

Many Wrinkles In Christmas Cards

WASHINGTON (AP)— Maybe you have poked fun at some of the corny verses on Christmas cards.

Well, you hereby are invited to try your own hand at verse writing and, for once get away from the plain old "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" that'll be your own creation and you can make it rhyme or no, according to the mood. Perhaps you would care for something really inspiring like a plain old, "Hello, mom."

Whatever you come up with, one of the major greeting card manufacturers will permit its use on the cards you order this year—for a little something extra on the price tag, of course.

Or, if you are a little awkward at making things rhyme, but still are a little choosy of the sentiment your cards express, you can make your choice from six ready-written greetings. The company will print your choice and you can let the folks believe it is your very own.

PAINTINGS, TOO
A number of screen stars who consider themselves Sunday painters have their choice canvases reproduced on Christmas cards. Among those trying the stunt for the first time are Jane Wyman, Groucho Marx, Henry Fonda and Fred MacMurray. Thus these folks join the tried and true artists like Grandma Moses, Norman Rockwell

and Winston Churchill. Incidentally, there seems to be a little more originality this year in the ready-made cards, which can be tuned to your particular family.

One illustrates a varying number of red flannels fluttering on a clothesline and may be captioned "From the three of us," from the "Five of us," or how many there are of us.

There are three dimensional effects, animated cards, and cards in the forms of stockings and trees that hold a dollar in dimes.

One elaborate card reprints Clement Moore's poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," in rebus style with very tiny characters in full color. A three-foot-long Santa Claus, sleigh and the eight tiny reindeer are both a greeting and card-holder for the mantle, table or under the tree.

The mail man will love that one. But without the card people aren't despoiling some of the additional cards. There still are plenty of Santas, possetias, nolly wreath and mistletoe pictured and religious scenes.

If the greeting folks want to do something for guys like me, they can add another service.

Why couldn't they take over the job of addressing and mailing the

Women, Take Heed, Great Time Saver

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP)— Dusting will be a simple task for tomorrow's housewife.

Washing-machine engineers say electrostatic air cleaners will remove airborne dust continually, even particles as small as those from cigarette dust, in the home of tomorrow.

Only a few minutes a week will be needed to remove dust that enters through crevices and doors and settles before it can be drawn through the air cleaner.

SEA SERPENTS? YES — 75 MILLION YEARS AGO

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)— The sea-serpent myth has received an unexpected rejuvenation. Dr. R. A. Sturton, University of California paleontologist, has discovered the skeletons of two of them.

The discovery, however, still leaves existence of the sea beast some 75,000,000 years in the past. Scientists call Sturton's finds, made in Colombia, South America, in 1946, "cretaceous plesiosaurs." The first word refers to a geological age, the second to the kind of reptile.

Study of the fossils may give scientists a picture of the earth's geography at that time. If ancestrally linked to specimens found in California, the sea serpents would give evidence of a seaway between Colombia and California. If linked to midwestern finds, they would indicate a seaway up the middle of the continent.

Discarded Cigarette Messes Things Up

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)— Mervyn D. Pratt, Jr., tried to flip a cigarette out of the window of his car.

The window, however, was closed. When Pratt tried to retrieve the lit cigarette from the floorboards he lost control of his car and it:

Jumped a curb.
Snapped off a light pole.
Tossed the pole against the front end of another car.
No one was injured.

Airman Badly Wanted In Three States

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)— Joseph William Cox, an airman, was a "wanted man" here.

Omaha police who arrested the 24-year-old Cox said he was wanted:

1. By the Air Force for being absent without leave.
2. By Council Bluffs, Ia., police as a car thief suspect.
3. By Omaha authorities as a burglar and forger suspect.
4. By office in Atchison, Kan., for suspected forgery and passing bad checks.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maligayang Pasko) — Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



First Community Tree At Christmas Was Held In City of Cleveland

THE COMMUNITY Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in Cleveland, the city of good will (unlimited), incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer.

Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will."

Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.



SNOWMEN FOR YOU . . .
Your local lumber dealer may have patterns for these plywood and hardboard "snowmen" which you can make yourself. If not, use this picture for a pattern and go to work.

Benson News

Dr. and Mrs. Stacey Duncan and Mrs. Vinnie Smith were visitors to Raleigh on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cagle and Mrs. Cornelia Cagle spent Sunday in Durham with Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Suttle.

