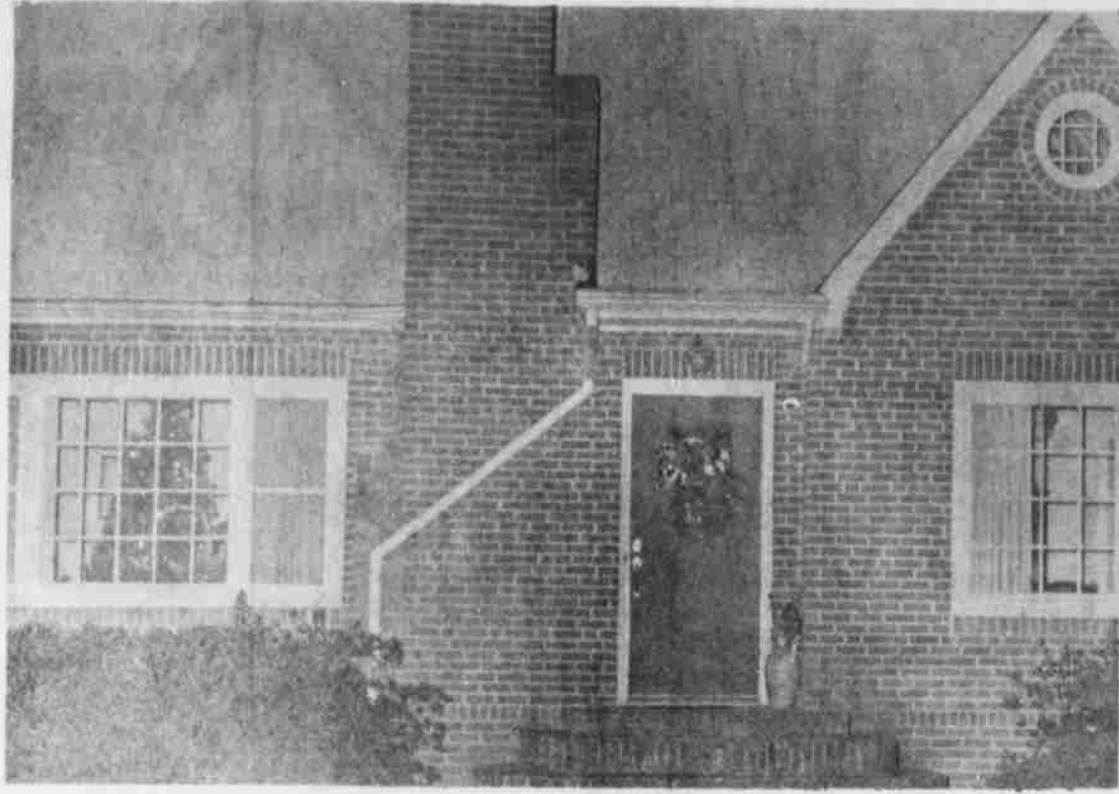


The Mysterious "Christmas Tree"

In Glastonbury, Somerset, England, stands a tree called the Holy Thorn which is believed to have bloomed without fail on Christmas Day for over a thousand years.

The famous legend of the Thorn Tree says: Two days before Christmas, sixty-three years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea, who had with him the Holy Grail, paused to rest on a hill outside of Glastonbury. He drove his staff into the ground. It took root and the next day, Christmas Eve, it had grown into a flowering thorn tree.



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IN THE TRADITION OF CHRISTMAS . . .

Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed, in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not aroused — in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened — by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it should be . . . Never heed such dismal reminiscences . . .

Dwell not upon the past . . . Reflect upon your present blessings — of which every man has many — not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. Fill your glass again, with a merry face and contented heart. Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry, and your new year a happy one!

Holiday Moon

A waxing moon is more favorable at Christmas than a waning one, according to an old Scottish folk belief.

Christmas, 1608

"Wind, raine, frost, and snowe caused us to keepe Christmas amongst the Savages, where wee were never more merrie, nor fedde on more plentie of good oysters, fish, flesh, wild foule, and good bread, nor never had better fires in England . . ." So John Smith wrote of the few days he and his men spent with the natives at the end of December 1608 when he was seeking provisions of the Indian chief, Powhatan.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands!"

Light Ye Candles

*Then be ye glad, good people,
This night of all the year,
And light ye up your candles,
For His star it shineth clear.*
— Old English carol

It is said that one who sits under a pine tree on Christmas Eve will hear angels singing.

If the sun shines through fruit trees on Christmas Day, it is a sign that the trees will bear much fruit.

A white Christmas presages a prosperous year.

HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS

Although many Hawaiians have never seen ice except in the form of a cube, they paint their Christmas trees white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair — but one reserved for the intimate family group, behind locked doors and drawn blinds.

Hawaiian hospitality is such that were the doors not locked and the blinds not drawn, strangers would wander in, expecting the host and hostess to offer open-house hospitality of food and drinks. However, inexpensive gifts are exchanged by everyone.

Christmas Greetings...



