

STATUS OF APPLICATION FOR FIVE-CENT GENERAL INCREASE

A number of employees have indicated their interest in the status of the application for the additional five-cent per hour general increase which was announced on October 8th by Mr. Hanes. On that date all employees received a three-cent per hour increase which was the maximum permitted under Wage Stabilization laws.

On October 8, 1951 Ecusta filed an application with the Wage Stabilization Board, Washington, D. C., requesting approval for a five-cent general increase and further asked that if it was approved that it be granted retroactive to the date of the application.

The application was necessary because existing Stabilization laws do not permit the company to make this increase without specific approval of the Stabilization Board.

Since filing the application the company has been informed that the Stabilization Board has thousands of applications pending before it, and that they are making every effort to catch up with their work on which they are far behind. The company has made efforts to expedite action on its application and will continue to do so.

It is impossible, however, to predict at this time how long it will take before the Board can act on the application and whether or not they will act favorably or unfavorably.

It will be up to the Stabilization Board to determine whether the increase we have requested can be granted under the rules and principles which the Board is trying to apply to such cases throughout the United States.

If and when additional information is secured, it will be announced to employees. The company will continue to make every effort to obtain a decision as early as possible.

CAROL SINGERS

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," sung by the angels on the night Christ was born, is generally regarded as the first Christmas carol.

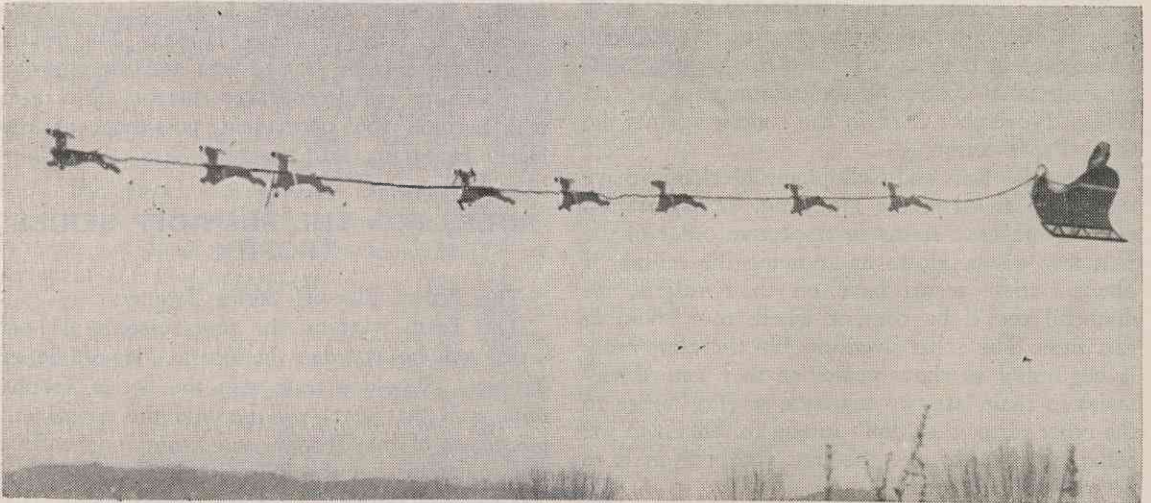
The custom of caroling in the streets originated in England. The carols themselves began as folk-songs in the fifteenth century when the renaissance in music was dawning. A departure from the solemn chants of that day, they satisfied the need for warmth and friendliness at Christmas time.

The charming songs remained a part of unwritten English folklore for many generations. In modern form they have become more popular than ever.

PLACES NAMED CHRISTMAS

Many places all over the world have the word Christmas in their name. Among others there are the Christmas Islands in the Pacific, named because Captain Cook landed there on Christmas Day 1777. In Minnesota there exists a Christmas Lake and there are towns named Christmas in Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Although most Christmas traditions come from the old world, the use of the poinsettia is strictly an American contribution. This flower is a native of tropical America and, when received potted, can, with care, be made to bloom another year.



Santa and his reindeer will soon be coming to see all the good little boys and girls. This photo was taken of Burder Teague's display last year.