Rev. and Mrs. Ivey T. Poole, Miss Evelyn Poole and Talhudge Poole will leave Tuesday, Dec. 23, to spend the holidays with relatives in Smithfield, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodall and sons, Bill and Tony, visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith George in Fayetteville Friday evening.

Mrs. W. Jefferson Barefoot is ill at her home here.

Mrs. Lonnie Clifton is a patient in the Dunn hospital where she has been receiving treatment for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Baggett Herring and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parker spent Thursday and Friday in Charlotte.

Common Weeds Choke Growth Of Trees

MOSCOW, Ida. (AP)— Vernon Burlison and Frank Pitkin, extension foresters and nurserymen for the University of Idaho, went on their annual checking tour last summer and found that some of the trees they had set out a year ago were not doing so well.

The reason was weeds, the common type that grow along the roadsides and in every garden. The weeds can keep potentially mighty forest trees from growing tall enough to shade a child.

"In fact," Burlison said, "we found that some of the trees had grown little if any from the time they left the university nursery as seedlings. We had to part the weeds to find them at all."

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

Lillington's Junior Club will sponsor a formal dance on New Year's Eve at the Community Center. Guests will be limited to the members, their husbands or escorts but each member will also be allowed several additional bids. An orchestra will be engaged to furnish music and there will be refreshments and appropriate New Year decorations.

Nearly twice as many tourists visited the Arches and Natural Bridges National Monument near Moab, Utah, in 1952 as did the previous year. The record was 26,215 tourists in 8,296 cars.

Owen Lattimore Claims Innocence

WASHINGTON (AP)— Far Eastern expert Owen Lattimore today pleaded innocent in federal court to charges of lying seven times to Senate investigators.

Lattimore spoke the words "not guilty" in a loud, firm voice as he stood with hands clasped behind

him before Federal Judge James R. Kirkland. Kirkland set the trial for "some time about the first of March." The bond of the Johns Hopkins University professor was continued at \$2,000 and his attorney, Thurman Arnold, made it at once in negotiable treasury notes.

During restoration of historic Vernon House in Newport, R. I., workmen removing panelling dis-

covered murals believed to be 18th century Chinese wall frescoes.

American B-29s Attack Rail Hub

SEOUL, Korea (AP)— Eleven American B-29s today blasted a

northwest Korean Communist railroad storage hub through which the Reds funnel food and ammunition to the Korean front lines.

The giant superfortresses dumped 110-tons of bombs on the Unhung-Ni supply depot and left the installation in smoking rubble. It was the first raid against the depot.

Local Men Were On USS Helena

LONG BEACH, Calif. (Delayed) (FHTNC)— Arrived here Dec. 16 aboard the heavy cruiser USS Helena from the Korean combat zone, were Paul E. Moore, seaman USN, of Coats, and Garland A. Strickland, seaman, U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Strickland of Erwin.

The Helena brought President-elect Eisenhower from Guam to Hawaii following his tour of the Korean front. She was used by Eisenhower and his advisors to hold several top-level conferences.

The Helena departed Long Beach in May when she began her third tour of Korean duty. She served as heavy support ship for fast carrier Task Force 77 and gave gunfire support to UN ground troops.

While in the Far East, the Helena visited the ports of Nagoyan and Kobe, Japan, and held "open house," marking the first time that an American man-o-war had been visited by Japanese since the beginning of World War II.

"Bingo, No — Nudeness O. K."

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)— A Catholic priestman blasted policies which allowed bingo at the Nebraska state fair and ignored the "girlie shows."

"For the life of me," wrote Msr. Maurice Hebermann in the Southern Nebraska Catholic Register, "I cannot see how the ministers and the state officials and the crusading newspapers can condemn the wagers of chance that formerly appeared at the fair—and church socials—and ignore the base immorality of such shows."

The priest's column was headed "Bingo, No. Nudeness, O. K."

POSTAL PARADOX
NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. (AP)— The post office here has a curbstone mailbox which was installed with the idea that drivers could deposit mail without leaving their cars. It has been rendered practically useless by motorists who park their cars in such fashion as to block approaches to the box.



GREETINGS

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Merrie Christmas

At this happy time of the year, may you be blessed with the spiritual joys of the Christmas Season.

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A PRAYER for Christmas

As the curtain begins to draw across the old year, we pray that the spirit of Christmas be kept in the hearts of men not only this one day . . . but every day. For with Christmas in our hearts nothing in life could ever quench the joy or dim the light of our peace.

PRINCE'S DEPT. STORE
HUGH PRINCE AND STAFF
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