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NEWS ON THE HOMEMAKING FRONT

... by MRS. JUNE GRIFFITH
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY OF WHY THE FUNNY CAT WASHES HIMSELF SO OFTEN

A long, long time ago the little Christ Child was born in a stable to his mother—along with the animals. There were His Mother and St. Joseph as well as the good ox, a gentle ass and the other beasts that watched over the Christ Child.

When the children of the village heard the good news they wanted to go to the stable to pay homage to him and to bring him gifts. Oh! what a crowd there was at the stable and what gifts they brought with them.

There was the little Kuba boy with the big black cock, and the little Francis boy dragging his goat by a rope, and right in front was Basia, the goose girl, with a big goose under her arm.

It was growing quite late but the Christ Child was wide awake and playful. He watched the merry people laughing and talking—and he watched the children dancing. His Mother knew it was time for the little one to go to sleep. The Shepherds saw her worried face and urged the people to go. They slipped away in a twinkling.

Now the Christ Child was alone with His Mother and St. Joseph and the animals. The Mother began to sing a lullaby. Hmnm, Hmnm, Hmnm, she crooned, great the Baby would not close His eyes... or go to sleep. Next—St. Joseph took HIS turn at humming a lullaby, but his voice was deep and loud and the Baby would not close his eyes—or go to sleep, but only opened his eyes wider.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



HOLLAND (Harlelijke Kerst)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townfolk sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Kristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maligayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



First Community Tree At Christmas Was Held In City of Cleveland

THE COMMUNITY Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in "Cleveland, the city of good will (unlimited), incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer."

Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will."

Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed as the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.



ENJOYMENT FOR YOU . . .
Your local lumber dealer may have patterns for these plywood and hardboard "women" which you can make yourself. If not, use this pattern for a pattern and go to work.

LUXURY OR NECESSARY?
Those who claim that prisoners are being pampered with radio sets in their cells evidently have not been listening in lately. Grand Island Democrat.

—In correcting mistakes one gets closer to the goal.

"As I See It"

By . . . STATE SENATOR JOHN J. HALUSKA

Well, tomorrow is a day that millions of people throughout the World have been preparing themselves for quite some time—Christmas of 1932—without any doubt, the most prosperous holiday season known to mankind. Millions of stockings will hang by the fire-side awaiting the arrival of good Old Saint Nick. While many of us will be celebrating and feasting, we still will find many thousands of parents thinking of their sons spending this holiday in a fox hole in Korea.

On this Christmas Day, we should all kneel in prayer, giving thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us, and also, asking Him that by this time next year the nation, once again, will kneel in humble thanksgiving for the peace of the world to which we are all looking forward.

Aside from the many joys this holiday brings, we must admit that the Christmas season has become highly commercialized and many people unwisely spend beyond their means, buying gifts which they cannot afford. But the one fault which is quite noticeable is the lack of patronage by local people given to local business men. Most people throughout the year, have a continuous grip towards the city leaders and business men of their own community but, when the day arrives that spending money is in order, they travel many miles to various cities and communities to make their purchases rather than giving thought to neighbor and local merchants. When local people are asking aid, especially in seeking donations or contributions of any nature, you will always find them standing in the doorway of some local business establishment—never do they go to other communities seeking aid. Therefore, it seems to us that if the Christmas spirit is to be observed, it should start at home and give our local merchants the opportunity to which they are rightfully entitled.

After the holidays are over, then, once again, our eyes will turn towards the two Capitol cities, namely, Harrisburg and Washington. Both Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Fine will look upon you as their "good old St. Nick"—the people will be called upon to fill the coffers of our state and national government. At Harrisburg, Governor Fine has already issued a warning that \$195 million new taxes will be in order. Would it not be lovely if the picture were reversed and both Fine and Eisenhower will play the part of St. Nick to give the public a breathing spell from new taxes? Rather than asking for new devices, to take more out of your pay envelope, give us a good surprise by reducing the income taxes in the nation; by abolishing the amusement tax now placed upon theatres in our own Commonwealth; by cutting down the gasoline tax and by reducing the hunting-fishing license fees in our own State.

