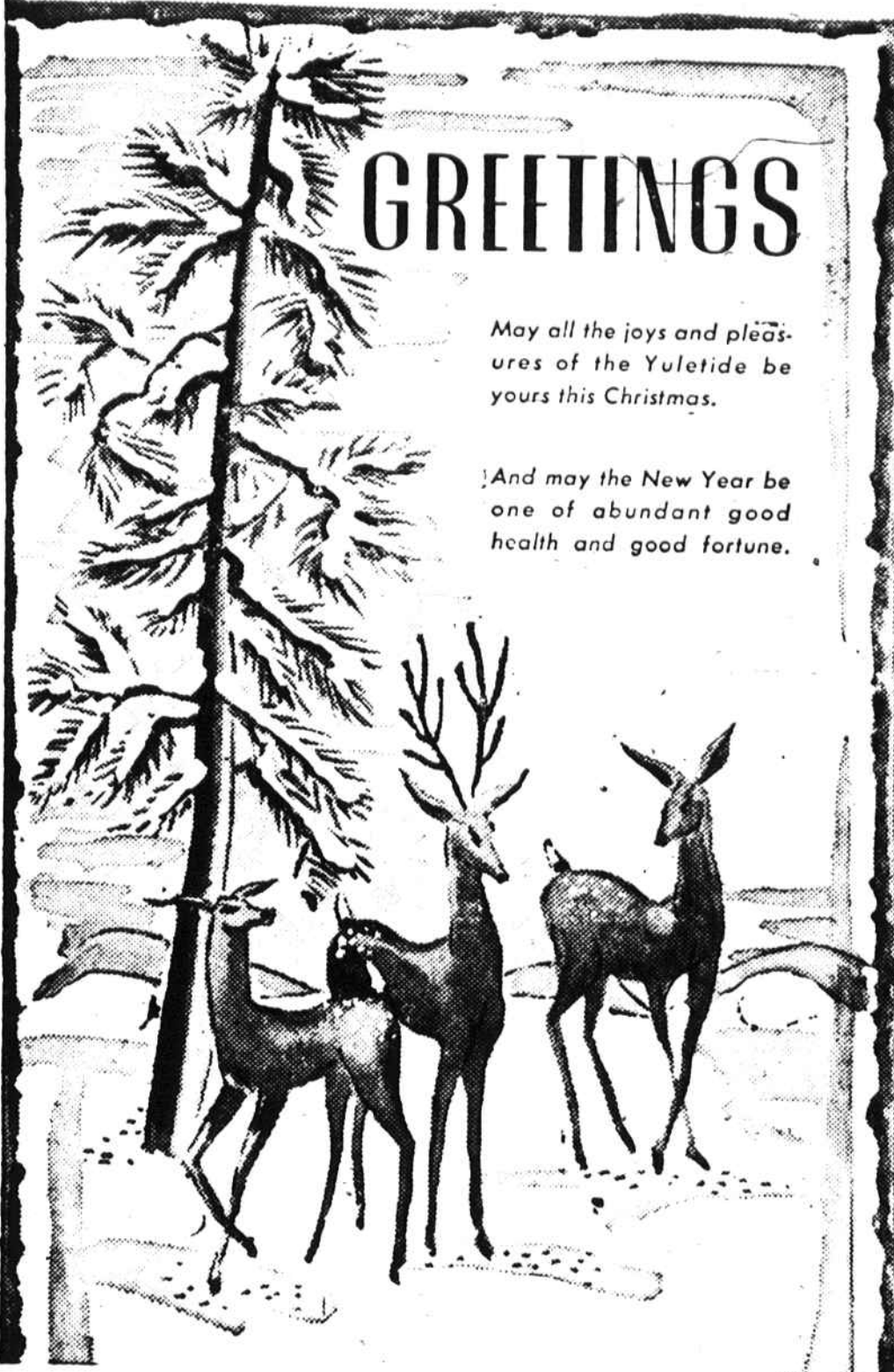


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**CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

How much do you and your family really know about Christmas? Try this one on them when there's a lull in the fun. Both children and adults will enjoy matching wits and everybody will learn something more about Christmas.

1. The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe started in (a) Norway, (b) Russia, (c) Holland.
2. The story of the birth of Jesus is described in which two books of the New Testament (a) St. John, (b) St. Matthew, (c) St. Luke, (d) St. Mark?
3. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana (b) New York, (c) Washington, D. C., (d) California.
4. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas" (a) Longfellow, (b) Guest, (c) Moore?
5. There is only one town in the world named Santa Claus. It is located in (a) Holland, (b) England, (c) Indiana.
6. Tuberculosis Christmas seals originated in (a) America, (b) Germany, (c) Denmark.
7. The custom of hanging holly in the window on Christmas was originally started (a) to keep witches away, (b) decorate the window (c) as an invitation to passers-by to come in.
8. Christmas boxes for the poor originated in (a) France in 1887, (b) ancient Rome, (c) America in 1763.
9. The children of what country get Christmas gifts from a kindly old witch by the name of Bermano instead of from Santa Claus? (a) Russia, (b) China, (c) France, (d) Italy.
10. The word "Noel" means (a) new, (b) holiday, (c) born.

