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we are happy  
to wish all of you  
the most wonderful,  
happiest Christmas ever!

John McKernan  
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Mead



### CHRISTMAS STORY

*Mrs. Frank Blachly*  
I remember our Christmases as far back as 1890. We lived about twenty miles from the town of Aberdeen, in Scotland, and could always depend on having plenty of snow and icicles hanging from the eaves.

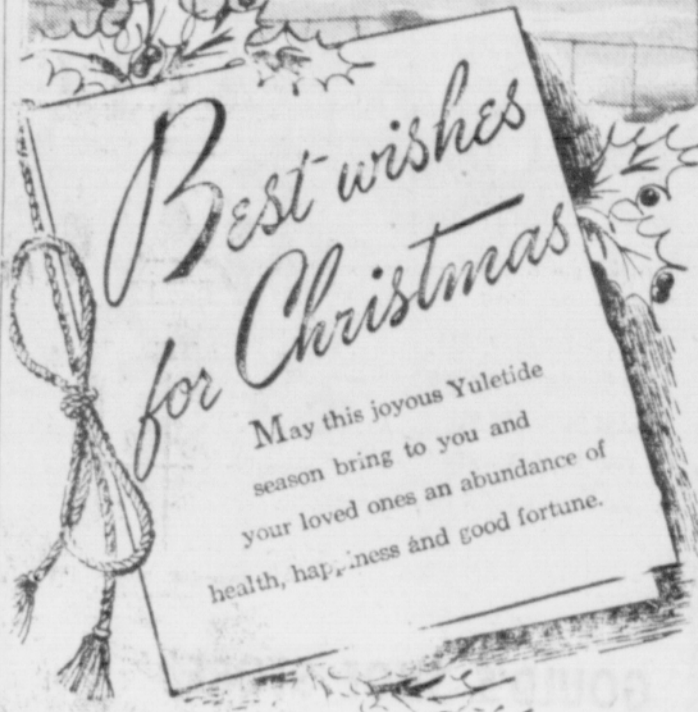
Christmas was more of a sacred nature and not commercialized as it is now. We had church services and community Christmas trees where the children put on a program and received candy and small gifts.

In the homes, stockings were hung on the mantles and the first one to wake up, Christmas morning, jumped out of bed and brought all the stockings. Since we always awoke before the fire was started, bed was the warmest place to empty them. We didn't have individual trees.

New Years was really the time to celebrate. New Years Eve there were parties and dances for the grown ups, and after "Auld Lang Syne," had been sung at midnight, they started "First Nighting"—calling on the neighbors. Everyone was then treated to fruit cake, Scotch shortbread and, of course, a dram or two, or as Harry Lauder would say, "a wee Dochindoris".

The children went around to the neighbors, earlier on New Years Eve, disguised much like they do here on Hallowe'en, but instead of "Trick or Treat," we had a rhyme. We sang, "Rise up, guid wife, and shake your feathers. Dinna think that we are Beggars. We're only bairns, out to play. Come out an' gee us our hogmanay." We were treated to candy, cookies, oranges, or apples.

Helen (Mrs. Frank) Blachly  
Brookings, Oregon.



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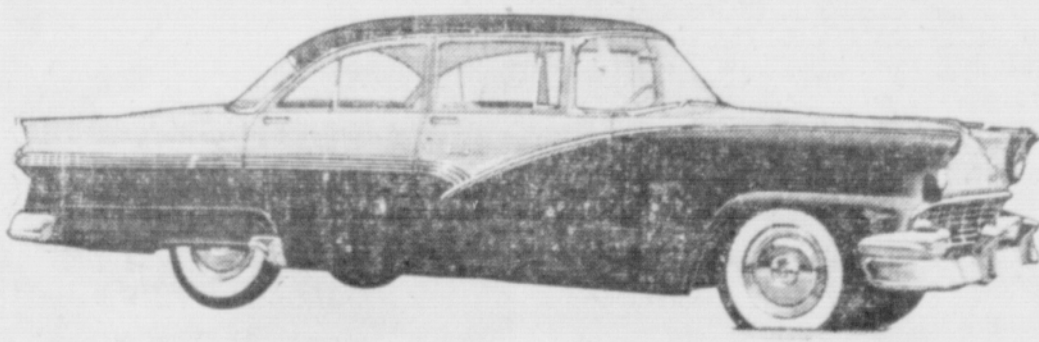
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