

# GREETINGS

May the spirit of the first Christmas shine brightly in your heart.



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## Holiday Whirl Means Extra Work For You-Know-Who

The holiday whirl is about us again and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1955."

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the mornings and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year, by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's Christmas an easier one. It might be done by dividing up some of Mom's "extra" duties and assigning a share to each member of the family.

Christmas is a holy season and a time of good will. Poor Mom, though, is usually so tired she doesn't even have time to think, much less relax and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the season.

## Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra

Saint Nicholas lived some 1000 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre, province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, out was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.

## Rambling Sketches Of Oak Grove News

By Mrs. William Wright

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Davis had as their Sunday dinner guests, Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Alexander and children of Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Costner and children of Cherryville, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grigg and family of Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Grigg and children of Stony Point were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garmon Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Wright, Charles, Bill, Beth, Marty, and Mrs. Laura Wolfe were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Plonk of Saint Luke.

Mr. and Mrs. Garmon Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davis visited the former's mother, Mrs. W. S. Davis of Double Springs, Sunday.

Mrs. Lela Anthony of Midway and Mrs. Pearl Black of Kings Mountain visited their sister, Mrs. William Bell, Sunday afternoon.

Billy Watterson spent Sunday with Jimmy Bell.

Mrs. J. W. Watterson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Clemmie Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ware, Jack, Mike, and Annette, and Mrs. Bobby Ware attended a birthday dinner held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Beattie of Waco Sunday. The dinner was in honor of Mrs. Beattie.

Many from the community attended the funeral of Mrs. R. S. Thornburg held at Patterson Grove Baptist church Wednesday afternoon. Funeral service was conducted by her nephew, Rev. Jake Thornburg, pastor of the church, assisted by two other nephews, Rev. Love Dixon, pastor of First Baptist of Taylorsville, N. C., and Rev. Howard Dover of Charlotte. Mrs. Thornburg was a devoted wife and mother and numbered her friends by the score. The beautiful floral offering showed the esteem and love in which she was held. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

## MODERN TRADITION



A new Christmas tradition has been brought about in recent years or perhaps it should be called a pre-Christmas tradition.

At any rate, it's that time of the year again and safety organizations, insurance companies, fire department officials, even this newspaper give out with the perennial Yuletide warning: "Don't you have a Christmas tree fire this year."

Precautions against fire is especially urged during the Christmas season because of the hazards presented by decorations, gift wrapping, defective wiring for Christmas tree illumination, and the tree itself.

This warning is necessary because of the established fact that fire takes a toll of more than 7,000 lives each year in the United States, with mortality from this cause naturally reaching its peak during the winter months.

You can keep from having a Christmas tree fire in your home by being especially careful about two things: the tree and the lights. Choose your tree carefully. One that has been cut too long or stored in a warm place will lose its needles quickly and is a definite fire hazard. If possible cut your own tree or buy it directly from the grower, then keep it in a cool, shaded place out of the wind until you're ready to decorate it.

To avoid these unnecessary "growing pains," Mayo suggests, build only for the present. Plan ahead at least for one generation.

## Merry Christmas



And our best wishes for a happy holiday. N. F. McGill & Son ESSO SERVICE



"I am sorry, Mary. They tell stable, a bright new star with the me they have no room."

And so it was that Joseph, the humble Galilean carpenter, and his queenly young wife Mary, took refuge in a stable near the edge of town. For them, there had been no room.

The population of Bethlehem was more than double, the descendants of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The journey had been a particularly tiresome one for Mary. The quietness of the stable and the small amount of warmth it provided was indeed welcomed by both she and Joseph. Near the hour of midnight, the darkened sky came to life with a light of ethereal beauty, above the Child.

Merry Christmas. In the true spirit of the Yuletide season, we wish you a rich abundance of health, happiness and contentment. GORE'S SHELL SERVICE. M. C. Gore, Dickie McMackin, Will Adams.

SEASON'S GREETINGS. As you journey through the coming year, we wish you and your loved ones a full measure of all the very best things in life. Merry Christmas! WEAVER'S CLEANERS

GREETINGS. May you enjoy a full measure of happiness and good health this Christmas. MODERN BEAUTY SHOP. Dorothy Wells, Gerrie Briggs.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. May this joyous season abound with the blessings of Peace and Good Will for you and your family. Dr. Blake McWhirter.

Merry Christmas. May this Yule be happy like ones' of old. Battleground Service & Grocery. Herman Blalock, Hunter Wells.

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GREETINGS. May the spirit of Peace and Good Will that came into the world with Him on that first Christmas, abide with you and those dear to you, now and always... Grayson's Jewelry

Christmas Greetings. The spirit of Christmas warms every heart, brightens every eye, lightens every care... It moves us to express our deep appreciation of the friendship and loyalty of our customers, and to wish for all a rich abundance of the Season's happiness. The Spirit of Holsum Bread.