**Christmas Quiz Answers:**  
 1. a 6. c  
 2. b-c 7. a  
 3. d 8. b  
 4. c 9. d  
 5. c 10. c

As compared with other States, North Carolina is now relatively well off in regard to the number of crop-pollinating honey bees within its borders. The number of bee colonies in the State has been increased by 14,000 this year.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY BACH, HANDEL**

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening—until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratorios and carols came from Bach and Handel.

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol comes

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

The minstrels played their Christmas tune.  
 Tonight beneath my cottage eaves;  
 While, smitten by a lofty moon,  
 The encircling laurels, thick with leaves,  
 Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen.  
 That overpowered their natural green.  
 Through hill and valley every breeze  
 Had sunk to rest with folded wings;  
 Keen was the air, but could not freeze,  
 Nor check the music of the strings;  
 So stout and hardy were the band  
 That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.  
 And who but listened? till was paid,  
 Respect to every inmate's claim;  
 The greeting given, the music played  
 In honor of each household name,  
 Duly pronounced with lusty call,  
 And "Merry Christmas" wished to all!

—William Wordsworth.

**CHRISTMAS 'MOTHER'S DAY'**

In Yugoslavia, the second Sunday before Christmas is celebrated as Mother's day. While mother pretends not to notice, one of the children slips in cautiously and ties her feet to the chair. The other children rush in shouting, "Mothers

from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks." It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

**Grade Representatives For Sylva Elementary School Completed**

In last week's issue of The Herald a list of Grade Representatives for the Sylva Elementary school was carried. The completed list of Representatives for Mrs. J. F. Freeze's sixth grade is as follows: Mrs. Frank Moody, Mrs. Lawrence Reed, Mrs. Charles Reed, Mrs. John Morris, Mrs. Bill Wilson, Mrs. Wallace McCracken, and Mrs. Dave Cagle.

er's day! Mother's day. What will you pay to get away!" The mother then buys her release with Christmas gifts.

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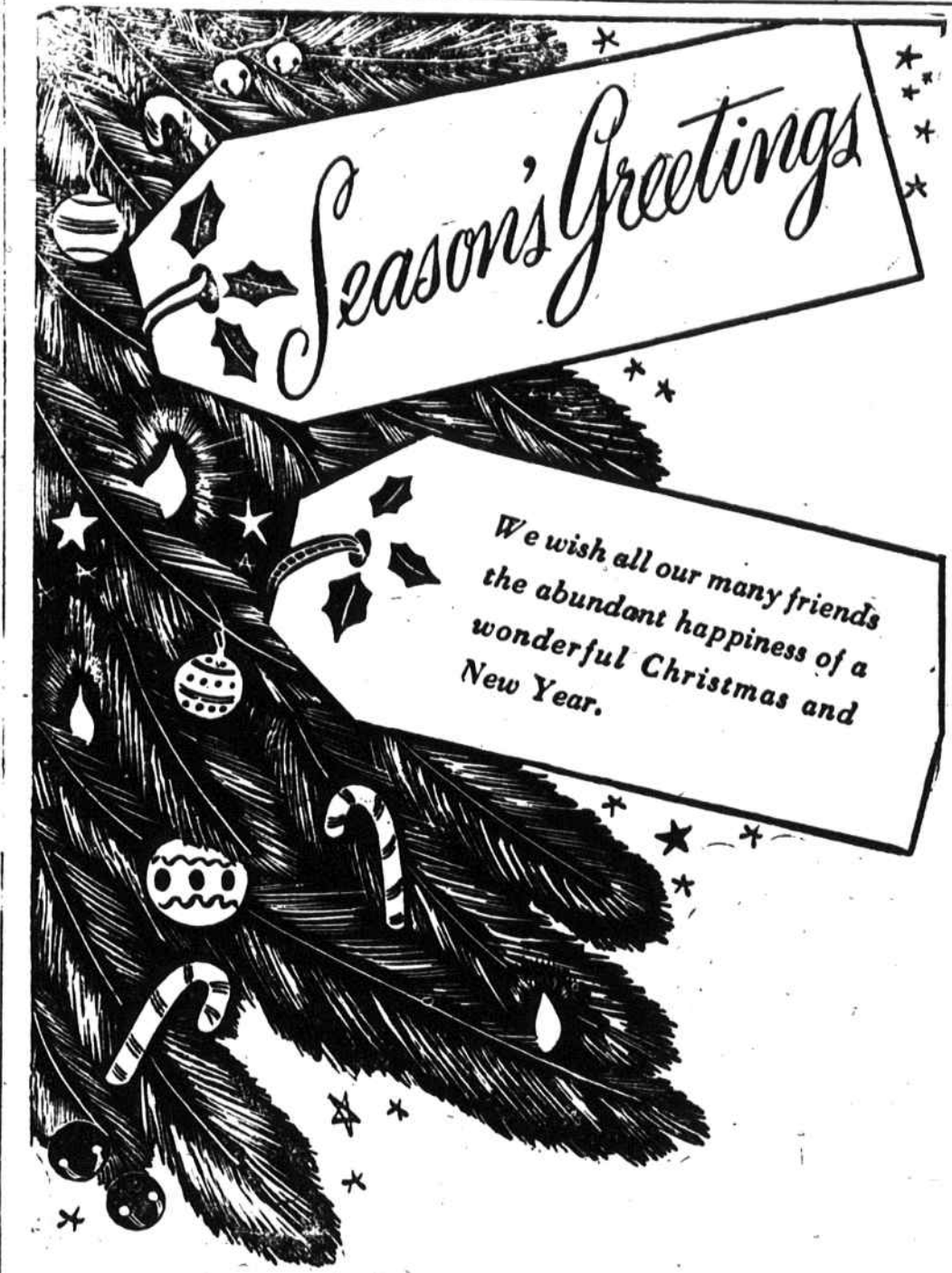
*Season's Greetings*

