

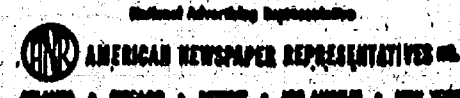
Chickadee area when the campaign begins after the first of the year. Representatives of both troops delivered the prepared campaign mailers to Mrs. Wallace Wood, campaign chairman, who surprised them by serving hot chocolate and cookies. Intermediate Girl Scouts, seated, from left, are Shirley Brown, Patty Gilbert, Christine Alber, Senior Girl Scout Jane Scott, Troop 77 Leader Mrs. Wilber Worden, and Senior Girl Scouts Sandy Cashin and Julie Elsemann. Mrs. Wood commended the troops for their efforts, saying the work was a worthwhile community service project.

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Religious Heritage of United States Closely Tied to Our Democratic Ideals

At this time of year it is appropriate for us in the United States to think about our religious heritage and what this country has contributed to the world in the way of religious practices, idealism and religious freedom.

The United States is unique among the great countries of the world, in a sense, in that we have no official or state religion. Yet we are a religious people and our forefathers who founded this country established the country as one where any and all could worship as he or she pleased.

Under this system we have grown to be the most powerful and diversified republic in the world. According to the latest statistics there are more than 260 religious bodies or denominations in the United States with a total membership of about 115,000,000.

There are approximately 64,000,000 Protestants, about 42,000,000 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews, and 2,700,000 members of the Eastern-Orthodox Church.

Of the Protestant denominations, the largest is the Baptist Church, with more than 21,000,000 members. Methodist bodies come next with a total membership of about 12,500,000. There are some 8,000,000 Lutherans and more than 4,000,000 Presbyterians, and about 3,400,000 Episcopalians. Then there are an estimated 2,200,000 members of the Churches of Christ, about 2,000,000 members of the United Church of Christ, 1,800,000 members of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) and about 1,700,000 members of the Latter-Day Saints.

So at this Christmas time it is good to look back on our heritage and at the blessings of religious freedom and democracy and mutual respect that we have enjoyed in the United States. They have helped make us the world's most powerful and richest nation and have eliminated religious strife and war in this country since it was founded.

Story of Santa Claus Provides Some of Our Fondest Memories

The story of Santa Claus is the most sparkling one for our youngsters in their early years. And it probably provides most adults with their tenderest memories.

The wondrous excitement of the days before Santa Claus comes, the expectation glowing in every young eye and the mystery and dream-come-true element in it all, makes Santa Claus the merriest figure of the year—for young and old alike.

It is good to plan and talk and have the fun of his coming every year. The children of today will have their problems and worries soon enough. On Christmas Eve and the days immediately preceding the happy event they need not think of all this, even if they were capable of it.

We can make their Christmas a wonderful time, and it will influence their later life and they will pass along the happy memories to their children many years later.

Not only is a rocking chair a pretty safe means of getting back and forth, there are also no backseat drivers.—S. S. Biddle.

Wife to Hubby: "I wish you had the spunk the Government has—they don't let a little debt keep them from spending."

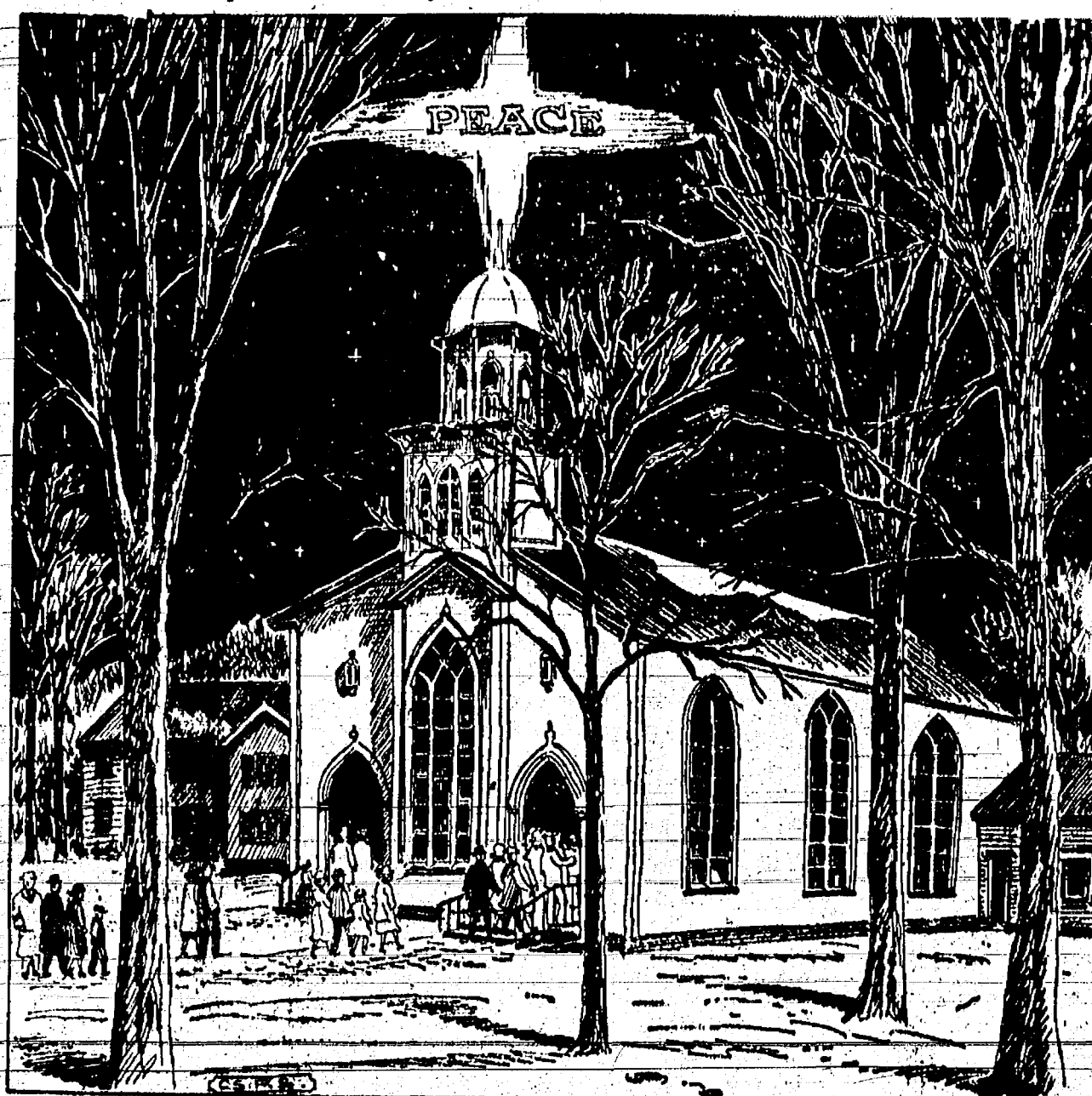
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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MICHIGAN MIRROR

By Elmer E. White, Secretary, Michigan Press Association

Bursting Rooms
If you have children in school, you should know many of the classes are of record or near record size throughout the state. If not, this year's enrollment figures can demonstrate the impact of the post-World War II "bumper crop" of babies.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Lynn M. Bartlett said the fall enrollment figures showed a startling rise, even though the hike was expected. During the past three years alone, Michigan's school enrollment has seen almost a 2,000 per cent increase, Bartlett said.

This fall's hike was 42,171 students in the secondary schools, practically double the increase noted last year, and it brought the total high school population to a record 441,568.

"The true picture emerges only when you consider that the 1930 increase over 1929 was only 2,376 students," Bartlett said.

The state spokesman said the jump in attendance during the past two years will probably be the largest Michigan will experience, but the spiraling enrollments have not yet ended.

"This merely marks the beginning of a tremendous upsurge in population, and Michigan must continue to plan ahead in building programs and financial measures if we are to keep pace," said Bartlett.

Con-Con Conflict

Battle lines are drawn for the Spring vote on the proposed new State Constitution.

A committee of delegates to the recent Constitutional Convention has been actively working for more than a month planning the campaign to urge approval of their product in the April election. Most of the members of the group were Republican delegates, but a few termed themselves independents who ran on the Democratic ticket.

Now the Democratic State Central Committee has hired a former member of Gov. John B. Swainson's

staff to prepare campaign literature pointing out what party leaders contend are defects in the proposed document.

Democratic members of the State Administrative Board also have served official notice to incoming Gov. George Romney that they plan to campaign against the ballot proposal as hard as he will urge its approval.

As chief of state and a former delegate to the Con-Con, of which he was a vice-president, Romney will have a more impressive platform from which to speak.

His contention has been and remains that the ballot vote should not be argued on a partisan basis.

The Democrats, however, speak primarily as party members. They say, as they did recently in a letter informing Romney of their plans to campaign on the Con-Con issue, that it will "weaken the executive, impair the judiciary, endanger school and highway funds, and set up new legislative inequities."

Republican party officials generally have expressed favor with the document although no formal stand has been taken by them as a group.

The Spring party conventions undoubtedly will put both parties on record about the document.

With this case, success or failure of the proposed Constitution at the polls will largely depend on which party gets out the most voters in April. Republicans generally have been more successful in turning out support in off-year elections.

Help Needed

Nearly one in every 100 Michigan citizens came into contact with facilities designed to care for those with mental disorders during the last complete fiscal year.

This amounted to about 70,000 during the fiscal year 1931-32, State Mental Health Director Charles F. Wagg said.

"Providing this treatment was not a simple accomplishment," Wagg noted. "It required the services of approximately 10,500 em-

ploys and cost about \$74 million."

The spectrum of service ranged from a single interview in a psychiatric clinic, to complete residential treatment in a state hospital. "All of it was the most adequate treatment the state could realistically provide appropriate to the needs of each of the patients involved," Wagg said.

"In spite of the extensive volume of service provided last year," Wagg said, "there were many people in need of help who simply could not be reached without a long period of waiting."

The Mental Health Director said the "deficits" shown by waiting lists centered largely around services for children.

A roadrunner is a desert bird.

JUST REMINISCING

Items Taken from the Files of The Chelsea Standard

4 Years Ago . . .

Thursday, Jan. 4, 1930—Junior Chamber of Commerce as sponsoring organization, was pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the young people of Chelsea at opening dance Saturday at the Youth Center, "Disc Jockey" were Pat Merkel, Loren Keezer and Fritz Wagner.

Picked at random from Roger Babson's forecast for 1930—it will be a "do nothing" year for Congress; Russia will not intentionally start a shooting war as long as she is fearful of China's loyalty; more foreign goods will enter the United States, particularly from Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia.

In the 34 Years Ago column (Jan. 1, 1925); Boy Scouting became a reality in Chelsea Monday when an organization was perfected and members were assigned to four patrols with leaders as follows: Black Hawk, Deane Rogers; Beaver, George Myers; Eagle, Roy Ives; and Cuckoo, Frederic Steiner. Organizer: E. P. Steiner; troop committee: Howard Holmes, A. G. Hindelang.

14 Years Ago . . .

Thursday, January 6, 1920—At the annual congregational meeting at St. Paul's church New Year's day, Loren Wank and Ernest Guenther were elected as members of the church board.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Doll, Jr. are the parents of the first baby born in the Ann Arbor area in 1949, a baby daughter having been born to them at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Ann Arbor, three seconds past midnight New Year's Eve.

Christian Koch, a building contractor here since 1902, died Monday at his home after suffering a heart attack. He was 67 years old. Master Sergeant Richard C. Lyons, who has served in the U. S. Army the past seven years and seven months, has re-enlisted for three years. He is stationed at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

34 Years Ago . . .

Thursday, January 3, 1930—Taxpayers of Sylvan township who reside in District No. 3 P. P., Sylvan and Lima, are enjoying the lowest tax rate in 25 years, according to Supervisor Fred Broe-

same. This year's rate is \$11.57 per \$1,000 valuation.

Disasters listed for the year 1938 include the following: 47 killed in fire at Catholic college, St. Hyacinthe, Que. on Jan. 18; Falls View bridge at Niagara Falls destroyed by ice Jan. 27.

In the 34 Years Ago column (Jan. 6, 1905); C. Watts of North Lake is planning to make 200 stone boats this winter for his many customers.

24 Years Ago . . .

Thursday, Jan. 3, 1920—The first real snowfall of the season started at 3 a.m. New Year's day and approximately six inches covered the ground before it stopped snowing at 3 p.m. Drifting caused the closing of a number of area roads.

Among the new officers elected at St. Paul's Sunday school for the coming year are Paul G. Schable, superintendent; Albert Plemeier and Dorothy Plemeier, first and second assistants; Frieda Bahnmiller, secretary; William Bahnmiller, treasurer; Dorothy Weinmann, or-

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Altshuler and Mr. and Mrs. David Altshuler and son, Mark, plan to go to the Christmas day for a visit with Mr. Altshuler's sisters, Mr. and Mrs. John Strahle, C. E. Bowen and Mr. Thompson.

Expected for a family party and gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seitz are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Seitz, children, Mrs. Bertha Clark, Ayward Ellison of Dearborn, Mabel Althaus of Durand, Ann Graf of Detroit, Mrs. Edwards of Ann Arbor, Mr. Mrs. Herbert Howell and family of Jackson, and Mrs. Emma Seitz.



GREETINGS

Merrily, merrily we sing out our wishes to you for the happiest holiday season ever!

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Best
Wishes
to
You

Once again holiday bells ring out, the air fills with the fragrance of holly and poinsettia and everybody dreams about an old-fashioned white Christmas. As you trim the tree and stuff stockings, we extend best wishes for the merriest Christmas ever!

Uncle Lew from Lima Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers at the country store Saturday night was paying their respects to this new 5-cent stamp they got to put on letters come January 7. Ed Doolittle said his neighbor was showing him a item in Time Magazine where France was putting out stamps now with mint-flavored glue. Ed allowed as how they ought to put a little flavoring in the glue for this new 5-center we got coming up, claimed it might take some of the bad taste out of the public's mouth. Clem Webster said he couldn't get too excited over Ed's suggestion. He figured it would take them Congressmen 5 year to agree on a flavor. But Clem did admit it wouldn't hurt nothing for the Congress to get started on this idea at the next session.

Zeke Grubb reported he was reading a piece in the papers where the Post Office officials was estimating they would be 4 billion Christmas cards mailed this year, that they would weigh 80,000 tons and the postage would come to around \$123 million. As a general thing, Mister Editor, I always send a 10-center to my Congressman at Christmas time, but on account of not knowing how he voted on this postage hike, I'm leaving him off this year. That'll cut the estimate down a hair.

Bug Hookum was lamenting that we got another Christmas just around the corner and that

things ain't no better, maybe worse, they they was last Christmas. Bug claimed that all this welfare business and deficit financing has sprung up in the last 25 year. He told the fellers he figured it gits started down in the public schools. He says the teachers is afraid of the principals and the principals is afraid of the superintendents and the superintendents is afraid of the school boards and the school boards is afraid of the parents and the parents is afraid of the children and the children ain't afraid of God Almighty. Bug allowed as how it was time the schools give more courses in hard work and less courses in how to git along in a welfare state. He said he was in favor of teaching kids in the first grade that a feller ain't got equal rights in this country unless he pulls a equal part of the load.

That was the longest speech, Mister Editor, I ever heard Bug make in all the years. I been sitting in on the meetings at the country store. But the fellers liked it pritty good and Ed Doolittle even made a motion that we run Bug for some big school job come the next election. Everybody, including me, voted for the motion.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS, Mister Editor, to you and all your readers and subscribers.

Yours truly,
Uncle Lew.

Chelsea State Bank

Santa Sets Up His Workshop Far from Home

Thousands of children actually get to see Santa at work every year. And they don't even have to travel to the North Pole.

The lucky youngsters are visitors to two "outposts" of Santa's workshop, located in Wilmington, N.Y., and Torrington, Conn. In either location, visitors may view Santa and his helpers as they make toys and other gifts.

