

look up, and see the Light of the world

Lights and candles have always been associated with Christmas Day. They were used both on the tree, and lighted in the windows of the houses.

This is in keeping with the celebration of Christ's birthday: "Christmas" means "mass of Christ," the word derives from the church celebration of the day, which formed a very important part of the holiday observance in early medieval days.

It is not the actual birthday of Christ we observe, for that date is lost in legend. There was no celebration for over 200 years after His death!

The Romans had a great feast in honor of Saturn, the Sun god. This Saturnalia was held in December at the turn of the winter solstice. The northern races

celebrated the Yuletide (heathen winter feast) at the same time, decorating trees with lights. These lighted trees were called sun trees.

About 400 A.D. the Pope, Julius I, fixed December 25 as the date on which Christmas was to be observed, and ordered masses to be held to replace the pagan rites.

The Middle Ages were a period of light in many ways. There was light for the higher spirit of man, reflected in the resurgence of creative arts. And the rites of Christmas were at a zenith. Carols and hymns were written and sung by the monks. So hauntingly beautiful, so timeless, these hymns are still very much part of the beauty of the Season in our own time.

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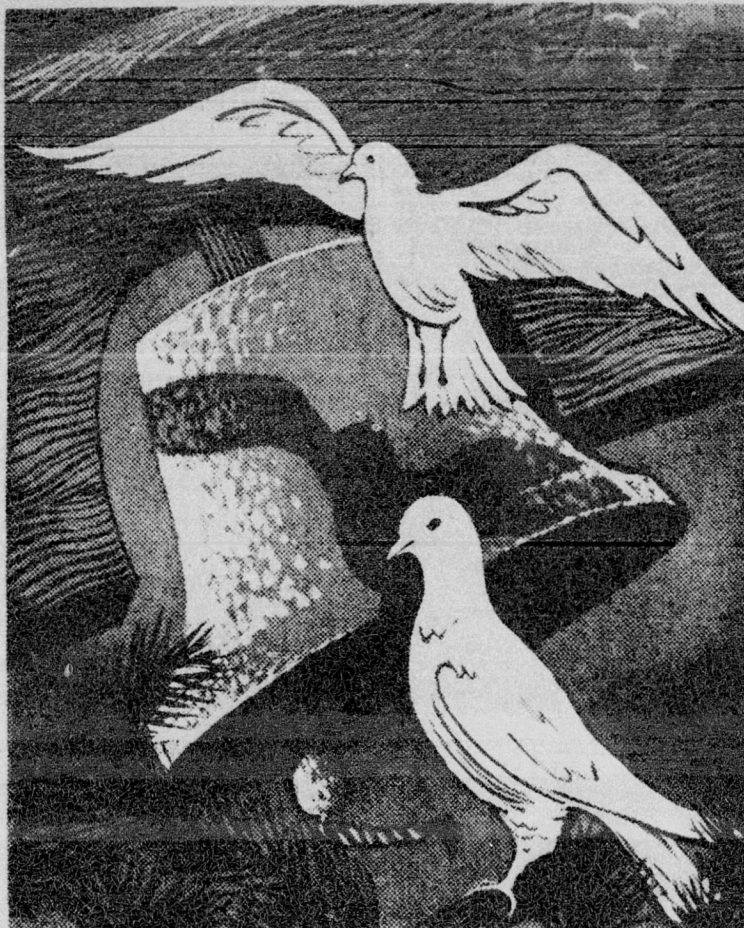
No wonder men and women from all walks of life were compelled to believe in the love of God because they saw it witnessed daily in the life of this little man of God!



Dear brothers, the feasts of the Lord and of the holy men of God are rather honored with the want and poverty by which those godly men conquered heaven for themselves than with the elegance and superfluity by which they are far removed from heaven."

Francis spoke these words with a gentle voice, without the edge of reproof and reproach.

honor the Christ, the vestments and accoutrements of the Church ceremonies were splendid, indeed.



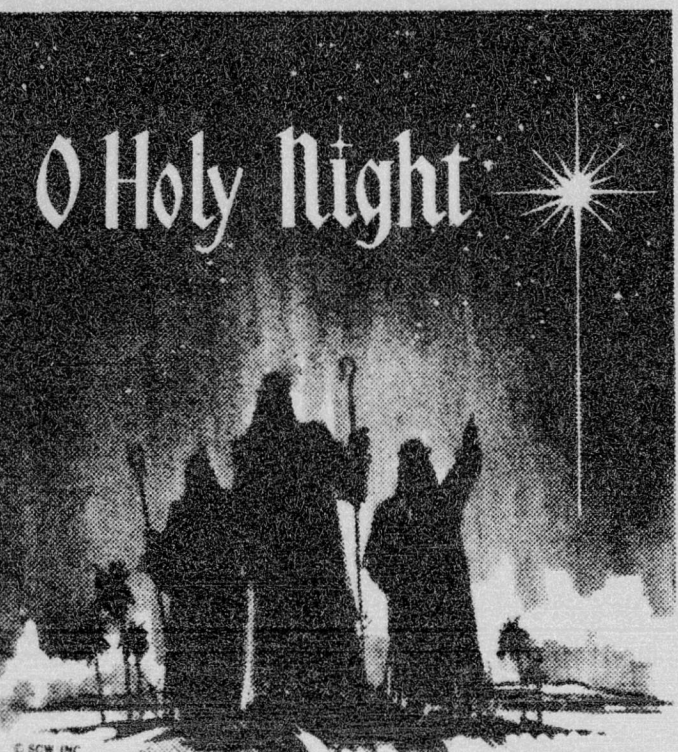
Whatever colour, race or creed, All plain folks are brothers indeed.

