

Mohammed, Most Active Salesman

(Editor's Note: Here are about Turkey and its customs from an expert, Franklin High's exchange student, Adem Unal).

I write about the birth of Islam, our religion, and Mohammed.

About 570 years after the birth of Jesus Christ, Mohammed was born in Mecca, Arabia. Mohammed was begotten and born like anybody else. His father and mother were all well-to-do Meccans, who belonged to an illustrious clan known as the Koreish.

Mohammed's father was called Abdullah. He is reputed to have been the best looking, the most charming, the most worthy young man in Mecca. It is said that when he became engaged to Aminah bint Wahb, the hearts of many young Meccan ladies were broken.

Abdullah had several beautiful sisters and eleven brothers. Four of these were to play important roles in the world revolution which the child of Abdullah's marriage was to bring about. The names of these four were Abu Taleb and Abu Jahab, contemporaries of Abdullah, and Al Abbas and Hamza, considerably younger. Their father was a distinguished Meccan called Abd Al Motaleb. The name of his father was Hashim.

This is as far back as it is necessary to go in Mohammed's genealogy.

His father, Abdullah, died before three months of his birth. He never saw his father. When he was six years old, the death of his mother followed his misfortune.

We know the life of Mohammed clearly, without hesitation. He was wise. He never spoke his words. He never hurt anybody's feelings. He was like everybody. Where ever he went, he had been of good omen.

Then he grew. He became a young man. Before he was sixteen, he had done more traveling than most Meccans in a lifetime. He had a job to do to war. His eldest uncle, Az Zubeir, was a commander of the Koreishite armies.

The caravans he was giving him a hearty joy of living. Before he was twenty, he had traveled Arabia, from the men to Syria, Palestine, and

north toward Persia. Mohammed soon found himself representing other merchants as well as his uncle, Abu Taleb. His reputation for hard work and honesty had spread. Before he was twenty-five, he had become one of the most active traveling salesmen in western Arabia.

He was married with Khadije when he was 25 and Khadije 40.

I'll tell about Mohammed, how he became the messenger of God, in my next writing. I also want to tell about New Year's in Turkey next week.



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And the angels sang, "On earth peace, good will toward men." May the Christmas message bring you joy.

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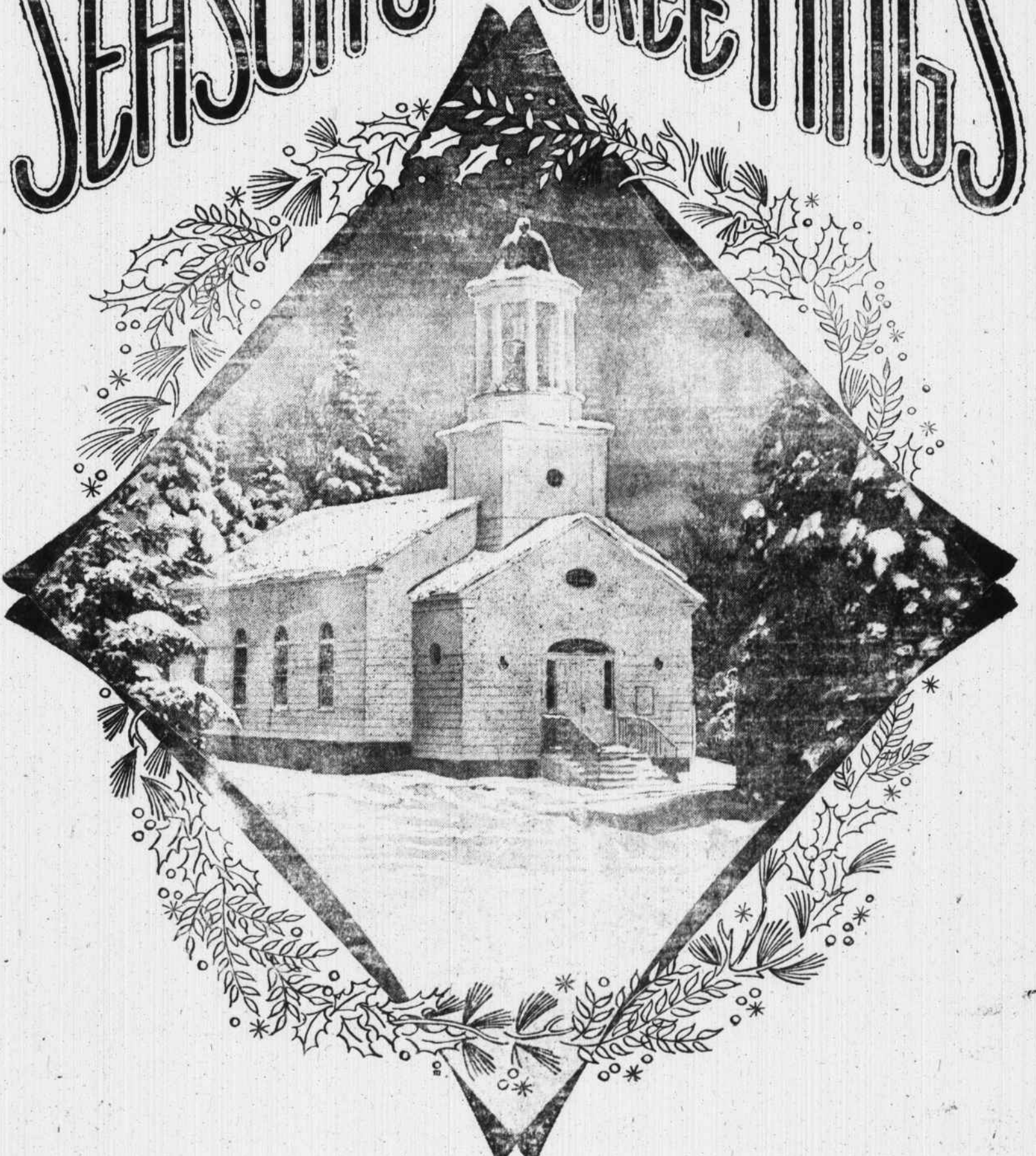


GREETINGS

What better time than this merry Yuletide to express deep appreciation to our customers for their loyal patronage throughout the year... We greet you one and all!

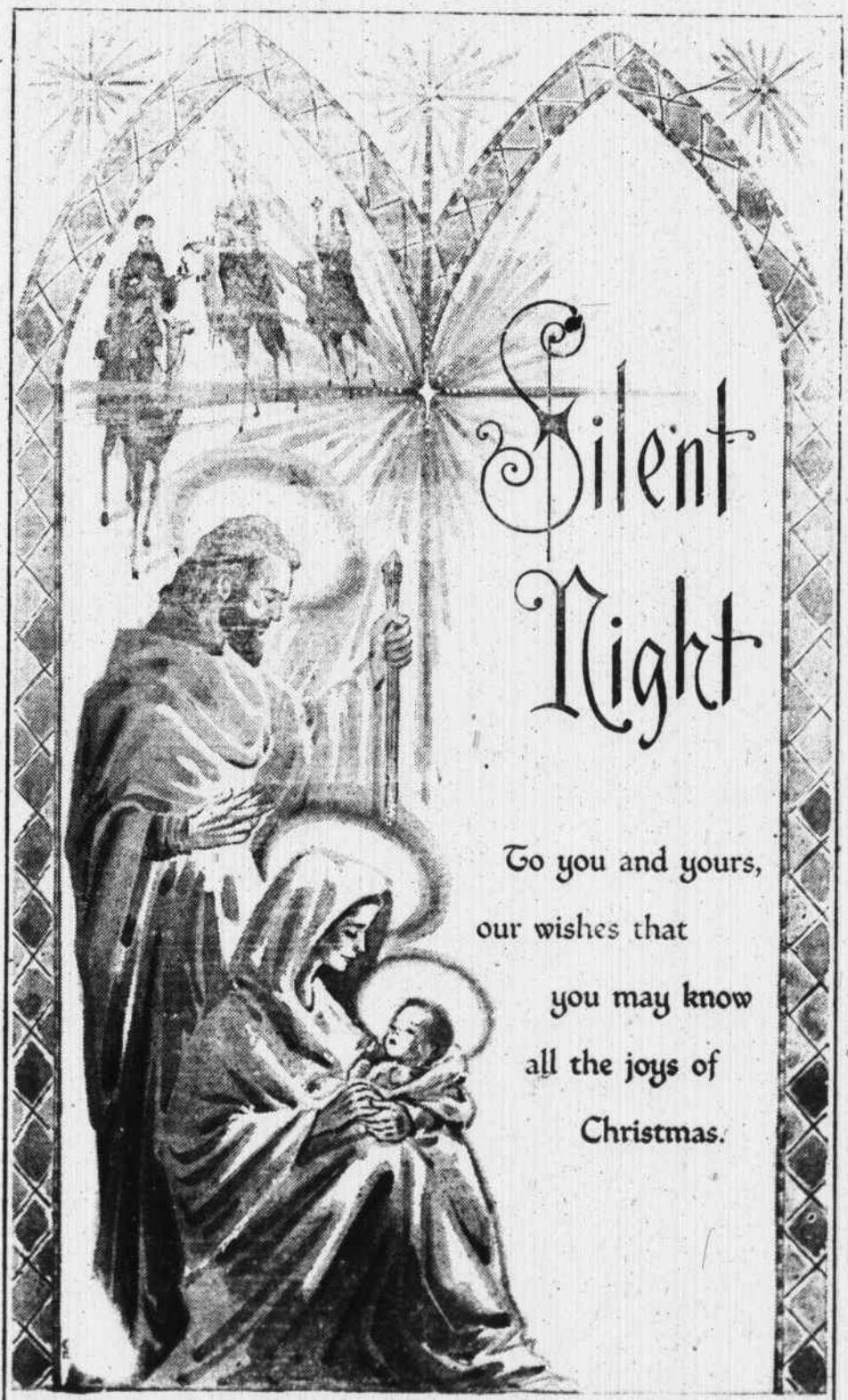
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To you, friends and customers, we're sending glad greetings, with every wish that you and yours may enjoy a most wonderful holiday time, blessed by good health, surrounded by good fellowship—and always of good cheer. For us, one of the brightest joys of the season is the opportunity it gives us to express, once again, our heartfelt gratitude for your continuing patronage and good will. Most heartily, we thank you!

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