"Santa's Workshop," or "North Pole," on the side of Whiteface Mountain at Wilmington, opens in June and continues operations until November. Eight reindeer are among the live animals present in the village.

Christmas Village is open for two weeks before Christmas. Here, elves help Santa, and reindeer-replicas include the red-nosed Rudolph.

In both villages the religious meaning of Christmas is well remembered and represented, with beautiful Nativity scenes illuminated by a lighted star.

The prevailing economy has much to do with the prevailing morality of any region.

Candles Gleam, Bells Ring Santa Arrives-It's Christmas

Christmas comes but once a year and into that magic "once" are packed years and years of well-loved traditions. Candles gleam brightly, bells ring merrily, and carols fill the air.

Up goes the tree and on go the ornaments and lights, in many a home and in many other places, too, both in and out of doors. Evergreen branches, jolly and mistletoe decorate the season.

Children eagerly await Santa Claus, his sleigh and his reindeer. Stockings are hung, and greetings and gifts, early wrapped, spread the spirit of Christmas.

How did it all begin? The major scene, in churches and homes, testifies to the religious meaning and real beginning of Christmas. To be glad and grateful, to give and to help others are expressions of that meaning.

The legends and customs of the holiday season, however, come from scores of sources and many ancient festivals have contributed their part to Christmas as a time of merry-making.

Giving Gifts

First of all Christmas gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh, the wise men's gifts to the Infant Jesus. Gift giving at the season of the year now celebrated as Christmas can also be traced back to pre-Christian times.

The ancient Romans exchanged gifts during their Saturnalia, a festival honoring Saturn, the pagan god of agriculture. Hanging gifts on trees figured in Druid tree worship in early Britain.

Helping Poor

Principles of Christianity are reflected in Christmas giving to the poor and unfortunate. An old legend says that on Christmas Eve the Christ Child roams the earth, dressed as a beggar, in search of food and shelter. People believed that any kindness shown a beggar expressed a love for Jesus.

Source of Santa

Origin of Santa Claus as a gift giver is usually traced to a real St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the fourth century A.D. St. Nicholas was renowned for his generosity, and he still retains his role as a gift giver in many countries, arriving on January 6—traditionally the date of the visit of the wise men.

Decorating Trees

In ancient feasts of the winter equinox, trees were adorned with trinkets. Like many pagan customs, the evergreen tree became associated with Christmas observances, and legends link it to the birth of Christ. One story says that on Christmas Eve, all the trees of the forest bloomed and bore fruit.

Singing Carols

Caroling at Christmas may be a carryover from the Roman songs of the Saturnalia, or so some researchers believe. Early Christian songs were solemn and somewhat forbidding. The simple, touching carols best liked today didn't gain widespread popularity until the 14th and 15th centuries.

Yuletide Greens

Evergreens at Christmas are an emblem of life eternal. Ancient peoples believed that the greenness of evergreens in winter was a promise of the creator that spring would come again.

Lighting Candles

Candles at Christmas symbolize the coming of Christ as the light.



THE NATIVITY—Page from a medieval Book of Hours shows the Nativity scene as illustrated and illuminated by the Limbourg brothers, famous illuminators. Books of Hours, or "Beaux Heures," are hand-lettered and individually illustrated prayerbooks intended for private devotion. This one was prepared for Jean, Duke of Berry, sometime before 1413. From The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Cloisters Collection; purchase, 1954.

Santa Gains Favor With Italian Children

Santa Claus is gaining favor with Italian children, but the traditional gift-giver, especially south of Rome, is Befana. Usually represented as a gray-haired witch who rides a broomstick, she brings toys for good children, but a stocking full of coal or ashes for naughty ones.

Legends say, variously, that she misdirected the Magi or that she refused shelter to the Holy Family. Repenting, she now goes around the world on Christmas Eve, seeking the Christ Child and doing good to children.

Honor Society

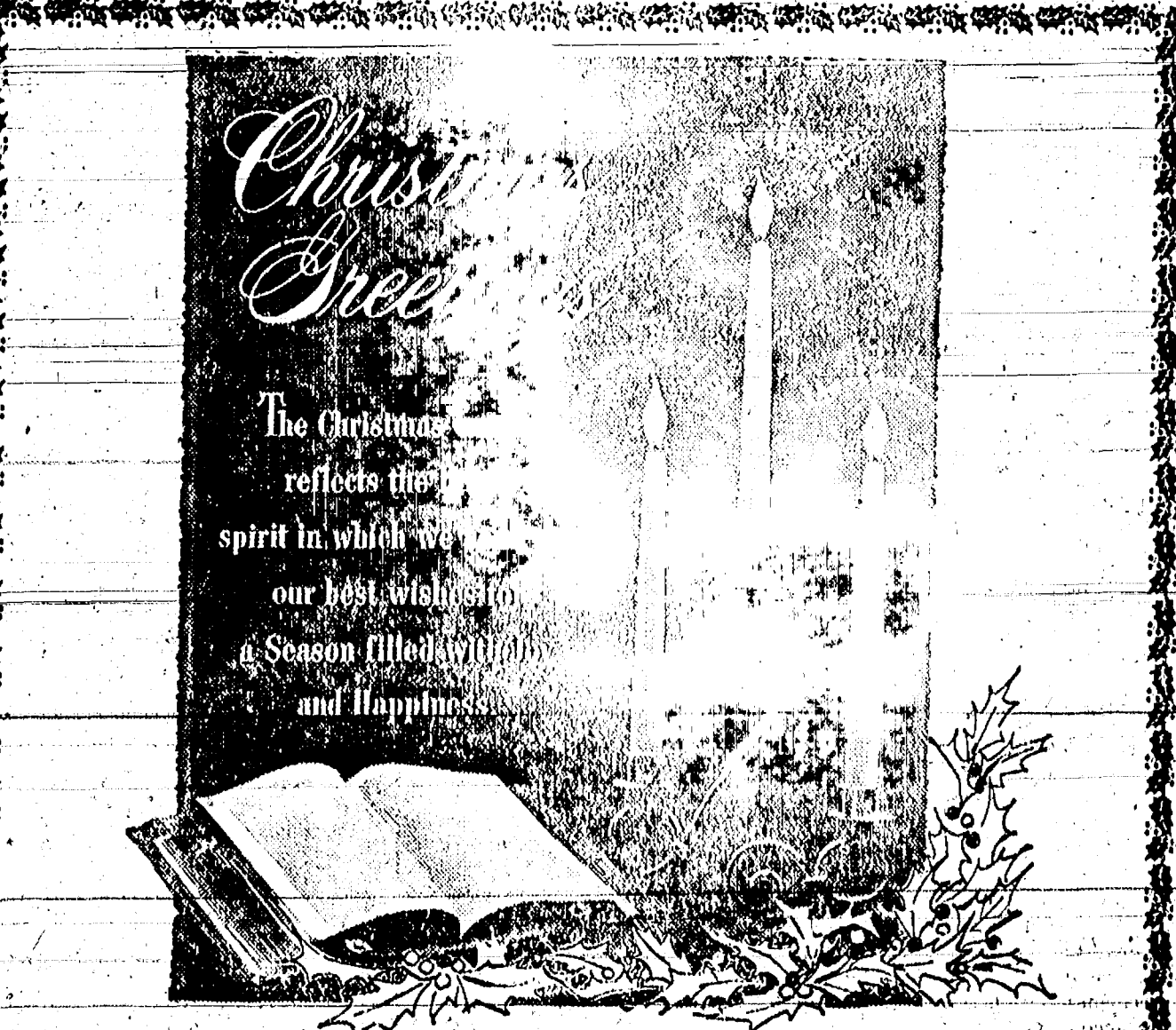
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and to this end are considering the possibilities for tutoring students who wish to avail themselves of the service.



"Peace on earth, good will to all men" is our heartfelt prayer at this holy Christmas season.

BAXTER'S MARKET



Christmas Tree

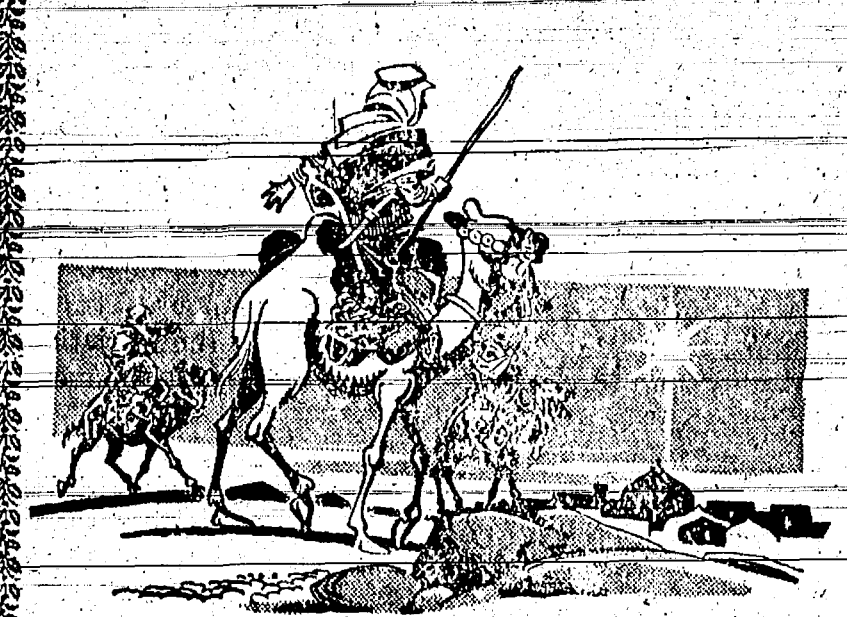
The Christmas spirit in which we reflect our best wishes for a Season filled with joy and happiness.

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Great is the joy that Christmas brings to mankind. What a blessing is the spirit that moves us to open our hearts in brotherly love, rejoicing in the wonderful gifts of peace and good will.

This is the promise of the Christmas message that God gave us twenty centuries ago, a message that men have learned, slowly and painfully, to hear and heed. We know that the promise can and will come to complete fulfillment because we have seen the wonder of the Christmas spirit when we have let it into our hearts, not only during the Christmas season but at any time of the year. We know that the fulfillment lies within us.

May the spirit of Christmas dwell with us in the year ahead so that the better world for which we yearn may come into manifestation.

May the joy of Christmas be yours in abundance.

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We will close at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve and be closed all Christmas Day.

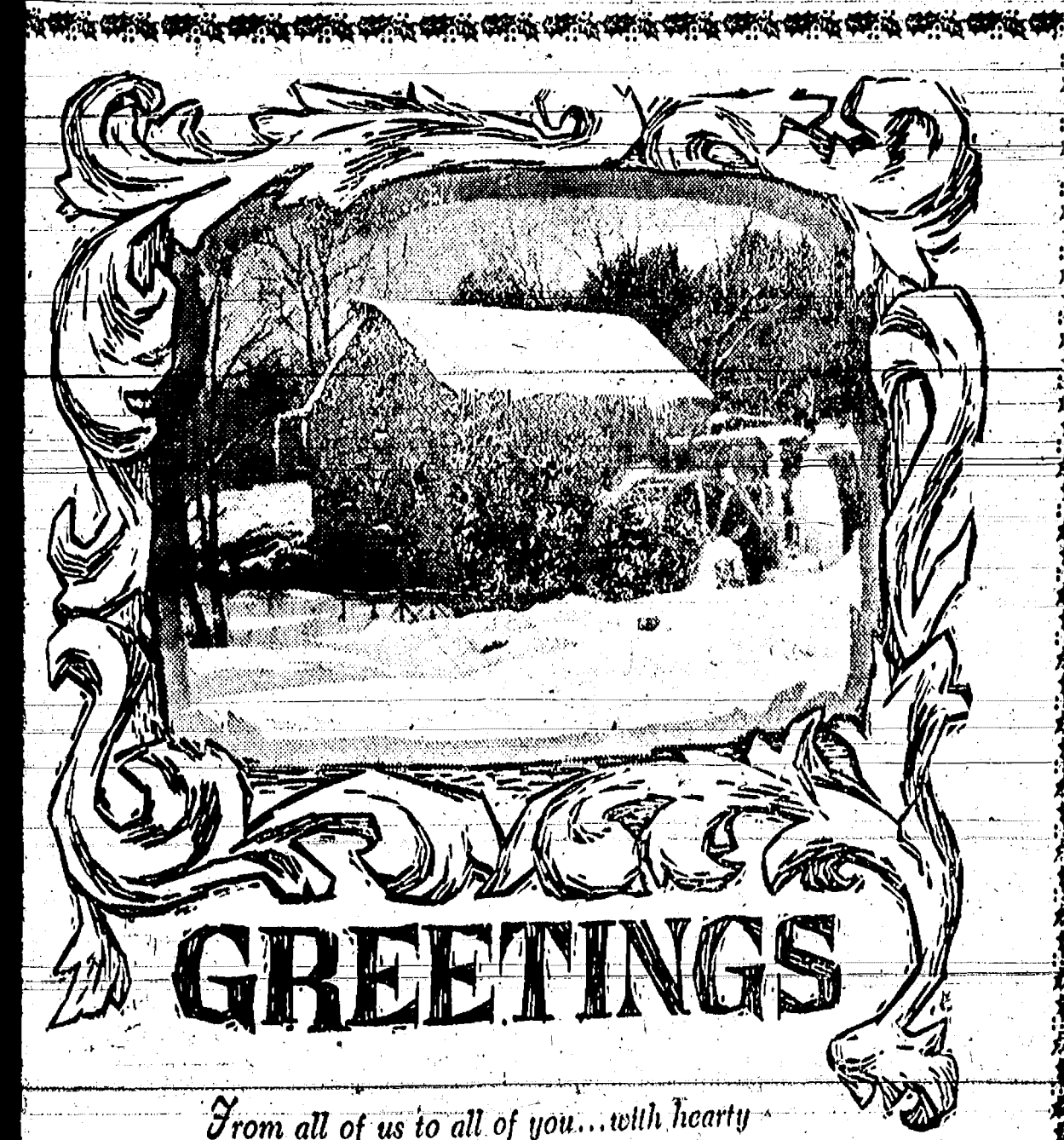
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CHRISTMAS
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Yuletide Spirit Stays All Year

Nearly every community has its special way of observing Christmas — and in some towns and cities, the spirit of Christmas prevails, literally, the year around. In Waterbury, Conn., an all-year reminder of the first Noel is the re-creation of the Town of Bethlehem on nearby Pine Hill.

This non-sectarian "Bethlehem" was constructed to serve as a research and study of photos showing the Biblical country. The cave or manger where Christ was born, like the one where there was no room, and the Roman legion where the tax collection decreed by Augustus Caesar was to be paid are among the buildings represented.

"Poetic license" has been used to include some buildings which were not, or may not have been located in Bethlehem, such as David's Home and Herod's Grand Palace.

Crowned by a Cross, Pine Hill has proved an ideal location for the project, since its shape is similar to the limestone cliff where Bethlehem in Judea was built.

Other 'Bethlehems'

Well-known "Bethlehems" in the United States include Bethlehem, Pa., and Bethlehem, Ind. The Pennsylvania Bethlehem emphasizes the religious meaning of Christmas during its annual celebration. A star, erected on a nearby mountain top is lighted throughout the holiday season.

Star Is Beacon

Near Palmer Lake, Colo., an electrically lighted star on a mountain top is a Christmas-season beacon for motorists on highways many miles away.

Lighting Displays

Beautiful lighting displays for Christmas are famous in many U. S. cities.

In Altadena, a suburb of Pasadena, Calif., a mile-long avenue bordered by deciduous trees becomes "Christmas Tree Lane" at the holiday season. The deciduous trees are illuminated by thousands of multi-colored bulbs for the annual spectacle.

Colored lights outline the buildings of the County Club Plaza district in Kansas City, Mo., at Christmas time.

Denver, Colo., illuminates its Civic Center during the holidays with many thousands of lights.

