

BIRDS IN NORWAY GET XMAS MEAL

Kris Kringle Is Loved Saint Among The German Children

Very, very often children of America wonder just how the boys and girls in far-away lands, England, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Spain and Italy, celebrate Christmas.

Do they have the same Christmas customs as we do? Does Santa Claus visit them on Christmas Eve just as he does American boys and girls? And do all the children across the sea hang up their stockings by the chimney, and put gifts around the Christmas tree for the whole family to open Christmas morning?

Then, when all the presents have been opened and every one is delighted with the things Santa has delivered, do all the boys and girls in far-away lands sit down to a great, big turkey dinner?

These are just a few of the questions American boys and girls ask and wonder about. The Christmas customs of many of the lands you have studied about in school are given here to answer these questions.

English Have Picturesque Customs

Christmas in England is very much the same as it is in America. Many of our customs originated in England long years ago. The plum pudding, that Yankee boys and girls like so well, is a remnant of the rich dishes served up to the hearty kings of old England. The pretty practice of decorating the home with holly and mistletoe was begun in England. You know if a lass stands under the mistletoe, a lad may quite properly kiss her. Perhaps you've often wondered who ever started sending Christmas cards. This too, was begun in England, by a gentleman named Housley in 1846. The singing of carols on Christmas Eve, while an old, old English custom, is just coming into vogue in this country.

Creche Ceremony of France

While American children are eagerly awaiting the trimming of their Christmas tree, French children go to the woods for laurel, holly and bright berries with which to trim the Creche. This is not a Christmas tree, no, indeed, but a tiny manger which they place on their living-room table. After the ceremony of lighting the buche-de-Noel, which is the French for Yule-log, the children light up the Creche with small candles. Throughout the work of gathering material and making and lighting the Creche, they sing carols in praise of the Christ-Child. In France young and old join in singing the famous Noels of the country.

Jul-Gran Is Sweden's Tree

The custom of trimming the Christmas tree is found wherever the Anglo-Saxon and Teutonic races, people of the colder climates, have settled. In Sweden the Christmas tree is called Jul-gran. Christmas Eve the Jul-gran is the center of joy, around which the whole family gather to dance and sing. When a gift is offered in person, or, as is more often the case, thrown suddenly in the door by an unseen hand, there rings out a merry 'Glad Yule', which means good Yule. When Santa Claus arrives, he takes part in the family festival, giving out good counsel and advice to the youngsters as he bestows his presents upon them.

