest for the future, and meet competition on equal terms, Ford Motor Company will not have any future."

According to one survey, the average investment per job in America is \$6,000. Who put up the money? Someone who was willing to risk dollars in the hope of earning a profit.

What happens when technology is ignored, when machinery becomes obsolete and inefficient? The British coal mining industry today is a prime example. British miners produced 259 tons per year per man in 1946; 695,000 of them produced 189 million tons. Now look at the United States where competitive free enterprise still exists: 416,000 miners, by the aid of modern machinery, produced 690 million tons, an average output per man of 1,419 tons, six times that of the British miner.

Little wonder, then, that the American miner earns more wages than his fellow in England!

Gunther reports also that everywhere in the United States the automobile and its counters-part, the modern concrete highway, is emptying cities of their population. The trend is toward towns where security is rooted in home ownership, food gardens, and friendly living, and where management and labor meet as neighbors.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey recently said: "The heart of this nation is the small town."

If we were called upon to make a report on the State of the Nation today, we would merely say: America's heart is sound; small towns are prospering.

Guests who spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Sweeney and their sons at their home were Mr. and Mrs. O. Smith of Moronei, and sons, Raymond Venor, on leave from the Navy, and Edward Venor, Mr. and Mrs. George Lord, also of Moronei, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Keizer and daughter, Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Heydlauff, Mrs. Martin Miller, and Miss Margaret Miller attended the funeral of Miss Martha Wilson at Tecumseh on Thursday.

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PAGES
ONE TO EIGHTBabson's '48
Outlook To Be
in Standard

Roger W. Babson's "Business and Financial Outlook for 1948" will appear in The Standard on Jan. 1, 1948.

Mr. Babson, a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics, enjoys an unusual record of accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1947 was 93% accurate.

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally known business commentator, investor, and adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Mr. Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating in 1898, he instinctively turned to financial and business activities.

His exertions, however, undermined his health; he contracted tuberculosis and was sent West "as good as dead." It was while he lay in bed, suffering from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business statistics.

That was more than forty-five years ago. Today his weekly statistical and financial reports are read by thousands of businessmen and his research work is carried on by a large staff of workers.

Mr. Babson founded Babson Institute for men, and, in cooperation with Mrs. Babson, developed Webster College for women—both nationally known educational institutions. Here young men and women may concentrate more in the fundamentals and less on the frills of business.

More recently he has completed the arrangements for another college named "Utopia" which is located in Eureka, Kansas, the center of Mr. Babson's "Magic Circle." Here people of all ages may check their financial well-being much as at the Mayo clinic they would check their physical well-being.

Also retaining an interest in Sir Thomas More, Mr. Babson has outlined in his "Utopia" the only solution to our problems.

To millions of newspaper readers, Mr. Babson is best known by his familiar weekly stories on business which appear in more than 380 papers throughout the North American continent. Outraged energy, Mr. Babson has probably done more than any other man to bring statistics to life, to instill a broader vision in businessmen, and to publicize the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

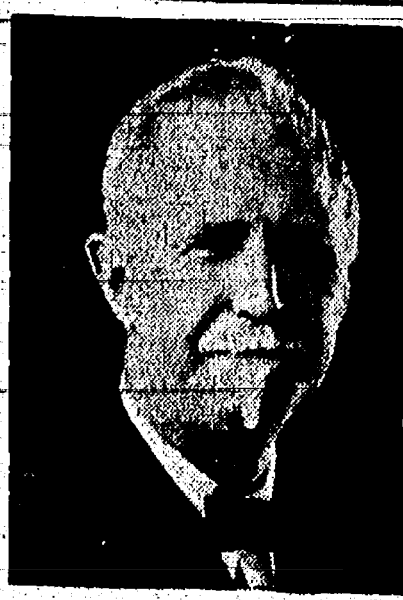
Many Students Home
for Xmas Holidays

Among Chelsea college students home for the holiday season are Virginia Spaulding, Joanne Moore, and Gertrude Anna Merkel of Michigan State Normal college; Ypsilanti; Robert Strieter and Richard Bahnmiller of Western Michigan college, Kalamazoo; George Palmer of the University of Miami, Fla.; Leota and Allyn Kohman and Eileen Louisa Kinney of Michigan State college, East Lansing; Paul G. Schable, Robert Daniels and Loren Munro of the U. of M., Ann Arbor; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaton and Barbara Eaton of Olivet college; Charles Zeeb of Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit; Jack Merkel of Big Rapids; Mary Kathryn Weber of the University of Detroit; Shirley O'Hara, Rosemary Keeler, and Helen Laler of St. Joseph's Academy, Adrian; Lois Eisele of St. Mary's Academy, Monroe; and Arlene and Wilma Koengster of Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

Announcement!

Joint committees of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce and the Chelsea Kiwanis club announce that they have reserved the Chelsea High school gymnasium for the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1948, for an open meeting of the townspeople.

The subject to be discussed is of vital importance to every citizen of this village and all are urged to reserve this one night to attend the meeting. Watch next week's paper for further announcement, and details.



ROGER W. BABSON

Tax Figuring Is
Changed Little for
This Year's Return

Farmers will find the job of figuring their federal income tax returns comparatively easy this year. The tax forms, rates, and information needed are the same as last year.

E. M. Elwood, farm management specialist at Michigan State college, explains that two changes in procedure may affect some farmers in making out the 1947 returns. The first change in procedure deals with expenses incurred in the preparation and development of farms and orchards. The following are some of the typical expenses no longer deductible as current operating expenses: cost of clearing, leveling and conditioning of land; planting of trees; drilling and equipping wells; building roads, ponds, and terracing; and the cost of physical equipment having a useful life in excess of one year.

A second change involves Michigan's new community property law. Under the new law a farmer and his wife may file separate returns and divide equally all income earned from the farm on or after July 1, 1947. This may result in a tax saving since dividing the income may put each in a surtax bracket where the rates are lower.

Commenting on the regulations that were in effect last year and that remain the same this year, Elwood says that every individual who has a gross income of \$500 or more in 1947 is required to file a return. This does not mean, however, that everyone filing a return will have a tax to pay.

Farmers will use forms identical to those used last year. Copies of these forms will be sent by the Internal Revenue Service to all Michigan farmers who filed a federal income tax report last year. If you do not receive your forms, send a post card request to the Collector of Internal Revenue, Federal Building, Detroit 31, and ask for two copies of each of the forms needed.

Elementary PTA
Met Wednesday in
Home Ec. Room

The December meeting of the Elementary PTA, held Wednesday evening, the seventeenth, in the Home Ec. room at the High school, was opened with group singing of Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Albert Johnson, and the reading of the PTA prayer, by Mrs. R. W. Wagner.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Alfred Mayer, PTA president, read an article describing the National PTA Congress bulletin. Mrs. Johnson then introduced Rev. Orville W. Morrow, the speaker of the evening, who took for his topic "Family Life." He stressed the importance of family influences on the ideals and standards of children.

The program was concluded with a recording of a Christmas carol by McCormack, and was followed by refreshments.

Twenty members attended the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Gaunt and son, James, attended a family Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Gaunt in Detroit, Friday evening. James remained overnight and on Saturday, with his cousin Bill Gaunt of Detroit, and Ronald Piper of Birmingham left for a vacation at Fort Myers, Fla.

Miss Hilda Gross is a patient at Foote hospital in Jackson and underwent a major operation there on Friday.

NOTICE
The Gamble Store will be closed all day, Friday, Dec. 26. adv.

K. of C. Elects
Officers for
New Council

Installation of Chelsea Knights of Columbus officers elected to act until the regular election time next June, was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, in the K. of C. hall, with District Deputy Leo Kester, of Ann Arbor, calling the meeting to order and acting as installing officer. Explaining in full the duties of each officer as he was installed he completed the installation of the following: Grand Knight, Edward Tobin; Deputy Grand Knight, Martin Merkel; Chancellor, John Douchel; Recording secretary, Armin Schneider; Treasurer, Donald Alber; Lecturer (appointed), Harvey Lixey; Warden, Thomas Murphy; Judge Advocate, Emmett Hankard; Line guard, Thomas Merkel; Outside guard, Ren Heeler; Board of trustees: Duane Rowe, two and one-half years, Paul Eisele, one and one-half years, Albert Doll, one-half year.

After the installation the new officers took over and held a short business meeting.

State Insurance Deputy McCann was present and gave a short talk on insurance plans.

The new Chelsea Council is to be known as K. of C. Council No. 3022, and meetings are to be held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The first meeting of each month is to be a business meeting and the second one is to be a social meeting.

St. Mary's Altar
Society Features
Xmas at Meeting

St. Mary's Altar Society held the monthly meeting at St. Mary's hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, with 70 members and one guest, Mrs. Eva Prin, present.

A Christmas program, with Barbara Mahar as the announcer, was given as follows:

Recitation—"A Welcome To You," Ruth Ann Staph.

Vocal Solo—"Christmas Dreaming," Doris Weber.

Song—"Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," Three Hoffman sisters.

Recitation—"The First Christmas," Norma Jean Dull.

Piano Selection—"Stilly Night," Joan Schuler.

Group Singing—"O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Silent Night," led by Mrs. Vincent Burg, with Mrs. George Clark as accompanist.

Following the program, daily refreshments in keeping with the season were served by the month's committee.

Kiwanians Addressed
by Jackson Editor

Charles Hixley, associate editor of the Jackson Citizen Patriot, was the speaker at Monday night's meeting of the Kiwanis club. Speaking on the topic, "Editorial Newspaper Work," he told of the cost of producing a newspaper, and explained the amount of news and advertising, and also the proportion of the cost each covered. He also read a number of items clipped from various newspapers in which humorous typographical errors appeared, stating that these were bound to happen in any paper, and sometimes made very amusing reading.

REBEKAH'S XMAS PARTY

Members of the Rebekah Lodge, with their families enjoyed their Christmas party at the Municipal building, Thursday evening, Dec. 18.

Following a pot-luck supper, served at long tables decorated in Christmas colors, colored movies were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gaunt, and a short program of recitations was given by the following: Karen and Philip Loomis, Jane McLaughlin, Loren Keizer and Karen Munro. Then Santa Claus appeared and passed out gifts to all those present.

TO APPEAR ON RADIO

Friends of Connie Ann Steinbach will be pleased to know that she has been requested to play a piano selection, "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" over Ann Arbor's new radio station, WHRV, at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, Dec. 27.

Connie Ann, who is ten years old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Steinbach.

NOTICE
We will be closed all day Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29 and 30, for inventory.
Chelsea Electric Sales & Service.

EVERY Christmas season brings to us the recurring knowledge that mankind need not be destined for sorrow, dejection and strife. The spirit of Christmas captures us with its glory and teaches us that a lasting peace on earth is our highest goal.

If you will permit the publisher of this newspaper one wish at this Christmas time, let it be this: That the spirit of the Christmas star may be our perpetual guide and that we may meet our fellow men on the level of peace, trust and friendship. Not just until December 26, but for the rest of the year—for the rest of our lives.

It is in that spirit that this newspaper extends to all of you its hope for a truly

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Outstanding Play
for Children To Be
Given in Ann Arbor

"Robin Hood" presented by Clare Tree Major, with the original New York cast, will be given on Saturday, Jan. 9, on the stage at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. There are to be two matinees, at 1:30 and at 3:30 p.m.

Clare Tree Major always presents outstanding performances with plays fitted for children, it is reported.

The corner group of the U. of M. Alumnae is sponsoring this play and giving an opportunity for children to see a fine child's play presented by professionals who cater to the younger audience.

In Chelsea, Mrs. Dudley Holmes is in charge of ticket sales. Those desiring tickets may purchase them at her home, 146 East Middle street. It would be appreciated if the right amount of change could be brought along when calling for tickets.

Proceeds from this play will go to the Alumnae fund which is used for helping needy college-age students, and for other beneficial activities along these lines, according to Mrs. Holmes.

New Year's Edition
To Be One Day Early

With New Year's Day falling on our regular publication day of Thursday, this year, we will publish this issue one day early for distribution on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Correspondents, advertisers and others are urged to turn in their copy as early as possible. We anticipate an unusually large quantity of news next week, and unless it comes in early, there will not be sufficient time to set it all into type.

Correspondents' copy must reach us not later than Monday morning to be included; all other copy should be turned in not later than Monday night.

WESTERN WASHTENAW
FARMERS' CLUB

The Western Washtenaw Farmers' club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Riemschneider, Friday evening, Dec. 19, with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Musbach, Mrs. Lina Whitaker and Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Whitaker as the assisting committee.

A fine Christmas dinner was served at a table beautifully decorated for the occasion in seasonal colors, featuring Santa Claus with bells for place cards.

Henry Musbach, as program chairman, announced group singing of Christmas carols, with Mrs. Oscar Kaimbach as accompanist. This was followed by a talk, "The Meaning of Christmas," by Rev. E. O. Davis.

Gifts were exchanged at the close of the program.

Famous Quartet Will
Appear on 'Boy Scout
of Air' Program, Sun.

"The Singing Sentinels" famous quartet of radio and recording fame will appear on the "Boy Scout Troop of the Air" next Sunday at 12:45 p.m., over station WPAG.

The "Sentinels" will entertain the listening public of this area with a program of their favorite Christmas Carols.

The "Boy Scout Troop of the Air" is broadcast every other Sunday at 12:45 as a public service feature of WPAG. The program presents items of interest and important announcements to the boys and men of the Washtenaw-Livingston Council.

Recruiting Service
Announces Need for
More Aviation Cadets

The Cadets are flying again! "Right now there is a class of aviation cadets training at Randolph Field, Texas, and another class will begin March 15."

This announcement was made recently by T/Sgt. Norwood E. Broadway of the Ann Arbor Recruiting office.

Qualifications necessary to become an Aviation Cadet are: must be between the ages of 20 to 26 years, unmarried, pass rigid physical examination, have 2 year college or equivalent and possess the willingness to learn.

Cadet pay includes \$75 per month base pay plus \$1 a day ration money. Government quarters are furnished and a free government insurance policy of \$10,000 is in force during time of training.

Cadets will be trained in the use of recently perfected radar and electronics devices, jet and rocket propulsion, ground approach landing methods and for duty in all types of aircraft, including the Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star.

Interviews are being held daily at the U. S. Army and Air Forces recruiting office, located at Fifth and Ann, Ann Arbor.

FIRE DEPT. CALLED

Chelsea's volunteer fire department was roused Monday night about 11 o'clock to put out a roof fire at the home of I. H. "Babe" Klump on South Main street.

Prompt action avoided any serious damage as the small fire blaze, which presumably was the result of an overheated chimney or by sparks, was quickly extinguished.

New Year's Eve Dance, Wednesday night, Dec. 31. Dancing from 9:30 to 12. Prizes for best masculine and feminine, and many other prizes. The same way to celebrate New Year's Eve. All door rights reserved at all times. Leach's Dance Hall, Cavanaugh Lake.

Attends DAR Good
Citizenship Party
Held in Ann Arbor

Agnes Forner, Chelsea High recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship award, was in Ann Arbor Thursday afternoon to attend the Christmas party given by the Sarah Caswell Angell chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the home of Mrs. Carl H. Stuhburg, at which time the pins of merit as Good Citizenship recipients were presented to Miss Forner and six girls from other high schools in the county. The girls were introduced by Mrs. James E. Smalley, chairman of the Good Citizenship committee, and a short program was given which included accordion selections by Mrs. George Muehlig and Mrs. Donald McLean, of Ann Arbor, pouring.

Following the program tea was served with Mrs. Lewis Hammon and Mrs. Donald McLean, of Ann Arbor, pouring.

Chronology of 1947 in
Next Week's Edition

After an interruption of several years during, and immediately following the war, the popular year-end feature "Chronology of 1947" will be resumed with its being issued next week, in the New Year's edition.

This full-page feature lists all important happenings, dates and events which have occurred during the past year, as a matter of historical record.

Any persons desiring extra copies of the paper which includes the Chronology, are urged to notify The Standard office not later than Saturday afternoon, to avoid the possibility of being disappointed.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

A group of young people of the Methodist Youth Fellowship did Christmas carol singing at many homes in Chelsea on Christmas Sunday evening. Those in the group were as follows: Erlaemae Wanous, Joan O'Dell, Mary Paul, Patricia Monroch, Ruth Lord, Cynthia Lord, Jackie Weir, Barbara Weir, Shirley Weir, Bob Matson, Donald Baldwin, Bob Stofor, and Youth Fellowship sponsor, Mrs. Orville Morrow.

After the caroling the young people gathered at the home of Erlaemae Wanous for a social hour. Mrs. Wanous served a delicious lunch to the group.

Ralph Dingle of Detroit visited his grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Thathammer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Faulkner on Monday and also called on other relatives and friends here.

Bowser Closes
Chelsea Plant
on Xmas Eve.

Bowser, Inc., Chelsea Division, which has been operating the company's plant on Old US-12, west of the Manchester road since 1944, and since the war has employed approximately seventy-five persons, is closing the Chelsea plant December 24, according to a statement released yesterday by Carleton Jones, formerly in charge of the local plant. He was transferred Sept. 1 to the Fostoria Screw Co., Fostoria, Ohio, which is a division of Bowser, Inc., and which has taken over the local branch of the company. All equipment of the Chelsea plant is to be moved to the Fostoria plant, Mr. Jones said, and a number of the employees are being transferred there also.

The plant was operated as a gear division of the company, under lease from 1944 until 1946, and last year the company purchased the building which is now being offered for sale.

Mr. Jones, speaking for officials of the company, said they had enjoyed their association with the people of Chelsea and regretted the necessity for closing the plant, but that the move was being made in the interests of economy in the manufacture of their product.

Upsets Prevail in
Independent Cage
League Scramble

By DWIGHT GADD
Grass Lake church nosed out Cassidy Lake in the opening game of the Independent Basketball league last week, 35 to 33, a close and exciting game throughout. Carter led the winners with 17 points, while Bodo was netting 20 for the Cassidy boys.

Manchester upset a favored Grass Lake Merchants team, 38 to 33, in the second contest. Fielder sparked the victors with 14 points, while Worden racked up 16 for the Lakers.

Millers, paced by Carraher's 19 points, pulled the second upset of the evening by tripping the Products team 35 to 29. Products jumped to an early 10-0 lead in the first quarter, but couldn't hold it during the second quarter. Niehaus, with 9 points, was high man for the Products.