Yule-Named Towns

Yule-named towns have a special interest in Christmas. Arizona, Florida and Kentucky actually have towns named "Christmas."

Then there are Christmas Cove, Mo.; Nazareth, Pa.; Bright Star, Ark.; as well as Noel, Mo.; Noel, Va.; Mistletoe, Ky.; Wiseman, Alaska; and Santa Claus, Ind.

Don't Forget To Say 'Thank You'

There are three things for which thanks are due: "an invitation, a gift, a warning," says an old proverb. May we give you this gentle and timely "warning" — at the end of this joy-holiday season of "invitations" and "gift-giving," writing "Thank You" notes will be in vogue. Small boxes of note paper, beautifully decorated in Christmas patterns, are excellent "stuffers" for Christmas stockings, or for that small, yet distinctive gift.

Berries Brighten

The bright red berries of the Christmasberry, an evergreen shrub native to California, are widely used as Christmas decorations.

This shrub, with its thick, dark green leaves, can grow to a height of 15 feet, The Encyclopedia Americana says.

Its flowers are white, its berries yellow or bright red. The Christmasberry is often known as the toyon.

Helping Santa

In Northern Europe, where Santa Claus arrives on a white horse, boys and girls put out food for the horse.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY TO THE CHELSEA STANDARD!



MERRY CHRISTMAS to lots of boys and girls from members of the Forty et Eight Vulture 957! The Washtenaw county group held their December meeting at the American Legion home in Dexter on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Each of the members brought a special young person's gift and the gifts were gathered in to be distributed by Probate Judge John Conlin to young people who are wards of the court. Officials of the Forty et Eight here include Grand Chief de Gare Paul Howard of Jackson, seated, with a lapful of colored packages. Grand Correspondent Lee Taylor of Brooklyn is shown, fourth from the right in the

group on chairs. Sheriff George A. Petersen, in front of the tree, holds up a gift as Judge Conlin, wearing his bow tie and standing to the right of the sheriff, and Kenneth Dillaway, Chief de Gare of Vulture 957; on Sheriff Petersen's left, do likewise. Standing behind Judge Conlin is La Verne Leece of Jackson, Second District, Committeeman. Dexter people will easily recognize Art Klumpp and Louis "Bud" Farrell of Ann Arbor in the foreground of the photo, and Marty Lee, Freddie Wagner and Harold Golda, standing on the left and Al Lavalli at far left on a chair. William Blaess is seen in the back row just in front of the flag.

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS, holy source of hope and joy, once more spreads its wonders, its radiant promise across the land . . . and the Star shines, as on that hallowed night, with eternal light. The blessings that rise from the sacred manger are manifold and everlasting. Our wish is that you may be blessed with the divine comfort and inspiration of Christmas, now and always.

MERKEL BROTHERS

FERD - NORB - LEON - GERT - HELEN - BOB - JACK - LEOLA - JOYCE

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Grossman and family spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grossman of Manchester and will be guests of Mrs. Grossman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Prudden, Christmas day.

Expected for a family Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Burg II are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guirey of Berkley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Colin Lanning of Cleveland, O., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orthing, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Spaulding and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Burg II, of Chelsea, with their families. There will be Christmas stockings hung by the fireplace for each of the 33 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Those who planned to be present Sunday evening for a family Christmas gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Boylan and children included the Joseph Steele family and Herman Weber of Ann Arbor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter and family of Francisco, and Mrs. Bertilla Forner. A buffet supper was served and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Three Chelsea young men who enlisted in the U. S. Navy at the same time and left for basic training Oct. 10, are home for two-week holiday furloughs. They are Duane Weiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Weiss; Paul Schramm, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schramm; and Lewis Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Beach. They will return to Great Lakes Naval Training Station at the conclusion of their furlough.

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IT'S
Christmastime!
We add our voice to the chorus . . . wishing all our good friends a very Merry Christmas!

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Mr. and Mrs. John Cook had their family at home for a Christmas gathering Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cook and children of Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cook and children of Waterford, and the Marvin Kirk family of Manchester.



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Merry laughter,
merry times,
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at Christmas... with our
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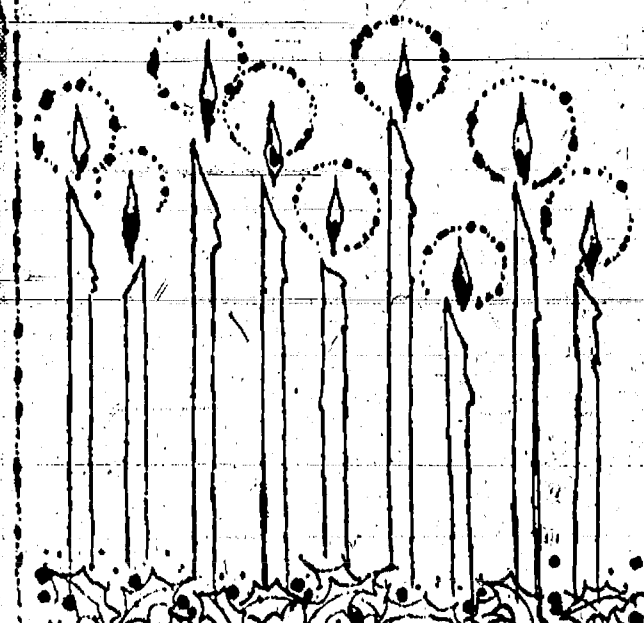
for Christmas, with our thanks to you for your patronage. Have a wonderful holiday season!

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A Christmas Message

Peace on Earth... good will toward men... the glorious message of Christmas... once more lifts the hearts of all mankind. May its inspiration abide with you and yours, and bring you great joy now and always.



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CHELSEA VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

December 4, 1962
Council Room

Regular Session

This meeting was called to order by Pres. Daniels at 8:00 p.m. Invocation by Rev. John Smucker of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Trustees present: Barr, Burg, Chandler, Clark, Haselschwardt, and Paul. A discussion was held with Mr. LeRoy Satterthwaite and Mr. Karl Riegger regarding a drainage problem in the Lanewood Subdivision. Trustee Clark was instructed to contact the State Highway Department regarding this problem.

Motion by Chandler, supported by Clark, to purchase a digger truck and pole trailer for use by the Chelsea Elec. & Water Department in the amount of \$3,500.00. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the emergency power supply in the Municipal Building. Homer Nixon was instructed to investigate and contact Trustee Burg with his recommendations.

Trustee Haselschwardt reported the completion of the landfill building and the installation of a space heater in the building.

A discussion was held regarding a disorderly conduct ordinance. Village Attorney John Kusch was instructed to draft a new ordinance for presentation at the December 18th council meeting.

Motion by Burg, supported by Barr, to change the first meeting of January from Tuesday, January 1, 1963 to Wednesday, January 2, 1963. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

Trustee Haselschwardt submitted a resolution regarding the proposed Village Building Code. BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village of Chelsea ordains the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 63

(Building Code)

AN ORDINANCE COVERING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, EQUIPMENT, REPAIR, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, CONVERSION, USE OR MAINTENANCE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, KNOWN AS THE BUILDING CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, COLLECTION OF FEES, MAKING OF INSPECTIONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR FIRE LIMITS AND REPEALING EXISTING ORDINANCE NO. 27 PRESENT BUILDING CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CHELSEA.

THE VILLAGE OF CHELSEA ORDAINS:

Section 1. That certain documents, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Chelsea, being marked and designated as the "Abridged Building Code" 1960 Edition and "Supplement thereto," as published by the

Building Officials Conference of America, Inc., be and is hereby adopted as the building code of the Village of Chelsea, in the State of Michigan; for the control of buildings and structures, as herein provided; and such and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of the "Abridged Building Code," 1960 Edition and "Supplements thereto," are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance.

Section 2. That the fire limits in the Village of Chelsea as defined and described in the "Abridged Building Code" shall be established as the Village Council shall from time to time provide, the extent, and location to be on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

Section 3. Any person, party or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, or any rule, order, or decision made by the Village Council, under or by reason hereof, shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both such fines and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

Section 4. That Ordinance No. 27 of the Village of Chelsea entitled, "Building Code," and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after twenty (20) days after its final passage.

Motion by Paul, to approve the foregoing Ordinance No. 63 as submitted. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

A report was given by Trustee Burg regarding a meeting of the Youth Committee. Several suggestions from local youths, both boys and girls were discussed and are being studied.

Trustee Burg read a report submitted by Edwin Bench, regarding the civil defense activities. The council wishes to commend Mr. Bench for his thoroughness in the preliminary planning accomplished to date.

Motion by Burg, supported by Barr, to appoint Mr. Eugene Garvey as Village Building Inspector, effective January 1, 1963. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

Motion by Chandler, supported by Clark, to authorize and direct the Clerk to issue checks in payment of bills as submitted. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried. General Fund, \$5,057.01; Parking Meter Fund, \$3,000.00; Huron Painting Co., \$2,050.00 (to be refunded by Light & Water). Approved: Dec. 18, 1962.

Robert L. Daniels, President.
George L. Winans, Clerk.

Recreating Nativity

First Started in 1223

Re-creating the Nativity Scene at Christmas with Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus and the animals of the manger, originated, many scholars believe, with St. Francis of Assisi on Christmas Eve 1223 in the little mountain town of Greccio, Italy.

Wishing to dramatize the birth of Christ for his parishioners, St. Francis and his helpers set up a realistic representation of the manger scene.

Feasts

Many foods for Christmas feasting have been traditional since early days of Yule merry-making, although roast peacock, the feature of the feast in medieval England, is rarely, if ever, seen today!

Mince pie, with its spices and fruits, is said to symbolize the riches of the East, from which the wise men came.

Legend says plum pudding began when an English king and his men were lost in a forest on Christmas Eve. The cook used foods he had on hand, including part of a stag, plums, eggs, flour, to make a single dish all could share.

Star of Bethlehem Remains Mystery To Astronomers

Ann Arbor — The Star of Bethlehem still remains an astronomical mystery.

"Popular interest in astronomy reaches its peak this month with the symbol of the Christmas Star, but astronomers are continually reminded that any satisfactory explanation or time of the Star of Bethlehem's appearance is out of the question," says University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh.

"Perhaps the thing to do is pick out the symbol in the sky that you like best and make it your own Christmas Star, Professor Losh suggests.

She says the date of Christmas has been believed to bear a real relation to the sun and winter solstice which occurs at 3:15 a.m., Dec. 22, this year.

"It is thought that this Christian celebration was set to agree with the earlier pagan festival, attendant upon the rejoicing in the turning northward of the sun at the winter solstice."

When the sun reaches the winter solstice, it comes to the most southerly point in its apparent yearly journey around the earth.

Says Professor Losh, "Although the narrative about the Star is too incomplete and the date of its appearance and the early calendar too uncertain to give a basis for astronomical explanation, the bright planets (such as Venus, Jupiter, Saturn) are always promising and alluring.

"It is often suggested that an unusual configuration of the bright planets may have given the appearance of an extraordinarily bright star, and could have easily been the sign," the U-M astronomer explains.

Forget Someone?

If a Christmas card arrives on Dec. 24 from someone not on your mailing list, don't rush out and mail a Christmas card that will arrive after the holiday. Instead, send a New Year's card. Many say, "Thank you for your Christmas Greeting" along with the New Year message.

Matterhorn is 14,780 ft. high.

Evergreen Still Rates Tops as Tree

Nowadays, Christmas trees are made out of almost everything, from aluminum to plastic—but the world's favorite Christmas tree is still the evergreen.

Many legends explain how the evergreen became associated with Christianity and Christmas. One is the story of St. Wilfred, according to The Book of Knowledge.

Speaking to a group of converts, the saint sought to illustrate how they had broken away from the heathen worship of the Druids. He chopped down a giant tree—an oak, since this kind of tree was one of the chief objects of Druid worship. As it fell with a crash, it split into four pieces. From the center a young fir tree sprouted.

St. Wilfred told the converts that the fir should from then on serve as their "holy tree."

"It is the sign of an endless life," he said, "for all its leaves are evergreen, and it points toward heaven."

"It is the wood of peace, for all your houses are built of the fir. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child; gather about it, not in the wildwood, but in your homes."

Dowries Filled Early Stockings

St. Nicholas, the early bishop who was the first Santa Claus, is also credited with originating the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings.

According to legend, he wished to provide dowries for the three daughters of a bankrupt merchant. Since he wanted the gifts to be anonymous, he tossed bags of gold down the merchant's chimney. Accidentally, the gold fell into stockings the girls had hung by the fireplace to dry.

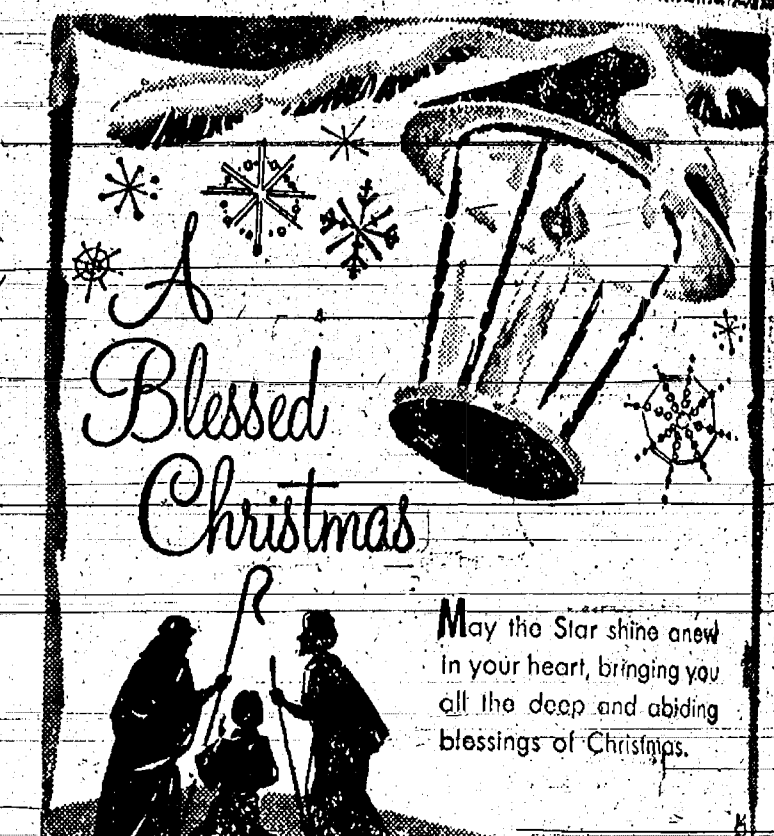
Faustian handicap is that, though St. Nicholas lived in the fourth century, stockings weren't made with feet until the 11th century—but the Christmas stocking story is still a happy legend.

Writing Carols

Men from many walks of life have contributed to the Christmas chorus of carols. Francis Scott Key was not only a lawyer and the author of the Star Spangled Banner; he also wrote carols. And the comedian, Harpo Marx, authored a Carol now sung in many churches, "Guardian Angels."



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HOUSE OF ORIENT BEAUTY SALON

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Preston
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Christmas time
May the Christmas horn of plenty
overflow with blessings
for you and yours.



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Carols Come From Many Sources

From the first angelic chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest," the sound of voices raised in song and rejoicing for the birth of Christ swells across the ages. Today, carols from many lands and many epochs fill the air at holiday time.

Sources of some carols are lost in the past, but many can be traced to interesting origins.

'Silent Night'

A broken organ inspired "Silent Night." So that the people of the parish might have a song at Christmas, Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote the carol, and his organist composed the music. It was sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar accompaniment.

'Deck the Halls'

Expressing the merriment of Christmas, "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly" is an English carol set to an old Welsh air. It refers to such ancient traditions as the "blazing Yule" log.

'First Nowell'

First published in English "The First Nowell" is believed to be primarily a French carol. The French word "Noel" comes from the Latin word meaning birth. "Nowell" is the anglicized version. Both mean Christmas or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ. Tune is a medieval shepherd song.