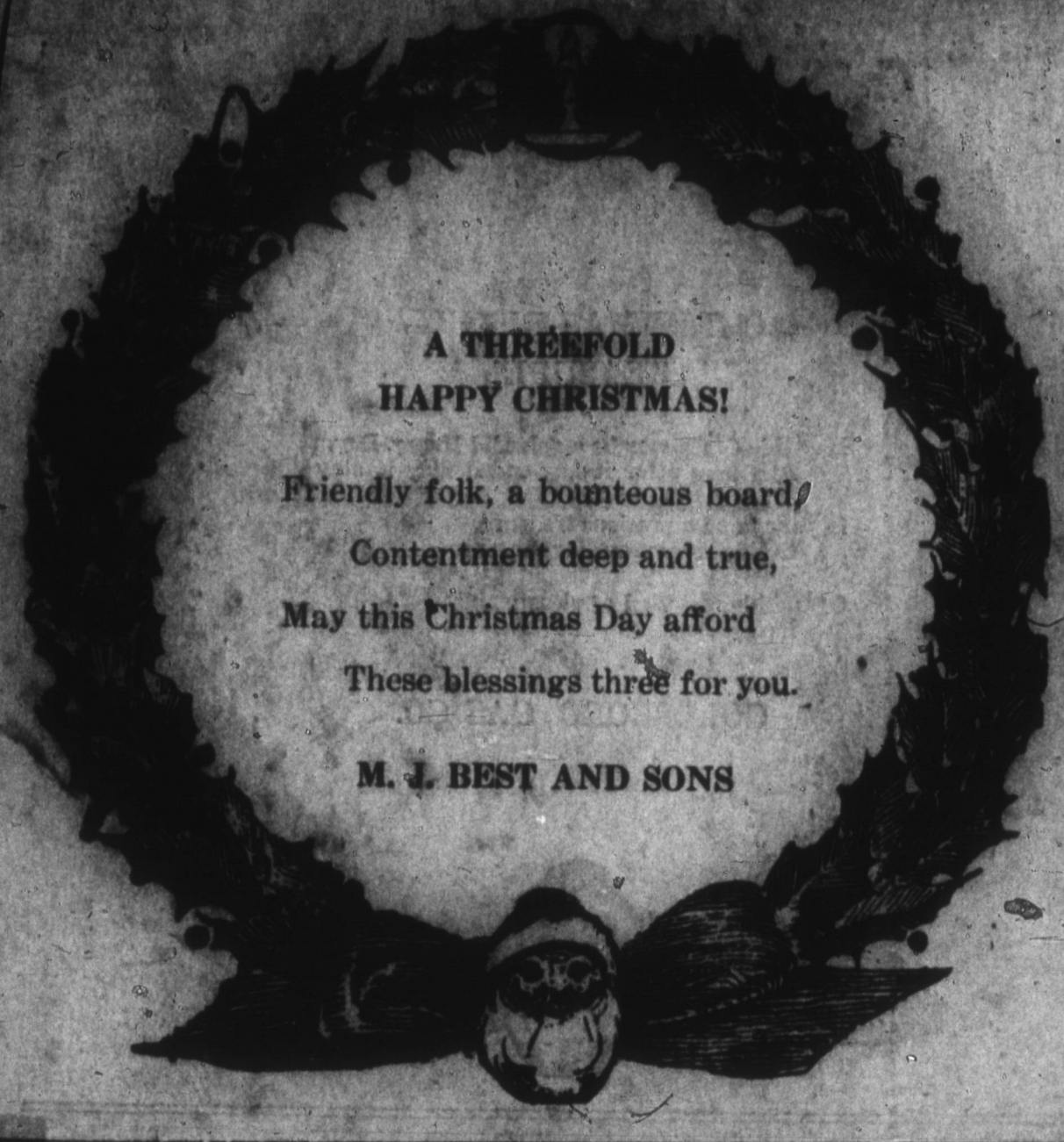
Kris Kringle Loved by Germans

St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, used to be favored by the German children, but now the merry, old elf, Kris Kringle, with his pack full of toys, has first place in their hearts. Christmas in Germany without a Christmas tree, at one time called the "Yggdrasil," just wouldn't be Christmas at all. Wehnacht, the German word for Christmas Eve, is a great occasion for family union, when the entire group gather about a beautiful tree hung with bright lights, gay candles and glazed fruits, and await the arrival of Kris Kringle who has lovely gifts for everyone. There is widespread thought and care given to the poor and enough Pfeffer Kuchen, Christmas cake, is made for all.

Birds Get Xmas Dinner in Norway

One of the prettiest Christmas customs is the Norwegian practice of giving a dinner to the birds. No matter how poor the people may be, they manage to save enough to feed the birds. Every gateway, gable and larn-door is decorated with a sheaf of corn fixed on top of a long pole from which the birds partake of their dinner. There is much bustling and merriment among the thrifty Norwegian wives who take special delight in preparing Christmas goodies.

