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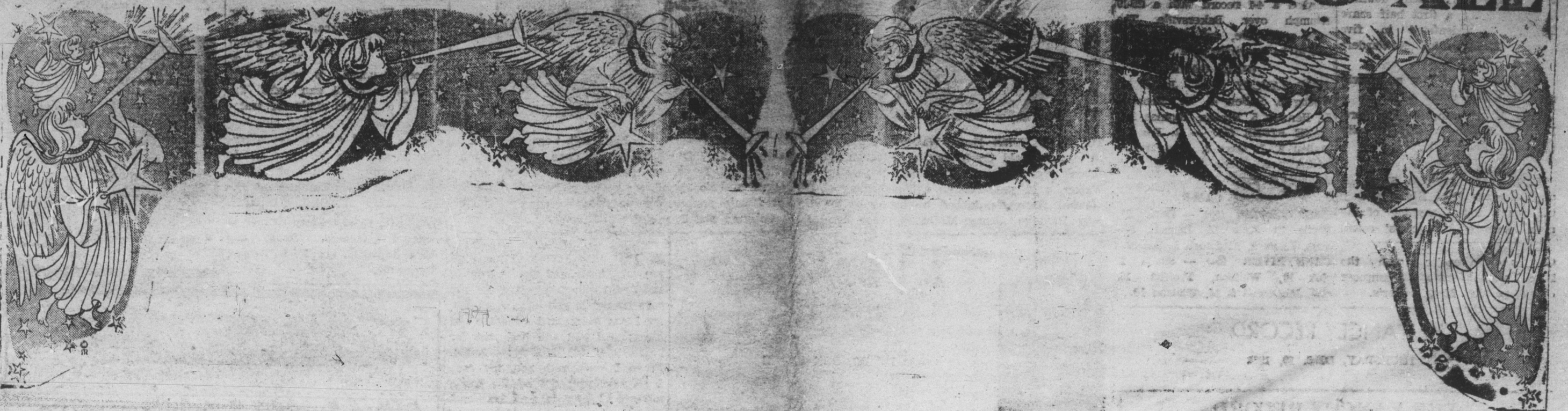
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MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL



A Hope Unrealized

The old-time Christmas, with its simple virtues and traditions, has largely become a part of history. This was the Christmas of homemade toys and gifts, of pandeighted trees gay with strings of popcorn and paper ornaments. And something has been lost because of the inevitable changes in the Christmas celebration that the swiftly-passing years have brought. We live in an era of vast material abundance. But the very weight of this lavish materialism can undermine that spiritual abundance which is of infinitely greater importance.

What must never be allowed to change is the Christmas spirit and the Christmas story of the Christ Child. Charity, faith, kindness, courage, strength in the face of adversity — these are

among the qualities which Christmas, in its magnificent symbolism, stands for. These, too are qualities which are far too rare in a world torn with jealousies and troubles and marred with cynicism and selfishness.

In any rate, Christmas is almost here again. Let it be a time when children are made happy — for Christmas, the heart of Christmas, is theirs most of all. And let it be a time when we who are older recall what the true meaning of Christmas is.

Peace on earth, good will to all men. These magnificent old words will be spoken once more, as the great music will sound. We have not realized that hope. Each of us, at Christmas, should resolve to do whatever he can to make it come true.