'Adeste Fidelis'

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fidelis" may have been written by the 13th century writer and teacher, Saint Bonaventura, but its exact origin is a mystery. There's no secret about its popularity today. It has been translated into 120 languages, and there are more than 40 English versions.

'O Tannenbaum'

Most familiar of many Christmas carols originating in Germany "O Tannenbaum" or "O Christmas Tree," celebrates the evergreen as an emblem of immortality. It has added familiarity in the U.S., since the tune is used for several college songs and for the state song, "Maryland, My Maryland."

'Merry Gentlemen'

An old English carol that sometimes suffers from a comma out of place is "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen." The meaning is not "God rest you, merry gentlemen," but "God keep you merry, gentlemen."

'Herald Angels Sing'

Charles Wesley, who during his lifetime (1707-1788) wrote hundreds of hymns, was inspired to write "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" as he walked to church on Christmas day and heard the London church bells chime.

NORTH FRANCISCO

Mrs. Leonard Loveland attended the Christmas program at St. John's E & R church, Francisco, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lehman were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strobel of Jackson.

Harley Loveland was a Tuesday evening caller of his mother, Mrs. Leonard Loveland.

Mrs. Eva Notten called on her brother, Gilbert Main, at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Ann Arbor, Thursday afternoon.

Where 'Xmas' Began

'Xmas,' now generally considered prior usage as an abbreviation for Christmas, was often used as a holy symbol in the early Christian church. 'X' in Greek, is the first letter of Christ's name.

Christmas Customs . . .

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go singing from house to house, in hopes of a treat. New Year's visits are paid—and it's customary for the visitor to bring along a pocketful of coal.

In Portugal . . .

Christmas is the occasion for a family celebration among the Portuguese. Families gather on the home of the oldest living relative. After the children have gone to bed, a crib or crèche, is placed before the fireplace, and around it are grouped the children's shoes, which serve the same function as Christmas stockings.

In Brazil . . .

Papa Noel makes the Christmas Eve rounds in Brazil, in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. He trims the trees with popcorn and bits of cotton—to make up for the snow that never falls. Since Christmas weather in Brazil is summery, picnics and boating excursions are part of the celebration.

In Germany . . .

Many modern Christmas customs come from Germany, including the lighted evergreen tree. Appropriately, gift-choosing season in West Germany today starts after Christmas bonuses are distributed on December 1.

If the sun moved closer to the earth we could save a lot of coal.

O, come all ye faithful...

We lift our voices to wish you and yours all the blessings of Christmas. May your day be truly joyous.

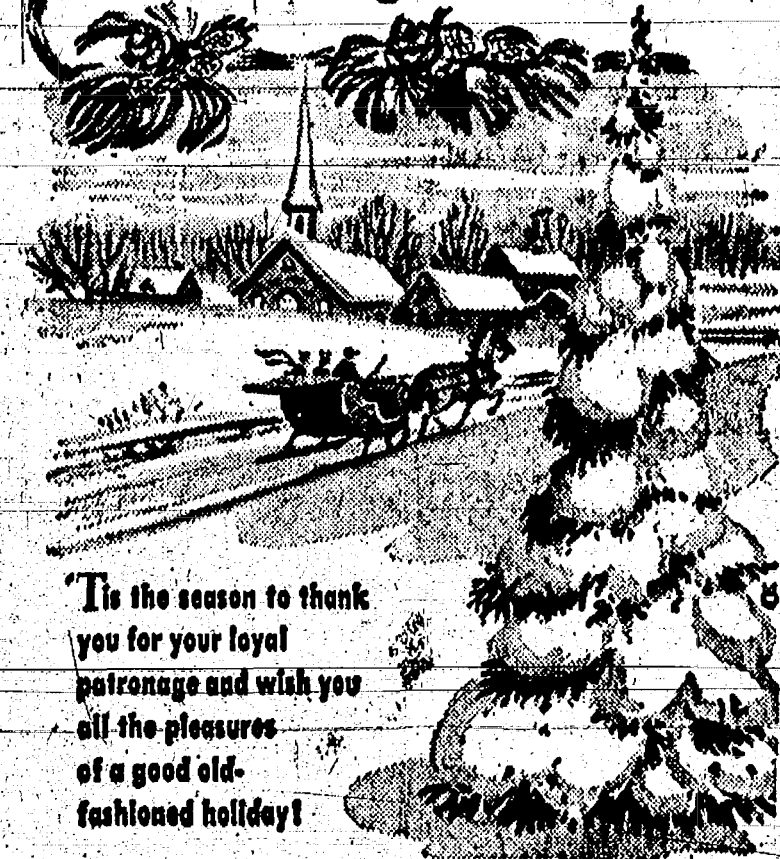


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George Knickerbocker, Agent

Terry Helgren, Driver

Season's Greetings



'Tis the season to thank you for your loyal patronage and wish you all the pleasures of a good old-fashioned holiday!

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—Manchester, Michigan



GREETINGS

We sincerely hope that this Christmas you will receive a full share of lasting good health and happiness.

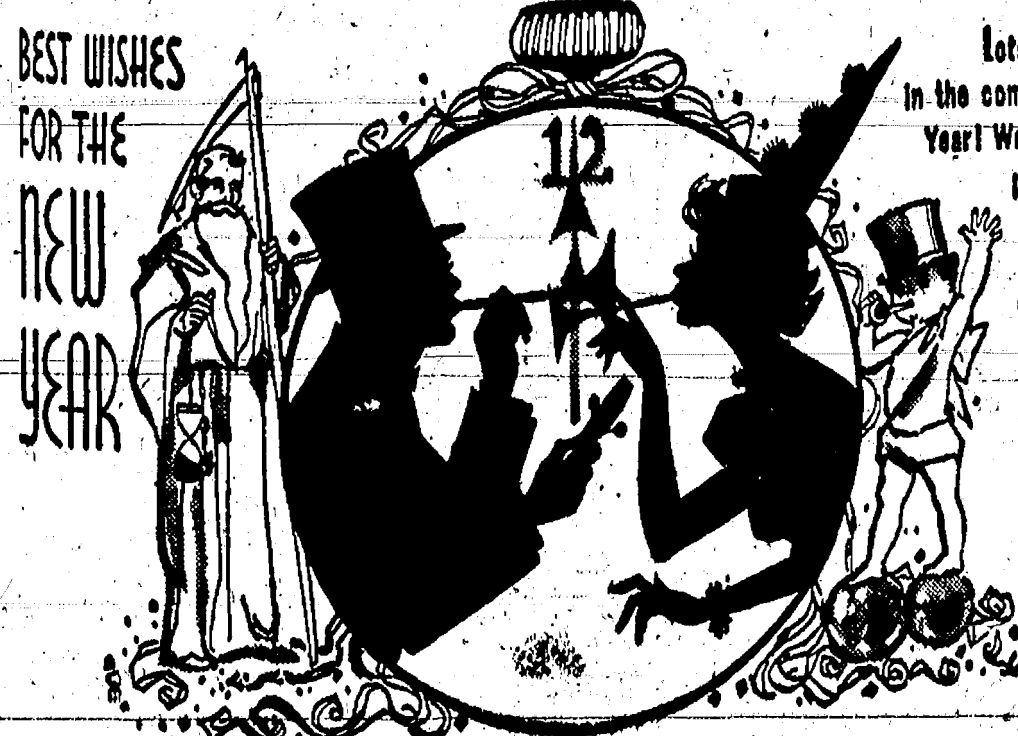
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Greetings

ALBER OIL COMPANY

Don - Betty - Jack - Al - Clarence - Doug



BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lots of luck in the coming New Year! We hope it proves to be the happiest ever!

Let us rejoice in the eternal wonder of Christmas!

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To you, our good friends and customers, we're wishing a Christmas merry and bright with good times and good fellowship. And we warmly extend our grateful thanks for the pleasure of serving you all year.



Chelsea Electric & Water Dept.

Calendar

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sonic banquet Saturday, Jan. 3, 7:45 p.m. at the church.

ECW of St. Barnabas church Thursday, Jan. 3, 7:45 p.m. at the church.

Chelsea Child Study club Tuesday, Jan. 8, 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John Alber. Speaker: Benjamin Bower. Co-hostesses: Mrs. William Rademacher and Mrs. Robert Robbins.

Finance meeting Thursday, Jan. 3, at the home of Mrs. Earl Whitney. Pot-luck dinner at 12:30 p.m.

Wide Awake 4-H club Saturday, Jan. 5, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Walter Wolfgang.



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of this holiday season bring you
everlasting recollections of joy
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CHILDREN PLANT TULIPS—One of the recent activities at Chelsea Co-Operative Nursery school, 11000 Chelsea-Dexter Rd., included planting tulip bulbs in preparation for next spring's blooming. The bulbs were a donation to the school. Shown planting one of the bulbs is Susie Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer of Chelsea. Watching the operation, from left, are Brian Schultz, Steven Gelman, Duane Trinkle, Robbie Winans and Douglas Beaumont whose parents, respectively, are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schultz of Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gelman of Chelsea, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trinkle of Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. George Winans and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Beaumont of Chelsea. The tulip bulb project was directed by the Nursery teacher, Mrs. Raymond Schaefer, known to her pupils as "Miss Jane."

Standard Editorial of Five Years Ago Is Widely Used

Recent radio and television broadcasts and newspaper articles are quoting "an open letter to teen-agers" as an answer to the plaint of many young people that there is "no place for them to go" or "nothing for them to do."

The most recent quote is credited to L. D. Harris, chief of police of

Manassas Park, Va., who reportedly distributed copies of the letter at a Parent-Teacher Association meeting.

With due credit to the southern police chief for the current version of the story, it is pointed out that this same letter was published in The Chelsea Standard about five years ago!

The letter by an anonymous writer is still timely, however, and bears repeating.

It reads as follows:

Always we hear the plaintive cry of teen-agers: "What can we do? Where can we go?"

The answer is, "Go home. Hang the storm windows, paint the wood work. Rake the leaves. Now the lawn. Shovel the walk. Wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub some floors. Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job."

Help the minister, priest, or rabbi, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. Study your lessons. And then when you are through—and not tired—read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your village does not owe you recreation facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so that no one will be at war or in poverty, or sick, or lonely again.

In plain, simple words: Grow up; quit being a crybaby; get out of your dream world... start acting like a man or a lady.

Mrs. Joseph Wright is planning to spend Christmas with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eldine Hawley and children, at Jackson.

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**"WHAT EVER HAPPENED
TO BABY JANE?"**
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Continuous Sunday 5 p.m.



O, HOLY NIGHT

As we hark back in
reverence to a night of
wonder and holy joy, nearly two
thousand years ago, may the spiritual
blessings of that first Christmas be with us all.

WEINBERG DAIRY

DEATHS

Henry Werner

Dies Wednesday Night
Following Long Illness

Henry Werner, a Chelsea resident the past 40 years, died Wednesday night at Colonial Manor Nursing Home where he had been a patient since Friday, Dec. 14. He was 74 years old.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Werner was formerly employed at Argus, Inc., Ann Arbor, and prior to his forced retirement because of illness 15 years ago, had been employed for 18 years at Economy Baler Co., Ann Arbor. Born Jan. 27, 1888, at Ann Arbor he was a son of Henry Z. and Marie Wanzek Werner. He was married June 16, 1914, at St. Mary's Catholic church here to Anna Marker, with her cousin, the Rev. Fr. R. L. Marker, officiating. They lived in Ann Arbor until coming to Chelsea in 1922.

Survivors, in addition to his widow, are two sons, William F. Werner of Detroit, and Sgt. Paul D. Werner, with the Army Medical Corps, stationed in Paris, France; a daughter, Mrs. A. W. Lyons (Ruth Marie), of Kalamazoo; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Another daughter, Margaret, preceded him in death.

Knights of Columbus Rosary was recited at the Staffan Funeral Home at 8 p.m. Thursday and the Parish Rosary at 8 p.m. Friday. Funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic church with the Rev. Fr. Francis Maliszewski officiating. Burial took place at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mrs. Denman Jones

Toledo Resident Was Well
Known in North Lake Area

Word was received here Saturday of the death that morning of Mrs. Denman Jones of Toledo, O. following a long illness. She was the former Gladys Hawley, a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burkhardt of North Lake. As a young girl she spent summers with them and had continued friendships made here then, visiting friends and distant relatives at intervals.

Survivors are her husband and one son, Denman. Funeral services were scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday at the Day-Edward Funeral Home in Toledo.

Peter A. Liebeck

Dies Sunday Afternoon
At Jackson Hospital

Peter A. Liebeck, 81, of Old US-12 West died unexpectedly Sunday afternoon at Osteopathic Hospital, Jackson, where he had been a patient since Wednesday. Funeral arrangements are being made by Staffan Funeral Home.

Personal Notes

Mrs. George Mayer's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mayer of Essexville, are planning to spend Christmas here with her.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Dunn and children, Steve and Patty, of Macdonald, O., are spending Christmas here with Mrs. Dunn's mother, Mrs. A. W. Wilkinson.

A family gathering Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Winans will see all but one of their five sons and two daughters present as well as most of their grandchildren. Mrs. Howard Park (Liberty) who is supervisor of the nursery at a Flint hospital, will be on duty for the holiday.

The sons and daughter who will be present with their families are Mrs. Donald Oesterle (Mary Jean), David, Charles and George Winans of Chelsea, and Robert Winans of Dundee. Also to be present are the youngest son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winans of Ann Arbor.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Kathleen Ann, Thursday, Dec. 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schwartz, 215 West Summit St.

A daughter, Aimee Vanessa, Monday, Dec. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reynolds, 506 Arthur St.

We observe that the post-office delivers tax-due notices on time.

Joy to You
AT
Christmas

Time for Santa
to fill the stockings.
Time, too,
for us to wish you
a Christmas overflowing
with joy and happiness.

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for Christmas**

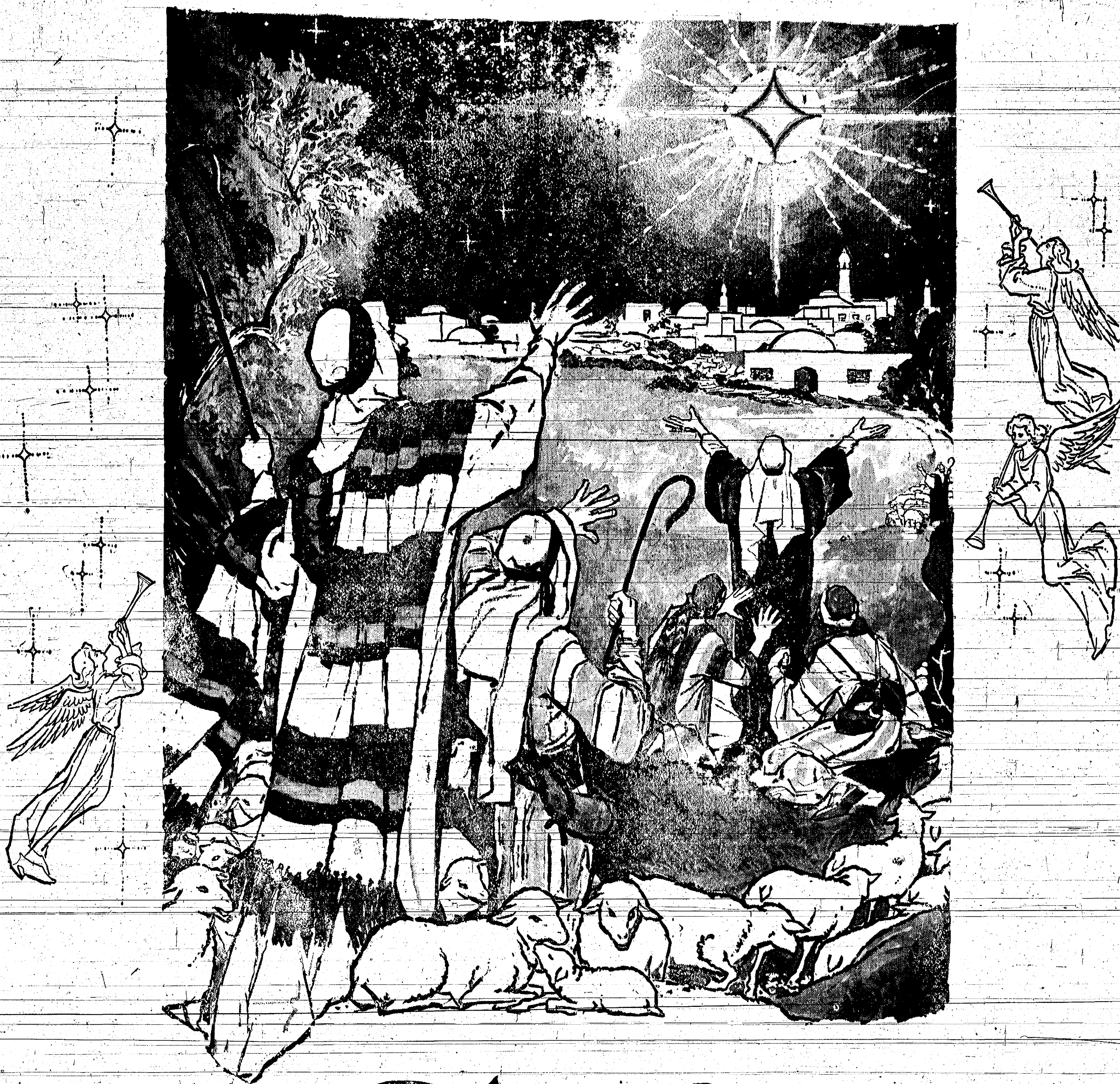
As big and bright as
the shining star
atop your Christmas
tree... our happy
wishes to you and yours
for a Merry Christmas!