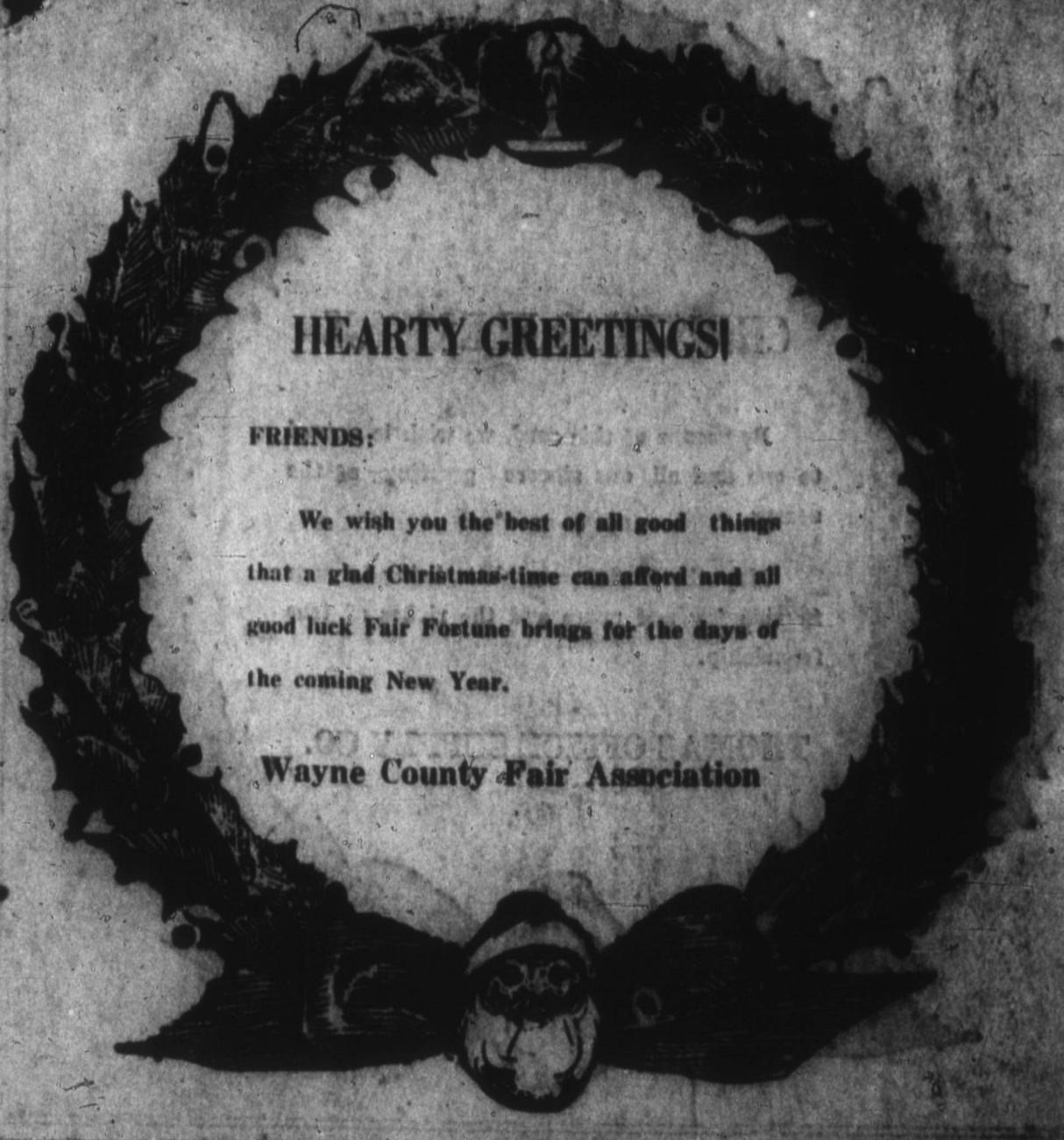
Sir Alfred W. Soward of Aberdeen, Scotland, has completed a 1,600-mile voyage in a 6-ton motorboat with only his own money for it.



**A THREEFOLD
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

Friendly folk, a bounteous board/
Contentment deep and true,
May this Christmas Day afford
These blessings three for you.

