

SEVEN YEAR STATE JOB RECORD SHOWS 31 PERCENT RAISE

RALEIGH Employment in State, 25 counties, shown the greatest increase in North Carolina, covered by the act covered employment increased 31.12 per cent, or by nearly 150,000 workers, in the seven years, 42.07 percent, considerably higher than the State average of 31.12 percent, but the wage increases in this region increased in a coverage of only 111,491 persons as compared with the State average of 122,711 persons.

The Piedmont Plateau, embracing 36 counties, manufacturing center of the State, made a small relative gain in amount of employment than the other two areas, 30.62 percent in the seven years, but showed the greatest gain in average wages 123.75 percent, from \$17.70 in 1940 to \$39.74 in 1947.

The Coastal Plain Area, with 39 counties, increased its average employment by 33.47 percent in the seven years greater than the State-wide and Piedmont Plateau averages, but less than the Mountain Region average. The average wages gained 121.41 percent, slightly less than the State average, from \$14.41 a week in 1940 to \$33.72 in 1947.

Wake County this report shows, increased its average employment from 12,684 in 1940 to 20,182 in 1947, a gain of 58.99 percent. The country's average weekly wage in

The Mountain Region of the



CHRISTMAS MORNING

CASWELL COUNTY

BY W. W. STRUDWICK

YULETIDE VESPERS

A record breaking audience of parents, friends and well-wishers braved the chill, inclement weather Sunday night and sat enthralled throughout the offering of the Department of Music at this Yuletide. The CCTS Band under the direction of John B. Debnam and the Junior and Senior Glee Clubs under the direction of B. V. Morgan were combined in a program of Christmas Vespers based on the biblical version of the birth of Christ.

The program was as follows: Prelude, The Band, "America"; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Beautiful Savior" and "Silent Night." Solo, "Panis Angelicus" by Mary Lee Williamson. Then the processional "Veni Adoremus" by the Glee Clubs by candlelight; "Silent Night" and continuous narration by W. W. Strudwick. The Junior and Senior Clubs sang the whole chorus alternately with the Narrator. Postlude, Variations on Carol Themes by Junior Club. Recessional: "Rejoice! Give Praise." The sustained applause swelled the

auditorium as the last notes resounded.

BANNER ATTENDANCE CLASS GIVEN TRIP

The Reverend and Mrs. C. R. Bridges were host to the Youth Club members of the Yanceyville AME Church who kept a perfect attendance record for the year. These in the group who motored to Greensboro Saturday were: Kymena Graves, Mary Lee Williamson, Annette Dillard, Mary N. Williamson and Margaret Lownes. While in Greensboro they visited the merriest of the Yuletide season friends and relatives and attended a movie.

As Time Marches On

in the midnight sky. Let the beauty of the story take away all narrowness, all thought of formal Bury the indignations you feel of current injustices which flood lower American. Swallow the bitter cup of prejudices which have engulfed the world since Johnny R. has toured the world. Forget the men whose cloud followed for democracy and returned to find a hellish kind of haven in some places where freedom is also supposed to reign. Disregard the doors that are closed to men of promise because their skin is black or tan.

Yes these things, and all other wrath provoking elements are left by us as we enter the Holy Year.

In our hearts we all know Christmas is a good time, a kind forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; in fact it is the only time I know of in the whole calendar of the year when men and women lay aside all their pettinesses and look thru a glass with frankness sans fraudulent fronts and children too, their hearts seem to open with a freedom and fulness that is as fresh as the early morning dew on the rambling honeysuckle vine on a Spring morn. As Time Enters Another Decade which shall bring forth wondrous things.

FROM THE SANCTUM TINY TOTS WITH THEIR SMILES ALL AGLOW

Don't tell me there's no Santa Claus. Cause I wouldn't have no fun at all.

I rush to bed on Christmas Eve night knowing Santa'll make it bright. Santa lives in your heart and mine. Each day we strive as we go along To make somebody sing a happy song.

That poor beggar you helped today Know you're know Santa along the way.

When the going gets rough and you still smile That's 'cause my Santa's working all the while.

—Without Two Front Teeth To all our friends here and there wherever you are: We wish you the merriest of the Yuletide season for yo and all those you hold dear.

W. W. Strudwick

ROASTS PESTS

Certain crops to be fed to animals cannot be sprayed safely with insecticides. To rid them of pests a new Englecatcher has been developed chamber heated by butane gas. Outfitted with a 24-horsepower motor which pulls suction fans, the roasts them alive and blows them out the rear of the compartment.

