

### Ideal Pattern for Our Growth Today!

When Jesus arrived at the age at which, according to Jewish law, he should become a man, it was said of him that "he increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man". This is the ideal growth pattern for us to follow today as two thousand years ago.

Our church schools, our schools, our parents, the newspapers, television, radio—these are only a few of the avenues through which the young people today can increase in wisdom. It would be extremely difficult to resist the efforts of all of these forces that seek to change our lives, to enlarge our mental capacities. We have to learn, consciously or unconsciously.

### Universal Joy in Christmas Season

The universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away.

Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals but once in the year, and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life.

Only Jesus of Nazareth claims this world-wide, undying remembrance. You cannot cut Christmas out of the calendar, nor out of the heart of the world.—Anon.



A HOUSE OF GOD—Centenary Methodist church puts one in mind of an ancient cathedral in this lovely scene that Florence Hanff photographed while snowflakes were still falling upon our town.

### Don't Deny Them

Never deny the babies their Christmas! It is the shining seal set upon a year of happiness. Let them believe in Santa Claus, or St.

Nicholas, or Kris Kringle, or whatever name the saint bears in your religion.—Marion Harland.

Our hope for tomorrow is in the hands of the nation's school teachers today.



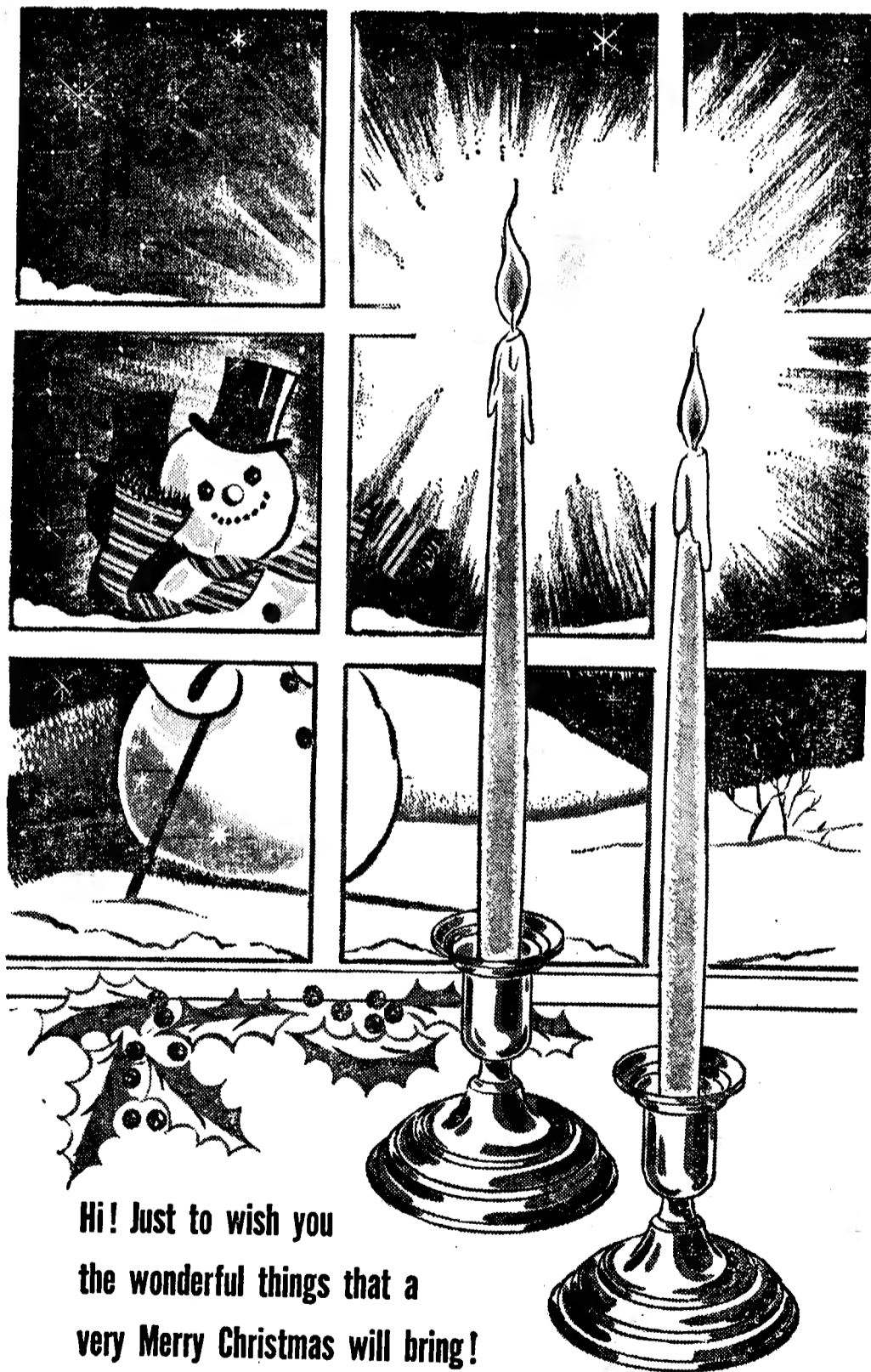
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