M. J. BEST AND SONS

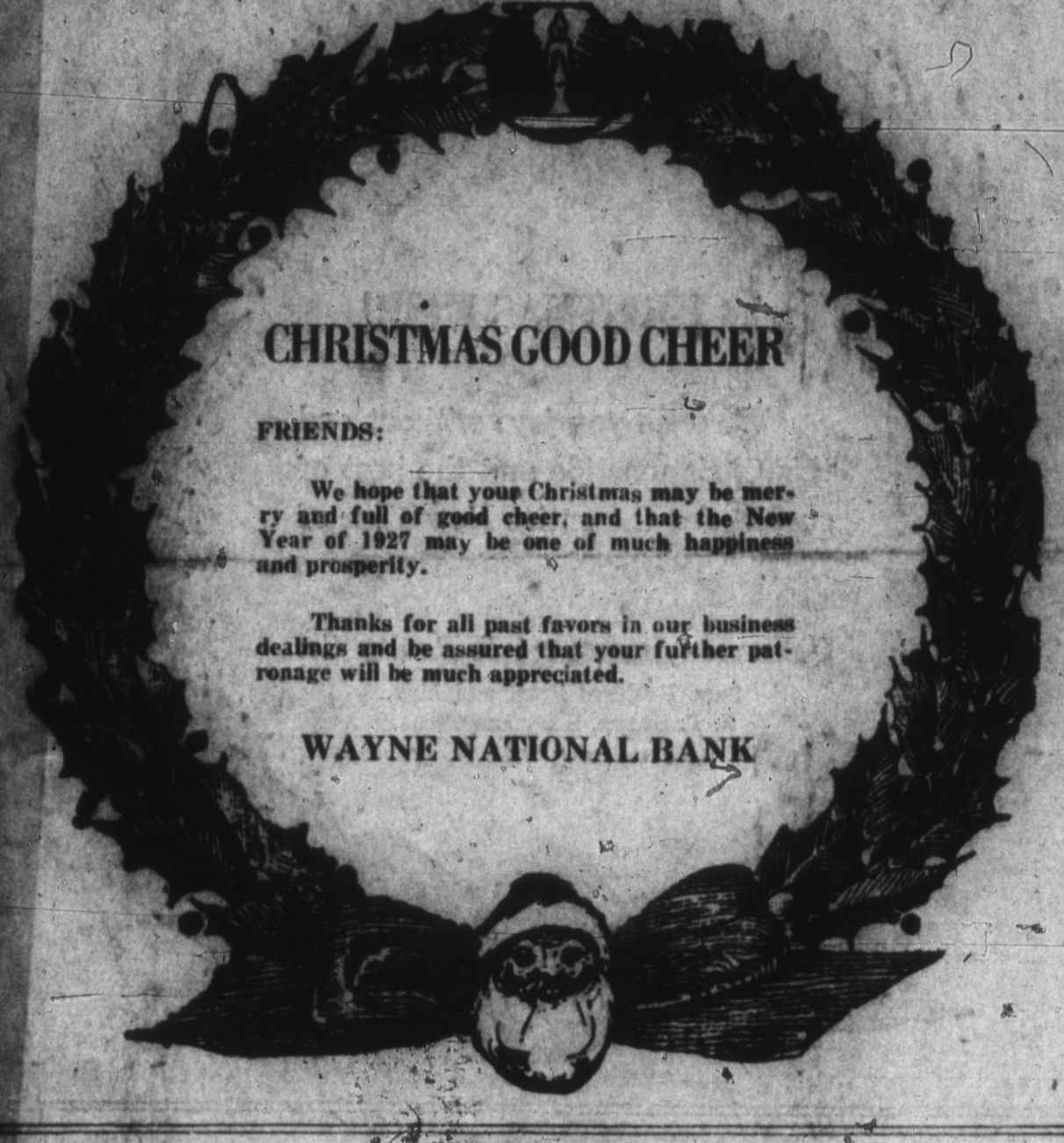


HEARTY GREETINGS!

FRIENDS:

We wish you the best of all good things
that a glad Christmas-time can afford and all
good luck Fair Fortune brings for the days of
the coming New Year.

