

May the Holy Babe shower your home with every blessing at Christmastime. May you know peace and plenty throughout the days to come.

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OLD-TIME GREETINGS

Here's a wish that's as old lumbioned as a Yuletide carol and that's every bit as sincere: Merry Christmas to all our breads and patrons!

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A holiday tradition when it was "minced" meat and not a descent. It's a must for holidays to have Christmas pie.

2 cups prepared mince-meat or 1 - 90z. pkg.

2 cups thinly sliced pared tart apples

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind

tablespoons lemon juice

1 recipe plain pastry

Combine prepared mincemeat with apples, lemon peel and lemon juice. Line 8-inch pie plate with pastry; pour in filling. Cut design or use a fork on upper crust. Sprinkle with sugar, and bake in hot oven (400°) about 35 minutes. This pie is delicious served warm.



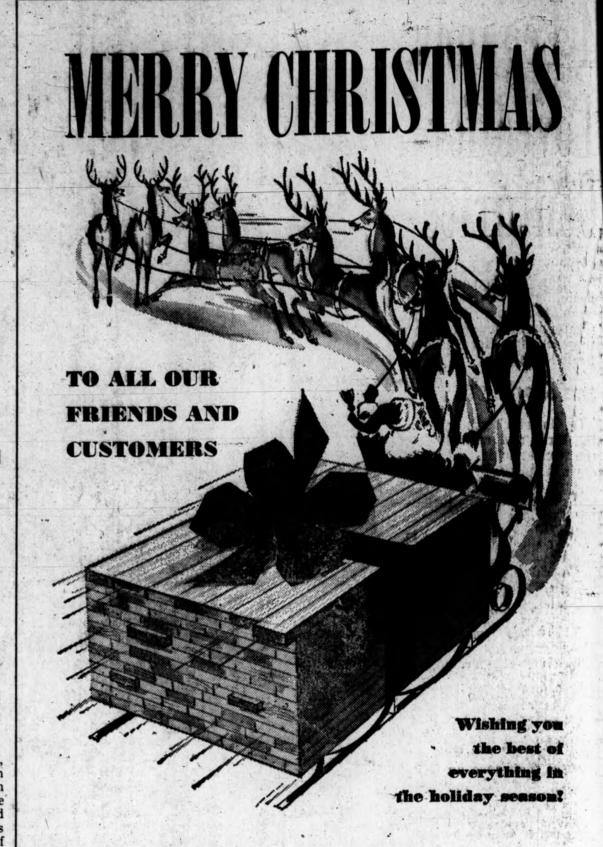
Evergreens, symbolic of eternal life, have long been used for decorating at Yuletide. Teutonic peoples believed that certain greens would frighten certain evil spirits away. The Saxons hung holly, ivy, rosemary, or laurel in their homes and churches. In the great manor houses, walls, pillars, and windows were adorned with branches of greens. Abunch of mistletoe hung from the door or ceiling. Each time a man stole a kiss under it he had to pluck a berry from the bough.

It is said that early Roman enemies made up their quarrels when they met under the mistletoe; this is believed to be the origin of kissing under the green. This plant was not used in churches (because of its association with the pagan Druid ceremonials). There was one exception to this — at York Minster — where a bunch was laid on the high altar "with a benediction for peace and good will".

don as Christmas decorations, and the custom grew through the years. Holly has long been a favorite holiday green. There are several legends connected with it. One is that Christ's crown of thorns was made of holly. Some say that the idea of making holly wreaths came from His Crown, as the berries resembled drops of blood. Today holly wreaths, with their glistening green leaves and contrasting berries, are among our

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Why the Christ Child Blessed the Pine Tree

As the old story goes, long ago the pine tree was subject to seasonal changes, like other varieties of trees . . . losing its green fripperies in winter.

One day King Herod, in a rage of fear, sent his armies out to slay all infant boys, lest one threaten his crown.