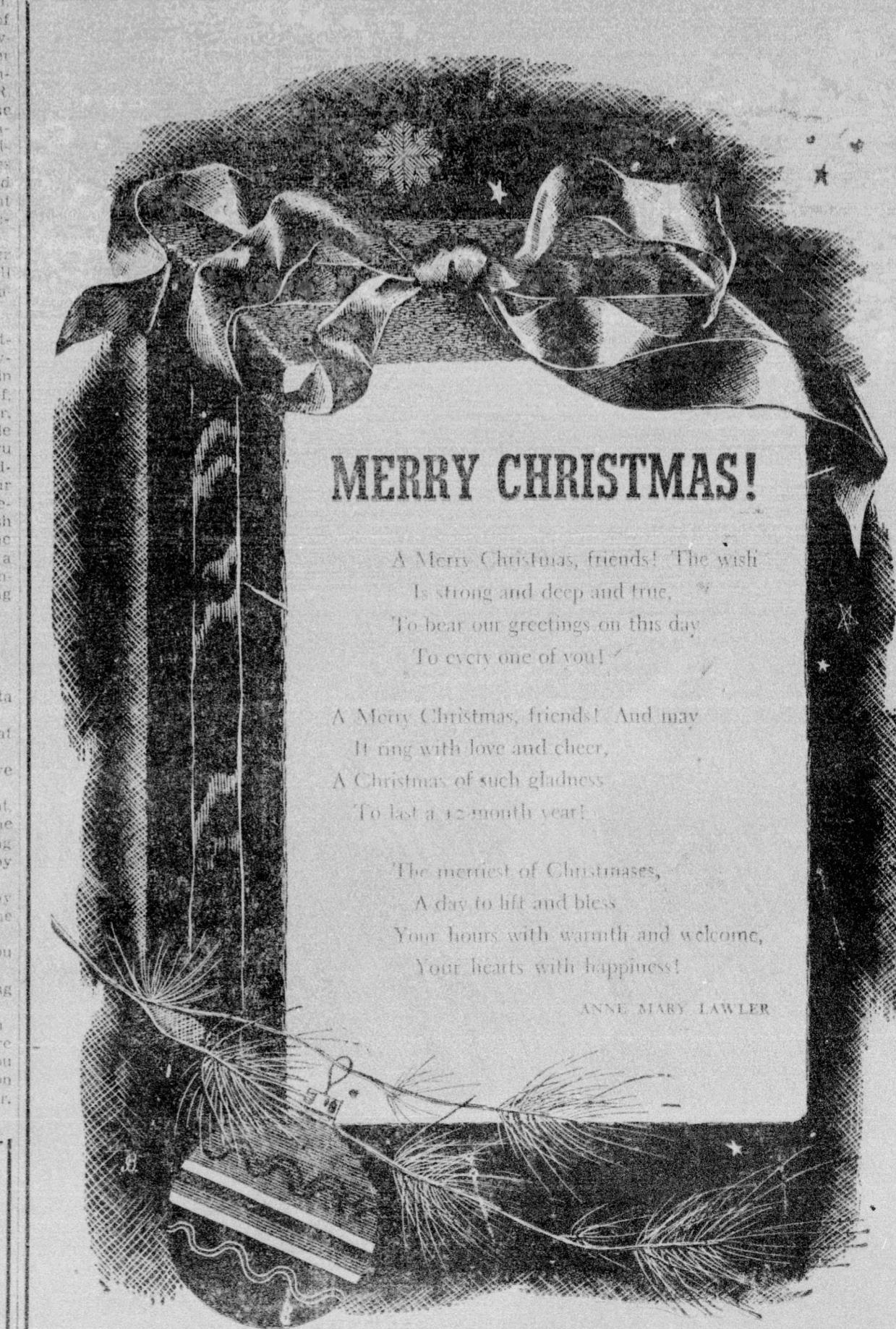
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A Merry Christmas, friends! The wish Is strong and deep and true,
To bear our greetings on this day
To every one of you!