Wayne County Fair Association



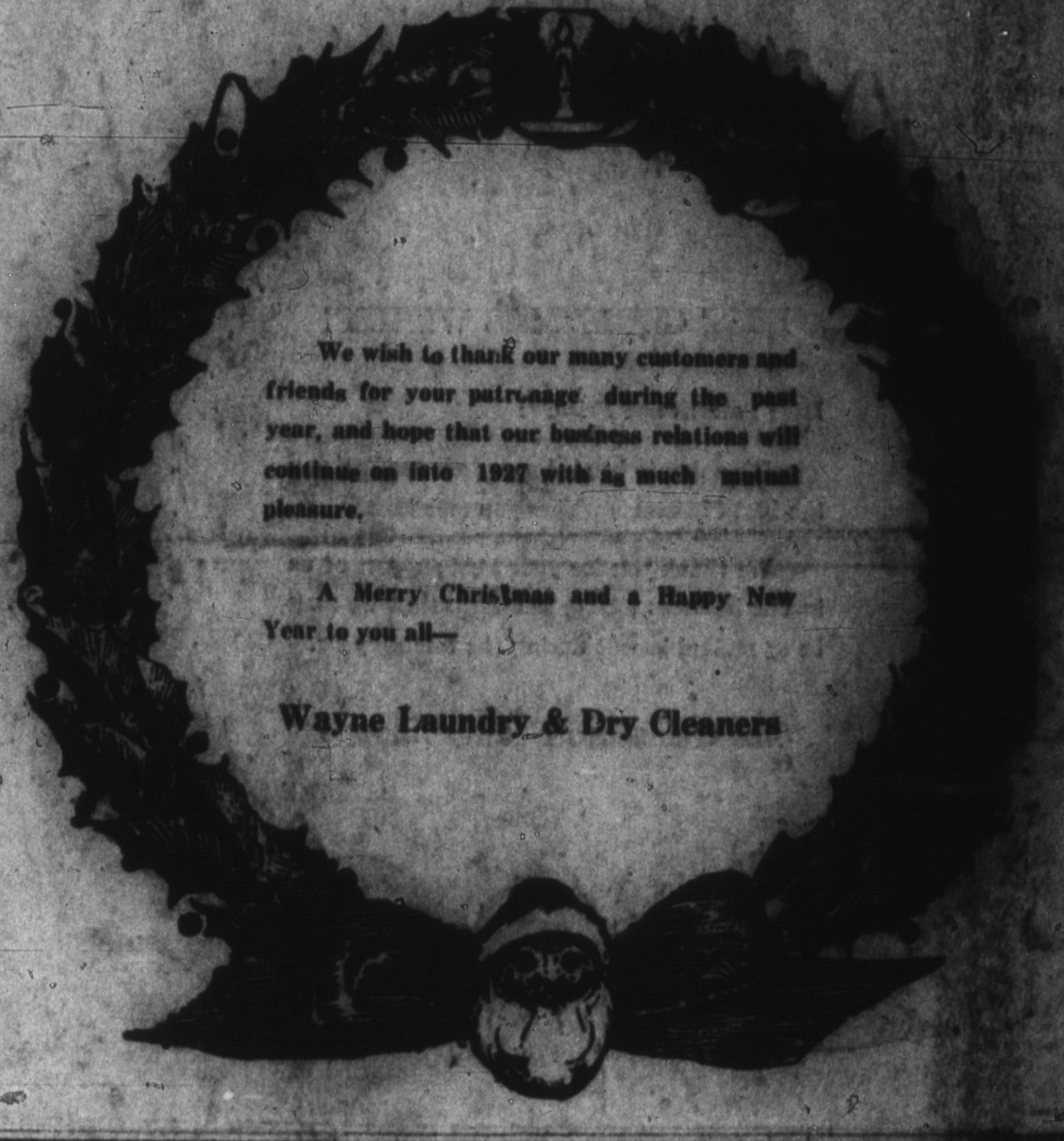
CHRISTMAS GOOD CHEER

FRIENDS:

We hope that your Christmas may be merry
and full of good cheer, and that the New
Year of 1927 may be one of much happiness
and prosperity.

Thanks for all past favors in our business
dealings and be assured that your further patronage
will be much appreciated.