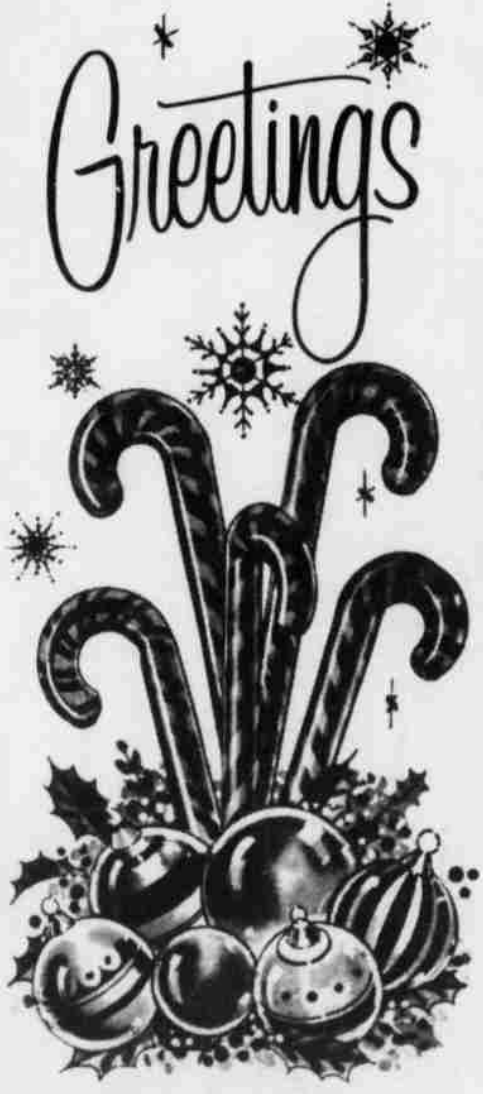
. . . to all our fine customers!
We hope your holiday stocking is stuffed with lots of goodies!
Best wishes from everyone at

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May your holidays be bright
and filled with special joys

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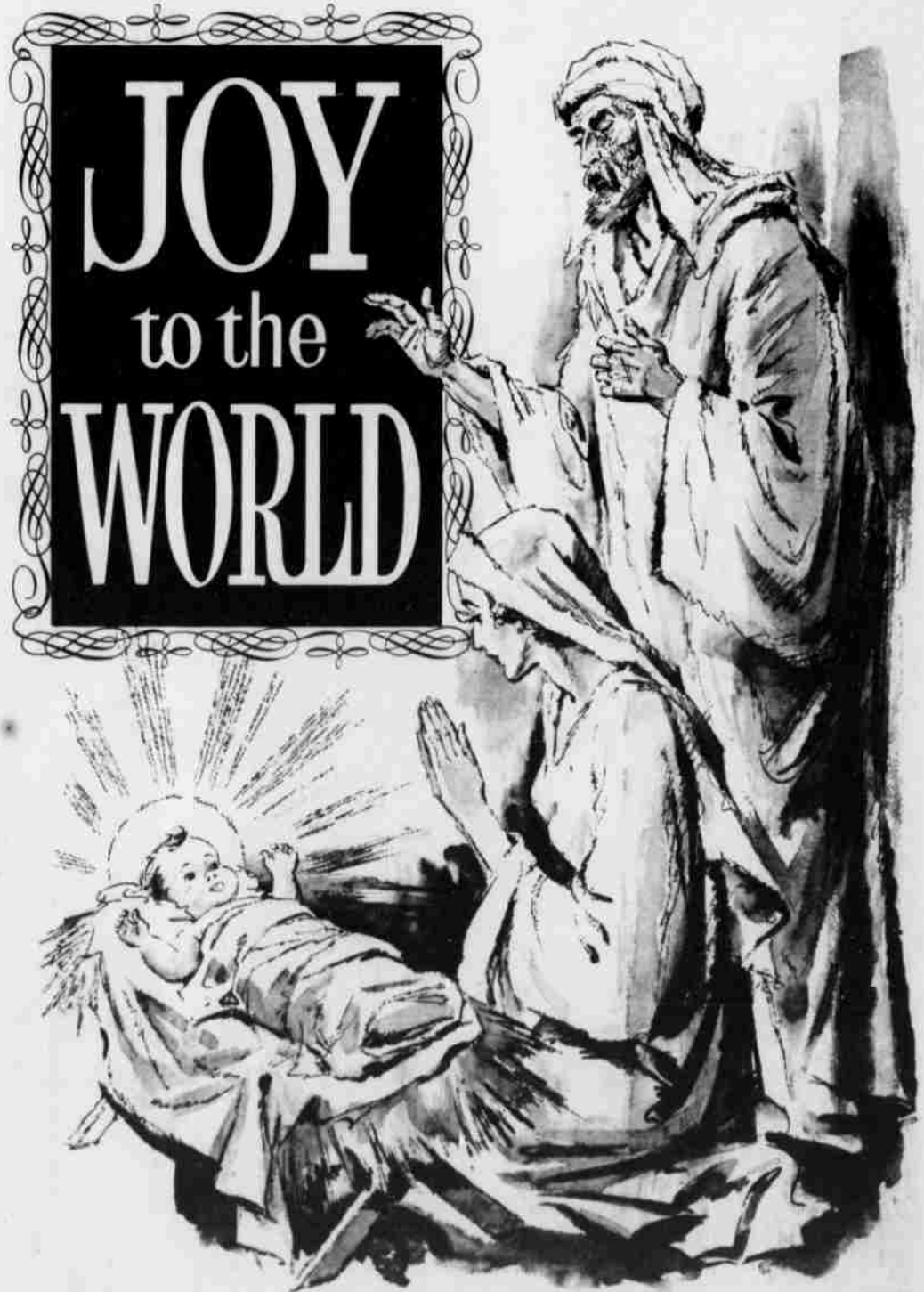
**William L. Poole
Agency**

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes,
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm;
So hallow'd and graecious is the time.
Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 1



May the radiance of love
and friendship brighten each
day of the yuletide season!

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JOY to the WORLD

The Lord is come! Let us go and worship the Babe Who brings His message of peace and love to all nations once again! May He bless you and yours at this holy season!

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