There will be a two-week lay-off over the holidays, the next games being scheduled for Jan. 8, 1948. For an evening's entertainment drop around to the High school gym that evening. There's no admission charged for any of these games.

Independent League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Manchester	2	0	1.000
Grass Lake Merch.	1	1	.500
Chelsea Products	1	1	.500
Grass Lake Church	1	1	.500
Millers	1	1	.500
Cassidy Lake	0	2	.000

Eastern Star Holds
Christmas Party

About eighty were present at the dinner which was served at the OES Christmas party held at the Masonic hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, and was followed by a very interesting Christmas program. This number included members and their families.

The program included two piano selections by Connie Ann Steinbach, one at the beginning of the program, and the other at the conclusion of the other numbers. There were recitations by Karen Loomis, Johnny Hagen, Ray Thomas, and Janet and Jimmy McLaughlin, followed by a pageant, "The Star Triumphant," with Gertrude Thomsen taking the part of "The Spirit of Christmas," Connie Ann Steinbach, Shirley Weir and Eleanor Schmidt providing the vocal music and the five Stars of the Chapter, Delda Gee, Mary Loomis, June Robinson, Jean Conlan, and Doris Smith, as the other members of the cast.

At the close of the program Santa Claus distributed gifts to all the children present.

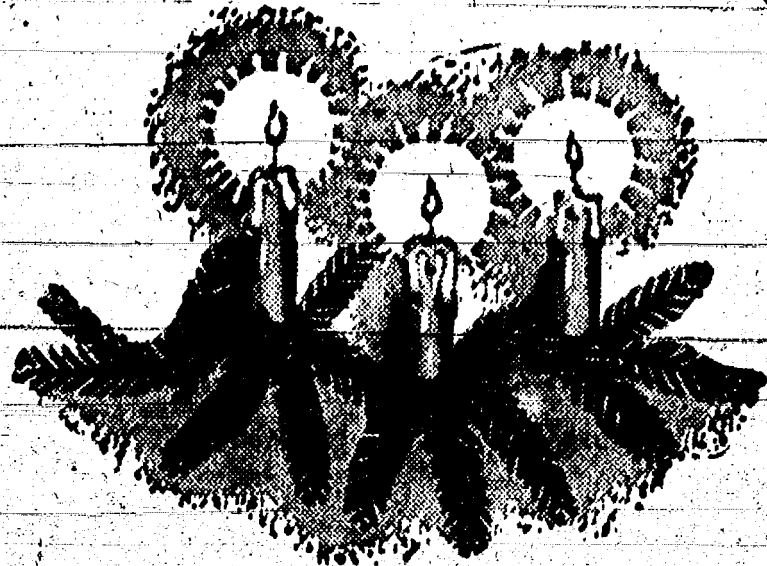
Public Hearing of
Rental Board Will Be
Held in Detroit Dec. 29

A public hearing of the Rental Advisory Board for the Detroit Defense Rental Area, comprising Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Macomb counties, will be held Monday evening, Dec. 29, at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, Detroit, according to an announcement made today by Geo. D. Lyle, Chairman of the Board.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider and gather statistical and factual information on the following questions in order that the board may more intelligently deal with them. These are mainly questions which we are requested and required to consider under regulations of the Housing Expediter.

Burg's Corner Drug Store will close Christmas eve at 7:00 p.m., and remain closed all Christmas day. On New Year's eve Burg's will close at 8 p.m. and remain closed all New Year's day. -adv.

Season's Greetings



With appreciation for the kind reception I have received from the people of Chelsea.

Haven's Texaco Service

To greet you
with a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

RAYMOND D. GADD
INSURANCE

Christmas Cheer

Ride, Santa, ride — and leave in your
track our sincerest wishes to every
one for a joyful Christmas!

CHELSEA BEAUTY
SHOP

SEASON'S
Greetings

May good cheer and
contentment be yours
on this joyous holiday.

WEINBERG DAIRY

Church Circles

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. W. H. Skentebury, Pastor
10 a.m.—Worship service.
11 a.m.—Sunday school.
Choir practice at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 27.
A Merry Christmas to all.

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. Orville W. Morrow, Pastor
10 a.m.—Worship service.
"Years of Decision" is the title of the beautiful service which will be held at the 10 o'clock hour next Sunday morning, Dec. 28. It is a "Student-Recognition Day" in the Methodist churches throughout America, originating in the General Conference of the church. Students returning to colleges and universities will participate in the service.
"The Role of the College Trained Person" will be the pastor's theme. Excellent music will be presented by the choir under the leadership of Elizabeth W. Powell.
Church school. The Primary Department will meet at the 10 o'clock hour on the ground floor of the church. All other departments at the 11:15 hour.
The Youth Fellowship will have a New Year's meeting at 7 o'clock at the parsonage.
Please note: Choir practice at 7 o'clock on Friday night of this week.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL
Rev. F. H. Grabowski, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 25
7 a.m.—Christmas Candle service. "The Biblical Pageant," "The Star-Lighted Path," by M. B. Shannon, will be presented at this service. This Pageant is very solemn and beautiful and we hope all of our people will come and enjoy it.
A Christmas package will be presented to our people at the Christmas morning service, also!
Sunday, Dec. 28
10:00 a.m.—Worship and sermon.
10:45 a.m.—Holy communion.
11:15 a.m.—Sunday school.

SALEM METHODIST CHURCH
Earnest O. Davis, Pastor
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
Choir practice on Wednesday evening.
Special Sunday evening service starting at 8 o'clock. A chalk talk picture with music will be given. Seeing is believing; we try to make the written Word Live! With beautiful gospel pictures. The meeting is sponsored by the young people of the church.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Rev. Fr. Lee Laige, Pastor
First Mass.....8:00 a.m.
Second Mass.....10:00 a.m.
Mass on week days.....8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 24—
Midnight Mass.
Thursday, Dec. 25—
First Mass.....8:00 a.m.
Second Mass.....10:00 a.m.

ROGERS CORNERS CHURCH
(St. John's Evangelical)
Rev. J. Pontana, Pastor
Wednesday, Dec. 24—
8 p.m.—Christmas program by the Sunday school.
Thursday, Dec. 25—
6 a.m.—Candlelight service followed by Communion.
Sunday, Dec. 28—
9 a.m.—Sunday school.
10 a.m.—Worship service (English).

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rogers Corners
Rev. M. W. Brueckner, Pastor
Wednesday, Dec. 24—
8 p.m.—Christmas program of the Sunday school.
Thursday, Dec. 25—
10:30 a.m.—Christmas service.

GREGORY BAPTIST CHURCH
Gregory, Michigan
Rev. M. B. Walton, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
11:00 a.m.—Bible school.
6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.
8:00 p.m.—Evening worship.
Bible study and prayer services.

A JOLLY Christmas

* No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere... in France, in Holland, in Sweden... and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

JOHN'S

each Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD
3581 E. Street, Dexter, Michigan
Rev. Willard J. Landers, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Church.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting and regular Evangelistic service following.

CLARE TREE MAJOR
presents
"ROBIN HOOD"
SAT., JAN. 3, 1948
at
Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre
ANN ARBOR
Two Matinees—1:30-3:30
PRICE—75c
Tickets may be purchased at the home of Mrs. Dudley Holmes, 146 E. Middle St. Please bring exact amount.

2nd EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
(Waterloo)
Rev. Frank B. Parker, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Worship service.
Standard Liners Bring Results

NEW RESIDENTS
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lee, formerly of Detroit, have recently purchased South Lake Boat Livery from Mr. and Mrs. Al. Dubert, and have built a cottage on South Lake shore, where they are now making their home.

The state of Missouri is one of the chief sources in the U. S. for lead and zinc.

Chicago is 911 miles from New York City and 2274 from San Francisco.

Merry Christmas

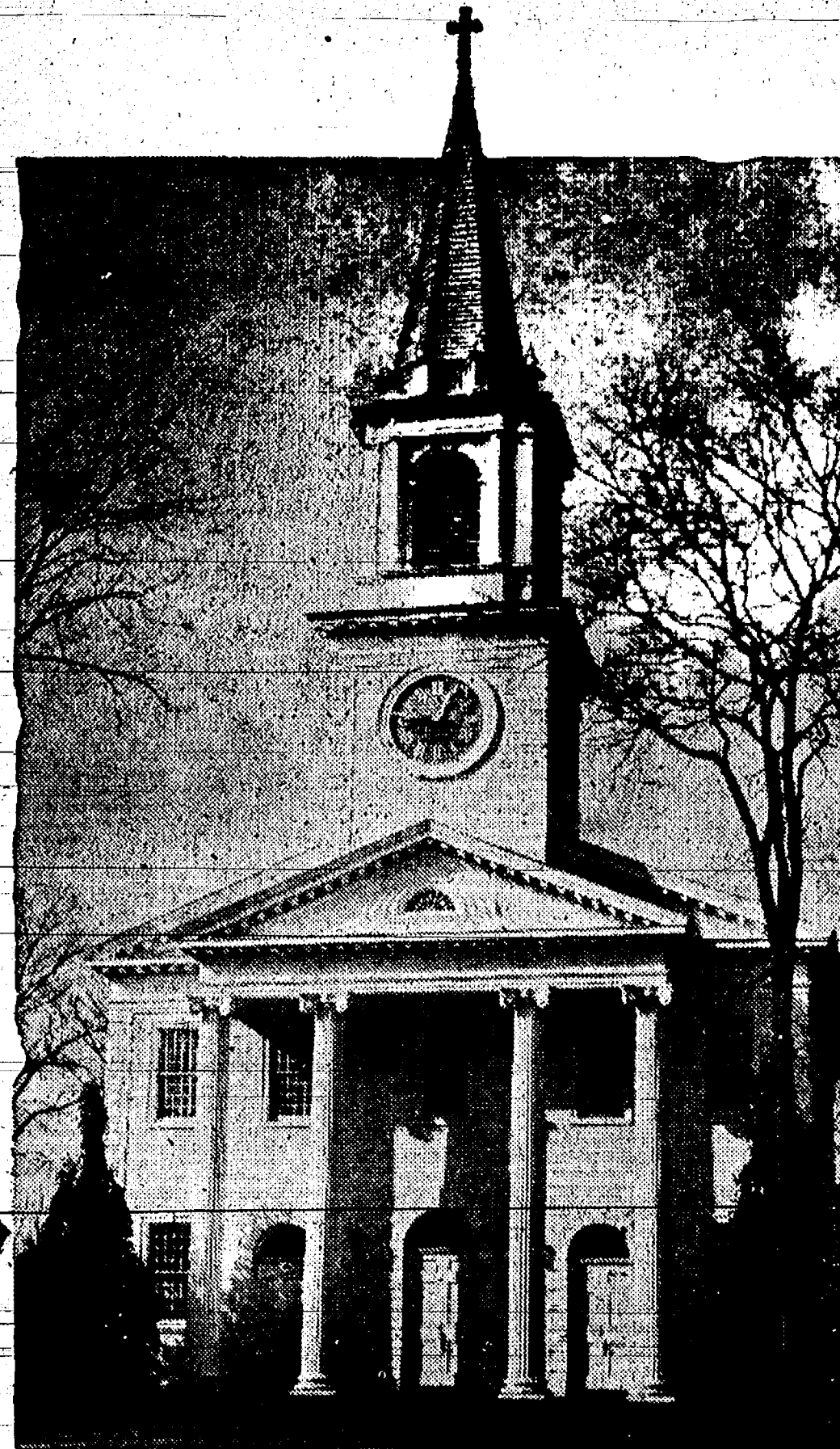
It's our pleasure at this time of year to wish all our friends a Merry Christmas.

The Sylvan Flower Shop
MR. AND MRS. FRANK LACHOWITZ



This Merry Christmas is to you.
There is no wish we can give more true than this jolly old fellow is now bringing to you.

R. & R. SERVICE
CORNER US-12 AND M-92



A Christmas Message

It is not riches or elaborate gifts that
make a Christmas merry... but the simple,
familiar wishes of neighbors and friends, plus
an unassailable faith in our Lord and Protector.
With this thought, we raise our voices in the age-old
greeting, "A Merry Christmas to each and everyone."

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CARD OF THANKS

I wish in this way to thank my relatives and friends for their many acts of kindness and for the cards, flowers and other gifts which I received during my stay in the hospital and since my return home.

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Our wish for you is that gentle Bells of Christmas echo throughout your home all through this wondrous Holiday Season.

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BOWLING

Monday Night Division
 Week ending Dec. 20, 1947:

Team	W	L	T.P.	Pts.
Schneider Gro.	28	17	11	39
Seitz-Burg	29	16	9	38
Daniels Buick	27	18	10	37
Mayers Ins.	26	19	9	36
R. D. Gadd Ins.	25	20	7	32
Gambles	23	22	7	30
Lake Bros.	20	25	7	25
Merkels Hdwe.	19	26	7	24
Spring No. 1	18	24	7	23
Red & White	18	27	6	23
Down Slides	13	29	3	16

Thursday Night Division
 Team W L T.P. Pts.

Team	W	L	T.P.	Pts.
Spaulding Chev.	29	16	11	40
Underdogs	26	19	10	36
CIO No. 1	25	20	10	35
Woods Ins.	25	20	9	34
Cavanaugh Lake	23	22	9	32
Hanker & Fritz	23	22	7	30
Wurster & Foster	22	23	8	30
Chelsea Products	24	21	6	30
Red & Gun	20	25	7	27
Spring No. 2	21	24	6	26
Central Fibre	17	28	6	23
Eagles	15	30	2	17

Team high series, Wurster & Foster, 2441.
 Team high game, Wurster & Foster, 912.
 Individual high series, O. Hart, Spring No. 2, 601.
 Individual high game, D. Ringe, Central Fibre, 230.

DEATHS

Mrs. Nellie Allen Campbell, widow of Robert A. Campbell, who had resided at the Methodist Home since Nov. 29, 1942, died there Thursday morning, Dec. 18, at the age of 87 years. Funeral services were held at the Staffan Funeral Home at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Rev. L. L. Lord, of the Home, officiating, and burial took place in Deering Road cemetery, in Parma.

Mrs. Campbell, whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Sedgewick, of Bath, Ill., was born Oct. 12, 1860. She was married to Mr. Campbell, Feb. 3, 1886.

Survivors are three sons, Don E. Campbell of Pontiac, Roy A. of Toledo, and Frederick D. of Pontiac; one daughter, Mrs. Nettie Kremer of Pontiac, and several grandchildren.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of a hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree-growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.

The banjo, a stringed musical instrument, was introduced in the United States by negro slaves.

Bronze Tablet at Marshall Placed in Honor of State's Public School Founders

Editors' Note: This is one of a series on historical spots and monuments in Michigan, based on information from the Michigan Historical Collections at the University of Michigan.

The founders of Michigan's public school system, which has been copied by a number of other states, are honored by a bronze tablet in Marshall.

Located on the edge of the H. C. Brooks' estate on North Kalamazoo street, the plaque is in memory

of the Rev. John D. Pierce and Isaac E. Crary.

The Rev. Mr. Pierce, as the first State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Crary, as Michigan's first member of Congress, formed an unbeatable combination that paved the way for the establishment of the state's present system of education.

About 50 feet from the tablet is an oak tree under which the two men would set up a school system in Michigan. It was to be two

years before Michigan was admitted to the Union, but already the need of an educational system was the topic of conversation of many persons, according to the Michigan Historical Collections at the University of Michigan.

During the talk the two New England-trained men agreed that education should be a separate branch of the state government and that the constitution provide for a state superintendent of public instruction.

Shortly afterwards Crary, important in Michigan politics, was able to do several things that greatly helped the Pierce-Crary educational plan succeed.

The first was to suggest to Stevens T. Mason, Michigan's first

governor, that the Rev. Mr. Pierce be appointed the first state superintendent of public instruction. Provision for such an office had been made, largely at Crary's insistence, in the constitution drawn up in the summer of 1836.

This appointment was made July 26, 1836. Then, immediately after approving it, the legislature passed it with hardly a dissenting vote, the Michigan Historical Collections information indicates.

In 1837, Crary also succeeded in getting Congress to pass an act providing that Section 16 in each township in the state be given to the state for educational purposes. Previously, the townships had received such land. But the records show little educational good had

come from such a procedure. However, the townships liked the system and it took all of Crary's legislative cleverness to get Congressional approval of the change.

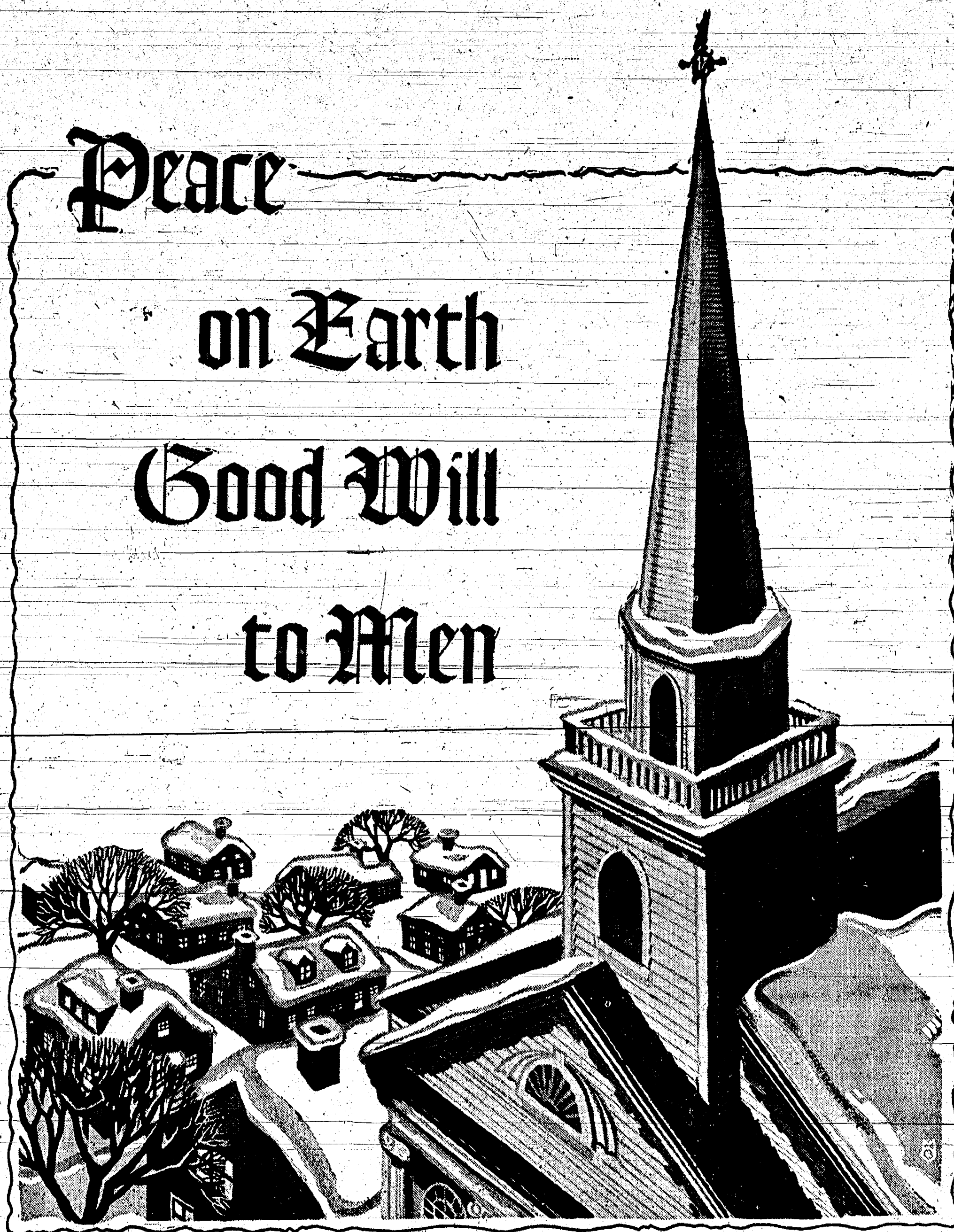
The act gave the Rev. Mr. Pierce land as an endowment to support the schools of the state.