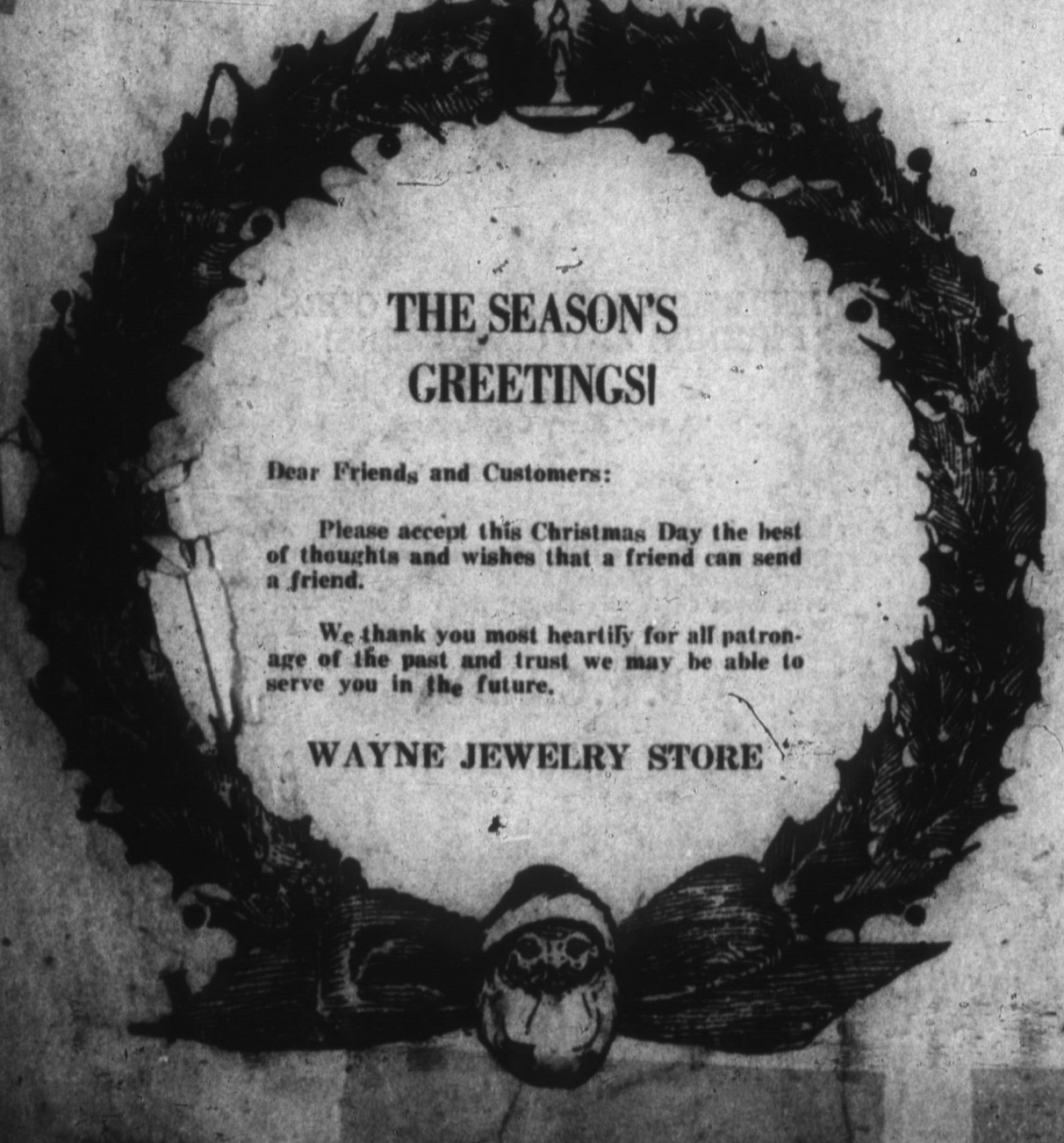
WAYNE NATIONAL BANK



We wish to thank our many customers and
friends for your patronage during the past
year, and hope that our business relations will
continue on into 1927 with as much mutual
pleasure.