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Joy at Christmas

Across the years, the miracle of Christmas shines like the light of the Star, casting its eternal radiance into our lives and hearts. As we celebrate this holy season, let us rejoice anew in the wonder of Christmas...let us cherish its glad message. Let us take pause from the turmoil and stress of our daily life to rededicate our spiritual aspirations toward "Peace on earth, good will to all men."

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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GREETINGS

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BOWLING NEWS

Senior House League

Standings as of Dec. 18

	W	L
Chelsea Mfg. No. 1	40	20
Chelsea Grinding Co.	38	22
Spaulding Chevrolet	36	24
Schneider's Grocery	35 1/2	24 1/2
Wonder Bar	35	25
Wolverine Bar No. 1	34	26
Sylvan Center	31	29
Chelsea Products No. 1	30	30
Stop & Shop	28	32
Merkel's 49'ers	27 1/2	32 1/2
Alber Oil Co.	16	44
Chelsea Milling Co.	15	45

600 series: G. Knickerbocker, 802.
500 series: K. R. McMannis, 581; C. Schneider, 572; R. Eder, 570; R. Bauer, 550; O. Kruse, 549; D. Alber, 548; E. Schiller, 543; R. Stineheiser, 540; W. Worden, 535; D. Hatley, 534; J. D. West, 529; O. Johnson, 527; W. Eisenbeiser, 520; G. West, 514; H. Miller, 512; H. Burnett, 510; E. Barker, 510; C. Balze, 508; H. Fannington, 500; N. Eisenmann, 505; G. Burnett, 500.
200 games: G. Knickerbocker, 226; C. Schneider, 214; E. Schiller, 210; K. R. McMannis, 208; H. Miller, 200; O. Kruse, 200.

Junior House League

Standings as of Dec. 20

	W	L
Gambles	42	18
Chelsea Spring	37	23
Jiffy Mixers	36	24
Meabon's	35	25
Anderson's	32	28
Schoenberg's Sincilar	30	30
The Pub	29	31
Wolverine Bar	29	31
Altes Beer	29	31
Farrell Sheet Metal	25	35
Palmer's T-Birds	24	36
Slocum Construction	13	46

500 series: J. Dault, 598; C. Koenreter, 578; M. Oesterle, 578; S. Slane, 565; F. Hoffman, 562; N. Fahrner, 552; N. Eisenmann, 549; R. Fitt, 548; R. A. Ringe, 541; G. McClear, 539; D. Feldkamp, 534; J. Turner, 530; H. Grossman, 519; R. H. Ringe, 514; L. Hocking, 513; S. Leslie, 511; E. Fouty, 511.
200 games: N. Eisenmann, 288; M. Oesterle, 282; D. Feldkamp, 277; T. Tirt, 214; J. Dault, 213-209; H. Grossman, 210; C. Koenreter, 209-206; C. W. Lake, 204; G. McClear, 203.

Suburban League

Standings as of Dec. 19

	W	L
Colonial Manor	46	18
A. D. Mayer Agency	38	26
Patty Ann Shoppe	36	28
Gimmey's Std. Serv.	36	28
Chelsea Restaurant	33	31
Detling's Marathon	32 1/2	31 1/2
The Pub	29 1/2	34 1/2
GE Gals	29 1/2	34 1/2
Knoll's Ashland	29 1/2	34 1/2
Balmer's Brake Serv.	29	35
Prentice Trucking	23	41
Waterloo Garage	22	42

High team, 3 games: Colonial Manor, 2,150.
High team, 1 game: Colonial Manor, 760.
High individual 3 games: M. Westcott, 509; R. West, 492; M. Breitenwischer, 467.
High individual, 1 game: R. West, 193.
Split picked up: M. A. Myers, 3-10; B. Hatley, 3-10, 3-10; Peterson, 3-10.

Chelsea Women's League

Standings as of Dec. 19

	W	L
Blatz Beer	40	30
Chelsea Lanes	31 1/2	28 1/2
Chelsea Milling Co.	31	29
Wilson Dairy	20 1/2	30 1/2
Chelsea Grinding Co.	20 1/2	30 1/2
Foster's Men's Wear	20	31
Hank's Refrigeration	20	31
Jiffy Mixers	23	32
Hank's Pure Oil	27 1/2	32 1/2
Modern Beauty Shop	25	35

200 games: J. Hutzler, 212; P. Poertner, 202.
500 series: P. Poertner, 588; J. Hutzler, 587; R. Hummel, 558; M. Fowell, 513; P. Shoemaker, 513; M. Ritter, 511; M. Ashmore, 511; R. Johnson, 507; E. Harris, 500.
475 series: A. Boham, 493; D. Alber, 481; A. Eisenmann, 476; M. E. Sutter, 475.
450 series: R. Lutovsky, 460.
425 series: G. Wheeler, 449; B. Fike, 448; N. Eisenmann, 442; G. DeSmithers, 440; J. Fletcher, 439; A. Turner, 430; R. Winchester, 420.

Chelsea Lanes Mixed

Standings as of Dec. 21

	W	L
Hank's Firebirds	40	21
Kings and Queens	41	23
Jack Pota	38 1/2	25 1/2
Block Busters	36 1/2	27 1/2
Jells	33 1/2	30 1/2
Hoydlauff's GE	32 1/2	31 1/2
Fitts	30 1/2	33 1/2
Sanderson-Feldkamp	29	35
Foye-Budreau	29	35
Sam's Barber Shop	27 1/2	36 1/2
Ups and Downs	24	40
A & M	23	41

Men's 475 series or over: D. Rogers, 536; M. Poertner, 517; C. Lake, 516; C. Clark, 486; P. Sweeney, 492; L. Kusterer, 486; R. Feldkamp, 480.
Men's 175 or over: D. Rogers, 200-194; C. Clark, 197; C. Lake, 196-175; E. Dickelman, 179; L. Kusterer, 179; J. Alber, 178; M. Poertner, 178; F. Sweeney, 176; J. Eisenmann, 176; M. Packard, 170.
Women's 425 series or over: P. Poertner, 548; R. Hummel, 490; P. Rogers, 479; L. Dove, 462; L. Dickelman, 434; E. Harmon, 430; J. Rabbitt, 427.
Women's 150 or over: P. Poertner, 231-170; P. Rogers, 175-162; R. Hummel, 175-160-155; L. Dove, 170-154; E. Harmon, 168-156; N. Alexander, 176; N. Eisenmann, 166; J. Rabbitt, 161; P. Fitzsimmons, 156; J. Dickelman, 155; L. Kusterer, 154; F. Lake, 152; M. Schuelke, 150.

Women's Inter-City League

Standings as of Dec. 18

	W	L
Blanche's Beauty Salon 51	13	13
Dancer's Store	30	25
McLeod's Drugs	37 1/2	25 1/2
Sportsman's Tavern	31	33
Central Fibre Products	30 1/2	33 1/2
Ehrls Grocery	28 1/2	35 1/2
Dexter Bowling Club	26	38
Dexter Bank	12 1/2	51 1/2

Team high series: Blanche's Beauty Salon, 2,187.
Team high game: Blanche's Beauty Salon, 750.
Individual high series: Dorothy Eder, 552; Darlene Eisenbeiser, 483.
Individual high game: Dorothy Eder, 203; Darlene Eisenbeiser, 189; Leah Trowbridge, 180; Elaine Klapperich, 175.

Package Sorting Gave Inspiration for First Christmas Seals

Inspiration for the first Christmas seals came to Einar Holboell, a Danish postal clerk, as he was sorting packages one Christmas season. He envisioned all the packages bearing a special stamp, with the proceeds spent to aid people who suffered from tuberculosis. The King and many of Denmark's leading citizens endorsed the idea, and the plan spread to Norway and Sweden, and in 1907 was adopted in the U.S. More than 50 countries now use the seal.



Coming to you this Yuletide are our warmest holiday greetings and good wishes for a joyous season.

Closed Christmas and New Year's Eve
Open Christmas Day and New Year's Day at 2:30 p.m.
OPEN BOWLING.....3 games \$1.25
SCHOOL CHILDREN.....3 games \$1.00

Open at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
BAGS & SHOES FOR SALE—10% OFF

Sylvan Recreation & Hotel

Sports Corner



Records Show Increase in Michigan Farm Incomes

Farmers co-operating in Michigan State University's Mail-in Account Project boosted their 1961 labor incomes by \$1,073 over the previous year, according to the Michigan Farm Business Report published annually by the Department of Agricultural Economics. The average labor income last year was \$3,412, the highest since 1928 and the fourth highest since the University started the record project in 1928. The figures were obtained from the farm records of 861 farmers throughout the state which are submitted as part of the mail-in project of the Co-operative Extension Service in each county.

Author of the farm business report, Leonard R. Kyle, cautioned that the participating farms are not necessarily typical of all farms in Michigan. He added however, that the characteristics of these farms compare closely with the commercial farms in the 1959 census.

The highest labor income over the 33-year span was \$3,782 in 1951 followed by \$3,486 in 1947. The lowest was in the depression averaged \$249.

Labor income is the return to the farm operator for his labor and management. It is figured by deducting from the gross income all cash operating expenses, depreciation, family labor (other

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who won the Clay-Moore fight?
2. In what round did the end come?
3. Who is the middleweight champion?
4. Who won the 1961 Army-Navy game?
5. Who won the 1960 Army-Navy game?

(Answers on page 14)

In France

In southern France "santons" are better known than Santa. "Santon" are play replicas of members of the Holy Family, manger animals and saints.

Since the creche, rather than the evergreen tree, is the center of Christmas home decoration in France, the santons play an important part.



Hi, and Merry Christmas!
Best wishes to you for a wonderful holiday.

SAM'S BARBER SHOP

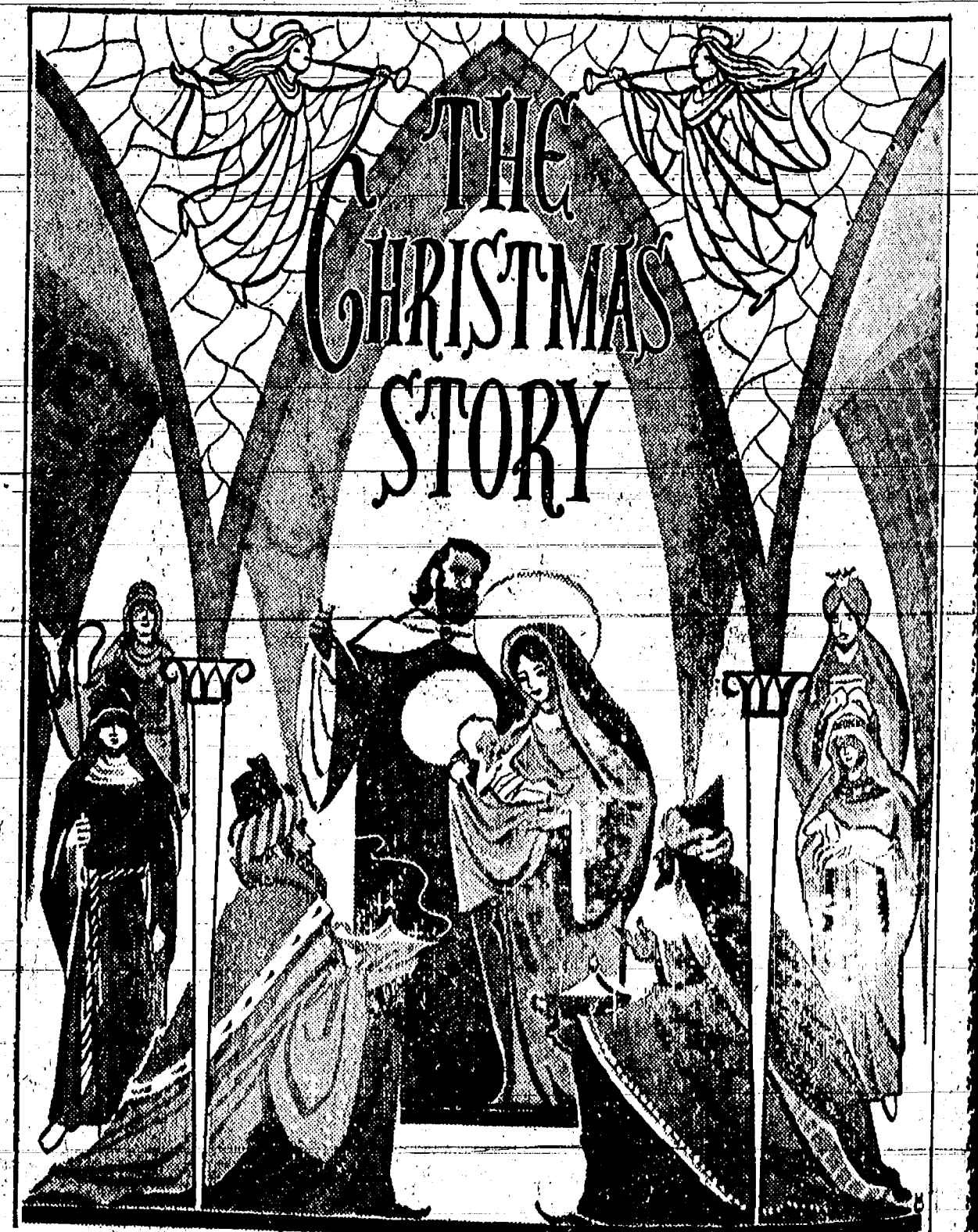


Best Wishes
FOR A CHRISTMAS FILLED
WITH HAPPINESS AND CHEER

We will close at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve
and be closed all Christmas Day

Bill Brown's Super Service

Bill — Bill, Jr. — Jack — Fred



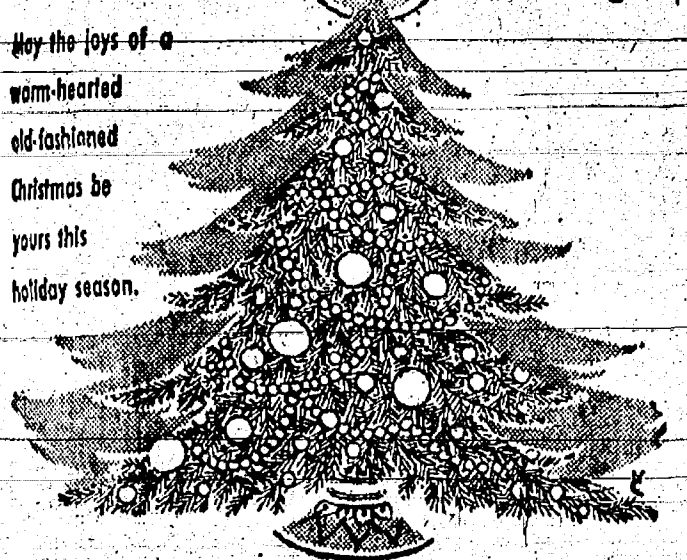
Once again we pause to observe, and gather new inspiration from the age-old story... the birth of our Saviour... and His divine, eternal presence. May every joy and blessing of this Holy Season come to you and your loved ones, bringing peace and happiness... making spirits bright!

