

### Legendary Story About Christmas

St. Nicholas, who one day was to be known as Santa Claus, is often pictured with the three bags of gold. But the passage of time the bags took on the shape of three balls. This happened because merchants accepted him as the watch and ward over all their worldly goods, and finally, according to the Jewery Industry Council, the three golden bags became—the sign of the pawnbroker. The explanation is simple enough for they figured that a man's goods are safe under the sign of St. Nicholas.

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### Man of Bethlehem

Jesus Christ is a God whom we can approach without pride, and before whom we may abase ourselves without despair.—Pascal.

As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself, so Christ is the express image—the perfect representation of God.—Ambrose.

The devotion to the person of Christ that steers clear of the doctrines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody. — Herrick Johnson.

This is part of the glory of Christ as compared with the chiefest of His servants that He stope stands at the absolute center of humanity, the one completely harmonious man, unfolding all which was in humanity, equally and full on all sides, the only one in whom the real and ideal met and were absolutely one. He is the absolute and perfect truth, the highest that humanity can reach; at once its perfect image and supreme Lord.—French.

### Why You Hang Holly at Yuletide

CREDIT THE PAGAN Druids for inspiring one of the nice Christmas customs—decorating with holly. The traditional holly for the holidays is widely believed to have had its origin in the Druid practice of bringing holly sprigs indoors. The Druids woodland spirits lived in the holly.

Indoors, holly gave the spirits a nice warm place in winter. Besides, the lush green holly and the contrast of its red berries provided beauty that could be revered by men when the sacred oaks were shorn of their foliage.

The early Christian church frowned on such pagan customs and tried to stamp them out. In due time, however, it was felt that some of the customs could be adapted to the new Christmas conception.

Some beautiful legends associate the holly with Christ. In fact, it is often called the Christ thorn. One legend depicts the leaf spines as the crown of thorns; the red berries as the sins of the world and the blood of Christ. Another credits holly with first springing up from the footsteps of Christ. The plant is said to remain green all winter as a reward for once hiding Christ from his pursuers.

The impact of the holly on the Christmas celebration is evidenced in the traditional holiday colors, green and red. The Druids weren't the only people of old who thought the holly was something special. Pliny, the great Roman historian, insisted holly blossoms caused water to freeze. Also, that holly thrown at any wild beast would make it lie down tamely next to the branch.

These legends, forgotten by many people, are said to be the reason we decorate with holly.

### Three Million Miles Of Roads

While all are not paved there are three and one-third million miles of highways in this nation. Latest figures show that sixty-three million licensed drivers are operating 52,217,000 motor vehicles on those highways. Last year the 52,217,000 vehicles traveled more than 438 billion miles, transporting 85 percent of all the people who traveled, and hauling 75 percent of all freight that was moved.

Other than actual cash, the operation last year cost: 37,500 lives, 1,200,000 injured and a property loss estimated at \$3,100,000.

In the sum total, the carnage caused by motor vehicle traffic since it began about 50 years ago has been as great as in all the wars we have fought in the 177 years of our national existence. And, as predicted, the millionth person did die on our highways last year—in late December. We are well on the way to our second million. At the present rate of one death every 2 1/2 minutes, we should reach it in about 30 years from now—in 1982.

# Merry Christmas

in other languages

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! The spirit conveyed by these words is the same in all countries, but the words themselves sometimes fall harshly on American ears. "Merry Christmas" in French has a soft and musical sound. It is "Joyeux Noel." In Spain the greeting is "Feliz Pascuas", and in Italy, "Buon Natale". For Sweden it is "God Jul" and Norway, "Gladig Jul". In Germany and Holland the greeting is a tongue-twister that will stump the average American. The Germans say "Froehliche Weihnachten."



INFLATION . . . Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.

## GREAT OAK

BLENDED WHISKEY

86 proof, 70% Grain Neutral Spirits  
Austin-Nichols  
6 Co., Inc.

\$2.00 pint  
\$3.20 fifth

### GIVE HER BELLS!

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### Christmas Game

Snappdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago. It is still played in modified form in England and America. The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "The Song of Snappdragon," accompanied the game.



### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Junior members of a church choir lift their voices in song during the annual Christmas candlelight service. Truly, they represent the spirit of Christmas.

### FAVORITE DELICACIES

Plan a gift package of his favorite delicacies for that man in service. Canned lobsters, caviar can be included without fear of spoilage. And don't forget to include a can opener!

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment signed at the November Term of Superior Court of Martin County in an action entitled "J. W. Rhodes and wife v. Sophie Rhodes et al", the undersigned Commissioners will, on Monday,

December 29, 1952 at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of the Courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land:  
Lying and being in Jamesville Township, Martin County, and State of North Carolina, contain-

ing 22 acres, more or less, bounded on the North by the lands of Mrs. Lizzie Smithwick and Cooper Swamp, bounded on the East by the land of Robert Mobley bounded on the South by the land of Bob Mobley, bounded on the West by the land of Church Mobley, containing 22 acres, more or less, and commonly known and designated as the W. E. Rhodes land.

The last and highest bidder will be required to make a deposit at the sale of 10% of the bid.  
This 28th day of November, 1952.  
B. A. Critcher,  
E. S. Peel,  
Commissioners  
de 2-9-16-23

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## Annual Meeting STOCKHOLDERS

Notice Is Hereby Given That The Annual Meeting of Stockholders

### THE MARTIN COUNTY BUILDING AND LOAN

Association will be held in my office in the TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON, N. C.  
**MONDAY, January 19**  
1953. This December 18, 1952.  
At 11:00 O'clock A. M.

Wheeler Martin, Secretary

# Holiday Closing

In Order That Our Employees May Enjoy The Christmas Holidays With Relatives and Friends

We will close at Noon Wednesday Dec. 24th and Reopen Monday, Dec. 29th

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- S9447 Manifold Order Books—Duplicate, 75 sets, flexible covers, cloth back. Pressure board, carbon paper and index sheets. Size 4 1/4 x 7 1/8.
- S1054 Duplicate Receipt Books—500 sets, four to a page, lithographed forms, black leather grain stiff covers, red cloth back. Drop cover style. Size 11 1/2 x 9 1/4.
- S1646 Bill Heads—Padded 40 leaves, blotter top, cloth reinforced back. Size 8 x 5.
- S1649 Statements—Padded 40 leaves, blotter top, cloth reinforced back. Size 5 x 8.

Spaces provided for inserting current prices.

# Holiday Season's GREETINGS

1952

# NO ROOM

Is there room in your home for Christ this Christmas? Don't turn Him away. Christmas is a time when people spend time, thought and treasure for the comfort, happiness and welfare of others... it is Christ's birthday. May your Yule-log burn brightly and in humility may you remember to reverently respect this most celebrated day, the birthday of our Lord.

Merry Christmas to All.

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