BUY NEW FIRE TRUCK

Milan—Milan's Fire Department is expanding and the latest addition is a new truck particularly adapted to country fire fighting. It is equipped with a water capacity of 500 gallons and pump and also an auxiliary two-man pump which can be carried to any river or well and pump 300 gallons of water per minute.—The Milan Leader.

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this
Christmas season.*

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forever with an
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The man was Charles Dickens; his character was Tiny Tim. And in the words of Tiny Tim, oft-repeated, we'd like to say:

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GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE"**

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BUFF COCKER PUPS for sale—Eligible for AKC register. 759 Glasgow Rd., phone 2-1090. -23

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LOST—A black kid glove, with white stitching, on Monday. Please call 5601. -23

Bycraft's Taxi Service

Will Be Discontinued Christmas Eve,
Dec. 24 at 10:00 p.m.,
Until Friday, Dec. 26, at 10:00 a.m.

We Wish All Our Customers A Merry Christmas.

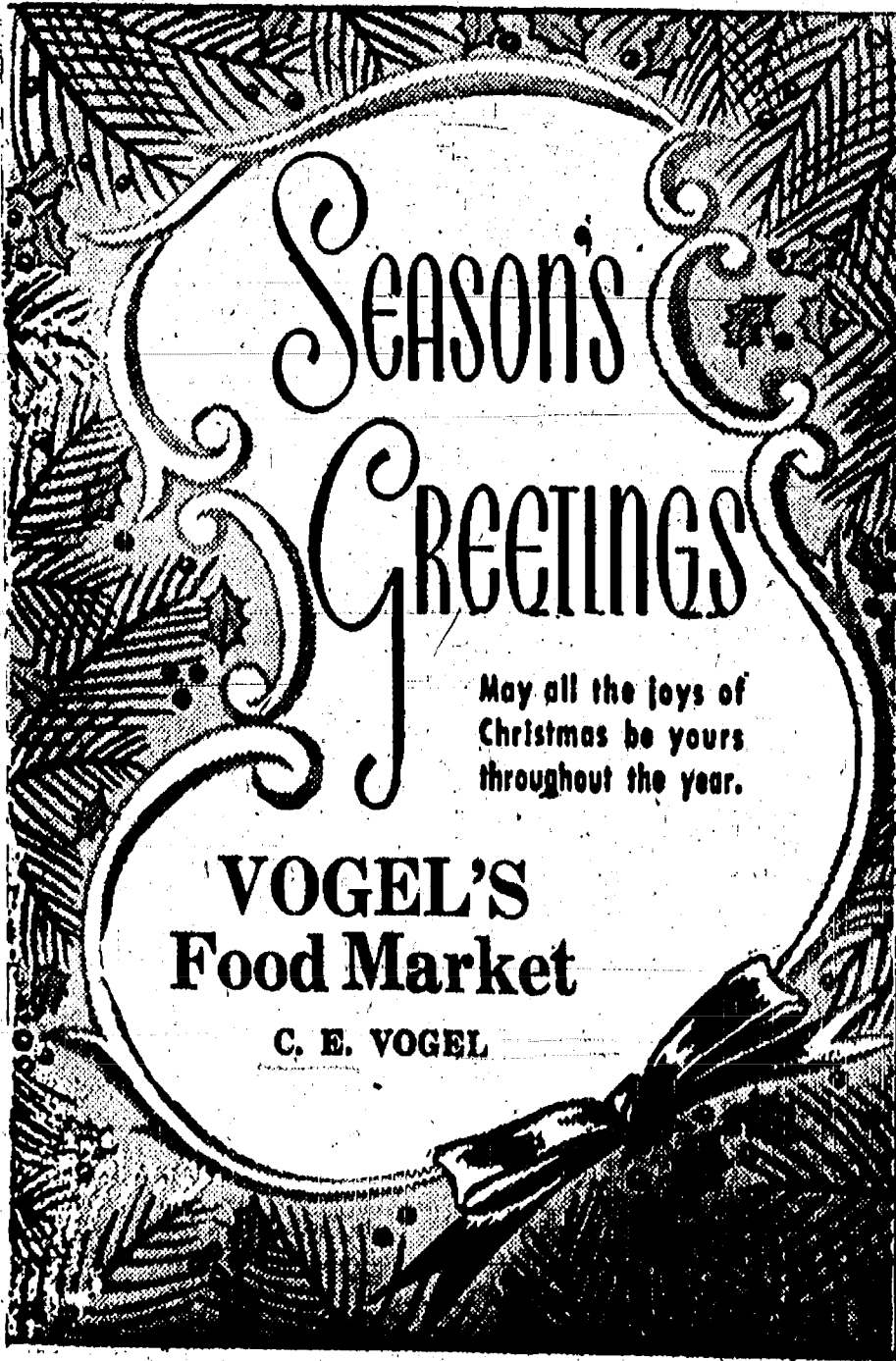
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New Year's Eve

DANCING

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Season's GREETINGS

May all the joys of
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WANT ADS

IN A DITHER over that last-minute gift? A subscription to The Standard will be a welcome gift to friends or relatives. Gift certificates are available at The Standard office. -23

LOST—Tan leather billfold, lost about Dec. 11. Finder may keep money, but papers important to owner. Please contact George Freysinger, 428 W. Middle St., phone 4301, or turn in to Standard office. -23

New Year's Eve DANCE

WEDNESDAY-NIGHT, DEC. 31. Dancing from 9:30 to 11. Prizes for best masquerade. Door Prizes, and many other prizes. The same way to celebrate New Year's Eve.

All door rights reserved at all times.

Leach's Dance Hall
Cavanaugh Lake -23



Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;

To whom God's angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear,

"Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid; For there you'll find this happy morn,

A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."

To save grain, inferior producers, diseased cows, shy breeders, and others in the herd which are not producing, should be culminated. MSC specialists say favorable beef prices make this practice especially desirable this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Havens have completed moving their household goods from Jackson to Chelsea, and are now at home at 224 West Middle street.

Mr. and Mrs. David Eaton and daughter left Wednesday for Kaukauba, Wisconsin, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Eaton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Stripe.

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LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT

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The jolly smile on Santa's face, the twinkle in his eye,

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reflect the good wishes in our hearts for a

joyous Yuletide for each and every one of our friends.

Schneider's Grocery

Joyous Yuletide to You All

We've a bounty of good wishes for a wonderful, merry, joyous Christmas... a happy year to come filled with health and prosperity. We've also a bouquet of "thank you's" for all our many patrons of the past year. We've enjoyed serving you... we hope to have the same pleasure in the New Year just dawning. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year One and All!

Sylvan Court Grill

103 West Middle Street

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Davidson of Detroit, are to be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wagner on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Everett DeLuca and family of Ferndale, and Mrs. Bertha Judson and son, Albert, of Leslie, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Alvin Hatt and Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Hatt.

C. C. Miller of Jackson, spent Sunday here at the home of his niece, Mrs. Wilbert Breitenwischer and family prior to his departure Monday evening, for Westfield, N. J. to join Mrs. Miller at the home of their daughter, Mrs. S. P. Collins.

IT SEEMS BUT YESTERDAY

... that we hung up our stockings on Christmas eve and then lay awake wondering if we would hear Old Santa Claus come down the chimney. May this Christmas be even happier than those of your childhood—that's our wish for you!

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What Yule Card Symbols Mean



GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Girl Scouts all met at the school Thursday evening, Dec. 18, to go caroling. We are sure it was enjoyed by the community. We met afterwards in the Home Economics room for sandwiches and hot chocolate.

Troop II—The Girl Scouts of Troop II elected Cynthia Paul for president and Doris Weinberg for vice president.

We are very happy because Mr. and Mrs. Warren Daniels have donated the use of their recreation room as our meeting place. We had a party there with popcorn and apples for refreshments. Cynthia Paul, Janis Wheeler, Mary Ann Titus and Norma Jean Dull were on the decoration committee. The refreshment committee consisted of Norma Jean Morgan, Sandra Baldwin and Doris Weinberg. In charge of the program were Phyllis Moody, Judy Davisson, and Kay Keeny.

We got our troop leader, Miss Sobocinski, a gift and she gave us all a gift. She also gave Mrs.

Daniels a gift and we all wish to thank Mrs. Daniels for the nice place she let us use for our meetings.

PERSONALS

Charles J. Williams re-entered U. of M. hospital for treatment, on Friday.

Miss Mina Weber of Detroit is spending the Christmas holiday with her brother, William Weber and family.

Mrs. Alfred Faulkner, with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Harrison, of Ann Arbor, spent the week-end at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. S. Bull and family, at Luther.

Mr. and Mrs. William Blaess and baby daughter, Linda, have moved from Ann Arbor to Chelsea and now reside at 208 South street. Mr. Blaess is a co-partner in the Blaess Elevator at Four Mile Lake.

In each succeeding year it more clearly appears that our democratic principle needs no apology. —Grover Cleveland.

Club and Social Activities

ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Leo Forner announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Margaret, to James O. Yoxall of Detroit. The wedding will take place in the early spring.

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. William Hafner announce the marriage of their daughter, Genevieve, to Carroll Flynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Flynn of Waterloo, on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Flynn are making their home in Royal Oak, where Mr. Flynn is employed.

ENTERTAIN NEIGHBORS

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Miles entertained a group of neighbors at their home on Thursday evening, Dec. 18. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orthing, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orthing, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. George Steele. Rosemary Steele, who just returned home from St. Joseph's Academy for a two-and-a-half week's Christmas vacation, was also present. The evening was spent playing euchre, and later a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. John Hinchey, who had been a patient at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Ann Arbor, for ten days, returned to her home here on Friday.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

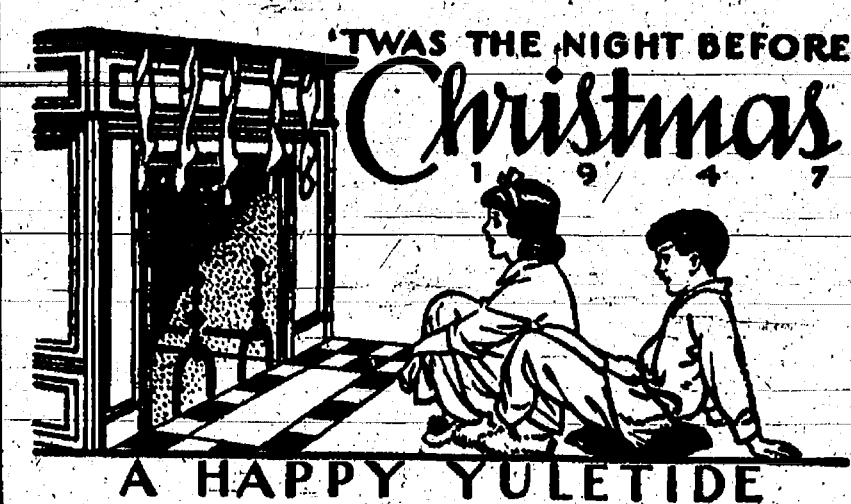
Joan Hinkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hinkle of Lyons, Ohio, and Walter Keezer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keezer of Chelsea, were married at 4 o'clock, Monday, Dec. 15, at Angola, Indiana, with Reverend Borden of the Methodist church performing the ceremony. They will make their home at Green Lake on M-92.

CHAT 'N' SEAU

The Chat 'N' Seau met at the home of Mrs. M. J. Baxter, Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, for the Christmas party, beginning with a chicken dinner at 6:30, followed by an exchange of Christmas gifts. Several games were enjoyed and then the group packed Christmas gifts for the Congregational church children's Christmas party.

SYLVAN 4-H CLUB

The December meeting of the Sylvan 4-H Community club was held Monday evening, Dec. 15, at the Municipal building, everyone having a grand time square dancing. The club members expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Kiwanis club who made it possible for the group to have the party there and to Mrs. Donovan Sweeney, Mrs. Henry Orthing and DeWitt Main for the fine entertainment provided.



WE WISH YOU
AT CHRISTMAS
MANY HAPPY HOURS
AND TRUST
WE MAY SERVE YOU
IN THE FUTURE.

STRIETER'S
MEN'S WEAR



May the Bright Star of
Christmas flood your home with
its sacred light.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Eisemann of Ann Arbor were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Esther Wadell. Later in the afternoon the three called on Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Vail and at the home of George Zeel.

Rev. Leroy I. Lord, Superintendent of the Chelsea Methodist Home, delivered the Christmas sermon at the Methodist church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Orville W. Morrow, who was detained at his home by illness.

Best Wishes

FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

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LONG AFTER
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May
Christmas
bring you many
blessings and much
happiness

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Rochester—The Rochester Business and Professional association have completed their arrangements for a gala holiday season for Rochester this year, with the streets to be decorated, a public address system to be installed, with church and school choirs bringing the joy of the season.—The Rochester Clarion.

Iowa City was the first capital of Iowa. The capital was moved to Des Moines in 1837.

Rural Correspondence

Items of Interest About People You Know

FRANCISCO

Mrs. Helt visited her sister, Mrs. Livingway of Detroit, Sunday. Theodore Riemenschneider called at the Harold Wahl home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Carrie Benter and Mrs. Resche were in Stockbridge and Chelsea, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Lehmann, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lehmann and Cheryl were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Artz, honoring Mrs. Truman Lehmann's birthday.

Duane Quaint of Western State, Mary Margaret Quaint of U. of M., and Ralph Robinson and Walter Kalmbach, Jr. of Michigan State, are spending the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Fred Kalmbach, widow of the late Fred Kalmbach, passed away Saturday, Dec. 20, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Leathers, in North Baltimore, Ohio.

NO. FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harvey were in Jackson, Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Erle Notten were in Jackson, Saturday.

Mrs. Starcross and Harvey Main called at the Herbert Harvey home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Mitchell Reid called at the Erle Notten home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Herbert Harvey called on Mrs. Susie Runciman at her home in Waterloo, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillman Wahl and daughter, and Mrs. Glenn Rentschler and son called at the Leonard Loveland home, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Dorr were Sunday visitors at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Loud, in Spring Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey and sons were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mrs. Harvey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heim.

Mrs. Josephine Peterson, who was ill for some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Lehman, has returned to her home in Francisco.

NOTTEN ROAD

Mrs. George Heydlauff and Mrs. Clifford Heydlauff called on Mrs. Emory Runciman at her home in Waterloo, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sanderson called Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hoover, in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beal arrived Monday from Iowa City to spend the holidays with Mrs. Beal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kalmbach.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arend and family arrived Sunday to spend the holidays at the home of Mrs. Arend's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sanderson.

Stanley Caspia, of the Army Air Force station at Cheyenne, Wyoming, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caspia.

Mrs. Philip Riemenschneider attended a surprise birthday dinner on Wednesday, given in honor of Mrs. Bertie Orthing. About 20 from the neighborhood were present.

Mrs. Kate Heydlauff and son, Carl, were callers Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Tena Riemenschneider and Miss Ricka Kalmbach. Sunday dinner guests there were Mrs. Philip Riemenschneider and son, Walter.

The young people of Salem Grove church, traveling by tractor-drawn wagon, went caroling in the neighborhood Friday evening, greatly pleasing folks with their singing, and being treated to Christmas cookies wherever they stopped long enough for people to pass them around. They returned to the church after making their rounds and enjoyed a pot-luck lunch with hot cocoa.

Heavy Mail Coming Up for Santa



Children of the first grades at the Downey, Calif., elementary school, had a special box in which they deposited their mail to Santa. All were on their best behavior, for they have no way of knowing whether or not one of Santa's gnome helpers may be peering through the slit. Hundreds of thousands of letters were mailed to Santa from all parts of the world.

F. O. E. NEWS

Harold Bair, secretary of Chelsea Aerie No. 2688, F.O.E., has been appointed chairman of the Gold Rush Campaign committee, sponsored by the Chelsea Aerie. The campaign will commemorate the Golden anniversary of the Order, which was organized 50 years ago at Seattle, Washington. Each captain will direct a team, composed of Eagles, who will compete in enrolling the largest number of new members during the six months' campaign, which started Dec. 1.

Team captains named by General Chairman, Harold Bair, are: Charles Feldcamp, Dan Parsons, Orville Mock and Frank Dault.

A district meeting will also be held at the Chelsea Eagle home on South Main street, Jan. 11, 1948. Jackson, Albion, Lansing and Grand Ledge aeries will be present at this meeting. Dinner will be served by the Chelsea Eagle Ladies Auxiliary after this meeting.

Illinois was the first state in the union to ratify the Woman's Suffrage amendment to the Constitution.



We extend to you every good wish for a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

TRUCKER'S
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Dexter's Market



Joyful Wishes

We join in the chorus of happy young voices that sing out, "A Merry Christmas to One and All!"