Chelsea Drug and Budget Wise

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Christmas Wish:
May
Your Christmas
Be A Merry One!

Sylvan Flower Shop
716 West Middle Street

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



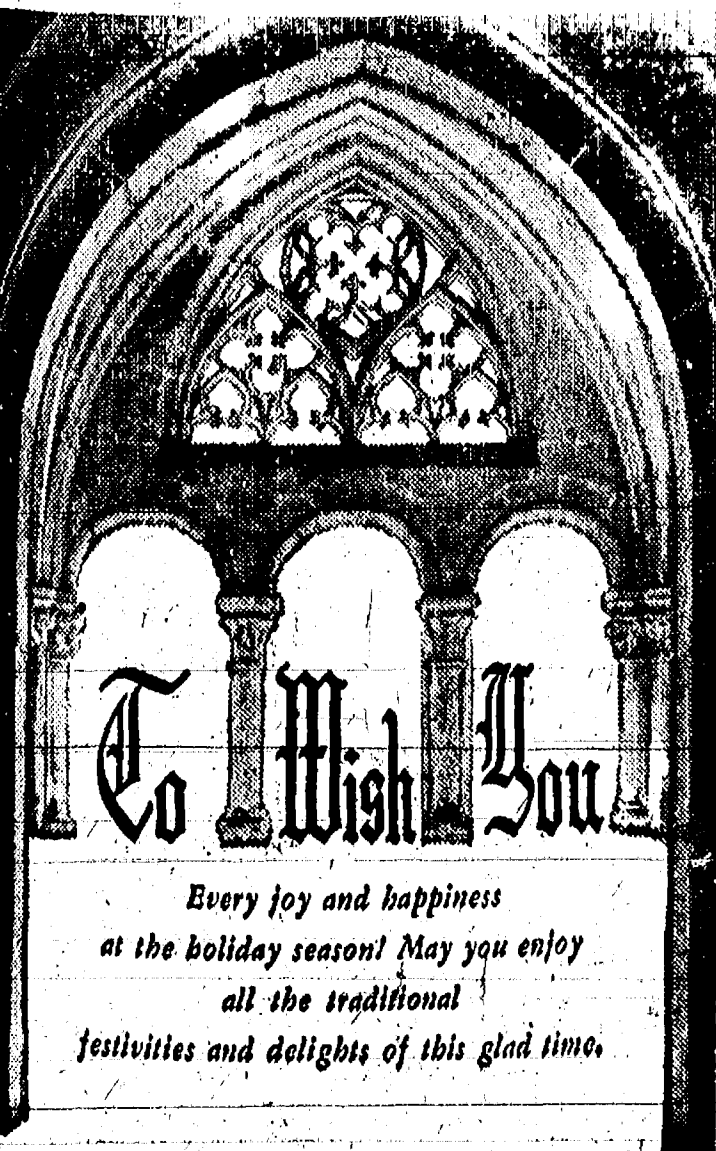
VOGEL'S STORE



Noel, Noel

Let the joyful sound of bells
ring out our sincere best wishes to
all our friends, for a very Merry Christmas!

GUENTHER STUDIO
RALPH GUENTHER



Every joy and happiness
at the holiday season! May you enjoy
all the traditional
festivities and delights of this glad time.

Club and Social Activities

AFTERNOON PHILATHIA
Wednesday, Dec. 19, Afternoon Philathia Circle of the Methodist church held a luncheon meeting in the church social center, hostesses being Mrs. Edwin Gaunt, Mrs. Walter Harper, Mrs. Andy Blackwell, Mrs. George Stanford and Mrs. Howard Walz.

Mrs. Edwin Weiss presented the opening devotional service entitled "The Common Thing in Christmas."

This was in keeping with the program topic "Christmas is Sharing," presented by Mrs. Ada Wiehe as reader, assisted by several of the Circle members.

BAPTISM
Leslie Wayne Hafner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hafner, was baptized Sunday of last week at St. Mary's Catholic church by the Rev. Fr. Francis Maliszewski.

Mr. Hafner's sister and brother, Gloria and Leo Hafner, are the baby's godmother and godfather. The baby's grandmother, Mrs. William Hafner, entertained at a dinner at her home following the baptism.

Science Still Seeks Source Of the Star
Since St. Matthew first described the star of Bethlehem, its mystery has fascinated mankind. Was it a miracle? Or was it a brighter-than-usual star or other celestial object?

Astronomers, while seeking to identify the star, emphasize that it may have been indeed a miracle that can't be explained in terms of natural phenomena. However, research has provided material for conjecture that the star may have been a natural occurrence.

One Discovery
A Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, discovered a new and brilliant star in the constellation Cassiopeia in 1572, according to the Encyclopedia Americana.

Since that discovery, The Americana says, it has been suggested that this might be an especially brilliant star visible only at long intervals.

A reported appearance of a bright star in that part of the heavens about the middle of the 13th century, coupled with a vague account of a similar appearance a little more than 300 years earlier, led to the thought that these might possibly be former appearances of the star of 1572.

If, as this might indicate, the star appeared at intervals of 310 to 315 years, three intervals of 300-odd years from the time it was first reported would carry it back to about the time of the birth of Christ.

Another Theory
Johannes Kepler, a German astronomer, made discoveries that led to still another theory about the star of Bethlehem. In 1604, he observed a configuration, or close grouping, of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

He determined that such a configuration occurred every 800 years, and calculations established that the same grouping might have appeared in 6 B.C.—which, some research indicates, may have been the correct year of Christ's birth.

Since legends identify the wise men as astrologers, this theory accounts for the fact that, as recounted in the New Testament, only the wise men saw the star.

While the three planets grouped together, would shed unusual brightness, the average observer might not notice them while the wise men, as astrologers, would.

We are not among those who look to Asia, Africa and other wayward points for guidance in life.

PAST NOBLE GRANDS
Past Noble Grand of the R. B. Lodge, with 18 members present, exchanged Christmas gifts at their meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. (Geno) Coltrane.

Mrs. Coltrane and her co-hostess, Mrs. Homer Nixon, served a delectable supper prior to the exchange of gifts in which members had included their names to reveal their identity as "secret pills" of the past year.

Names were drawn for the mystery sister "secret pills" project for the coming year. Each member receives the name of another member for whom she provides refreshments on various occasions throughout the year—birthdays, holidays, etc., adding her name only with the annual Christmas gift.

Brownies of Troop 606, sponsored by the FNG club, had made Christmas cards for each member of the club and these were distributed at Thursday's meeting. Leaders of the troop are Mrs. David Brennan and Mrs. Charles Lancaster.

The next FNG club meeting, the January gathering, is to be held at the new home of Mrs. Donley Boyer, with Mrs. Gale Gilson as her assisting hostess.

Election of officers will take place at the January meeting.

SUBURBANETTES EXTENSION CLUB
Suburbanettes Extension club members had a Christmas dinner Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Donald Bauer.

In keeping with the past month's lesson "Christmas in the German Tradition," members had baked Christmas cookies of various kinds, using the recipes given in the lesson. Each member brought samples of the kind she had baked to exchange with other members. In this way, a sample of each was received by all those present—18 members and two guests.

The next club meeting will take place at 8 p.m. Jan. 17 at the home of Mrs. Darrel Satterthwaite.

Manger Once Pagan Site
Gathered in the Church of the Nativity, thousands of Christians from around the world will worship in Bethlehem this Christmas. A highlight of their pilgrimage is, for most, a visit to the Grotto of the Nativity—traditionally, at least, the manger where Christ was born.

Opposition to Christianity in the first years of the new religion actually led to the preservation of the manger—an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

The Roman emperor Hadrian, who ruled from 117 to 138 A.D., sought to halt the fast-spreading Christianity, and he had the cave converted to a grotto for the worship of the pagan god Apollo. The very fact that the cave was marked through for pagan purposes, helped to preserve knowledge of the site of the Nativity.

Later, a silver star was set in the stone floor of the cave, and since 1873 each regime to rule Bethlehem—now a part of Jordan—has posted night and day guard over the star.

Santa's Elves
The little elves, who help Santa in his workshop probably came from the Scandinavian countries. In Norway, Denmark and Sweden, children are told of the "Tontar" little gray-bearded, elf-like men who hide presents for boys and girls on Christmas Eve.

Record Year Expected for Religious Greeting Cards

The trend toward more religious Christmas cards, which started in the late 1940's, is still gaining momentum.

A record number of religious subjects is being offered on this year's Christmas cards by the major greeting card publishers, according to a report from the Rust Craft greeting card company.

Approximately 35 percent of the more than three billion cards that will be sent this Christmas, will contain religious designs.

In contrast, less than five percent of the Christmas cards produced 15 years ago could be classified as religious in character.

The "Madonna and Child" is the most popular of the religious designs, once again, according to card manufacturers, followed by the "Three Wise Men" and the "Holy Family." Other religious motifs run the gamut from drawings of cherubs to choirs, open Bibles to the traditional snow-covered New England church.

Cards For Clergy
Beside the religious Christmas cards for general use, greeting card publishers have also made available a wide variety of cards specially designed to be sent to the clergy.

There are such special titles as "To Our Pastor," "To The Minister and His Wife," "To You in the Lord's Service," and "To You Who Teach His Word." There is also a card for "Sunday School Teacher."

The first religious Christmas cards were published in Belfast, (Continued on page 15)

Greetings

Everything's set for Santa's arrival... and we add our good wishes for a Merry Christmas!

Waterloo Garage
Glenn Rentschler

We wish You All a Very Happy Holiday Season

W. E. Farrell Sheet Metal

Silent Night

As on that holy night when Christ was born, the joyous message of His birth re-echoes throughout the busy world, filling every heart with peace and good will. May this true Christmas spirit enrich your life and the lives of your loved ones.

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We Deliver Locally • Send Flowers By Wire Anywhere in the World
7010 Lingane Road MEMBER F.T.D. Phone GR 9-6071

MERRY CHRISTMAS To You!

Christmas comes but once a year... and always such a happy time for all of us to wish all of you and your families every Christmas joy!

Patty Ann Shoppe
EFFIE MORGAN

PARKER'S CHELSEA CLEANERS



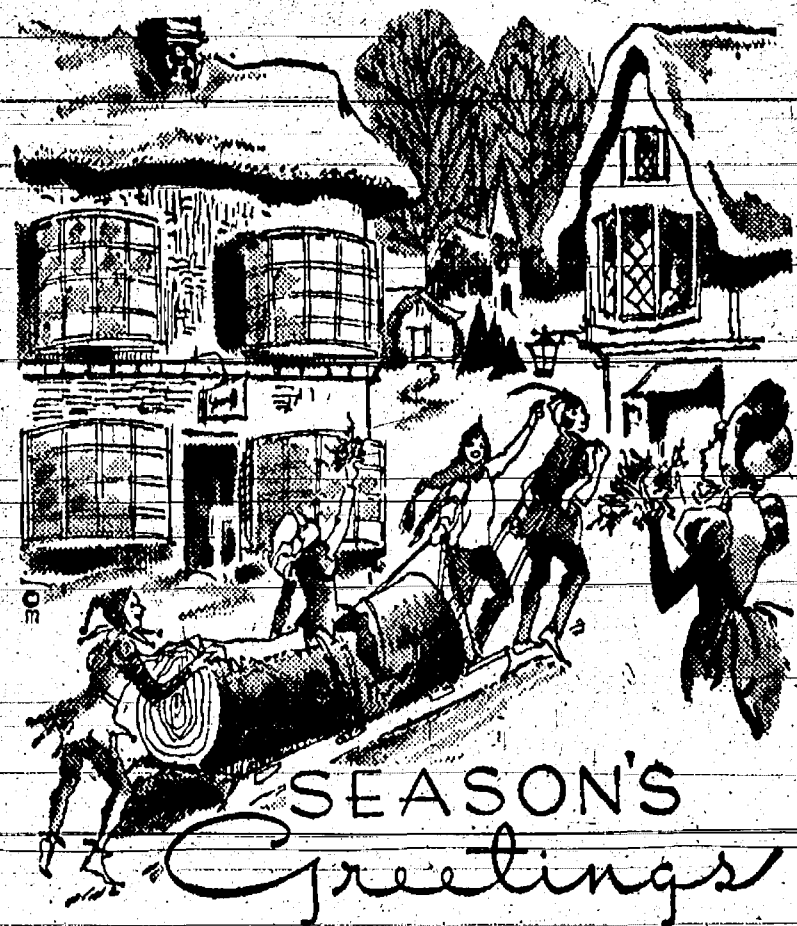
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Attend Our New Year's Eve Party

Open Until ?

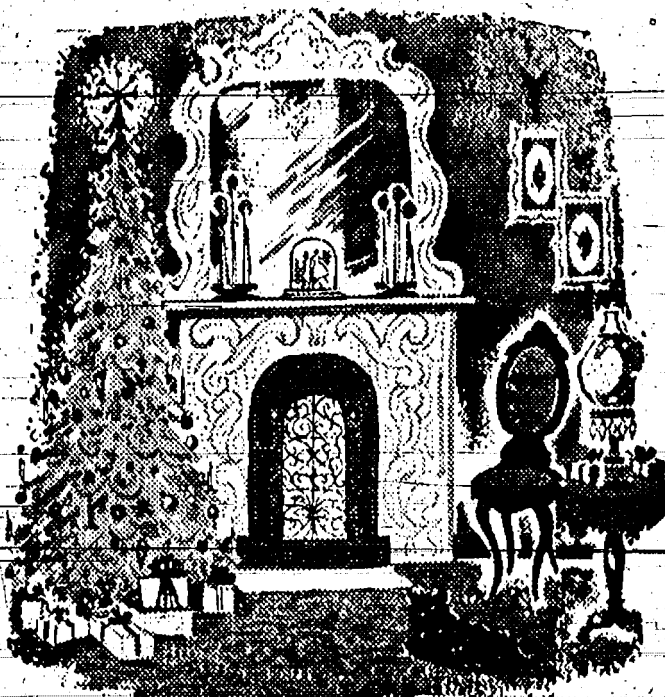
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HOWARD and GLADYS MILLER



Recreation Tavern

ROBERT HOWE



Christmas Greetings

... of the warmest, old-fashioned kind, from all of us to all of you!

THE PUB



Joy...

at Christmastime

May the Star of Bethlehem beam its blessed light of love and peace on you and your loved ones ... and through all the world, always.

Knoll's Ashland Service
DON KNOLL

Beasts, Birds Share in Yule Legends

In the lore and legends of Christmas, the beasts of the fields and the birds of the air play their part—and appropriately so, for the oldest and holiest Christmas story of all tells of shepherds with their flocks—shepherds who went to seek and find a Holy Babe lying in a manger.

Animals of the manger in the time of Christ were likely to be the sheep and goats, cattle, horses, donkeys and pigs. All of these figures in Yuletide songs and stories—even the pig, who has held the place of honor at many a Christmas feast.

