

Merry Christmas

Orange Peelings

Merry Christmas — A simple message, a sincere and warm seasonal greeting that has carried through the ages . . . Yet no other words have ever expressed the spirit of the Yuletide better . . . In these two words The News also declares its appreciation to one and all across the Land of Orange—residents, readers, and advertisers alike—for the privilege of serving you this past year.

As we look back on 1961 and look forward to the coming year, we pledge to you our renewed effort to work for the community interest of all our citizens during 1962.

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THERE'S A GOLD BATH TUB full of champagne in the Zoom-Zoom, downtown Chapel Hill. —Honest, it's there. The tub is a prop for display of the new line of imported French wines to be sold in Zigger's midtown emporium (closed for the holidays).

AUDREY (BUBBLES) BLAKE of the Yates Motor Co. staff was in his office the other night with his four-year-old daughter. She soon disappeared. A search up and down the street revealed she'd headed east down the sidewalk, but the trail went cold after a block. Fifteen frantic minutes later, with the help of the Chapel Hill police force, the little girl was found in the toy department basement of Belk-Leggett-Horton, checking over Santa Claus' wares.

FOR THE DINER WHO HAS TO eat out on Christmas Day, H. C. Pearce, chef of the newly-opened food automat in the Chapel Hill Bus Station, will be offering a Christmas dinner banquet special—brunswick stew—a hot serving for a quarter in the slot. "You just can't go wrong on that," Pearce assured eager gourmands! (Story on Page 2.)

SANTA CLAUS, THE MERCHANTS Association informs, will amble up and down the sidewalk in central Chapel Hill tonight, tomorrow, and Saturday evenings, to greet youngsters and parents on last-minute shopping rounds.

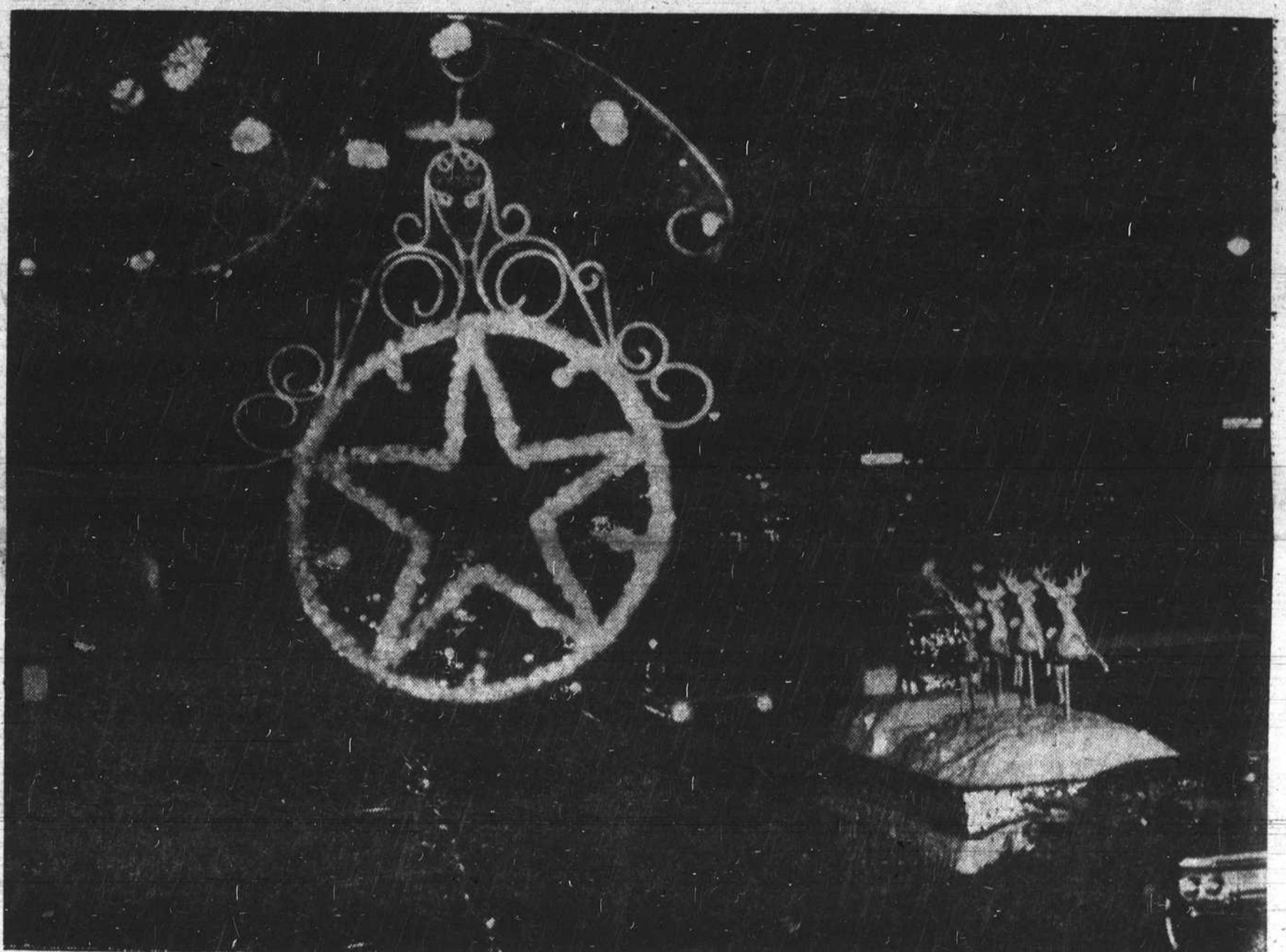
OBSERVATION: THERE SEEM to be mighty few outdoor lighted Christmas trees in Chapel Hill as compared to previous years. Perhaps they're just late in being strung up, but some of the brightly-lit traditionals have failed to materialize to date this Yule. Two old faithfuls that are glorious as ever in brilliant nocturnal splendor are the Guy Phillips' and the J. T. Dobbins' front yard trees.

THE 43 CHAPEL HILL CARRIER boys for The News are hereby admonished to come in to the newspaper office in Carrboro tomorrow (Friday) afternoon between 2 and 5 o'clock to pick up their month's pay.—This in reassurance to the many who have telephoned in all week seeking Christmas shopping funds.

SIXTH DIXTRICT CONGRESS-man Dagwood Kornegay sends to The News a delightful little Christmas present in the form of a 1,440-page volume of "The Speeches of Senator John F. Kennedy—Presidential Campaign of 1960." An official Government publication, it was compiled under authority of a Senate resolution by a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Commerce.—In truth, it is a superb reference

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Santa---and a star...



ELEMENTS OF CHRISTMAS—The basic elements of contemporary Christmas—Santa Claus, and the star symbolizing the birth of Jesus—are encompassed in a scene from the official opening of the Yuletide season in downtown Chapel Hill. Santa Claus' reindeer-drawn

sleigh float, being drawn up W. Franklin St. to downtown Chapel Hill, stands out in the background of the illuminated lamp post decoration erected by the Merchants Association.

Grand jury criticizes clogged court calendar

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Chapel Hill schools plan for 'recruiting' of teachers

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