Moore's Restaurant



A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community... the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

Blue Sunoco Service
GLEA WHIPPLE—"JERKY" CHRISWELL

Avon Theatre

Stockbridge, Michigan
Shows at 7 and 9 P.M.

Fri. & Sat. Dec. 26-27

"Two Guys
From Milwaukee"

A good Comedy starring Dennis Morgan, Jack Carson, plus Cartoontoon and "Power Behind the Nation."

Sun. & Tues. Dec. 28-30

"Saratoga Trunk"

Here is a really BIG picture of a "Best Seller." Starring Ingrid Bergman and Gary Cooper, plus News.

—COMING—

"Tarzan and the Huntress"
"Love Laughs at Andy Hardy"
"Tall in The Saddle"



The bringing in of the yule log originated in England during medieval times. The log was dragged into the great hall at the beginning of the Christmas Feast and was the occasion of the rendering of the Christmas toast, which is, in part: "This yule log burns. It destroys old hatreds and misunderstandings. Let your envies vanish, and let the spirit of good fellowship reign supreme for this season and through all the year."

The yule log represents "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Michigan State college poultrymen urge the use of more green feeds to conserve grain. For example, place alfalfa hay in a rack in the poultry house and put the birds on range whenever possible. Good range will save a lot of grain next summer.



If we could—

we would say "Merry Christmas" to each of you personally. Since we can't, the next best thing is to put our greetings in print.

Rowe and Titus
Plumbing and Heating



In This Joyous Season
of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different. A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

Balmer's Brake Service
TED and FLOYD



Greetings

May the Good Cheer
and Peace of Christmas
be with you on
this day and always.

NORMA'S
Beauty Shop



Hankerd Service



In weal or woe, under all conditions, the cheery Merry Christmas comes to the surface. It's natural in mankind. Everyone appreciates a hearty Yuletide greeting—and so, to all our friends, we add our wish for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Klumpp Brothers



Best Wishes
for the Season

May your Christmas Day be gay, and many the gifts that come your way. And as the New Year follows through, we wish you joy and warm friendships too.

Lake Brothers Garage
C. W. LAKE

Our Neighbors

Grass Lake—In memory of her husband, Mrs. Christian H. Fleck has given a large sum of money toward the purchase of a new Hammond organ for the Grass Lake Methodist church. The fund is completed and a sum of \$80 has been contributed toward a set of

chimes for the church.—The Grass Lake News.

Northville—Owing to unpleasant and highly explosive events in the village during the past weeks the Village Commission has authorized President Doren to deputize fifteen to twenty plain clothes men to patrol the Village nights. The recent capers of prowlers and alleged house breakers not only in Northville but in Plymouth

as well, have aroused many villagers to fever heat and if the tension continues undue and unwarranted injury might result even to innocent persons.—The Northville Record.

Manchester—While driving south on the Manchester-Chelsea road Wednesday evening, Frank Marshall turned his car completely over after it struck a glaze of ice and skidded.

His wife, the only other occupant of the vehicle, managed to open a window, through which they escaped.

Mr. Marshall, who lives at RFD 1, Manchester, received no serious injuries, while his wife suffered lacerations of the chest and face. The accident was the first reported from this vicinity caused by the hazardous driving conditions on local roads.—Manchester Enterprise.

Rochester—The second public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance for Rochester was held Monday night at the high school with a fairly representative group of townspeople voicing their vote of confidence in their council to adopt this ordinance at once. The Village Council will vote on the issue at their Monday night meeting.

George Sidwell, noted zoning expert and municipal authority, was present and explained the questionable phases of the proposed zoning. Mr. Sidwell has worked with the zoning committee in formulating the ordinance for Rochester.—The Rochester Clarion.

Rochester—Dr. B. H. Wilson, president of the village, spoke before the opening meeting of the Rochester Business and Professional association last Thursday night and told the merchants that the present form of village government, council-president, was not adequate for the needs of the big business of Rochester.

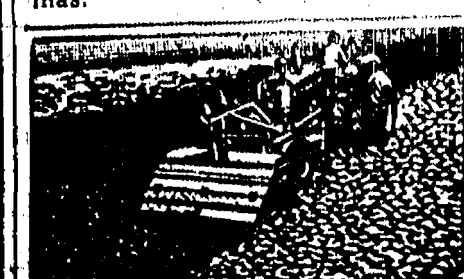
Dr. Wilson went on to say, "I could devote 90 per cent of my time to village affairs but like the rest of the council, I have to earn my bread and butter. Trying to maintain two full-time jobs is impossible. A change of charter and employing a manager would eliminate all inefficiency, overlapping and lack of cooperation which cannot help but be prevalent with the council form of government."

As to the rest of this plan, Dr. Wilson said a village manager would pay his own salary in the savings that would result through his services.—The Rochester Clarion.

Dexter—Plans have been completed and a charter granted to sixteen Dexter ladies to institute a Rebekah lodge in Dexter. All sixteen ladies are members on withdrawal from Lois Rebekah lodge, No. 115, of Ann Arbor. The ladies have rented the clubroom over the Tower Cafe for regular meetings. The ceremony of institution will take place there Thursday afternoon, Jan. 15 at 2:30 o'clock.—The Dexter Leader.

Buchanan—The following from the Dec. 4 issue of the Wakarusa Tribune is the laudatory message of the former publisher of that paper, with an introduction of the new publisher, Harlan Crow, recently of the Record staff: "With this issue of the paper the Wakarusa Tribune has a new publisher and owner, H. R. Crow of Buchanan, Mich. Mr. Crow has had a wide experience in the newspaper field, having worked both on daily and weekly publications, and for the past few years with the Berrien County Record of Buchanan, which position he resigned last week to venture into business for himself.—Berrien County Record.

Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin
There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated-form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.
The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.



Never a Christmas morning,
Never an old year ends,
But that someone thinks of
someone—
Old days, old times, old
friends!

Wolverine Tavern

JAS. BATSAKES, Proprietor

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PAUL CHAFFEE

D. H. I. A. SUPERVISOR
Agricultural Office—Court House—Ann Arbor
Phone Ann Arbor 2-1312



JUST IN TIME... Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

The safest place to put a lantern is on a hook designed for that purpose. Make sure it is not near hay, straw, or other flammable material.

A United States flag made from silk gowns donated by ladies of Portsmouth, N.H., was the first national ensign to be saluted at sea by a foreign power.

GENERAL TRUCKING

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BASEMENT DIGGING — EXCAVATING
GAS SHOVEL — BULLDOZER

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CHELSEA 2-3821
114 WEST MIDDLE STREET

TURNER & SCHULER
ELECTRIC CO.NOTICE!
LIMA TAXPAYERS

I will be at Chelsea State Bank
every Friday, starting December
19th, for the purpose of collecting

Lima Township Taxes.

Mary Haselswerdt

Lima Township Treasurer

NOTICE!
SYLVAN TAXPAYERS

I will be at the Chelsea State Bank every
Friday and Saturday until further notice,
except December 27, from 10 o'clock
in the morning, for the purpose of
collecting Sylvan Township Taxes.

Mrs. Theo. Bahnmler

Sylvan Township Treasurer

A department store Santa Claus listened to a long recital of requests by a boy, assuring him he would do his best to meet her requests. Before she left, Santa handed her a bright red apple. "What do you want Santa to do now?" her mother asked.

The moppet promptly snapped: "Feed it!"

MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, Clarence L. Atkinson and Dorothy Atkinson, husband and wife, Mortgagees, made and executed a certain mortgage, bearing date of August 16, 1944, to Ann Arbor Trust Company, a Michigan Corporation, with principal offices in Ann Arbor, Michigan, which mortgage is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, in Liber 248 of Mortgages on page 420 and 421.

WHEREAS, the mortgage, having elapsed the term of years therein provided, the amount claimed is due upon said mortgage at the date of this notice in the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars and no cents (\$6,399.00) and Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) Attorney fee, as provided by law; and that no suit or proceedings have been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured thereby or any part thereof.

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the mortgage secured by said mortgage, whereby the power of sale contained therein became operative.

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to Liber 240 of Deeds on page 238, all being part of sections 36, 37 and 38, Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Together with the following personal property:

1. A 1941 Plymouth Sedan
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7. A 1941 Plymouth Sedan
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9. A 1941 Plymouth Sedan
10. A 1941 Plymouth Sedan

Also all heating and refrigeration equipment, including gas registers, coffee urns, dishes, pots, pans, knives, silverware and six beds, springs, and mattresses.

Dated: December 19, 1947.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 19th day of December, 1947.

CLARENCE L. ATKINSON, Mortgagee.

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but who are embraced therein under the title of unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, cannot be ascertained after diligent search and inquiry.

On motion of Franklin C. Forsythe, Attorney for Plaintiff, IT IS ORDERED that said defendants and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, cause their appearance to be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this Order, and in default thereof, that said Bill of Complaint be taken as confessed by the said defendants, and that said unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, be bound by the same.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within forty days Plaintiff cause a copy of this Order to be published in The Chelsea Standard a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said County; such publication to be continued therein once in each week for six weeks in succession.

Countersigned: James R. Breakley, Jr., Circuit Judge.

Luella M. Smith, Clerk of the Court.

By: Ruth Walsh, Deputy Clerk.

A true copy.

Luella M. Smith, County Clerk.

Ruth Walsh, Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw, in Chancery.

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vs.

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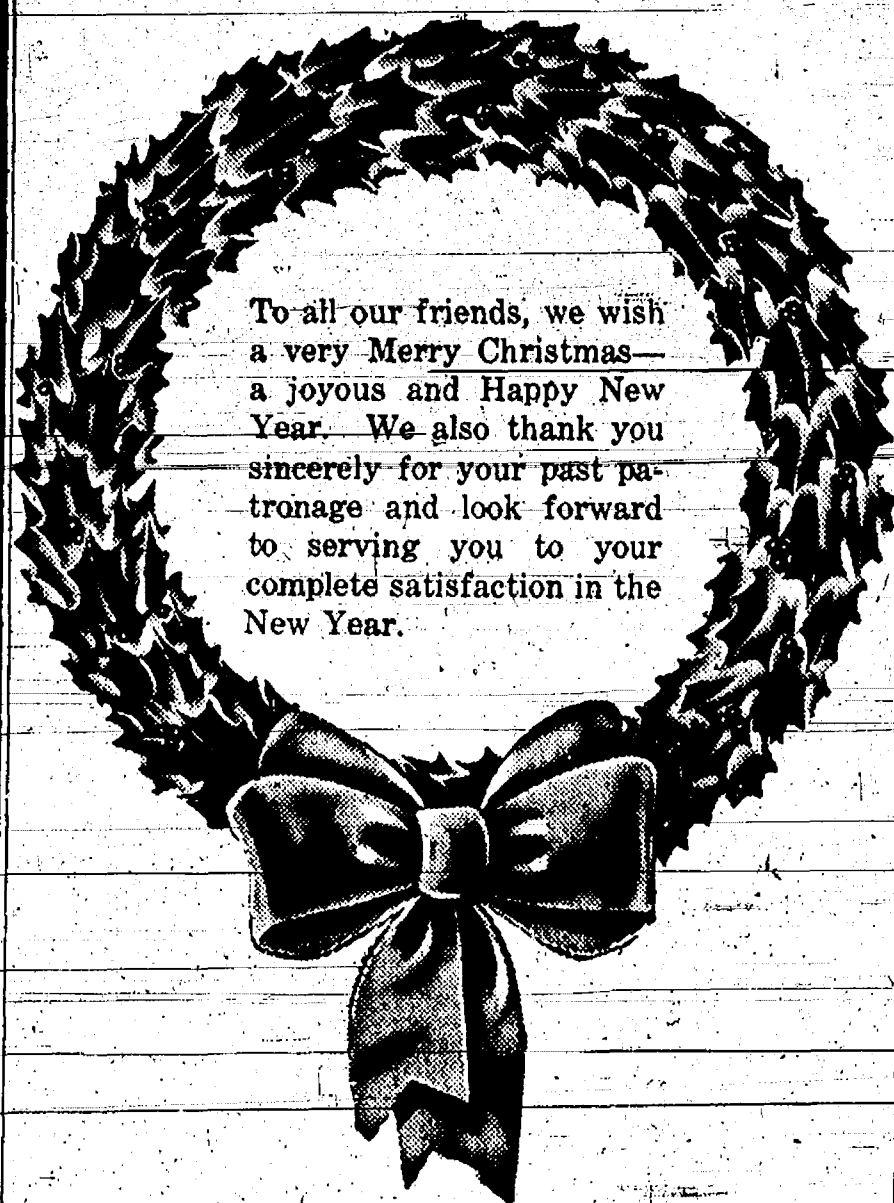
Ann Arbor Trust Company, a Michigan Corporation, Defendant.

Our wishes for the most glorious Christmas ever and for a New Year filled with health, happiness and prosperity are unlimited.



ROSE BEAUTY SHOP

Merry Christmas



To all our friends, we wish a very Merry Christmas—a joyous and Happy New Year. We also thank you sincerely for your past patronage and look forward to serving you to your complete satisfaction in the New Year.

LESSER'S

Announcements

The Gamble Store will be closed all day, Friday, Dec. 26. adv.28
Burg's Corner Drug Store will close Christmas eve at 7:00 p.m., and remain closed all Christmas day. On New Year's eve Burg's will close at 8 p.m., and remain closed all New Year's day. —adv.
A subscription to The Chelsea Standard will be a welcome gift to friends or relatives. Gift certificates may be obtained at The Standard office. —adv.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings. When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace, the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

The first railroad in the state of Iowa was constructed in 1855.



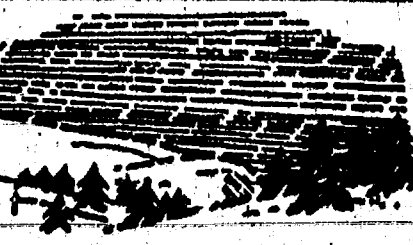
Greetings at CHRISTMAS

And when the day is gone
Our wishes for our friends
Continue on and on and on!

FARMER'S GUILD

SYLVAN, LIMA LOCAL

Christmas Quiz



1. A festival was celebrated at this time of the year long before it became the symbol of the Nativity. TRUE FALSE



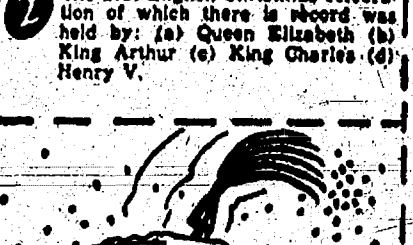
2. Santa Claus' descent through the chimney symbolized 'sweeping the chimney clean' which, to the English, meant (a) Good luck (b) A happy holiday season (c) Favorable year ahead (d) Short winter. TRUE FALSE



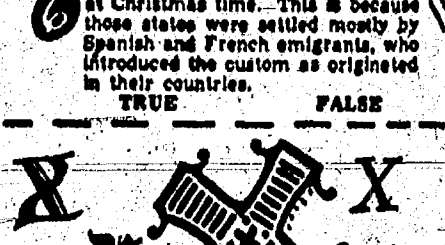
3. The first English Christmas celebration of which there is record was held by: (a) Queen Elizabeth (b) King Arthur (c) King Charles (d) Henry V. TRUE FALSE



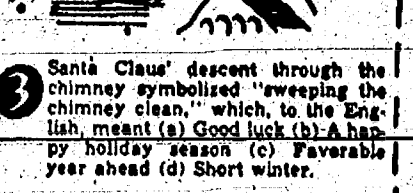
4. The southern states use firecrackers at Christmas time. This is because (a) Santa Claus was said to be frightened by the noise (b) Spanish and French immigrants, who introduced the custom as originated in their countries. TRUE FALSE



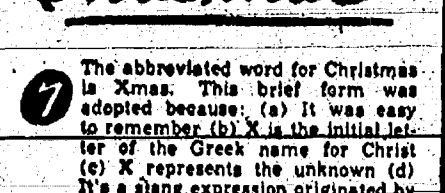
5. The abbreviated word for Christmas is Xmas. This brief form was adopted because: (a) It was easy to remember (b) X is the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ (c) X represents the unknown (d) The Xing expression originated by modern generations. TRUE FALSE



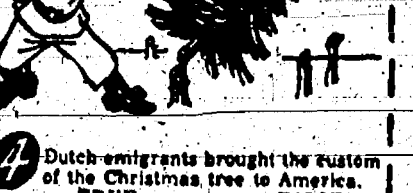
6. One of the first and most popular decorations for the home was the holly, which was supposed to represent: (a) Gaiety (b) Colors of Christmas (c) Friendship (d) Holly was the crown of thorns—the berries, drops of blood. TRUE FALSE



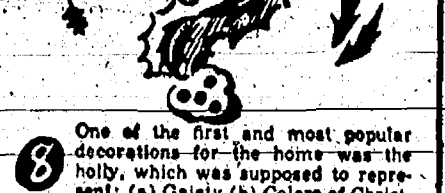
7. Dutch emigrants brought the custom of the Christmas tree to America. TRUE FALSE



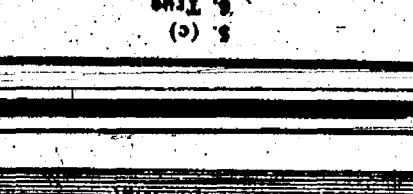
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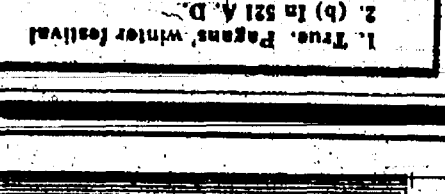
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12. The 'Pagan' Winter Festival (a) Yule (b) Saturnalia (c) Midwinter (d) Yule. TRUE FALSE



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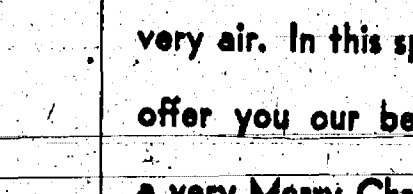
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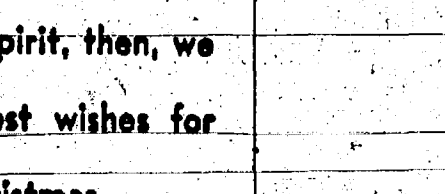
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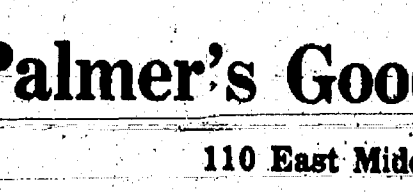
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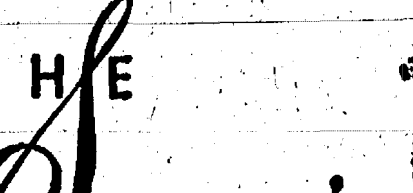
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Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly. Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion. It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house, first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year. For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.