After talking to sportsmen throughout the county and state, we find nothing but dissatisfaction with the Games and Fish Commission—millions of dollars taken from this group and very little, of anything, given back in return. Hunting and fishing in Pennsylvania has become a great

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Most all our readers throughout their lifetimes have seen joy and gladness; sorrow and even misery; have experienced all the moods of mortal beings; and have found their greatest solace in the belief in a Supreme Being Who knows all things best, and Who, because we have that belief, brings orderly calm from what was chaos. In these when Christian nations are constantly being harassed in a so-called cold war, from behind an Iron Curtain of disbelief in God, this season brings forth again the Anniversary of the Birth of a Babe whose teachings still and are will ever remain the foundation of free, God-fearing people.

For this is the Christmas season. Nineteen hundred and fifty-three years ago the Son of God came down upon this earth and was born a Babe—in mortal flesh—that mankind might be redeemed. Regardless of our individual ages, we all remember the Christmas season from our earliest childhood times. It is a season of good-will, and while the commercial aspect enters into the season seemingly more each year, nevertheless the real meaning is not, and won't be, ever, lost.

Our pioneer forefathers here in Western Pennsylvania took time out for a Christmas holiday, and for thankfulness and reverence, just as their own forefathers from across the seas for centuries had done before. In the historical legends of Loreto, for example, Christmas Mames by the Prince-Priest Gallitzin come to the fore. Santa Claus, of course, played his part as a means of gift surprises for the children, and the gifts were tokens, no doubt, to give material emphasis on the real and joyful meaning of Christ's birth. The most humble home-made rag doll, fashioned by a loving mother, had the same effect in our pioneer times as lavish and expensive gifts do for today's child.

Christmas is always the same for those who want it always the same. The good people, young and old, who really have the Christian meaning of the day, and practice that observance, accordingly, cannot help but feel as blessing come down upon them. That's something that rests with the individual. However any Christmas holiday that doesn't have the Christ-Child as its background is surely empty and hollow. Your own Christmas this year, dear reader, will be just what you make it. And you'll find that giving is much more satisfying than receiving.

The year soon ending has been good to many of us, but with the worst conditions so fearful maybe this Christmas time would be a good time to do just a bit more praying to the Infant of the Manger as Bethlehem that peace come to our troubled sphere. Maybe all too many of us have gotten away from the teachings of the Savior who came to us so meek and so humbly in a stable nearly two thousand years ago. Wouldn't it be fine if our churches were to be filled for all services all the year around? Wouldn't that perhaps help bring peace more securely than the manufacture of ships and planes and guns, and atom bombs—and the flower of our youth?

Realizing that so many millions are under the iron rule of unwise men, all these material things are necessary, of course, if we are to maintain our Christian freedom—but, believing as we do in a Supreme Being, surely earnest supplication to Him, too, will help most. And in this Christmas time of 1933, wouldn't this be something to think about? We do wish each and every one of our readers a Merry Christmas. And, in conclusion, we reprint from Chapter 2 of St. Luke the age-old story of the Nativity.

"Now it came to pass that in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cynirus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register. And Joseph also went from Galilee—out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem—because he was of the house and family of David, in register, together with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there came with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will.'

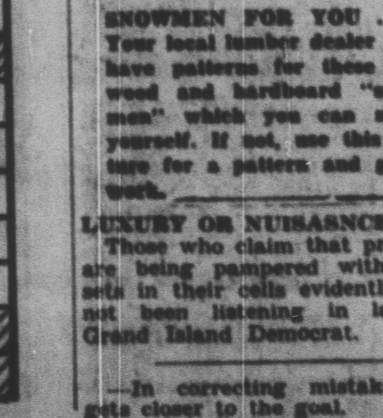
"And it came to pass that when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been said to them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them."

And from Chapter 2 of the Gospel of St. Matthew: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi came from the East to Jerusalem, saying: 'Where is he that is King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him.' But when King Herod heard this, he was troubled and so was all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. And they said to him: 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the Prophet: . . .

"Then Herod summoned the Magi secretly, and carefully ascertained from them the time when the star had appeared to them. And sending them to Bethlehem, he said, 'Go and make careful inquiry concerning the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and worship him.'"

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 4. King's name
 5. Person
 6. Cornucopia
 7. Halls
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 15. Saxon letter
 16. Piece of clay
 17. Wreath
 18. Head in
 19. Greeting
 20. Scientific article
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Sincerest wishes...

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

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