Telling of the first Christmas Eve, the famous carol, "Away in a Manger," says, "The cattle were lowing," and religious paintings through the ages have depicted both the cattle and the other animals in the manger, as well as the flocks of the shepherds.

Feeding Birds
In Scandinavian countries people place sheaves of grain and bits of suet on trees and rooftops, so birds can feast.

They Feast
Because an ancient tradition holds that animals helped to spread the glad tidings of the birth of Christ, barnyard animals in many countries are still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

Cattle Speak
An old German legend has it that cattle kneel in their stalls at midnight on Christmas Eve. Then, for a moment, they have the power of speech.

Other legends broaden this to include all animals.

From Spanish Lore
On the first Christmas, says a Spanish legend, a cow in the manger breathed on the Baby Jesus to warm him.

Kneeling Deer
Early French-Canadian settlers in Quebec bewildered the Huron Indians by their strange—to the Indians—preparations for the celebration of Christmas. As a result, many legends about the Day developed among the Indians.

On Christmas Eve, the Indians believed, the deer knelt to the "Great Spirit." In the hope of seeing this wondrous sight, the Hurons would hide in the cold winter night of the forests for hours.

Food for Puss
Cats get special treatment during the Christmas season in French sections of Canada. Special food is set forth for Puss, since according to legend, if the cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve, bad luck will follow.

Pastor Wrote Song To Please Small Children

"Up on the Housetops" is a happy Christmas song written by an Ohio pastor, Benjamin Hanby, in 1864.

Believing that music was a part of religion, he held weekly song-fests for children in New Paris, Ohio. Since he was short of money, when the children needed a new song, he wrote it himself.

The song, which tells the joys of going "up on the housetops" and "down through the chimney" with good Saint Nick to the "click, click, click" of reindeer hooves, gained early popularity.

Its origin, however, was lost when the Chicago publishing house of George F. Root, publishers of the song, burned. Credit for the authorship was not restored until after Hanby's death.

MORE TUBS THAN TUBS
Ottawa, Canada—According to a report from the 1961 census of the Dominion Statistics Bureau, Canadians have more television sets than bathtubs.

It showed one or more televisions in 83 per cent of Canadian homes, with only 80.3 per cent of the homes having bathtubs or showers.



First American Christmas Cards Made at Boston in 1875

American Christmas cards were launched on a commercial scale exactly 87 years ago by an eminent Boston lithographer named Louis Prang.

A penniless immigrant when he landed in America in 1860, Prang made a big impact on America's celebration of Christmas, earning him the title of "Father" of the American Christmas card.

Started in 1874
Prang got started publishing greeting cards in a rather strange way. In 1874, one year before he marketed his first American Christmas cards, a young art student by the name of Miss D. E. Whitney, who worked in his shop, presented him with a painting of a budding moss rose which she had done.

There was something about this simple moss rose that appealed to both his artistic sense and to his commercial instincts. Prang saw a golden chance to increase his business. He decided to print "Merry Christmas" on small floral decorated cards as the British had been doing since the early 1840's.

32 Colors Used
Prang was an expert in the art of what he called "chromolithography" and his work and reputation was well established throughout Europe. By using slabs of a particular limestone found only in Bavaria, he printed pictures in multi-colors, as many as 32 different shades, at times. He reproduced them so perfectly that you could scarcely tell them from the original paintings.

Lithographed Painting
He had Miss Whitney's painting copied on lithographic stones and attached a holiday sentiment to it. He experimented with his British customers, first and the next year Prang tried out the Christmas cards on the American people. Within five years he was turning out five million cards a year, and it wasn't long before Prang cards, trimmed with silk fringe and lace, also became known world-wide.

Original In Collection
The painting that inspired Prang to enter the greeting card business is still preserved in an antique greeting card collection with several hundred of his "chromolithographs."

Unlike today's Christmas cards, Prang used very few of the standard Christmas motifs on his cards. His favorites were illustrations of spring flowers, harvest scenes and pictures of children playing. The Killarney rose, of all things, was the most popular of all. Religious scenes began to appear on Prang's cards in the mid-1880's.

Typical Of Victorian Era
Prang's delicate cards were typical of the Victorian era in which he lived. Many of them were equipped with silk cords for hanging, others were edged with inch-wide fringe and folded cards dripped with tassels. Fan-shaped cards bedecked with both fringe and tassels, competed with lustreous satin-and-plush creations. There were even some cards encrusted with blown glass frosting.

Art Competition Held
To insure that he would always have an ample supply of the finest designs for his cards, Prang conducted an annual competition

Servicemen's Corner

Pvt. LeRoy Cummings Completes Projector Maintenance Course

Fort Monmouth, N. J. — Army Pvt. LeRoy G. Cummings, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle L. Cummings, 5402 Grossman Rd., Manchester, Mich., recently completed the 11-week projector equipment course at The Signal School, Fort Monmouth, N. J.

During the course, Cummings received instruction in the repair and maintenance of still and sound motion picture projectors and related equipment.

He entered the Army last June and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. Cummings is a 1902 graduate of Manchester High school.

Decking the Halls

Decorating with red and green, traditional at Christmas, traces back to the early use of red-berried green holly to "deck the halls."

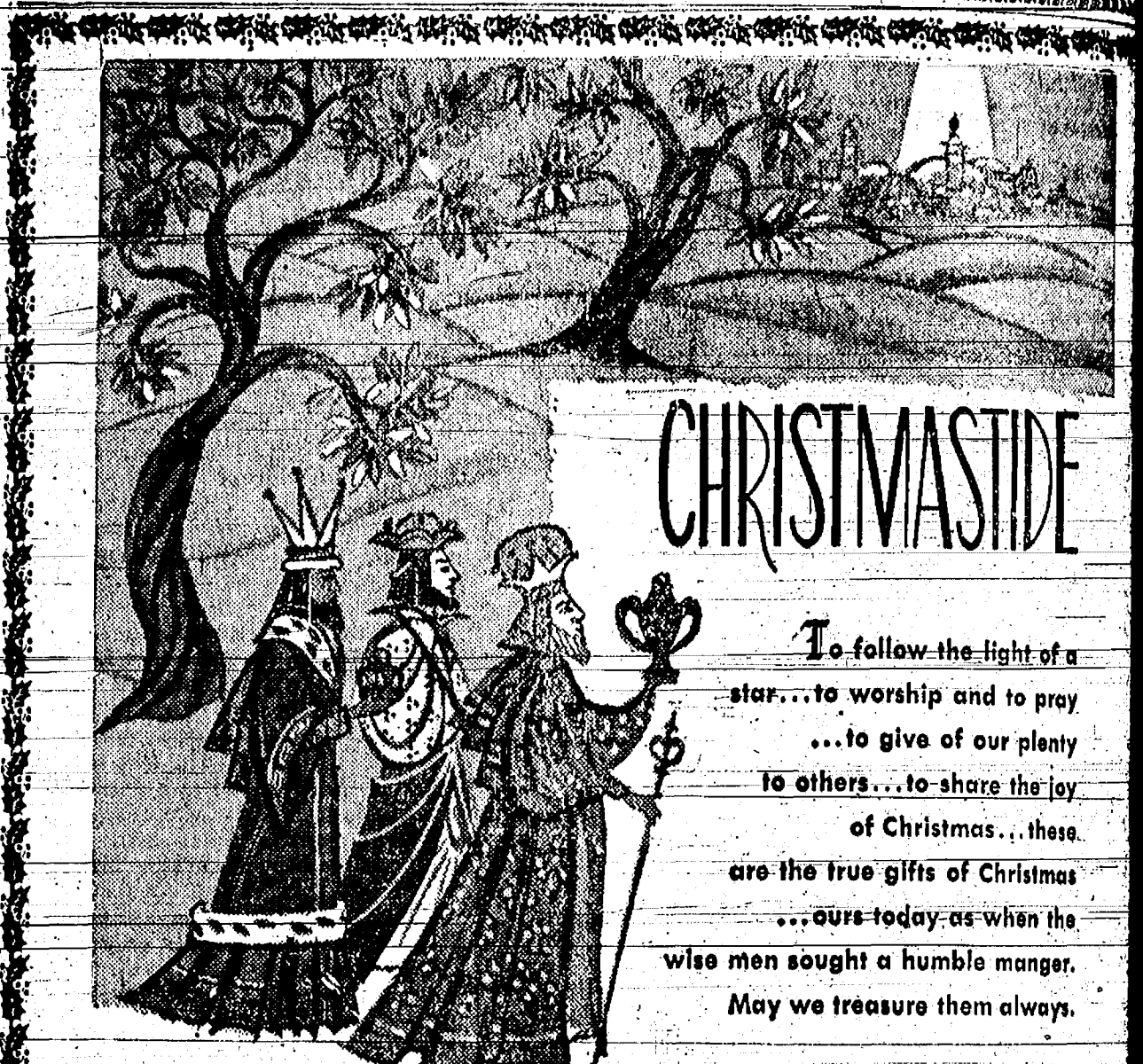
Shipping fever annually takes nearly \$25 million from the pockets of the nation's beef producers. Death losses can be as high as 10 percent during



Greetings

As families gather together in joyous celebration, we extend best Yuletide wishes.

STIVER'S



CHRISTMASTIDE

To follow the light of a star... to worship and to pray... to give of our plenty to others... to share the joy of Christmas... these are the true gifts of Christmas... ours today as when the wise men sought a humble manger. May we treasure them always.

SINCLAIR REFINING CO.

Dillman Wahl, Marketer

Jerry Herrick, Driver



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We heartily wish, for you and yours, a most merry and festive Christmas... as filled with the joy of giving as jolly St. Nick himself... as full of happy wonder as the shining faces of children gathered around the tree. May your heart and home be brimming with all the most precious blessings of the Christmas season.



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Services in Our Churches

Spanish children, at Epiphany expect the Three Kings to bring them gifts, and the set is filled with straw.

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BOB SHEARS
201 S. Main St. Ph. 479-38

(CIRCLE NEWSPAPER YOU WANT)

THE DEXTER LEADER **OR** **THE CHELSEA STANDARD**

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Your Street or Road _____

City _____ State _____

GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

(Write additional gift subscription names on separate sheet)

Are Numbered Mistletoe-Berries

Mistletoe figures in many legends from pre-Christian times. Tree-worshippers believed it had magical powers of healing. Some thought that enemies who kissed beneath the mistletoe must declare a day's truce. The correct procedure is that a kiss must be removed for every token, and when all the berries are gone, there are no more available.

Child's Tears Made First Christmas Rose

The Christmas Rose, a winter blooming plant, first sprang up from the tears of a little girl who cried because she did not have a gift to offer the Christmas Child. The child picked the flowers and while kneeling at the crib, Jesus' hands touched the petals and a delicate pink appeared on the flowers. This lovely legend is documented by some greeting card companies in their greeting cards.

Any physician in Michigan may refer his private patients to the University of Michigan Hospital.



A Blessed Christmas...

LET US REJOICE ANEW IN THE SHINING WONDER OF CHRISTMAS... MAY THE PEACE AND HOPE AND LOVE OF THIS HOLY SEASON BE WITH US ALWAYS.

BOLLINGER ANITATION SERVICE
PAUL BOLLINGER



SLOCUM CONTRACTORS

Old Customs Still Observed At Christmas in Many Lands

Although universal in its spirit and purpose, Christmas is observed in many different ways throughout the world.

Individual countries have acquired literally thousands of customs through the ages. Some have been discarded along the way, while others are still observed.

Mexicans Break 'Pinata'

In Mexico, for example, breaking the "Pinata," an earthenware jug filled with fruits, nuts, and candies is still an important Christmas custom. Blindfolded children armed with sticks try to break it open. When they succeed, all join in the scramble for the "goodies" that pour out.

In the Northland of Canada, the Eskimos have a unique Christmas custom. Entire Eskimo communities set off to visit neighboring towns. The following year the visit is repaid and the visiting town becomes the host.

In Finland, all members of Finnish families must take a steam bath before the festivities of Christmas Eve can begin.

Sparks Bring Blessings

In Yugoslavia, the Christmas celebration is centered around the Yule Log. A young tree is felled and brought into the house before sunrise on Christmas morning. While burning, it is struck with an iron rod causing sparks to fly up the chimney. Tradition says that blessings as numerous as the sparks will fall on the family during the coming year.

In Greece, special loaves of bread are baked for the Christmas celebration. Each loaf is marked with a cross on top; a silver coin concealed in each. According to custom, the person finding the coin is destined for a prosperous year.

In India, one week before the holiday, all villages that observe Christmas, fast by not eating animal food. On the last day they



eat no food at all until they take communion on Christmas Eve.

Probably the most universal custom associated with Christmas is sending Christmas cards.

For a custom that is so well established all over the world, it is relatively new, however—just over a century old.

It was in 1843 that the first Christmas card was published in England by Sir Henry Cole, who commissioned an artist named John Horsley to design a Christmas "greeting" for him because he was too busy to write to his friends at Christmas.

Since then, the sending of Christmas cards has become almost universal, although in some countries greetings are sent for the New Year, instead of Christmas.

This year, more than three billion Christmas cards will be mailed in the United States, alone. This is an average of approximately 15 cards per person.

Even Santa Claus takes on different forms and comes at different times in certain countries.

Santa Comes Jan. 6

In Spain, he bears his traditional gifts on Jan. 6, the feast of the Epiphany which celebrates the arrival of the Three Wise Men. Spanish children fill their shoes with straw for the camels of the Wise Men, and place them on the window sills. Similarly, in Holland, children place their wooden shoes filled with hay in a corner or a ledge, but it's for Santa's white horse.

In Germany, Santa wears a big chain which he rattles at the door. Candy and cookies go to the good youngsters, the bad ones get empty potato sacks.

In Italy, Santa comes as an old woman on a broomstick. She is named La Befana, and leaves gifts in the children's shoes.

Sending Christmas Cards? Etiquette Is Very Important

One of the most enjoyable things about the Christmas season is contacting friends and relatives with Christmas cards.

These tips on "etiquette" and Christmas card mailing will help make it easier on you, and even more of a pleasure for those on the receiving end of the line.

1. When your name is not printed or engraved, always sign your complete name. It is proper for husband-and-wife cards to be signed "Jane and John Doe," or "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe." "The John Does," it is also correct to add a "and family" to your signature.

2. When the whole family is listed on the card, father's name comes first, followed by mother's and then the children—according to age.

3. Address a card to both husband-and-wife, even if you know only one of them. The exception to this rule is a semi-business card that may be sent to one or the other at his or her office.

4. Address envelopes by hand, never by typewriter, and always include a return address. In New York City alone every year, six million Christmas cards pour into the Dead Letter Office at the main post office.

5. It's both proper and thoughtful to send Christmas cards to people in mourning. It is a matter of courtesy and good taste to use the form of name preferred by widows. The same is true of divorcees.

6. When sending cards to the clergy, always write "The Reverend Doe," instead of simply "Reverend Doe." However, the correct form for Protestant ministers with a doctor of divinity degree is "The Reverend Dr. Doe" or "The Reverend Doe, D.D." Initials of a special order or rank should be added to the names of Catholic priests who are also addressed as "The Reverend Doe."

More than 3 billion Christmas

cards will be mailed this season, according to greeting card companies.

You can provide a great service to the post office by remembering to: mail early, write addresses plainly; use zone, apartment, rural route and box numbers; include return address; and tie all cards for local distribution with addresses face up and the same with all cards for "out-of-town" and "out-of-state."

Science Helps Grow Quality Christmas Trees

Chances are the Christmas tree which will soon become the center of attention in your living room didn't just happen. A good bit of management skill went into it.

"If your tree is a plantation-grown Spruce or Fir, a half-pound or pound of fertilizer the year before harvest may help explain why it has lush foliage," states Donald White, Michigan State University forester. "A little fertilizer helps keep needles on longer."

Weeds are as big a problem to the tree farmer as to the corn grower. Herbicides such as simazine, 2,4,5-T and amino-triazole improve tree quality by checking competing weeds.