With all the joys of the season to you!
GOOD HEALTH,
GOOD CHEER,
and a MERRY CHRISTMAS

A. D. MAYER
"Insurance for Every Need"
Corner Park and Main Streets
Chelsea, Michigan

Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection Institute issues these precautionary tips:
—Use a flameproof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.
—Use materials marked flameproof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.
—Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.
—Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.
—Never unplug gifts—near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

Mrs. J. E. McKune and Miss Ida Kousch were in Ann Arbor on Thursday to attend funeral services for Miss Frances Caspari, which were held in St. Thomas church at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERY ONE.
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MAY THE JOY AND PEACE OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU ALWAYS

Spaulding Chevrolet Sales & Service
Your Chevrolet Dealer Since 1929

The Season's Greetings

May this Christmas bring you gladness and a full measure of contentment.

Red & White Store
TOM SMITH—BILL WEBER

SYLVAN THEATRE

CHELSEA, MICHIGAN AIR CONDITIONED
Michigan's Finest Small Town Theatre!

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26-27
"TARZAN AND THE HUNTRESS"
Johnny Weissmuller, Brenda Joyce, Johnny Sheffield
CARTOON—COMEDY—NEWS

Sun., Mon., Tues., Dec. 28-29-30
"Merton of the Movies"
Comedy starring Red Skelton, Virginia O'Brien.
CARTOON—"Salt Water Tabby."
Sunday Shows—3-5-7-9.

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1
"Song of the Thin Man"
William Powell, Myrna Loy, Keenan Wynn.
CARTOON—"Foul Hunting"

ATTEND THE
Gala Mid-Nite New Year's Show
11:45, Wednesday, Dec. 31
"HIT PARADE OF 1947" All Seats 55c Noisemakers



This Is Our First Christmas With You

When we came to Chelsea, we knew no one. However, in a very short time we have met a great many of you, and hope soon to know all of you. We already feel that this community is our "Home," and that's all the reason we need to feel Merry this Christmas, while we sincerely wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas.

Ruby and Wes. Howes

Gambles
The Friendly Store



AT CHRISTMAS TIME

more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

Palmer's Goodyear Store

110 East Middle Street

THE Season's Greetings

KOLB'S GROCERY



Not for just an hour —
Not for just a day —
But always...
Our best wishes
For a Merry Christmas
And a New Year
That will bring you
Every happiness.

CHELSEA LUMBER GRAIN AND COAL CO.



By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

KALLY O'NEIL walked slowly up the front steps. Her mother watched her from behind the curtain. Being five years old and having a problem had her near tears. She reached up on tip-toe and opened the door.

"Kally, honey. Come in here a minute." Kally pushed the hood of her snow suit back and went into the living room.

"What do you want, Mommie?" She shook her blonde curls free.

"Oh, nothing much," her mother smiled. "I just want to know why my little girl looks so sad?"

"Well, Mommie," she slipped her coat off. "It's that girl down the street."

"Yes, dear, what about her?"

Kally could stand it no longer. She burst into tears and running over laid her head on her mother's lap. "That girl says," she sobbed, "that there isn't any Santa Claus."

"Well, now," her mother leaned down and gently bit the tip of her ear. "who'd ever believe a tale like that?"

"You don't believe her?"

"Of course not," she smiled down into the worried blue eyes. "We know there's a Santa Claus."

"But she said Daddy was him."

"Oh, pooh. Sit down there on the floor and I'll help you get your snow pants off."

"We could ask Daddy," Kally suggested.

"Yes, we could," she had an inspiration. "Better still—we can wait until tomorrow night and see for ourselves."

"We can't," she sat up in surprise.

"Sure. You go to bed just like always, then when he comes I'll wake you up."

She got up from the floor all excited. "You mean we can peek?"

"That's just what we'll do."

"George," she turned to her husband that evening after Kally had been put to bed, "our daughter has quite a problem."

"Women always have problems," he smiled over his newspaper.

"What is it this time?"

"She knows about Santa."

"That's too bad," he pursed his lips. "But what can we do?"

"Get someone to put her toys under the tree while she watches."

"Sure," he laid the paper down, "why couldn't I do it?"

"She heard that you are Santa."

He chuckled. "She isn't the only woman in the family thinks that."

"How about Bob Perkins?" she ignored his attempt at humor. "He's the right build."

"Okay," he agreed, "I'll arrange it in the morning."

"Kally," her mother shook her gently. "Santa is downstairs."

"He is?" she sat up rubbing her eyes. "HE IS?"

"Okay," she slipped out of bed and into her slippers. In the early morning light she looked like a tiny blond elf.

"Put on your robe."

"Santa was just coming out."

"She got it and took her mother's hand. They crept down the stairs. Mommie held her back while she made sure Santa wasn't smoking a cigar. He was placing gifts around the tree. She motioned her to look. Kally peered around the corner with big eyes. Then her head darted back.

"Where's daddy?" she asked in a stage whisper.

"They heard footsteps on the stairs. Daddy crept down. Kally peeked around the corner again. Santa was just coming out with an army bar-bekes bag over his shoulder. The three of them ran and hid behind the staircase. As soon as the front door slammed Kally was up the steps like a shot.

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"What's the matter with her?" he asked at her suspiciously. "Don't be like the trike?"

"I'm afraid, dear, that you'll never understand the feminine mind."

"What do you mean . . . where's he going?"

"To get her coat."

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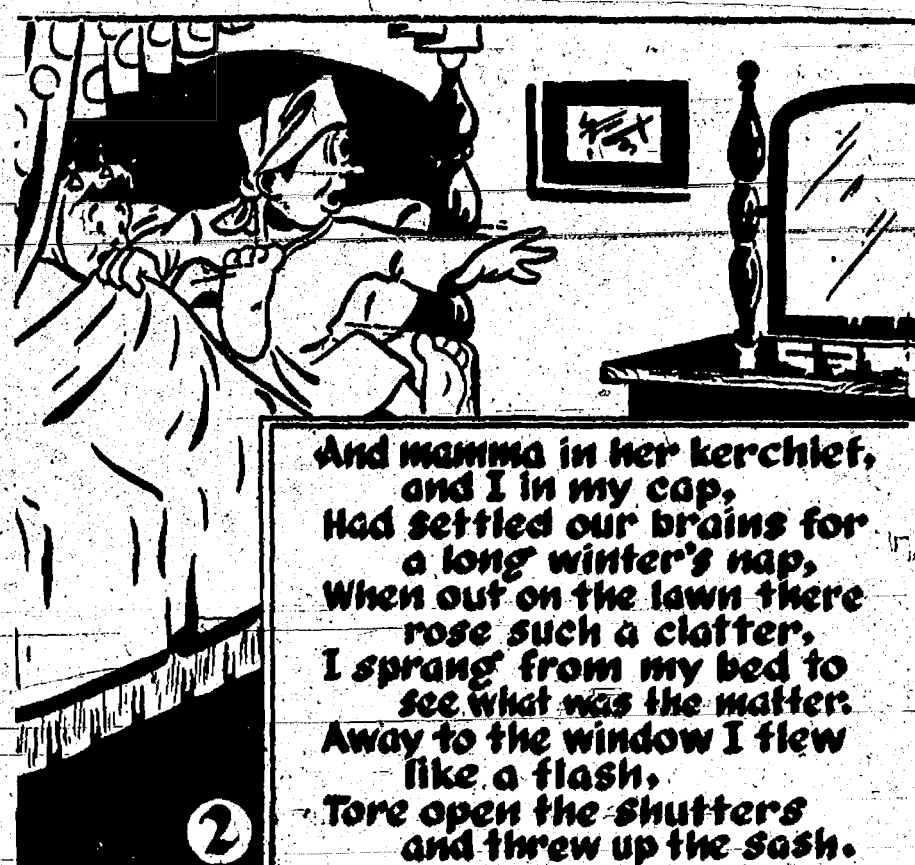
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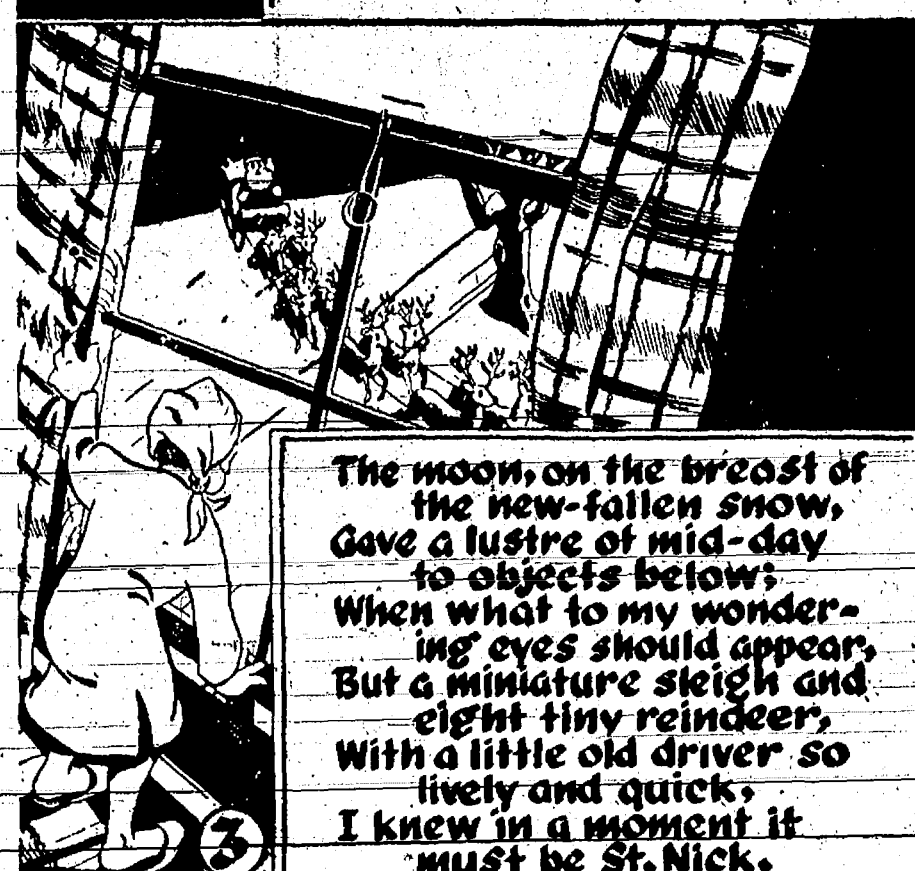
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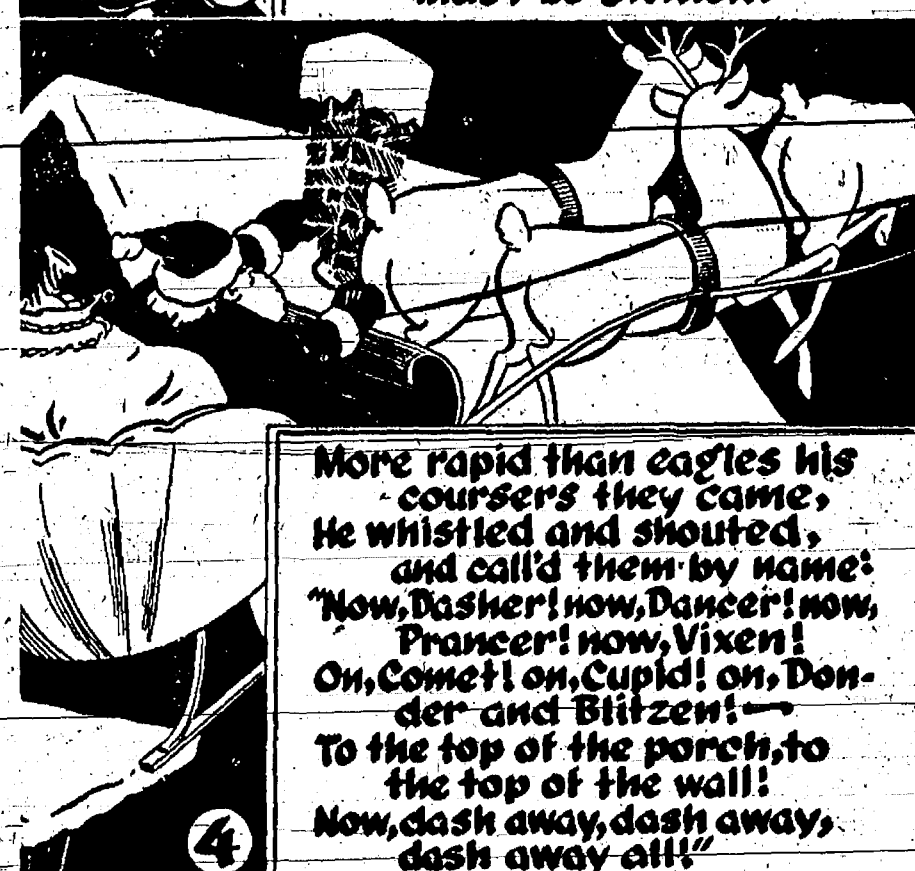
'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by
the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas
soon would be there;
The children were nestled all
snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums
danced through their heads.



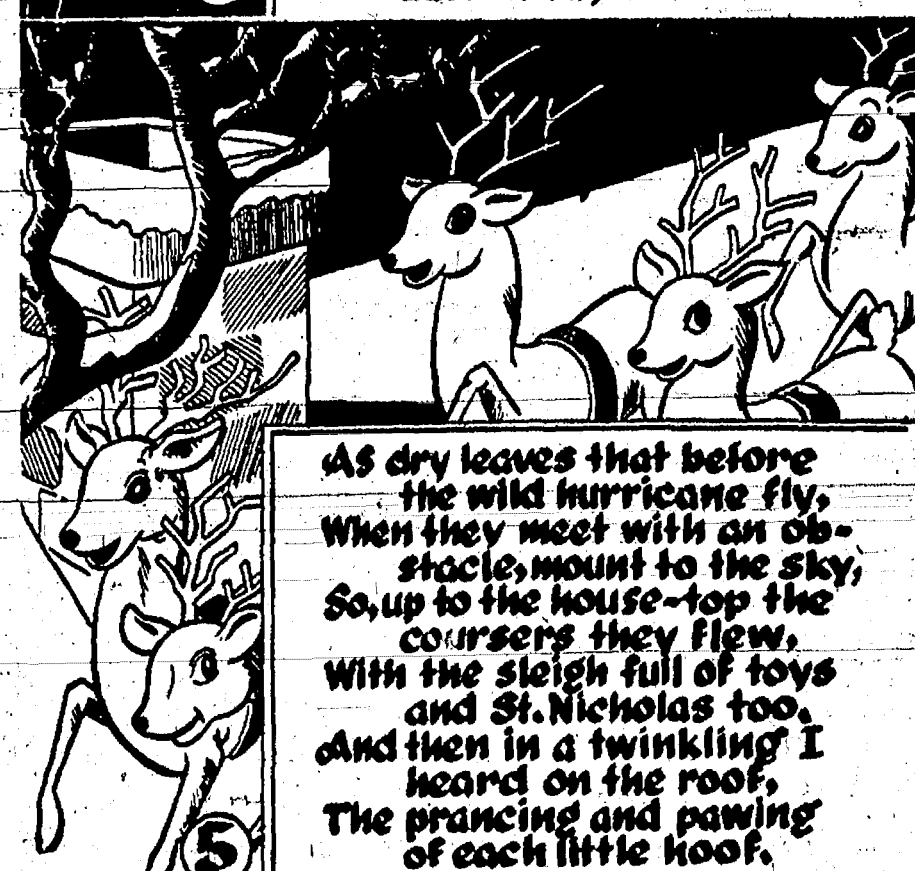
And mamma in her kerchief,
and I in my cap,
Had settled our brains for
a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there
rose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to
see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew
like a flash,
Tore open the shutters
and threw up the sash.



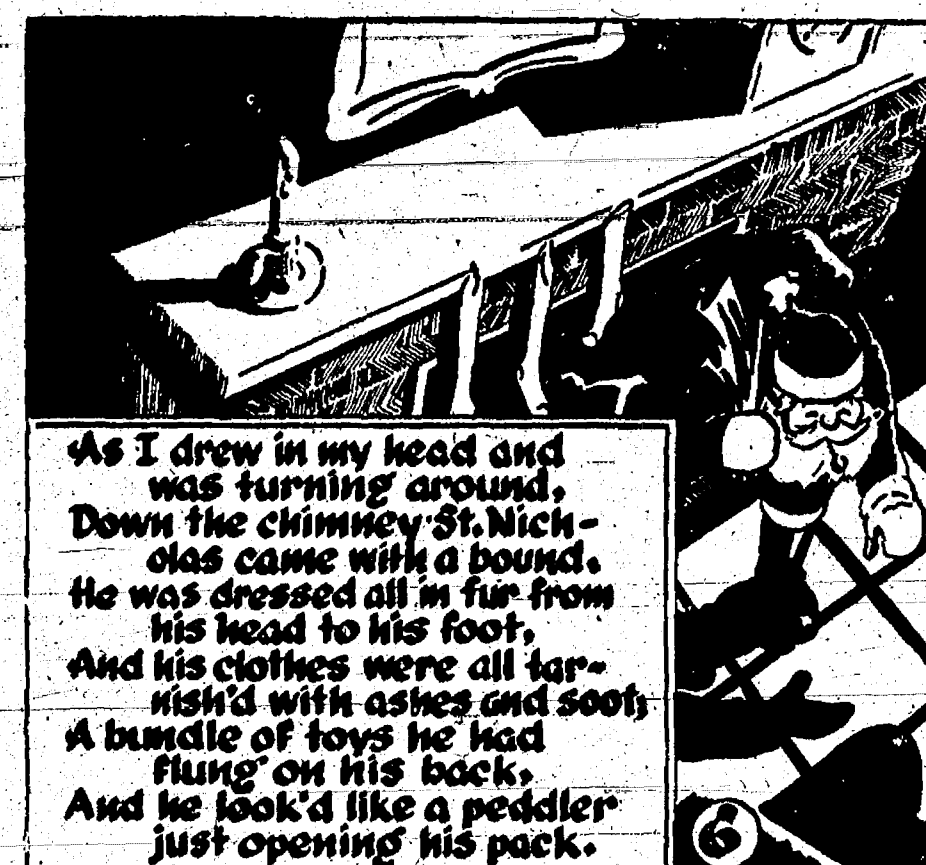
The moon, on the breast of
the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of mid-day
to objects below;
When what to my wonder-
ing eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and
eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so
lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it
must be St. Nick.



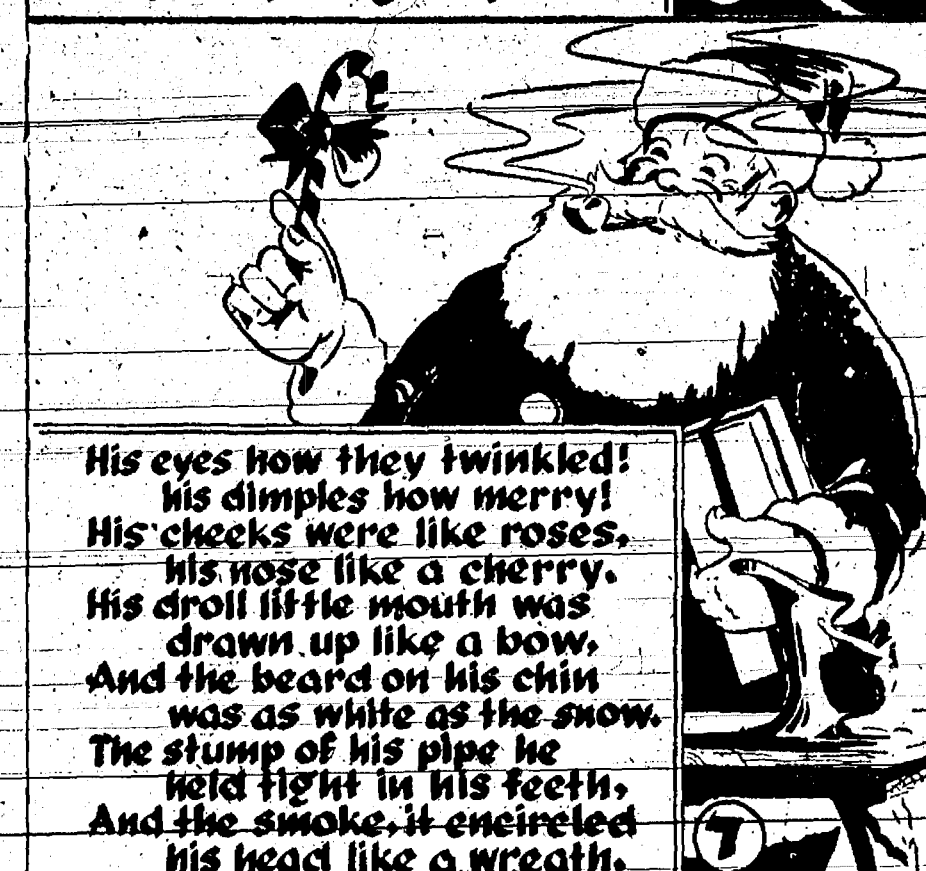
More rapid than eagles his
coursers they came,
He whistled and shouted,
and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now,
Prancer! now, Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Don-
der and Blitzen!"
To the top of the porch, to
the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away,
dash away—all!



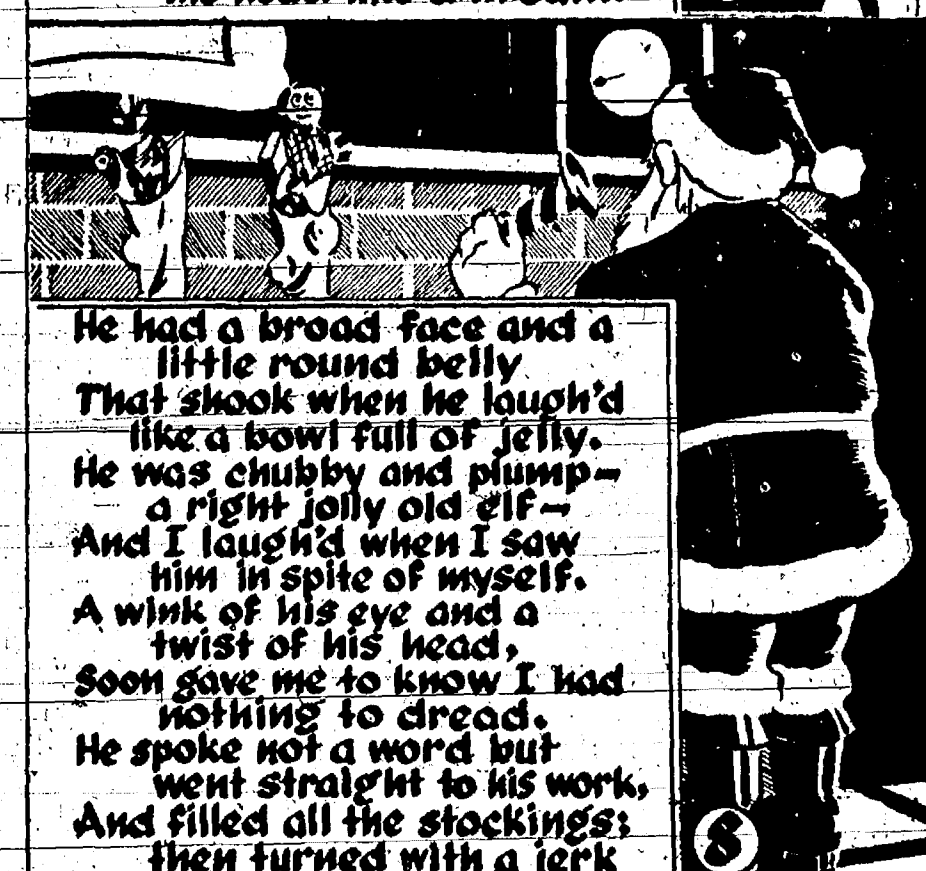
As dry leaves that before
the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an ob-
stacle, mount to the sky,
So, up to the house-top the
coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys
and St. Nicholas too,
And then in a twinkling I
heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing
of each little hoof.



As I drew in my head and
was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nich-
olas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from
his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tar-
nish'd with ashes and soot,
A bundle of toys he had
flung on his back,
And he look'd like a peddler
just opening his pack.



His eyes how they twinkled!
his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
his nose like a cherry,
His droll little mouth was
drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin
was as white as the snow.
The stump of his pipe he
held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it enircled
his head like a wreath.



He had a broad face and a
little round belly
That shook when he laugh'd
like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—
a right jolly old elf—
And I laugh'd when I saw
him in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a
twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had
nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word but
went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings;
then turned with a jerk



And laying his finger aside
of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the
chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to
his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like
the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere
he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all
and to all a good-night!"



French naval vessels rendered the first foreign honor to the U. S. flag when the national ensign was flown by the USS Ranger, commanded by Capt. John Paul Jones, on Feb. 14, 1778.

Nation's Health
Selective Service rejected 4,800,000 men because of physical or psychiatric conditions and found only 5 per cent in top condition among those accepted.

Proper care of sharp-edged tools is a mark of efficiency and also a step toward accident prevention. Don't pack over-sized eggs in the egg crate; they may break. Use them at home.

CHRISTMAS JOY 1947



Down through the ages comes the glorious Christmas story. In this timeless, ageless season we greet our friends and neighbors.

Mack's Super Service

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our many friends, we extend our wishes for a Yuletide filled with all the good things in life—good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

Grove Brothers



- Again gay carols ring out with their cheery message of holiday joy.
- In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices of the carolers echo the message of "... tidings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men.

Chelsea Greenhouses

It Wasn't So Very Long Ago

Items taken from files of The Standard of years past.

24 Years Ago

Thursday, Dec. 27, 1923
Verle Whipple, who spent the past season sailing on the Great Lakes, is spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whipple.

Beginning Jan. 1, the local telephone company, now known as the Michigan State Telephone Co., will be called the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. The name is being changed throughout the state.

Clair G. Hoover, a former resident of Chelsea and son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hoover of Chelsea, was married Dec. 22 to Ruth, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Wortman, of Akron, at the bride's home.

John Farrell, a resident of Chelsea since 1880 with the exception of 10 years spent in the west, celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary, Sunday. Mr. Farrell is very prominent and has been an active businessman in Chelsea for 33 years.

Miss Sophie Schatz last week received a large box of fruit from her brother, George D. Schatz, who lives at Fresno, Calif. Contained in the box were two kinds of raisins, figs, peaches, nuts and lemons. In all 135 pounds—all of which were grown on Mr. Schatz's ranch near Fresno.

The following is the honor roll of the school in District No. 4, Sharon, for the month of Dec.: Evelyn Mayer, Claude Gage, Caroline Leeman, Alma Gage, Orestha Kuhl, Marie Bauer, John Leeman, Ernest Horning, Waldo Horning, John Davison, Richard Wolf, Carl Davison, Lucile Alber, Clarence Gage, George Hawley, Francis Dornoff, Gwyneth Jones, Catherine Dornoff, and Russell Wolf. Dorothy Haselwerdt is the teacher.

Officers for the local order of Pythian Sisters have been elected for the coming year. They are: P. C. Evelyn Smith; M. E. C. Mabel Wolf; E. S. Florence Vickers; E. J. Lillian Foster; Manager, Lydia Bohnet; M. of R. and C. Josie Johnson; M. of F. Inez Bagge; P. of T. Neva Prudden; G. of O. T. Martha Weinman.

34 Years Ago

Thursday, Dec. 25, 1913
All the men graduated from the Michigan College of Mines in 1913 have found jobs at good wages. The salaries received range, for the ordinary men with little or no experience, from \$75 to \$100 a month, and some of the men with experience in mining are receiving considerable over \$100 a month. Absolutely green-men are earning from \$75 to \$85 a month.

The following officers for the North Grange were elected for the coming year, on Dec. 18: Master, K. H. Wheeler; Overseer, Wm. Burkhardt; Lecturer, Bertha Noah; Steward, H. V. Watts; Assistant Steward, P. E. Noah; Chaplain, Ida A. Johnson; Secretary, C. D. Johnson; Treasurer, W. F. Baird; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Mary Pinnell.

The Western Washtenaw Farmers' club held their annual meeting and oyster dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Burkhardt last Friday and the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, N. W. Laird; vice-president, Mrs. O. C. Burkhardt; secretary, Mrs. J. F. Waltrous; treasurer, George K. Chapman; chaplain, Rev. C. J. Dole.

North Sylvan Grange met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laird and elected the following officers for the coming year: Master, J. L. Sibley; Overseer, P. N. Broesamle; Lecturer, Mrs. C. E. Foster; Steward, Emerson Lesser; Asst. Steward, Lamont Franklin; Treasurer, C. E. Foster; Secretary, N. W. Laird; Gate Keeper, Thomas Leach; Ceres, Mrs. Lamont Franklin; Pomona, Mrs. N. W. Laird; Flora, Mrs. Wirt S. Ives; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. E. Lesser.

24 Years Ago

Late Thursday afternoon the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Waterloo arrived at a tentative agreement by which their recent disagreements have been settled, and free service is now being furnished to subscribers of both Waterloo and Chelsea exchanges. The rates of neither company have been raised. The Waterloo Telephone Co. can now, as far as Chelsea is concerned, change its name to the Wedontneed, and since phones contracted for by local merchants are no longer necessary, a direct saving of \$100 a year is made, besides the bother of having two phones.

Two or three hens eat enough cereal grain to feed a human being for one month. Careful culling of poultry flocks will help in the fight against grain waste, point out MSC college poultry specialists.

Standard Liners Bring Results



Merry YULETIDE

WE GREET YOU AT CHRISTMAS

And trust to offer you Cheer every day of the year.

Turner & Schuler Electric Co.

Let Birds Enjoy Xmas Tree When Holidays Are Past

When the Christmas holidays are past, all of us, especially the children, dislike to part with the Christmas tree. Even if the needles are gone and the decorations are worn looking, it is a sad ending to just throw it in the trash.

Why not give your tree to the birds? Mary Wiseman, Home Demonstration Agent, suggests that your children will think it's a wonderful idea to replace the decorations with pieces of suet, bread

crusts, apple wedges, and other tidbits that birds will like. Give your tree the place of honor in the back yard as a feeding station for the birds. In the more sturdy branches you can fasten a shallow box or tray for grain or seeds. Set the tree where it can be seen from a window. Then you can continue to enjoy the tree and the birds for weeks. You will be doing a kindness for your children as well as for the birds. They will learn to know the birds that come to eat at their tree and they will be keeping the Christmas spirit of giving.

No people on earth have more cause to be thankful than ours.—Theodore Roosevelt.

traditional carol
There were three wise men from afar
Directed by a glorious star,
And on they wandered night and day
Until they came where Jesus lay.
And when they came unto that place
Where our beloved Messiah was,
They humbly cast them at his feet
With gifts of gold and incense sweet.

Season's Greetings

The warm glow of Yuletide candles expresses our feelings for all of our friends on this glorious holiday.



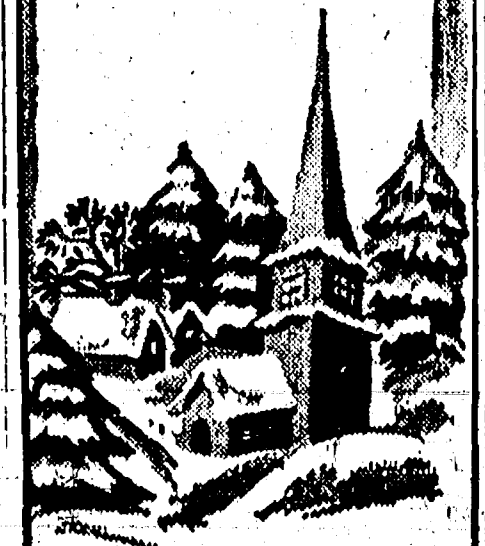
J. F. HIEBER & SON

J. F. HIEBER G. G. HOPPER

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The joys of this season are many—and may you enjoy them all! And after the last carol has been sung, we add our sincere wishes for a jolly year to follow.

Sylvan Recreation Bowling Hotel



The Nicest Part of the Day

After a busy and tiresome day, nothing is more restful and relaxing than a hot tub or shower to relieve the tenseness and fatigue and restore energy and good spirits. There is always plenty of instant hot water to take a bath at any time day or night when you have an automatic GAS water heater. Gas takes no time off. Gas gives you CONTINUOUS hot water service. See your plumber, your dealer or the Gas Company about installing a gas automatic water heater. What better way to start the New Year?

MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY

Good farm drain tile should be dense, uniform in shape, have proper strength, and be free from checks, cracks, or foreign material which will cause slacking or disintegration.

Quick Cleaning
An average of only 10 minutes is required to clean a trailer coach each day, according to a recent survey.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and the best of good wishes for the New Year

JUANITA'S BEAUTY SHOP

Season's Greetings

Best wishes for a joyous Christmas, a bright and prosperous New Year.

1947
the words are old

newish is old, but timelessly sincere

Merry Christmas

WALT'S CAFE

Whatever Name, Santa Is There

SANTA CLAUS is not always the merry, jovial, fur-clad saint behind a team of reindeer. There are almost as many versions of Santa as there are nationalities—Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas, or even Babonka. But, whatever his name, he is loved and welcomed by all children.

In America on Christmas Eve there is a merry linking of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer. pauses just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts too large to be stuffed in the stockings are tied on glittering evergreen trees

mas custom to England from Germany.

In Finland Santa has elves who pass out gifts for him. This generous group is known as Wainemönnö and Akko.

Babonka, a young and beautiful girl, brings the gifts in Russia. Grandfather Frost accompanies Babonka in a sleigh as she makes her rounds on Christmas Eve.

Italy has no Santa Claus, but in his place is a beneficent old witch, Befona, who sails through the air on a broom stick. She leaves her presents for the children beside the hearth.

Papa Noel, who is very similar to Santa Claus, reigns in Brazil. Like Santa, he wears a red suit and trav-



adorned with tinsel, gay ornaments and lighted candles, or electrical lights now in vogue.

It's not always Santa who brings gifts to children in other lands. The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre and carries the crozier. He rides a white horse named "Sleipner" and is accompanied by "Black Peter," his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings, Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner." It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

THE English children look for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. Her husband, Albert, a German prince, introduced this Christ-

els in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, but he enters the house through a window instead of the chimney.

AN ANGEL, who descends on a golden cord to accompany Santa, leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia.

Dwarfs bring the gifts to Scandinavian children, who in turn leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for their benefactors. The gifts are distributed at the supper hour. In Sweden, every family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

Spanish children also place grain on the window sills so that the Magi may feed their horses when they bring the gifts. Older people fill an urn of fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Lapland's benefactor is the "Christmas Goat," or Old Man Christmas. He wears a strange garb, a hooded fur coat, long whiskers and a false nose.

A radiant angel, who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer, brings the gifts to children of Switzerland.

Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage,

the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

Standard Liners Bring Results



TALLYHO!

Due to a shortage of reindeer this season we send you our Christmas Greetings in this conventional way!

In this season of gift-giving may we say that your friendship is our choicest gift and we appreciate it beyond words to express. May your Christmas be a merry one, indeed!

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Solves Candle Wax Stain Proposition

Christmas time always brings the problem of candle wax stains on table linens. Mrs. Leona MacLeod, textiles expert at Michigan State college, has a solution for you.

Candle wax stains usually consist of paraffin colored with a pigment or dye. Remove the paraffin as completely as possible by first allowing it to harden and then

scraping off the surface wax. Then press with a warm iron on white blotting paper.

If any dye still remains in the cloth you can probably remove it by sponging with wood alcohol or carbon tetrachloride.

It is estimated that rats eat or destroy 200 million bushels of grain each year on the nation's farms. Rat control is a good measure to help save grain, says the Michigan State college extension service.

