

THIS IS... CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a tree, with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tangle of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the choking feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the tear that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrance of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather, undimmed by golden time.

It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts.

Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children can call their own. It is the striped candy cane.

It is the joyful music of ebriety and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends.

It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for Sis. It is sincerely in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the hello from neighbors.

Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness; the light of charity.

'Lord of Misrule,' 'Hodening Horse' Make Noel Jollier

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1 1/2 pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned; and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D., but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall in the course of His search. He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.



ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS... Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.



ADORATION OF THE MAGI... This Nativity scene was painted by Benvenuto di Giovanni (1436-1518) of Siena, Italy, and hangs in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. It is one of many famous "adoration" scenes painted by artists of all nationalities.

THE Season's Greetings

The very best of Holiday Wishes to all our friends, extended in warm appreciation of your good will and patronage.

Barnett & Tignor Garage
Guy Barnett Gene Tignor

Season's Greetings

To all our friends and patrons, we extend our warmest greetings for a joyous Holiday Season.

Condry & Rippy Jewelers

Cheery GREETINGS

We're wishing you a Yuletide Season just full of good things. And may all the days to follow be filled with the same carefree, good spirited happiness.

McGinnis Furniture Co.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy NEW YEAR

Good Health and Prosperity to All!

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ALL ABOARD!

It's a pleasure to look forward to another year among you.

Quality Sandwich Company
C. H. Hambricht H. T. Spearman

Violations On Truck Weights Decreasing

RALEIGH. — Operation of North Carolina's permanent truck weighing stations, authorized by the 1951 General Assembly, has brought about a material reduction in the frequency of axle overloads which so greatly affect highway damage.

This conclusion came today in a report issued by James S. Burck, head of the Division of Statistics and Planning in the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Data on truck weights was gathered by his Division in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

The survey on which the report is based gave, for the first time, a comparison of two full years of truck weighing field operations. Prior to August, 1950, the truck weight survey was made only in August each year. Since August 1, 1950, however,

the work has been continuous. Water passes rapidly through the human stomach without being absorbed. The oldest stake race in the United States is the Travers which first was run at Saratoga in 1864.

A&P's Huge Variety, Low Prices and Dependable Quality Help You Enjoy a Wonderful Christmas Feast!

—CHRISTMAS CANDIES—

2 lbs. Johnson's Pure Sugar STICK CANDY	49c
Life Saver STORY BOOKS	39c
Worthmore, 12 oz. FRENCH CREAMS	29c
Worthmore 1 lb. bag CANDY TOYS	29c
Worthmore Assorted, 12 oz. SPICE DROPS	19c
Worthmore Christmas Stocking CANDY and TOYS	35c
Worthmore, 8 oz. CHOC. COVERED PEANUTS	29c

Ocean Spray Cranberry SAUCE	1 lb. can 19c	Whole or Jelly
Atmore's Simple Simon MINCE MEAT	1 lb. 12 oz. jar	45c
Muscate 15 oz. Ctn. CLUSTER RAISINS		29c

Jane Parker Over 2/3 Nuts and Fruits

Fruit Cakes

1 1/2-Lb. Cake \$1.29 3-Lb. Cake \$2.49 5-Lb. Cake \$3.69

Jane Parker Stuffing Bread - 1 1/2-Lb. Loaf 20c

Jane Parker Attractively Decorated Christmas Layer Cake 1 Lb. 65c

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Warwick Assorted Chocolates	1-Lb. Box	55c
Warwick Thin Mints	1-Lb. Box	39c
Worthmore Choc. Covered Cream Drops	1-Lb. Box	29c
Johnson Christmas Mix	12-Oz. Box	19c

And many other Chocolate—Stick and Hard

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

JUICY FLORIDA

ORANGES

8-Lb. Bag 39c 1/4 Box Bag 97c

Juicy Red Emperor Grapes	Lb.	15c
Crispy Winesap Apples	5-Lb. Bag	59c
Pump Red Ripe Cranberries	1-Lb. Box	33c
Fresh Cocoanuts	Lb.	8c
New Crop For Roasting & Dressing Chestnuts	Lb.	23c
Golden Ripe Bananas	2 Lbs.	25c
Juicy Size 54's & 64's Grapefruit	4 For	23c
Luscious Fall Russet Pears	Lb.	19c
U. S. No. 1 White Tangerines	Lb.	9c
Easy To Peel Juicy Potatoes	10 Lb. Bag	57c

—NUTS—

WALNUTS	1-Lb. Pkg.	45c
ALMONDS	1-Lb. Pkg.	39c
BRAZIL	1-Lb. Pkg.	49c
PECANS	1-Lb. Pkg.	43c

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A&P Super Markets
THE GREAT ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC TEA COMPANY
Prices in this ad effective thru Dec. 27th.

Festive Foods at A&P-Low Prices

A&P Mincemeat	9-Oz. Pkg.	19c
Green Giant Peas	No. 303 Can	19c
Mort's Apple Cider	1/2-Gal. Jar	49c
Sultana Small Stuffed Olives	10 1/2-Oz. Jar	49c
A&P Whole Beets	No. 303 Can	15c
Swansdown or 3rd Sheen Cake Flour	44-Oz. Pkg.	39c
Ann Page Tomato Soup	3 10 1/2-Oz. Can	29c
Ion California Sliced or Halves Peaches	No. 2 1/2 Can	25c
A&P Fruit Cocktail	No. 303 Can	23c
Rajah Shredded Cocoanut	4-Oz. Pkg.	14c
Delmonte Sliced Pineapple	No. 2 Can	29c
V-8 Vegetable Cocktail	46-Oz. Can	35c
Peter Pan Peanut Butter	12-Oz. Jar	37c
Our Own Tea Bags	64 Ct. Pkg.	35c
Libbys Tomato Juice	46-Oz. Can	27c
A&P Crushed Pineapple	No. 2 Can	23c
Ann Page Preserved Strawberry	12-Oz. Jar	27c
Ann Page Mayonnaise	Qt. Jar	49c
Mild Mellow Cuttee 8 O'Clock	1-Lb. Bag	77c

3 Lb. Bag 2.25