In addition to dense foliage and needle retention, families look for a symmetrical cone shape and fire resistance. Careful shearing for several years before harvest accounts for the shape and fresh trees present fewer fire hazards.

Michigan growers sell three million Christmas trees annually to buyers all over the nation," estimates MSU extension forester Lester E. Bell. "These trees retail for about \$9 million."

More University of Michigan graduates have been added to Who Who in America since 1939 than those of any other university.

Christmas Cards Provide Colorful Home Decoration

Christmas cards can be the key to a host of exciting decorating ideas in the home.

A pair of scissors, some cellophane tape, a ball of colored yarn, the Christmas-mail-plus-a-little ingenuity—is all that's needed to create a sparkling holiday atmosphere in the home.

Greeting card manufacturers suggest these little "extras" to create a real holiday-at-home atmosphere in any home or apartment.

—place a brightly-hued card in the center of the holiday wreath on your door, preferably one with "Christmas Greetings" in large letters.

—many of this year's cards are cut-outs, some are actually shaped and colored like Christmas tree ornaments, and have tinsel cords for hanging.

—if you have a glass top coffee table, place an assortment under the glass. Try using a single theme—winter scenes, florals, Americana, religious.

—create a striking religious tableau on a small table or mantel by standing religious cards about the family Bible opened to St. Luke's narrative of the first Christmas.

—and don't forget the kitchen. This room is given less attention than any other when it comes to decorating at Christmas time.

Religious Greetings

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Ireland in 1875, the same year that Louis Prang, a prominent Boston lithographer, became the first American to produce Christmas cards on a commercial scale.

It wasn't until 1890, however, that religious designs started appearing on American Christmas cards.

In fact, the majority of the early Christmas motifs had little or no relation to Christmas or the winter season. They pictured summer flowers, seascapes, fairies, kittens, children playing, even fish and reptiles.

Little but Legend Known About Visit of Wise Men

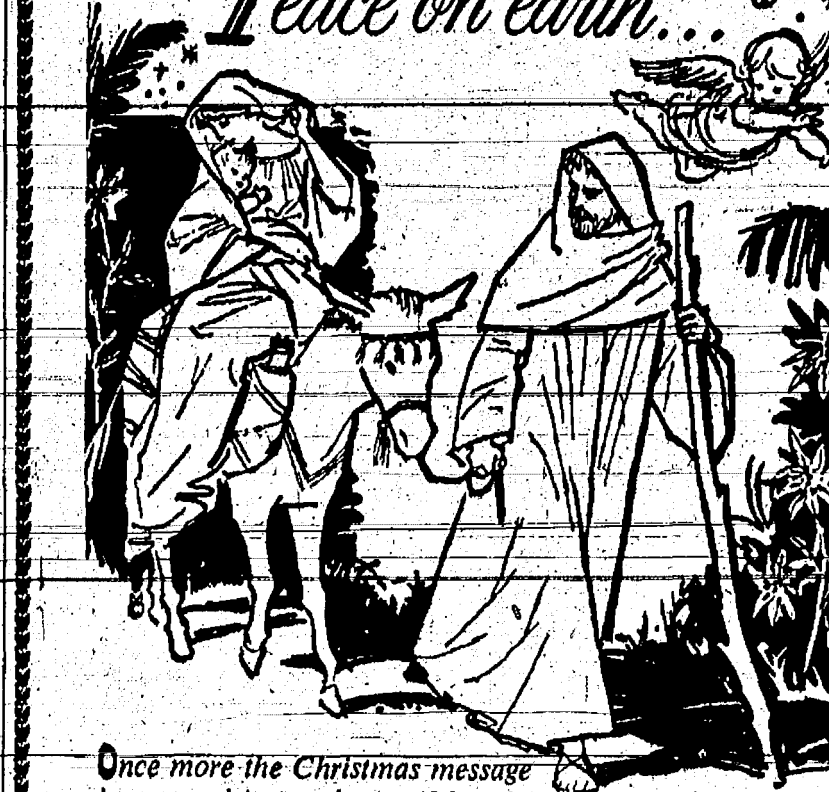
Many legends have developed around the visit of the three wise men to adore the Infant Jesus. Even their number is legendary. St. Matthew, the only book in the New Testament that refers to the visit, reports that wise men came from the east, without stating how many there were.

It was not until later, in a legend which can be traced back to the second century, that they were called kings," according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

In even later times, they were distinguished as Melchior, Gaspar or Caspar, and Balthasar.

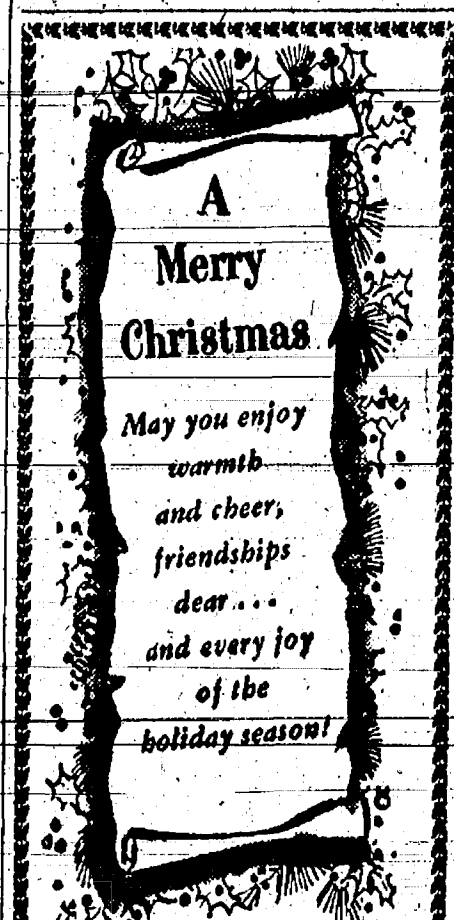
The magi originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian, Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices and derived a strong interest in astronomy, demonology and magic.

By the time it reached the Graeco-Roman world, it was practically identical, in the popular view, with astrology and magic. This explains the use of the term "wise men" by St. Matthew, since they were astrologers.



Once more the Christmas message is renewed in our hearts. May the spirit-lifting joys of the season be yours.

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Readers Still Loyal to Dickens Favorite

"A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas" was first published at Christmas 1843, and since that time its popularity has never waned.

Generation after generation has laughed and cried over the story of the miserly Scrooge, who through the revelations of three spirits—Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come—became a man who "knew how to keep Christmas well," if any man alive possessed the knowledge.

Charles Dickens, creator of the "Carol," loved it as well as, or perhaps even better than, its many readers did. He told of crying and capitulating by his story; he wrote the 30,000-word book in six weeks.

When Dickens gave readings from his works in England and America, the story of Scrooge was always the prime favorite with his audiences.

Perhaps the best known part of the story is Christmas dinner at the Cratchits, where Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present observed the family of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, making merry over a simple Christmas dinner, highly lighted by a goose. "There never was such a good" and a pudding—"Oh, what a wonderful pudding!"

And a favorite character is Tiny Tim, the Cratchits' crippled son, to whom the reformed Scrooge became "a second father."

One of the most famous speeches in the English language is, doubtless, Tiny Tim's, at the conclusion of the Christmas feast, "God bless us, every one!"

An early 19th century American diplomat is responsible for introducing the poinsettia, the colorful Christmas plant, to the United States.

Joel R. Poinsett of Charleston, S. C., was appointed the first American ambassador to Mexico in 1825. While there, he found a simple, yet attractive green weed which had as its flower a bunch of yellow pods that formed a center of a scarlet whorl.

In 1836, the plant was brought to the United States, and the botanists named it Poinsettia after the famous Southerner.

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"GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!" said Tiny Tim. Since Tiny Tim first spoke these words at the Cratchits' Christmas feast, Charles Dickens' famous "A Christmas Carol" has become one of the best known and loved of holiday stories. Illustration above is from The Book of Knowledge.

Joy, Reverence Mark Holy Season

Candlelight and music, pageants and prayers fill churches everywhere as Christians celebrate, at special services, the birth of Christ. The joy and wonder of Christmas, with its message of new life, hope and promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men," finds expression many ways.

In choirs, singing the praises of the Babe of Bethlehem, in scenes symbolizing the birth of a Child in a manger, in the gleam of candles reflecting the light of a Star, in the sound of voices raised in carols gathered from around the world and showing the true brotherhood of man, Christmas in all its beauty and glory goes out to hearts young and old.

"Christmas Mass" To Western Christian believers, December 25 carries all the deep religious meaning appropriate to the anniversary of the birth of Christ. As the date for the celebration of "Christmas Mass," the Mass of Christ, it was selected some centuries after the Nativity, selected from a number of possible dates, among them January 6, March 21, March 29, April 9, May 20, September 29 and November 17.

In some Eastern Orthodox churches, Holy Night comes on January 6, Christmas Day on January 7. The Armenian church celebrates Christmas on January 19.

Generally, researchers are agreed that the correct date and year of Christ's birth are lost in the past, although some tentative conclusions can be drawn. Since it is the meaning of the day that counts, the date that has for centuries symbolized the coming of the Saviour will undoubtedly continue its holy significance in Christendom.

To those who like to ponder on the world as it was when the infant Jesus was born, and on the growth of Christianity, some delving into the researches about Christmas can be a rewarding experience. Any tendency to take Christmas for granted disappears in the fascinating study of the early Christian church and its growth in the face of resistance.

A comparison of Biblical references with archaeological and historical researches discloses that Christ was probably born before 4 B.C.—in other words, the pres-

Greeting Cards Show Changes

Greeting cards for Christmas show, each season, an increase in the number of religious subjects—but this has not always been true. In fact, the earliest Christmas cards often had designs that seemed to have no connection with the holiday.

Instead of Nativity scenes or symbols of holly and mistletoe, early American Christmas cards of the 19th century were decorated with roses and portraits of young ladies; according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Often, plump robins were pictured sitting on tree branches tripping with icicles.

In this early stage pin-up girls were not unusual. Kate Greenaway drawings were frequently single figures from her drawings, others portraying dancing girls with garlands of flowers.

About 1870, cards were frosted and fringed with heavy silk.

From Quebec?

"Angels We Have Heard on High" is a French carol, although some sources say that it originated not in France but in Quebec, Canada.

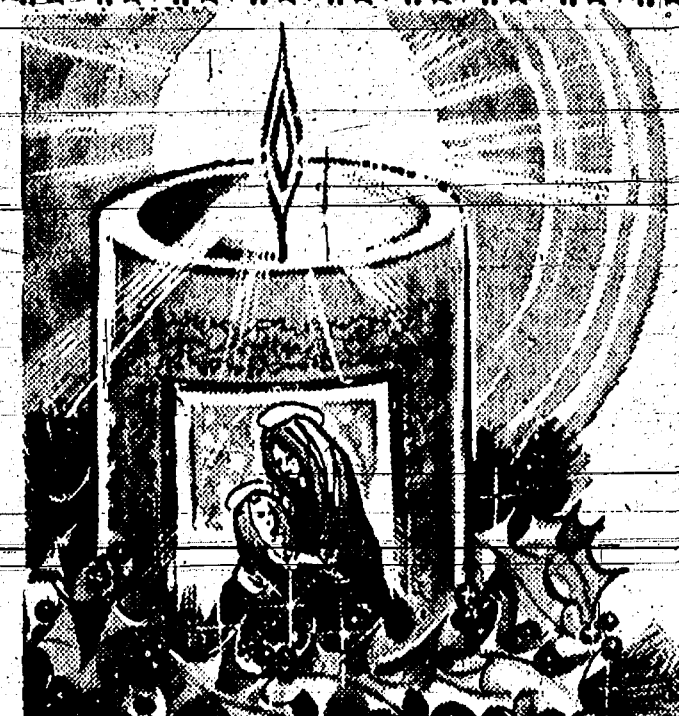


May the Christmas spirit of Peace on Earth come to dwell in the hearts of all.

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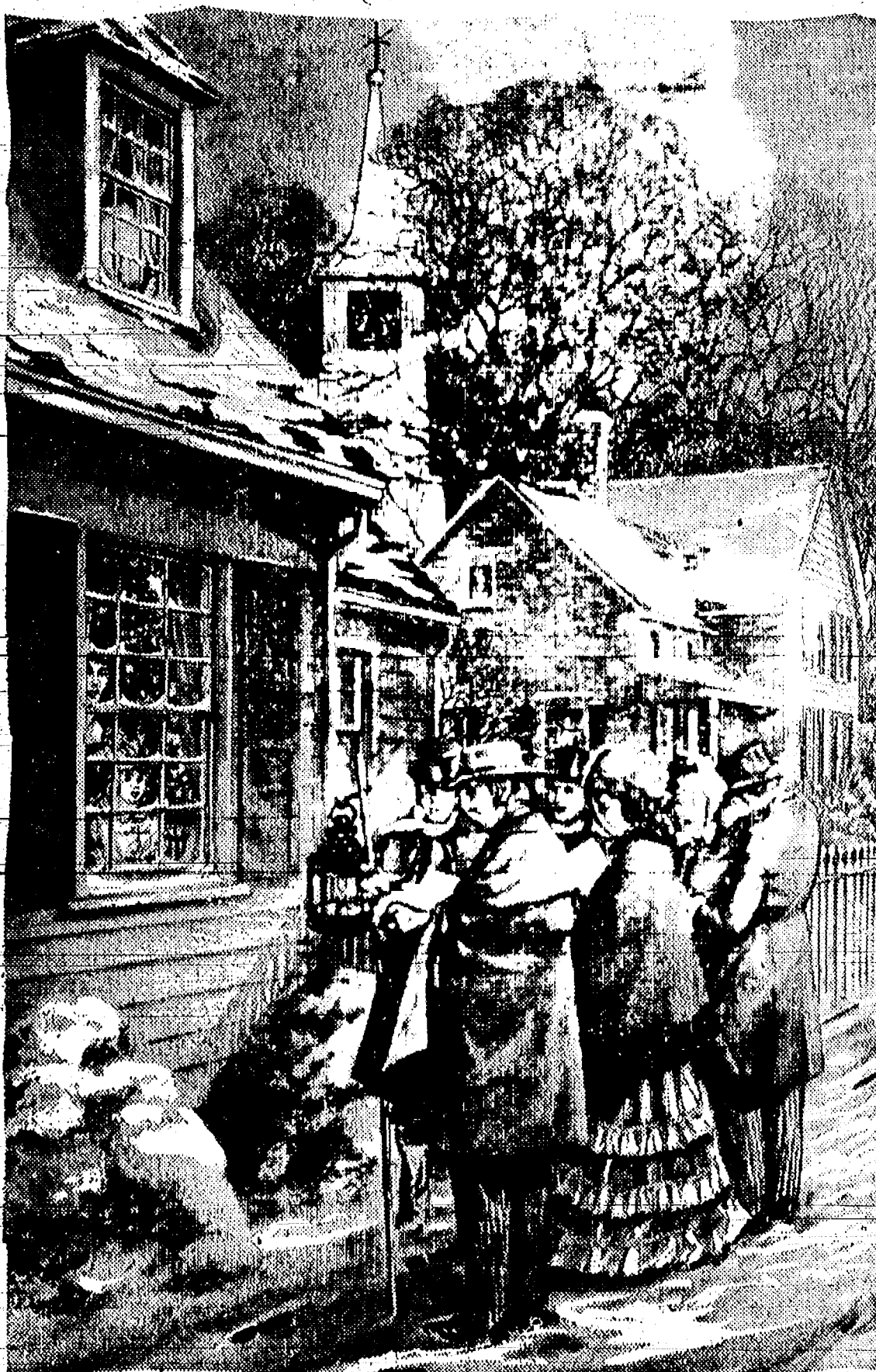
Blessings...

Every Christmas candle begins the light of the Star that shone over Bethlehem the night when Christ was born. May the holy, blessed meaning of that Birth be reflected in this Christmas season, for you.



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