

New Name for Popular Feed and Seed Store

E. C. Gayman, owner of Mack's Feed and Seed store in Grants Pass, made the announcement last week he had changed the name of his store to "Gayman's Seed and Feed."

Two years ago Mr. Gayman purchased the store from R. E. McElligott who operated his business for about six years on the corner of 6th and "L" streets.

Several new improvements have

been installed since Mr. Gayman took possession, one being a dairy and poultry grinder and mixer which he uses to make his own mash. He carries a large variety of feeds, seeds and will continue to carry a line of Sperry feeds.

—Merry Christmas—

Mrs. Murphy Hicks arrived home Tuesday evening from Oakland, California, where she had been visiting her sister for a week.

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A. C. Hamrick returned to his home here after spending the past several months in San Francisco where he was employed by a mining company.

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Mrs. George Scott returned today from Los Angeles where she was called by the illness of her mother. Her sister, Miss Victoria Jasperson of the Cave City Coffee shop, who accompanied her, remained for a longer visit and will return within the next week.

—Merry Christmas—

CHICKEN DINNER Sunday and Turkey Dinner Monday with all the trimmings at the usual H. & L. Cafe prices, 50c. