

National Air Museum Gets Eddie Rickenbacker's DC3

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(For Jane Eads)

WASHINGTON — Washingtonians who thought they might be seeing things took a second look and confirmed their first impression—a DC3 was going down the street. The wingless and engineless plane, a gift from Eastern Airlines' Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker to the National Air Museum, was being towed from Washington National Airport to storage in Suitland, Maryland.

Dr. Paul Garber, curator of the still non-existent museum, has been negotiating with Capt. Rickenbacker for the aircraft since 1948.

"It is a wonderful example of the longevity and adaptability of the transport airplane," he said. "The DC3 has an eternal place in aviation history."

This particular plane, which has flown over 3 1/2 million miles and carried 213,000 passengers since its maiden flight in 1937, becomes the Air Museum's 163d exhibit—

when and if Congress appropriates money for a building to show them.

In addition to being a world-famous traveler, explorer, author and lecturer, Associate Justice William O. Douglas is a collector of wildflowers. He just presented his collection of wildflowers from Iran to the National Herbarium. The versatile justice collected more than 300 specimens during Persian safaris in 1949 and 1950. Many of them were completely unknown, and it has taken Dr. William, Department of Agriculture botanist, six years to classify them.

Justice Douglas became interested in wildflowers in his youth while roaming the wild mountainous regions of the Pacific northwest. He keeps a collection of these specimens pressed beneath the glass top of his desk in the Supreme Court building.

American Indians once used buried fish to fertilize corn crops.

Candles Light Christmas Eve Around World

Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ-child on his way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nut shells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas eve, each carrying a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the good folks attend the services.

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SHOPPING FOR THE MENFOLKS is always a big problem for the womenfolks—and vice versa. Here Mrs. John West of Lake Junaluska ponders buying a shirt—with some words of encouragement from clerk Mrs. Cecil Blanton at a local store. (Mountaineer Photo.)

'Silent Night' Called Song From Heaven

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence.

On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And

that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

"Silent night, holy night—"

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE


Monday, Dec. 24 (HOLIDAY)

Tuesday, Dec. 25 (HOLIDAY)

Screen star Clark Gable's first job was as a timekeeper at the age of 15 in an Akron rubber factory.

Giraffes have to stay on hard, dry land. They bog down in rivers or swamps.

All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child;
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace.



GREETINGS of the Season

May the happiness of the Holiday season, deepened and strengthened by the spiritual inspiration of the Christmas message, abide with you through all the days ahead. This is our warmest wish for you and yours, as through the soft silence of a Holy night, the shining wonder of Christmas once more dawns upon the World.

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Tips For Making Christmas Tree Last Longer

If your Christmas tree sheds needles all over the living room last year, chances are you weren't careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicy tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to withstand the hot siege indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

The practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas eve is tied up with an Irish custom which holds the thought of the Christ child alone in the dark, needing light for his way.

Keep A Notebook For Next Christmas

While getting ready for Christmas, 1956, remember that a little forethought will make Christmas '57 preparations easier.

Cornell University specialists suggest keeping a Christmas notebook with all the tips and tricks you've learned this past Yuletide.

First, get out your Christmas card list. Make any necessary additions and subtractions. By all means, correct any addresses while you have the information near at hand. This revamped list will be a life-saver next mailing.

Another valuable memo to tuck away would be a list of the gifts you gave this Christmas. Reference to such a list will help you avoid a repetition.

Salvage and save Christmas wrappings that are in good condition. You'll find many, many uses for them and be mighty thankful that you had the foresight to save them.

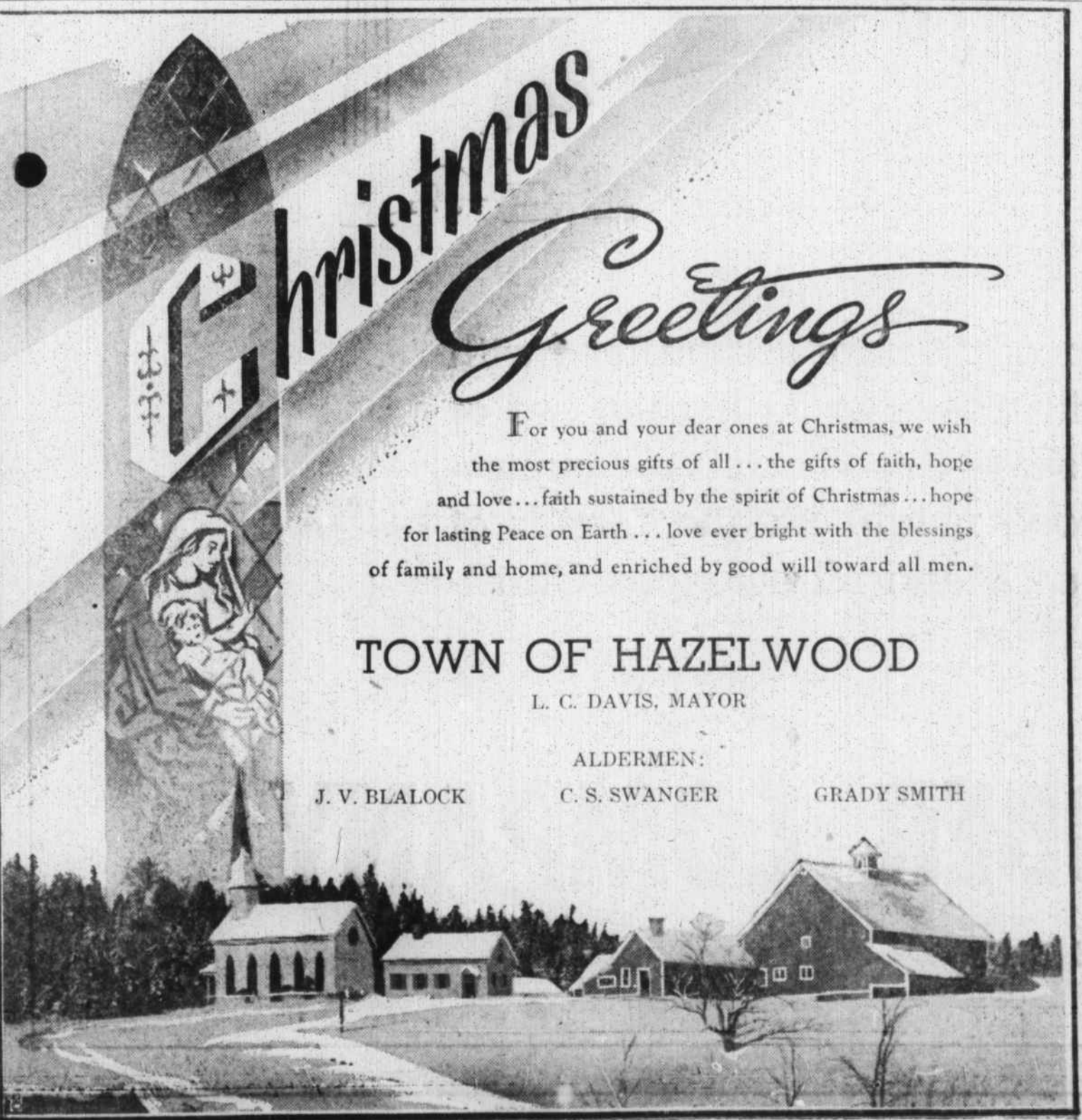
In your notebook, called "Christmas, 1957," you may want to jot down new recipes you've discovered for Christmas goodies—and this will be a perfect place to keep those decorating ideas you've picked up this year, too.



Christmas Greetings

Our Christmas message is wreathed in good wishes and garlanded with gratitude for the privilege of serving all our many friends.

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Christmas Greetings

For you and your dear ones at Christmas, we wish the most precious gifts of all... the gifts of faith, hope and love... faith sustained by the spirit of Christmas... hope for lasting Peace on Earth... love ever bright with the blessings of family and home, and enriched by good will toward all men.

TOWN OF HAZELWOOD
L. C. DAVIS, MAYOR

ALDERMEN:
J. V. BLALOCK C. S. SWANGER GRADY SMITH



Merry Christmas

Our wish for everyone is that you enjoy to the fullest this Christmas Season.

May Peace on Earth and Good Will to All prevail in our hearts for the approaching New Year.

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