

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. MARY DOBBINS

Funeral services were held at Deep Creek Friends church Monday afternoon for Mrs. Mary Etta Dobbins, 75, who died in her sleep at her Winston-Salem home Friday night. The services were conducted by Rev. Charles Stevens and burial was in the church graveyard. She had made her home in Winston-Salem 35 years. Survivors include: two sons,

A. C. and E. W. Dobbins, both of Winston-Salem; one daughter, Mrs. Esple Essex, Winston-Salem; one brother, E. E. York, of Boonville; one sister, Mrs. Lydia Shugart, of Boonville; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Touching
The play last night was certainly a sad one. Yes, even the seats were in tiers.

SANTA Goes Modern



Santa Claus often steps out of his reindeer sleigh these days to make faster time, or to go where the sleigh cannot go. Here he is in the person of Capt. William Wincapaw, veteran New England pilot, ready to take off from the East Boston airport with another load of Christmas gifts for the lonely lighthouse keepers and isolated islanders.



This is how Santa Claus comes to Sun Valley—on skis. Here is the gay St. Nick speeding down the snowy slopes and right into the chimneys of the residents and visitors.



In lands of no snow Santa can be expected to use this novel method of bringing Yuletide joy to those who celebrate on the beaches. This warm-weather Santa who skips so nonchalantly over the deep blue sea happens to be Phil Daubens-Peck, famous Olympic games swimming champion.

Mistletoe Has Known Long, Eventful History

Of all the Christmas greens, the best-loved, probably, is the mistletoe, which likewise has experienced the most eventful history of all plants.

In the days of pagan worship in England the mistletoe was chosen for great honors, being cut from its host, the oak tree, with golden axes. It was gathered for the people and a bit given to each person to ward off illness.

But the plant paid dear for these honors for when the Christian church was established it was not allowed in any church because of its pagan association, and it is told that preachers even would stop in their sermons if a tiny bit were spied and the service waited until the offending bit of green was removed.

In later centuries it became again the symbol of peace and friendship and has since been tacked on the doorway as a token of friendly greeting.

Yule Log Cake
This year you may want to make a "Yule Log Cake." It's quite simple. Spread over a jelly roll a jelly fruit nut mixture. Roll quickly and wrap in waxed paper. Then chill until set. Cover with chocolate French pastry icing. The "bark" can be made by making grooves with a fork or pastry tube. You'll want some "knot holes" in your Yule Log Cake. Small white and green candles will do the trick. The "log" should be kept chilled until time to serve.

The ANNUNCIATION



And the Angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
—Luke 1:28

Christmas Card Was Invented By a Man With Many Friends



This is believed to be the first Christmas card. It was made in London in 1846.

CHRISTMAS cards are almost as much a part of Christmas as Santa Claus himself, yet they have been in use less than a century.

According to most records, the first Christmas card was designed in 1846 by Mr. J. C. Horsley, a prominent member of the Royal Academy of London. It was produced at the request of Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends.

Sir Cole wondered how he could express his personal Christmas greeting to a thousand friends spread throughout England. After dismissing the thought of visiting each personally, or giving presents, he decided to send them each a card by mail.

One thousand hand colored cards were prepared with a picture showing a jolly family seated at a huge

dinner table. Each member of the family was looking into a brimming glass which he held in his hand.

When these cards were distributed, they raised a furor among temperance proponents throughout the country. The disturbance focused nation-wide attention on the new greeting card.

It was not until several years later, however, that the first lithographed Christmas card made its appearance. Originality was almost completely lacking. The greeting was invariably "A Merry Christmas" or "A Jolly Christmas." Designs seldom had anything to do with the season, but contained pictures of birds, flowers, animals or children.

America soon adopted the British custom, and the Christmas card was born.

Put Proper Postage On Christmas Mail

Unsealed Christmas cards will carry for one and one-half cents postage. These cards may bear a simple inscription, which must not be in the nature of personal correspondence. Examples: "Sincerely yours," "With Best Wishes," "Merry Christmas." Be sure the weight

of the card and cover does not exceed two ounces.

Letters may not be enclosed with Christmas packages. Such enclosure would make the package first-class. In fourth class or parcel post packages, written greetings such as "Merry Christmas," with identifying names, may be enclosed. Books may bear simple non-personal dedicatory inscriptions. They are carried at a special rate of one and one-half cents per pound.

La Befana, Penitent Old Woman, Brings Christmas Gifts in Italy

Santa Claus doesn't visit children in Italy. It isn't because they are all naughty, but because there is no Santa Claus—in Italy.

No one runs down to a well decorated tree on Christmas morning to look for presents. Brightly colored

when several men dressed like kings stopped in front of her cottage. They asked her where Bethlehem was, but she had never heard of it.

The men told her about a baby which had been born in Bethlehem, and mentioned a star which had been guiding them. The old lady wished she could accompany them when they left her in search of the infant Jesus.

But La Befana stayed home. It was getting too dark out, and besides, the baby could wait until tomorrow. Later that night she noticed the sky quivering with light. The clouds seemed to take the form of angels. All thought of sleep left her. Rising, she carefully wrapped two gifts for the Holy Baby, then ran out into the night in the direction the kings had gone.

Fast as she hurried, she had not reached Bethlehem when the star disappeared and dawn filled the sky. She frantically asked the way to Bethlehem, but no one could tell her.

And so La Befana has constantly traveled since that day, searching for the Christ Child. On the Epiphany, 12 days after Christmas, she goes from house to house, looking into the faces of babies. With each she leaves a gift, hoping that at last she will give her presents to the right child.



La Befana still carries her presents for the Christ Child.

flowers decorate the room instead of Christmas trees, and presents are not exchanged until January 6.

On that night, an old, old lady, La Befana, walks from house to house and leaves a present beside each little child she visits.

Exactly 1,940 years ago, according to the Italian legend, La Befana was very busy sweeping her kitchen

Best Wishes For A Joyous Season

Again we extend the Season's Greetings to each of you. May this Christmas be your most prosperous.

Hotel Elkin Barber Shop
J. I. Cockerham Elkin, N. C.

Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year!

CASHWELL'S
Elkin, N. C.

One Moment, Please!

Stop unwrapping your gifts just long enough for us to say "Merry Christmas" and "Thank You." ... We hope you get everything you have longed for and a lot more, too.

SO ONCE AGAIN—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

8-BALL POOL ROOM
Dan Hudspeth, Mgr. Elkin, N. C.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Your associations have made the past year happy for each of us and we trust these friendships may continue for many years to come.

May Christmas bring Joy, Peace and Contentment, and may the New Year be filled with Health and Prosperity.

HARRIS ELECTRIC CO.
Elkin, N. C.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

IN STREAMLINED DRESS

May the Yuletide Season, with all its spirit of good fellowship, bring great joy to you and abundant prosperity in the coming year.

ELKIN DRY CLEANERS
Elkin, N. C.

A Merry Christmas

We wish you all the joys of the Christmas Season and sincerely hope that the coming months will bring you a large share of happiness and prosperity.

The management of this organization is joined by every employee in extending this Christmas Wish.

REECE BARBER SHOP
E. T. Reece, Mgr. — Elkin, N. C. — Phone 84

BEST WISHES FOR A Merry Christmas

Every member of the personnel of our company wishes to say Merry Christmas to the friends and patrons who have made the past year so worthwhile for us. May the New Year bring you every Happiness, and may your Christmas be bright and merry!

CENTRAL ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE CO.
Elkin, N. C.

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