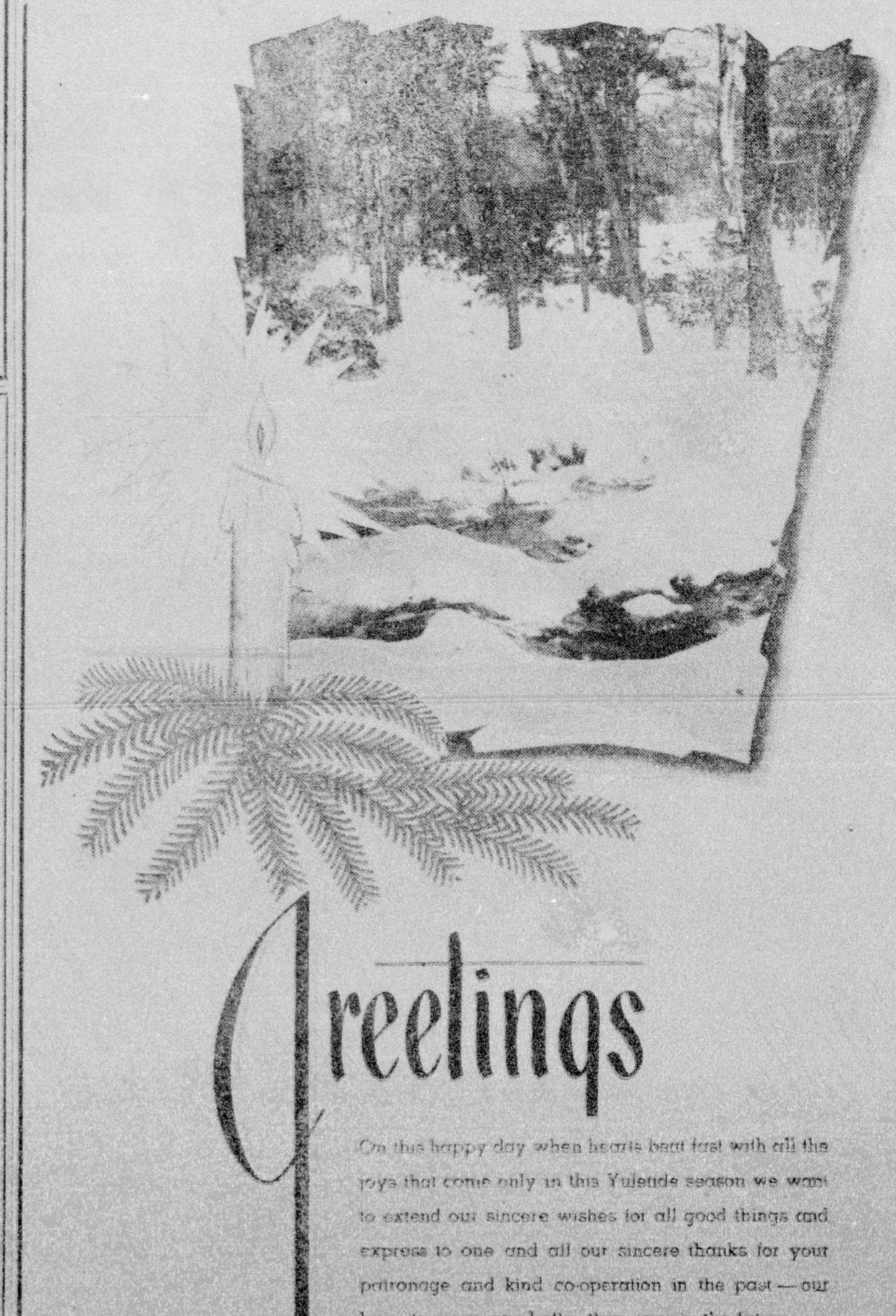
A Merry Christmas, friends! And may It ring with love and cheer,
A Christmas of such gladness
To let a 12-month year!

The merriest of Christmases,
A day to lift and bless
Your hours with warmth and welcome,
Your hearts with happiness!