To one and all we extend... sincerest wishes for a very glad Yuletide, and a happy, happy New Year!



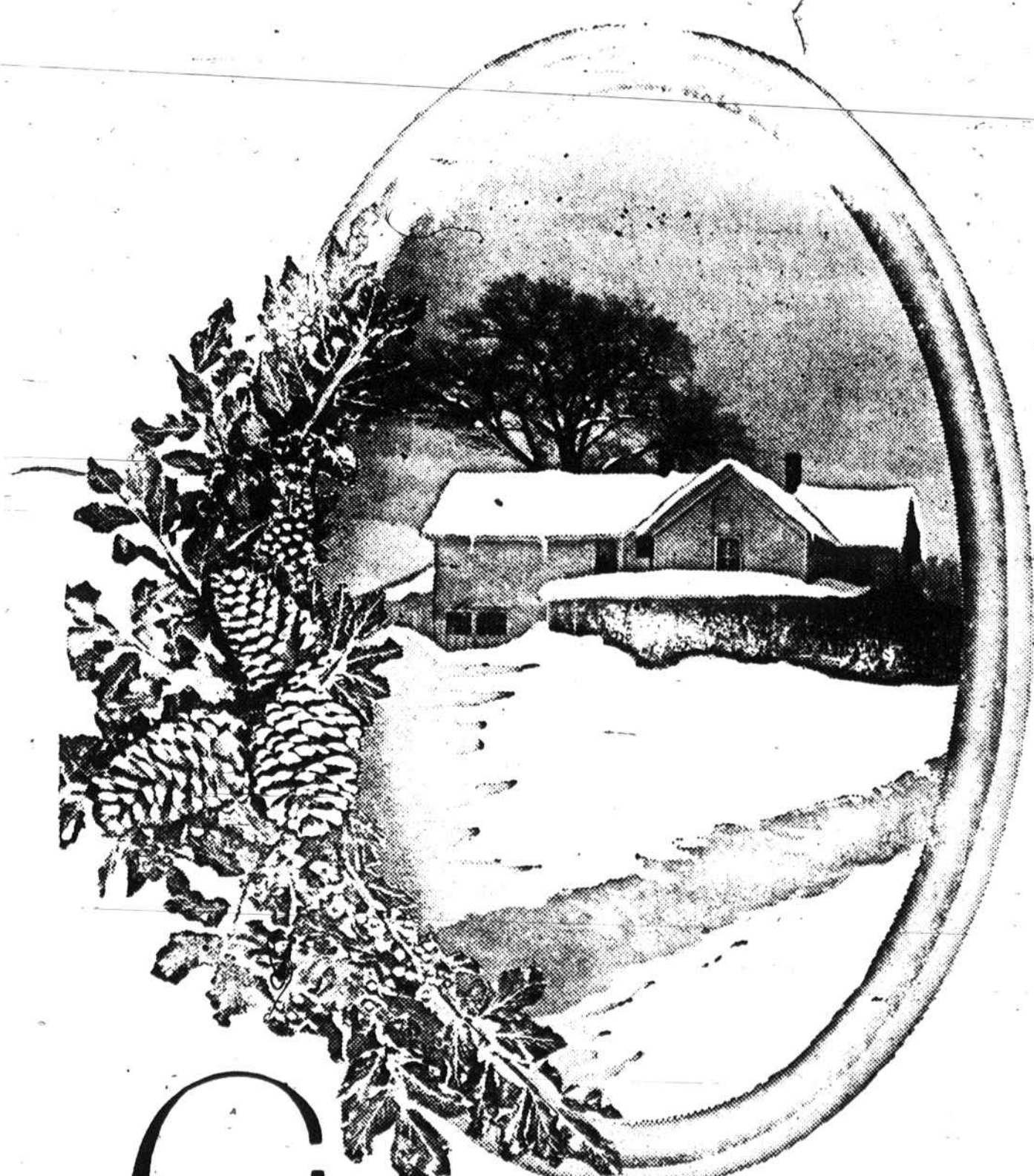
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**Greetings**

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