Both you and me want life and peace. If you go home the war will cease.

— Christmas cards hung on trees for GIs by Chinese soldiers during the Korean War.



ST. AUG.'S MAINTENANCE STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVE GIFTS OF FRUIT -- These are some of the members of the maintenance staff of Saint Augustine's College, with their large baskets of fruit, presented by the administration. Front row, left to right: Mesdames Mamie Harris, Dezoria Conyers, Willie R. Conyers, Dr. Joseph Jones, Jr., vice president of academic affairs, Mrs. Margaret Ransdell, director of personnel and Louis Shepard. Back row: Davis Shephard and William Simpson.



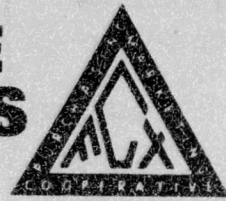
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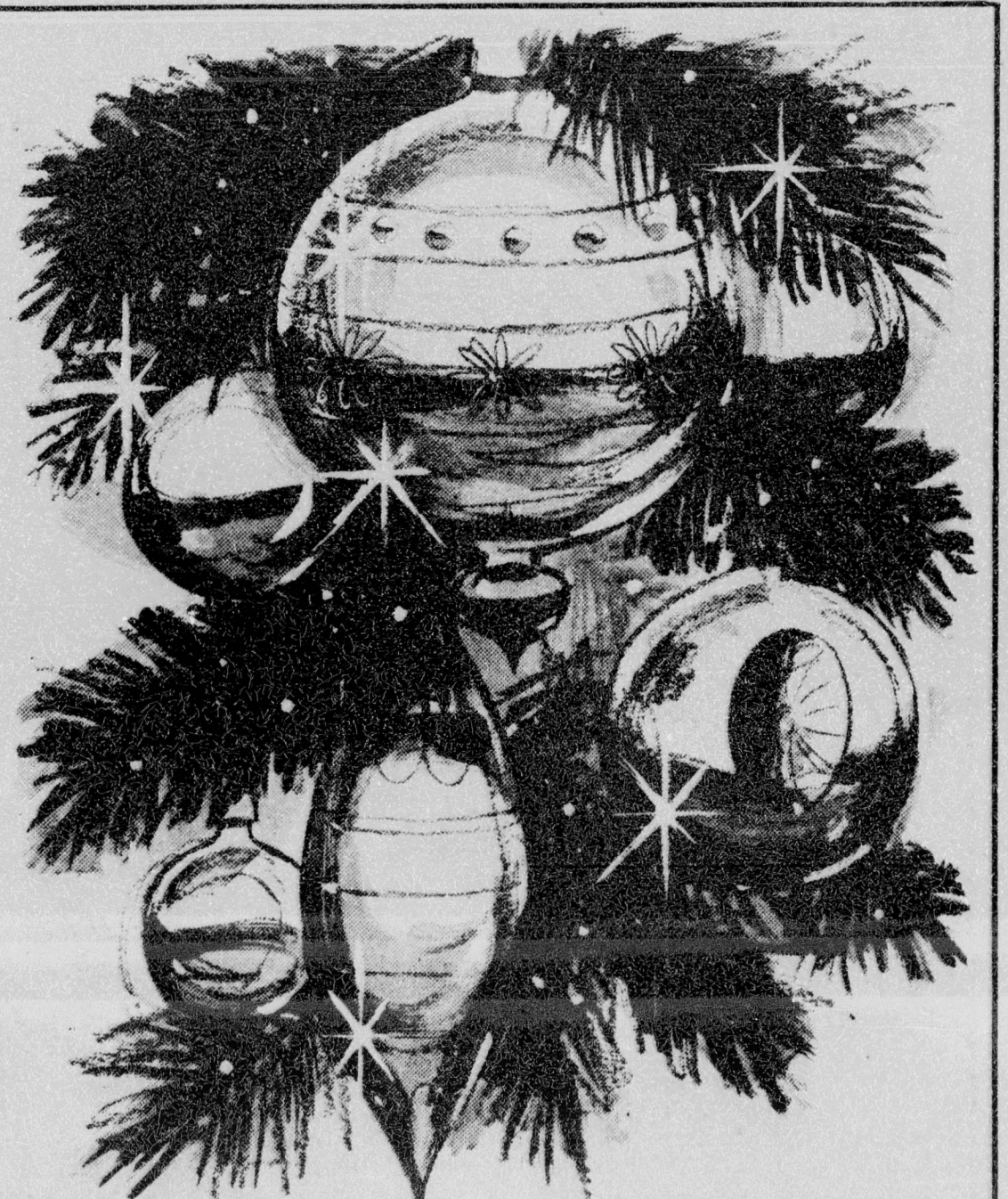


Christmas SPIRIT

OUR wish for you this peaceful happy day conveys the spirit of good fellowship we feel. May this Christmas be filled with treasured thoughtfulness for you and your family.

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