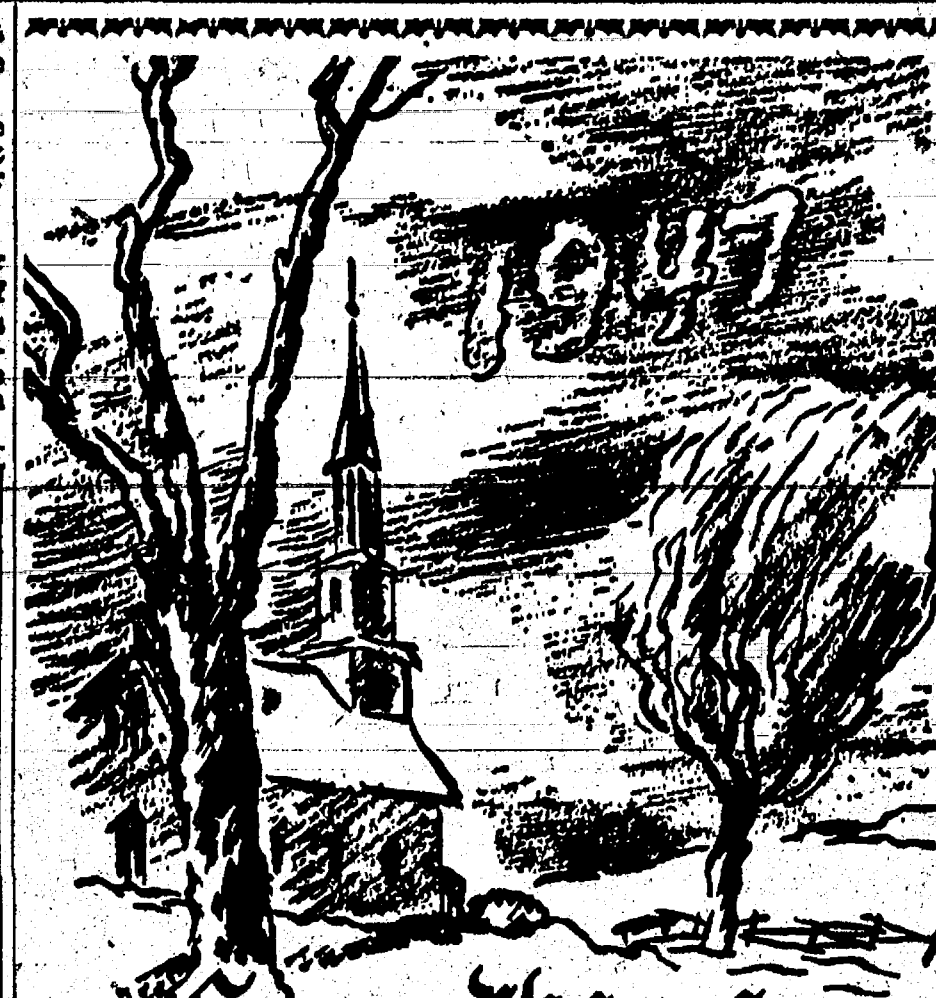


Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

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A winter countryside with a church spire dominating the scene reflects a peacefulness that symbolizes the kind of Christmas Day we hope you enjoy this year.

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Season's Greetings

Christmas is the time we remember our old friends and look forward to new friends. So our good wishes ring out for all... "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," no words are richer in good cheer.

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STAN BEAL

DEAN WILLIS

SEASON'S
Greetings

May your Christmas be one of joy and contentment. May your New Year overflow with good health.

Robert Lantis

Greetings

To all our friends we wish the merriest of Merry Christmases

Farmers' Supply Co.

ANTON NIELSEN

DECEMBER 25th
CUSTOMS OF THE DAY

ALTHOUGH THE FIRST INDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE DID NOT APPEAR IN LITERATURE UNTIL 1604, THE EVERGREEN WAS USED AS AN INDOOR DECORATION IN THE TIME OF MARTIN LUTHER.

SANTA CLAUS WAS TRANSFORMED FROM ST. NICHOLAS BY EARLY DUTCH SETTLERS WHO MADE HIM THE FAT, OLD FELLOW HE IS TODAY.

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CHRISTMAS BELLS JOYFULLY ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST—LEGEND HAS IT THAT WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN, SATAN DIED, AND THE BELLS WERE RUNG.

THE CHRISTMAS FEAST AND DRINKING IN THE YULE LOG ORIGINATED IN ENGLAND, BURNING THE LOG SYMBOLIZED THE DESTRUCTION OF OLD CUSTOMS AND THE BEGINNING OF NEW ONES.

STOCKINGS HAVE REPLACED THE HORNEN SHOE USED BY THE SATUR FOR HIDING CHRISTMAS SURPRISES.

Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1340 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern, bear and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froeschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.



Legend has it that when Christ was born and Satan died, the bells in the churches were rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ.

In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwell the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Auld tells in his traditions.

The method of voting in elections, known as the Australian system, was introduced into the U. S. in 1888.

Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate of calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the stem level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

Range of Vision
At high speeds the range of vision of automobile drivers is narrowed to approximately the width of the road.



TO OUR FRIENDS IN CHELSEA AND VICINITY

The Sinclair dealers in this locality and myself join together in wishing you a very merry Christmas and good cheer for the New Year. Your friendly patronage during the past year is greatly appreciated. And we look forward to providing you with even better Sinclair products and services during the coming year.

V. KOHSMAN, Agent



Merry Christmas to All!

It's Christmas Eve. Everything lies in wait for the Big Day... the stockings ready for the filling... a tree adorned with multicolored balls prepared for the laughter and joyous voices of all who search 'neath it on the morrow for splendid gifts... warm, roomy chairs awaiting visitors to share Yuletide with the family... On this night before Christmas, we wish one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chelsea Electric & Water Dept.



Greetings

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

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Merry Christmas

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Czech: Stání Vánoce.
Dutch: Gelukkig Kerstma.
Finnish: Haukka-Joulu.
French: Joyeux Noël.
German: Frohliche Weihnachten.
Greek: Kala Christougenna.
Italian: Buon Natale.

Norwegian: Glædelig Jul.
Polish: Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.
Romanian: La mulți ani cu Sântate.
Russian: Dushka Moroz.
Spanish: Felices Pascuas.
Swedish: God Jul.
Chinese: Hai lo Yeh so chiang sheng jhi!



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds—reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

Alms Giving Custom A Christmas Charity

Giving alms at Christmas originated in the belief that the Christ came sometimes to the door disguised as a beggar during the holiday season, and it was feared that he might be turned away unrecognized. There is an old legend that tells of the Christ child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in search of those who were kind, and deserving. His test was to plead for aid and often he was turned away from the door. This story led to alms giving on Christmas Eve and it was rare that a beggar was refused.



May
this Christmas bring
happiness as true,
as that
we have known
in our relations
with you!

L. S. Schaible
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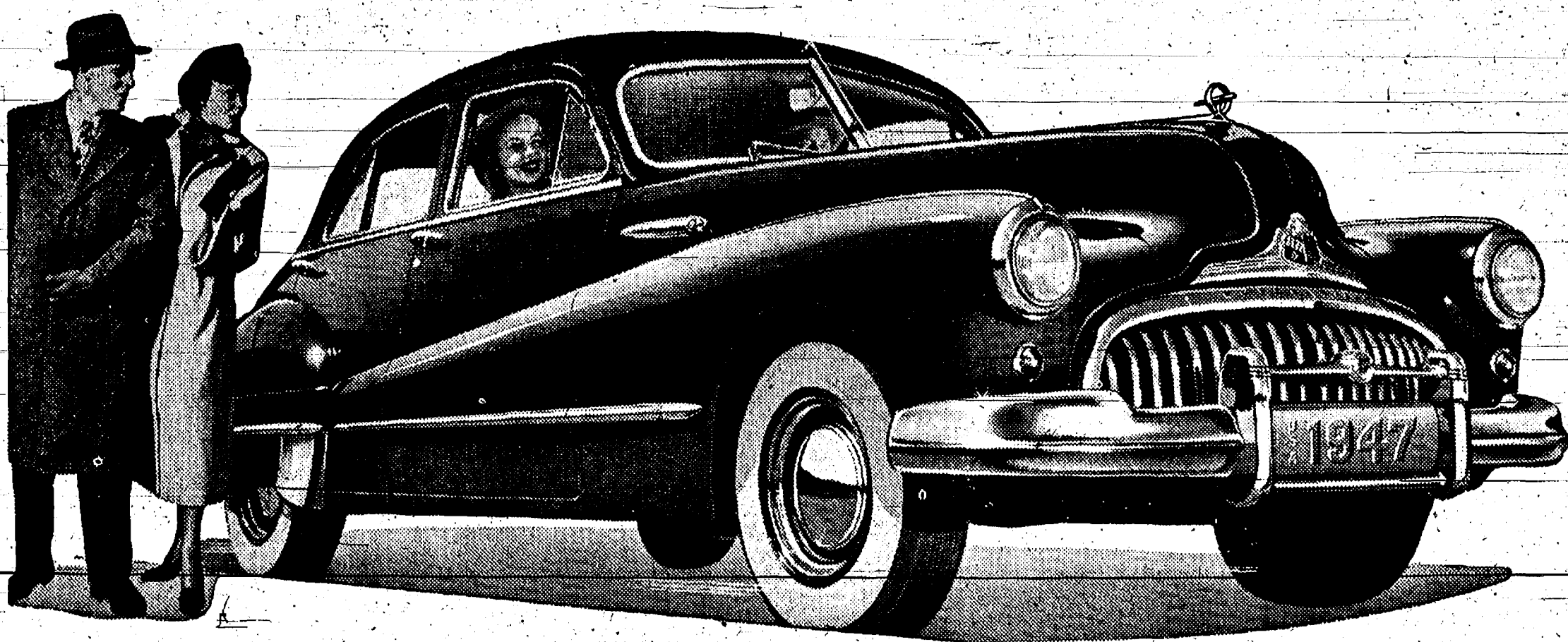
Christmas Greetings

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You picture the peace of mind that could be yours in a carriage so big, so sure, so steady—a car whose very

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WE KNOW OF NO BETTER TIME THAN CHRISTMAS TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO OUR MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO GREATLY TO OUR SUCCESS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

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• We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

Chelsea Restaurant
GLADYS DOE

The Hi-Light

Edited by the Journalism Club of the Chelsea Public School

CO-EDITORS
Joanne O'Dell - Mae Slane.

OFFICE NEWS

The Public School will open January 5 after Christmas vacation. Dexter basketball team will play here January 9. The High school PTA will meet January 8.

"HOW DOES YOUR NOSE RATE YOU?"

Noses have quite an effect on the lives of most people. For instance, you might have a sharp keen nose that comes to a point at the end. If so, you are a person who likes to ask questions and investigate. If you have a pug-nose you're apt to be "stuck-up," yet still friendly. There are many other traits connected with different shaped noses. Regardless of what shape your nose is, don't poke it into other people's business. People are apt to change its shape (biggest nose in the world) if you are not friendly to show a friendly interest in your companions and acquaintances. It is alright to ask a few personal questions, but don't bother yourself with things that don't concern you. Quite often people spread gossip and try to make issues of things which don't concern them. If you find yourself falling into this group that seems to be having trouble with their "nose," find an interest, and quickly.

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"The Christmas Pageant" in which the sixth grade, the Junior high girls, and the High school students participated was very outstanding. The soloists were Joyce Umstead, Sonja Weatherwax and Ellen Jane Geddes. The first scene was a sanctuary with candelabrum and an altar with a cross. The next scene was the prophecy; with an angel telling Mary of her coming happiness. The shepherds abiding in the field was then shown with three people portraying the shepherds watching the star. The Wise Men following the star, carrying gifts for the new-born king was then portrayed. The manger scene showed the Wise Men, the shepherds, and Mary and Joseph, and the new-born Jesus. Each scene was accompanied by songs and narrations. The narrator was Paul Niehaus.

NO SUPPORT

Just a few scattered cheers were heard Tuesday for the Sophomore Freshman game. What happened? Were there too many tests Wednesday? By the time the Alumni and varsity started playing a few more had gathered, but nothing extraordinary. People were too busy with a hard time deciding for whom to cheer. We wonder why. The exciting finish compensated for the lack of enthusiasm during the game.

Baldwin is now the hero of the school (until the next basketball game).

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball team of Chelsea High recently played a "delayed" game with the girls' team of Saline. By "delayed" the term means that the Saline girls were late arriving and hence the game lasted until 5:00 p.m. Because Saline had not played many previous games they played a fast game. The Chelsea girls also played well, as the final score points out. The score was 13-11 in Chelsea's favor. The starting line-up for Chelsea was as follows: forwards, Joyce

Hughes, Maryann Schrader and Dorothy Howard; guards, Peggy Schaible, Myrna Roberts and Mary K. Palmer. The line-up for Saline cannot be remembered, but will not be forgotten.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The pictures that were taken by the Lyndon studios arrived Thursday afternoon, and were distributed by each home-room representative. Nearly everyone was well pleased with his pictures. Because of a misunderstanding of the dates on the school calendar, a few dates for parties of various sorts had to be changed.

Other anonymous business matters were brought up and discussed.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual High school Christmas party was held yesterday afternoon in the gymnasium. The party was begun when the whole group sang Christmas carols, which were led by the chorus director, Mr. Gable. After finishing her Christmas shopping, Margie Proctor gave one of her monologues entitled "Husbands and Other Troubles." By the way Margie looked, she must have had a strenuous time with her shopping.

A skit "The Night Before Christmas" was given by a group of Juniors in a very modern way, with Bob Merkel as M.C.

At last, the nice scotch Santa Claus arrived; it was very nice of him to come down from his office to distribute the Christmas presents.

Sophomores had decorated; Freshmen cleaned up the building; Juniors managed the program and planning.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's from the Journalism club.

PEP MEETING

One of the best pep meetings of the year was held before the Flat Rock game. Although the spirit of happiness provided by the character of a fashion-writer, played by Mary K. Palmer, was not enough to carry the boys through to victory, it certainly rocked the study hall walls. According to this fashion-minded miss, who by the way, wore a hat generously decorated with Xmas bells, the basketball boys had a "new look," because their shorts were one-eighth of an inch shorter and their shirts had that low, plunging neck-line. Much to the dismay of Robert Merkel, the editor of the Hi-Light in this hilarious skit, Doris Downer, alias "Bubbles," the sports reporter, knew next to nothing about basketball, and Junior Vickers was hired to interview anybody; thus was the talk from Mr. Newkirk brought about.

Prudence Chandelier, the columnist, must not be left out. Her reason for not encouraging cheering was that it bothered the boys, and for not holding hands was because it spread germs. Mary Ann Gage was this prudence Miss Prudence.

Donna Kalmbach played our school song and it was energetically sung.

FFA NEWS

The Chelsea FFA boys are planning a basketball tournament with the other near-by FFA chapters for this winter. Under the skillful hands of Coach "Ricky" Carlson and Oscar Hansen the talented players will hold games with Dundee, Lincoln, Stockbridge, Manchester and Saline. The first game

of the season was held Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Saline. The schedule for the other games will be given at a later date.

GRADE NEWS

Second Grade—We have been busy with Christmas activities; we had a beautiful tree which we decorated with things we made. Tuesday afternoon we had our Christmas party. Some of the children brought cookies and others brought candy and popcorn. Just before we went home gifts for names which we drew were distributed.

Sixth Grade—Duane Satterthwaite was in charge of decorations for the windows for Christmas. Cynthia Paul, Sandra Baldwin, Marjorie Roberts, Judy Davison, Donald Umstead, Jerry Platt, Beverly Smith and Wendell Marshall helped him. These people also made bells and wall decorations. With the help of Beverly Hughes, Donald Rowe, Doris Weinberg, Billie Hoffield, Janet Widmayer, Donald Proctor, Robert Bertke, and Beverly Hughes, the blackboards were decorated.

Committees for the Christmas program were: program, Beverly Hughes, Judy Davison and Janet Widmayer; refreshments, Sandra Baldwin, Billy Hoffield and Cynthia Paul. Along with the party a play was given. The main characters were: Grandpa, Donald Proctor; Grandma, Marjorie Roberts; Mr. Pipkin, a bus driver, Freddie Stoll. The whole class then sang Christmas songs. Songs were sung by Beverly Hughes, "Friend Santa Claus," Sandra Baldwin, "The Gingerbread Man," and Donald Proctor, "Merry Christmas."

Seventh Grade—The Christmas party held Tuesday was planned, managed and carried out by the room organization, under direction of room president Shirley Rihl-maki and her committee. Maryellen Moore had a birthday, Dec. 12.

SENIOR NEWS

Agnes Forner, recent winner of the DAR "Good Citizenship" award, attended the DAR Christmas tea in Ann Arbor on Dec. 18.