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year to you all—**

Wayne Laundry & Dry Cleaners



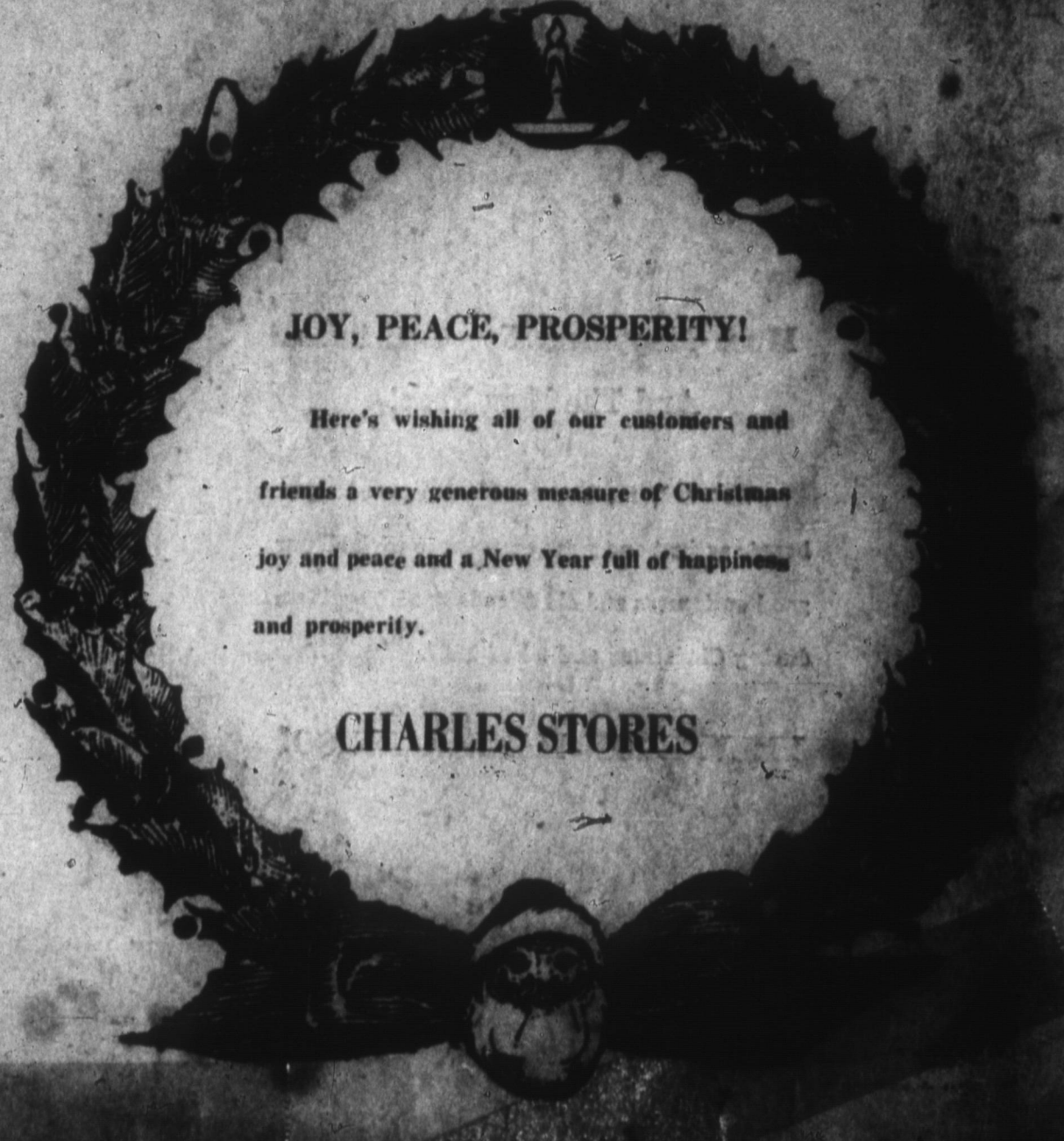
**THE SEASON'S
GREETINGS!**

Dear Friends and Customers:

Please accept this Christmas Day the best
of thoughts and wishes that a friend can send
a friend.

We thank you most heartily for all patronage
of the past and trust we may be able to
serve you in the future.

WAYNE JEWELRY STORE



JOY, PEACE, PROSPERITY!

Here's wishing all of our customers and
friends a very generous measure of Christmas
joy and peace and a New Year full of happiness
and prosperity.

CHARLES STORES