In Israel a carpenter, Joseph, and his wife, Mary, with the Child Jesus, fled the country before Herod's wrath. At day's end they came to a green wood where stood a pine, heavy with needles, that every summer gave small birds a nest. Half its trunk was hollow. "Come," said Joseph to the little family, "we will find haven here."

The pine tree, full of pity, dropped its blanket of branches down to cover them, and there they stayed, while Herod's armed men rode past, their hands stained with the blood of innocent babes.

When morning dawned, the Child Jesus awoke, and, looking up at the high pine, blessed it:

"Great pine, henceforth you will always keep your summer raiment and be forever green. Through the ages multitudes of birds will find sanctuary amid your branches all winter

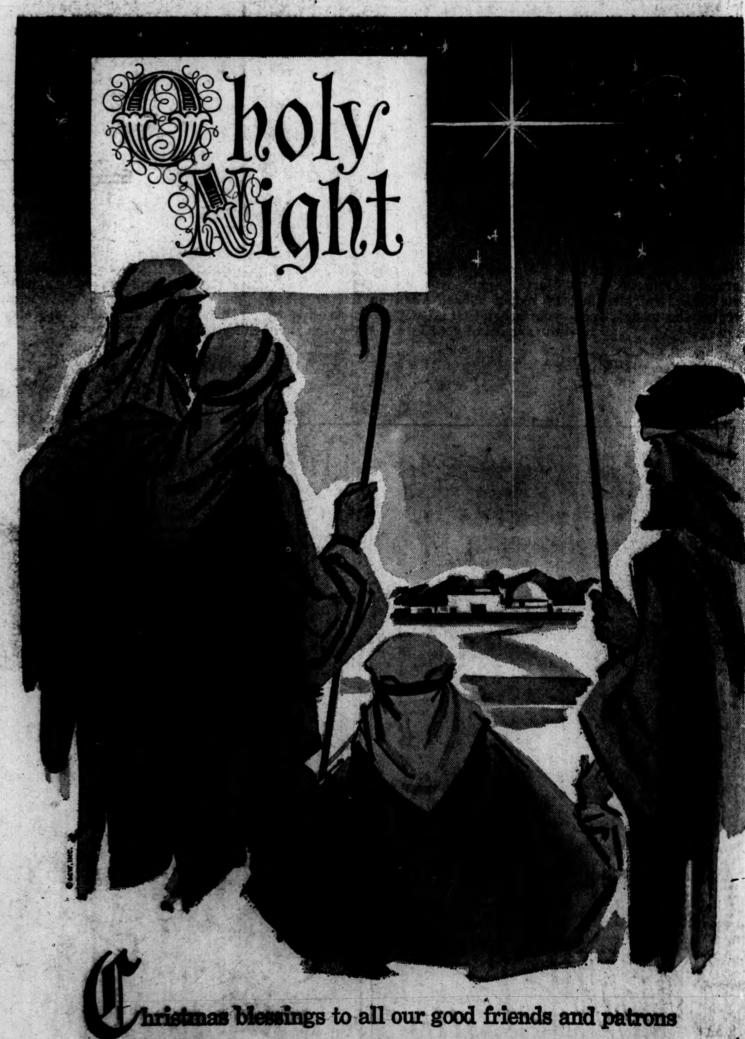
And so it was we have the evergreen Pine, loved by all living things.

The legend tells us, too, that if you cut a pine cone through part-way, you will find within it the imprint of His hand.

Turkey is Choice With Americans

Almost every nation has its own special Christmas dish. Since Americans represent peo-ple from all parts of the world, it is not surprising that one finds different holiday menus in the various parts of the country. Two thoroughly American pedigrees, however, are turkey and cranberries.

Indians ate wild turkey, cranberries and pumpkin be-for the first European colonists arrived. The turkey today is a domesticated variety of the native wild turkey.



and to your families ... may peace and joy abide with you throughout the holiday season.

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