SENIOR BIOGRAPHY

As we look through the Senior class, we find a very tall fellow, with dark, wavy hair, by the name of "handsome" end Hansen—yes, Oscar Hansen, better known to his

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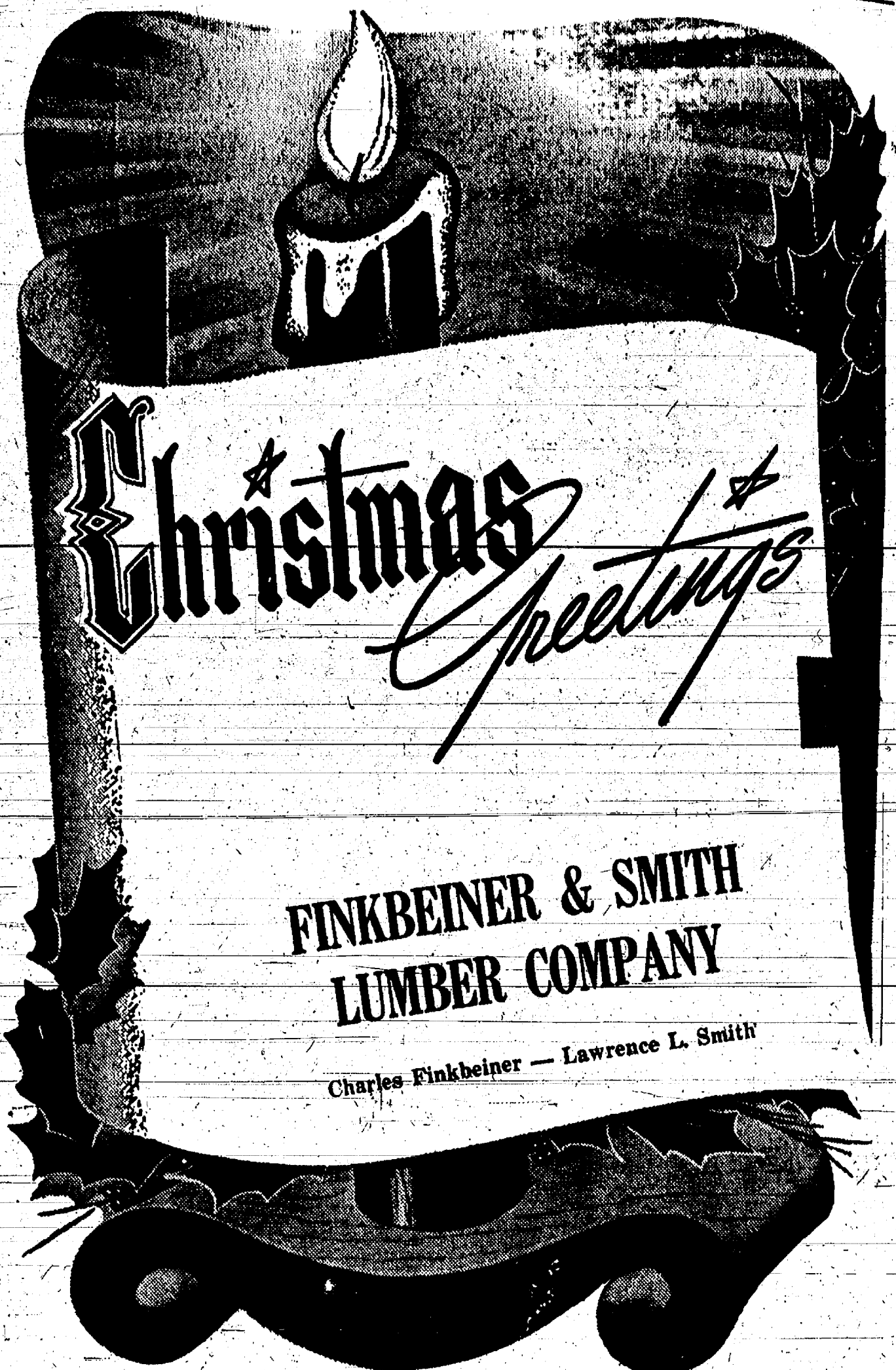
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fellow classmates as "Gus." Gus was born on North Main street—No. 101 in Detroit, Mich., on Dec. 16, 1889. Oscar's favorites are: food, ham; sport, basketball and girl(s); color, blue; and song, "Peg of My Heart." Gus's plans after graduation are to travel to

Waterloo. Good luck on your long journey, Oscar!

Saline—Students, businessmen, and residents have contributed a total of \$260 which has been sent to the Save the Children Federation and will be used to aid a Eu-

ropean school for one year. The ninth grade sponsored by Mr. Ford, contributed \$52 which topped class contributions. The students wish to thank the merchants and residents of Saline who backed this project. The Saline Observer.



CHELSEA STATE BANK

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Wahl and Foor



While angels hovered overhead,
the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to the Manger at Bethlehem. We cannot offer you their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gift must be restricted to the old, but heartfelt wish for all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

Harper Sales & Service



Christmas! No vaunting phrases can truly carry the meaning of that word, no marching adjectives picture its fulfillment. Its being and expression must ever lie in the simple words of the prophets, in the unpretentious but meaningful phrases of the Man of Galilee:

"ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN."

Central Meat Market

A. SCHILLER—R. CANINE



IN THE GERMAN alpine districts an ancient belief is that cattle can speak on Christmas Eve. No one ever hears them, however, and it is considered sinful to try to listen. Another tradition holds that bees can sing on this holy night.

SHOOTING OFF GUNS and grenades on Christmas Eve to frighten away mischievous spirits is an old custom in southern Germany. This colorful ritual has been forgotten in most communities; but it is still practiced in a few places, like Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian alps. The noisy ceremony dates back to pagan times, when bonfires were kindled to greet the returning sun.

On Christmas Eve about ten o'clock members of the Weihnachts-schiessen Verein (Christmas Eve shooting society) pack up their rifles, shotguns, revolvers and hand-grenades, and march to their appointed spot in the hills. Then at eleven o'clock they begin firing away into the air, setting off fireworks and lighting bonfires. At exactly half-past eleven all the banging stops, and the men quietly go off to their village churches.

BRAZILIAN CHILDREN parade through the streets at Christmas time dressed colorfully as shepherds, singing carols. This procession is called the pastorinhas, or shepherds' parade.

It is customary for children in Brazil to place their shoes in windows or doors in hopes of Christmas gifts, but in big cities the traditions associated with the North American Santa Claus are coming into favor. Since it is summer in this tropical country in December, Santa Claus with his fur-trimmed clothes, sleigh and reindeer seems a bit incongruous, however.

IN COLOMBIA THEY celebrate Christmas Day with a glorious fireworks display. In almost every village square a huge wooden effigy of a cow is erected. Men in fire-proof clothing crawl into the cow, and shoot off fireworks, Roman candles and rockets, much to the delight of the children. This curious custom is called the Vacas Locas, or festa of the crazy cows.

CHRISTMAS DAY is a holy day in Italy, and people flock to the numerous churches for the real merry-making for Italians comes on Christmas Eve, which is much more of a holiday than Christmas Day of them. As the eve of Christmas is a religious vigil on which no meat is allowed, the feast has to consist largely of fish. Most Italians choose eel for this banquet. A certain large species called capitone is especially popular, though quite expensive.

In the Celabrian hill country the shepherds come down from the mountains on Christmas and play bagpipes and flutes before the carpenter shops in special deference to St. Joseph, the carpenter.

At St. Marks church in Naples, dogs are taken along on Christmas morning. The faithful beasts wait outside until their masters have completed their devotions.

AFTER THE CHRISTMAS Eve supper, or Willa, Polish girls lift the table cloth and pick up handfuls of the straw that has been placed on the table. Any girl who finds an unthreshed ear of grain will be married soon and will be prosperous, according to tradition.

IT IS A PRETTY and humane Christmas custom in Scandinavian countries to hang a sheaf of grain outside the window in some snow covered yard so that the birds may share in the feast.

In Sweden and Finland the Christmas tree is kept standing for some time, usually until January 13, Canute's Day, when the neighborhood children are invited in to "plunder" it. It is a matter of great pride to the average youngster to have attended a large number of "plunderings."

ALMOST UNIVERSAL in South America is the custom of the family supper after Midnight Mass, known as Misa de Gallo. As it is then early on Christmas Day, the restrictions on eating meat, and on feasting in general that prevail on Christmas Eve, are over.

THE ANIMALS MUST NOT be forgotten at Christmas in Norway. Dog and cat get special Christmas fare, sheaves of grain are hung for the birds, and a large piece of suet put on the bird tray outside the kitchen window. On the farms cow and horse, sheep and pig and all the other animals get special treatment.

The tradition of hanging sheaves of yellow heavy-headed grain outside the house in midwinter is as old as our history. Thousands of years ago, in the Stone Age, the belief was that the spirit which lived in the earth and made things grow, died when the grain was cut. The spirit, hid; it was thought, in the last remaining stalks, that was why the peasants laid aside the last sheaf and kept it. Midwinters, when the earth was frozen and covered with snow, and it was dark almost all day, the Stone Age people hung this sheaf near the place they lived. The spirit hiding in it helped the sun become strong again, and later it returned to the thawing fields to bring the people a new harvest of blessed grain.

Christmas Has Its Humor Now

One of the most charming Yuletide chucklers concerns the pig-tailed youngster who found a pin-cushion among her other gifts on Christmas morning. The little girl then placed this note near the fireplace: "Dear Santa: Thank you very much for your presents. And I always wanted a pin-cushion, although not very much."

Another classic of the season is the one about the woman who stopped to chat with a friend after the Yuletide service, leaving her purse in her new. When she returned for her purse, she discovered

it was gone. However, she quickly found it in the possession of the clergyman. "I thought I had better hold it," he explained. "There are some in the congregation who don't believe in Santa Claus, but they might consider this purse an answer to their prayers."

A 10-year-old boy, making his first

visit at Sunday school during the pre-Christmas season, was held spellbound by the teacher's recital of Biblical stories about the Holy Day and the spiritual meaning of Christmas. Later he was asked to fill out the school's standard questionnaire for new pupils. One of the queries was: "Who will always know where you are?"

Patent Applications
Applications for patents have increased 50 per cent since the end of the war and now exceed 8,000 a month.

Farm Fatalities
There were 18,000 accidental deaths and 1,500,000 non-fatal injuries to American farm people during 1946.

CHRISTMAS remembrance



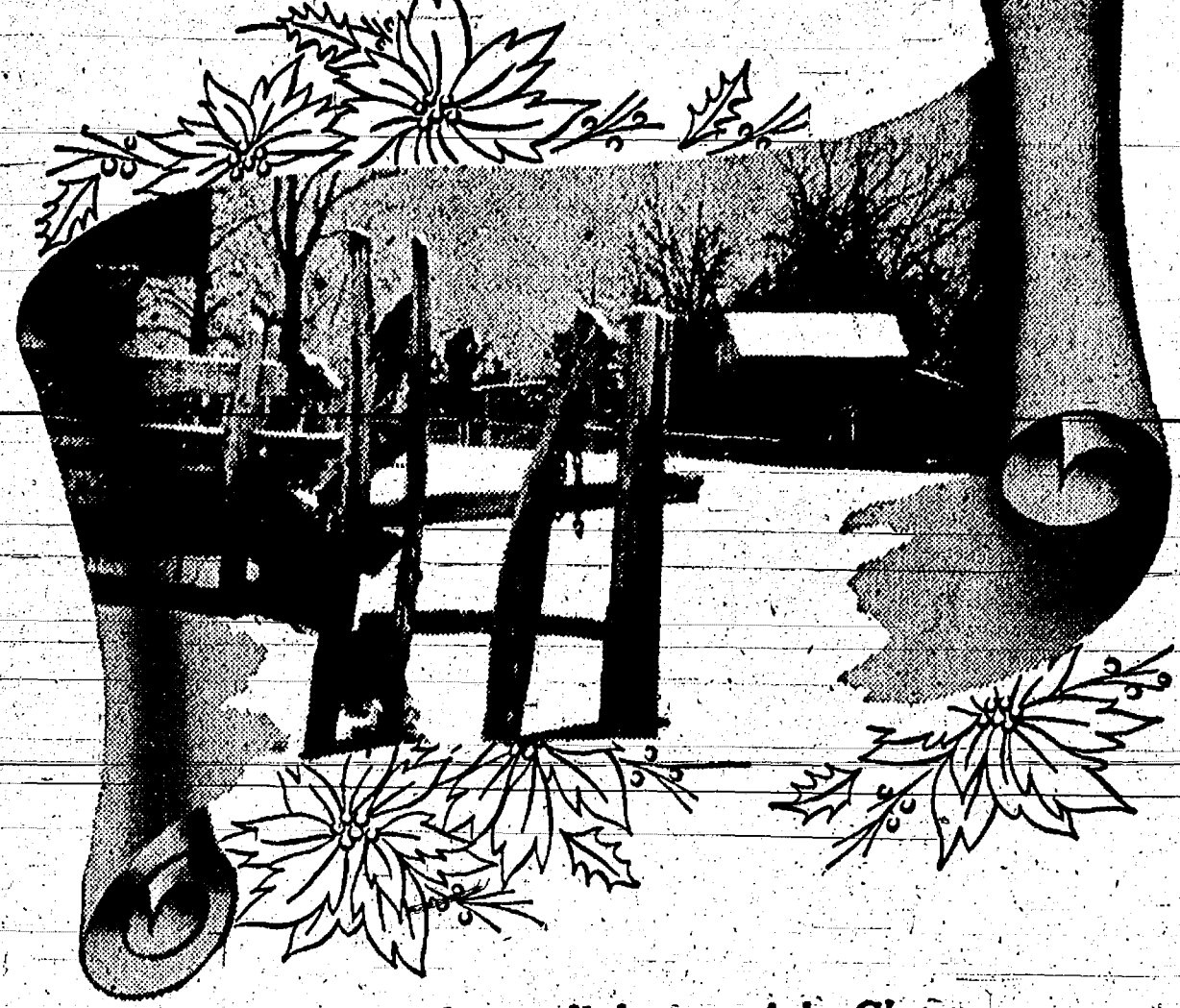
It would be difficult, indeed,

to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas.

We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

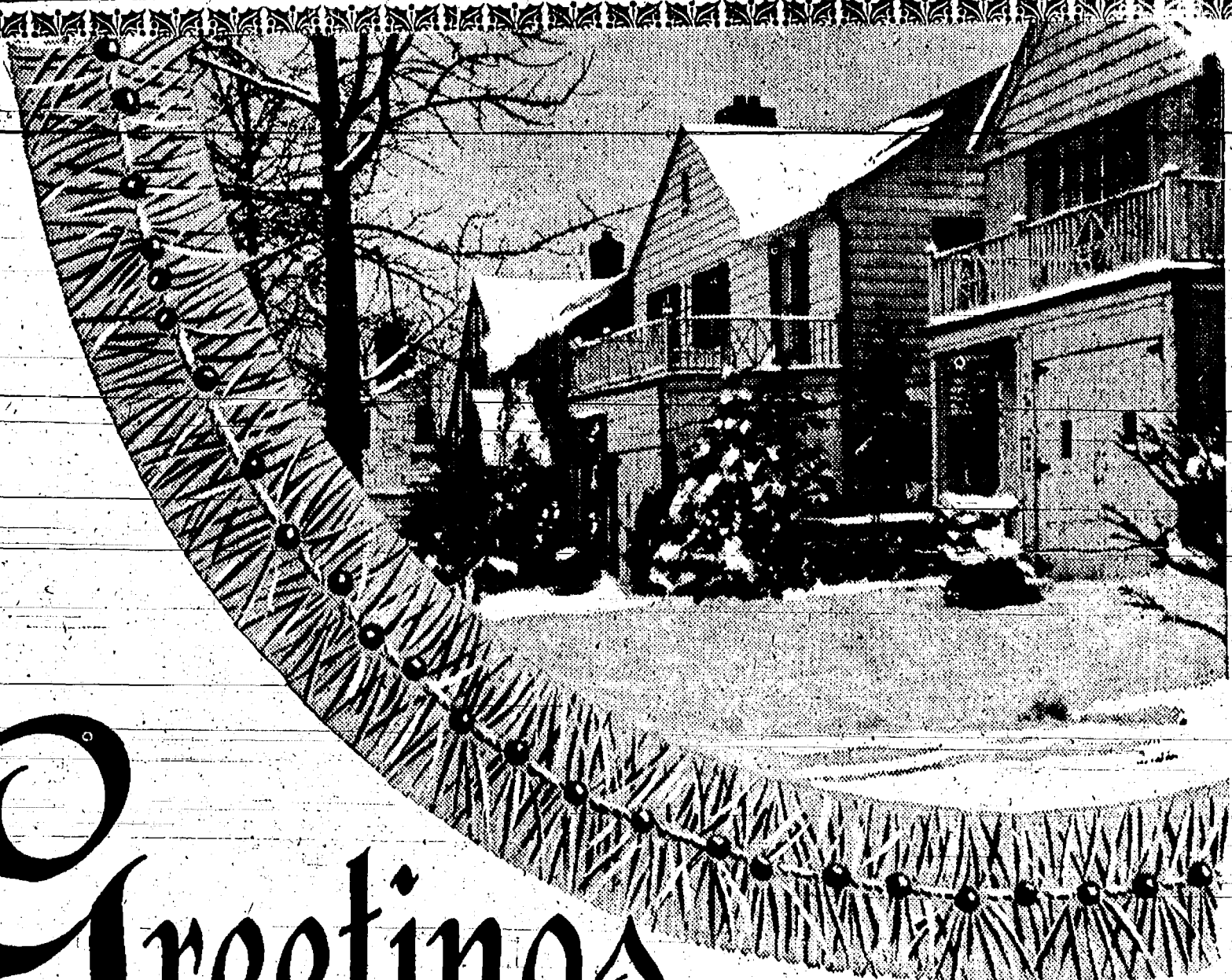
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To Greet You



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

The Blaess Elevator

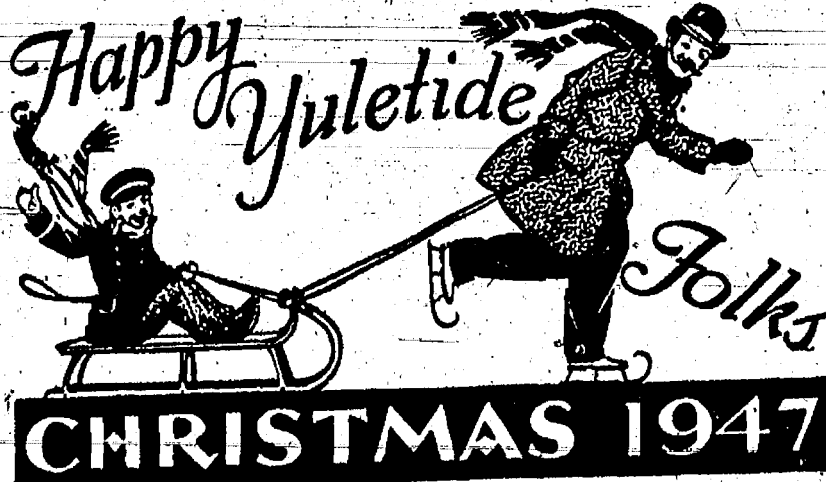


Greetings

Each joyful greeting we send carries with it good wishes to add to your Christmas cheer. Each lit candle and sparkling trimming on the tree reflects our fond thoughts of you throughout the year.




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JUST A FRIENDLY WAY OF EXPRESSING TO YOU OUR MOST SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND THAT IT MAY BE AN ESPECIALLY JOYOUS ONE FOR YOU.

Ferry Implement Co.
NORTH LAKE



*It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King,
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.*

Christmas Greetings

High above in the belfry tower the joyous peals proclaim the
arrival of Christmas. Out and over the rooftops towards
distant horizons goes the spirit of peace and rejoicing.

It is our wish to join in this spirit of good will and merriment
by extending to all our friends our fondest hopes that they may
enjoy the blessings of good health, happiness and prosperity.

We can think of no better way of saying it than

"A very Merry Christmas to one and all."

Chelsea Milling Company