ANNE MARY LAWLER

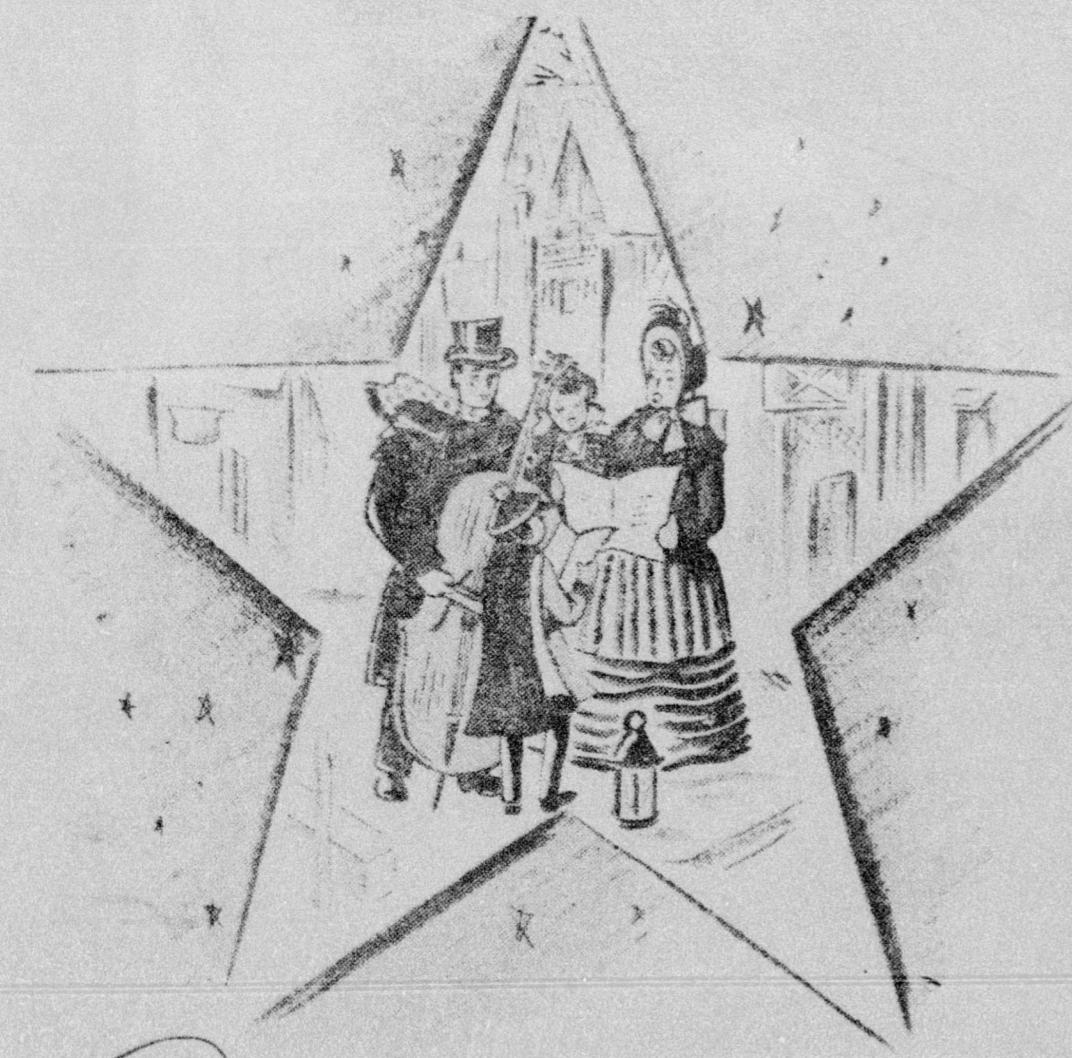


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Merry Christmas

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Raleigh Industrial Bank

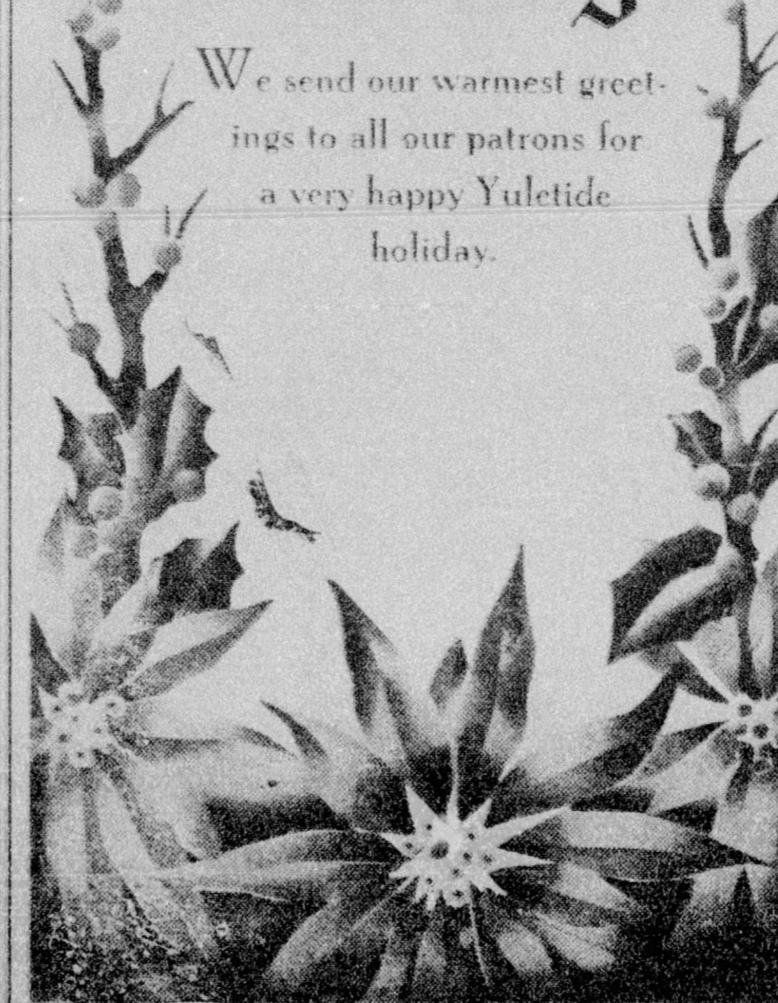


May yours be a joyous holiday,
overflowing with happiness and
good cheer.

ELLISBERG'S
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Greetings

We send our warmest greetings to all our patrons for a very happy Yuletide holiday.



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On this happy day when hearts beat fast with all the joys that come only in this Yuletide season we want to extend our sincere wishes for all good things and express to one and all our sincere thanks for your patronage and kind co-operation in the past — our hope is to serve you better than ever in the future.

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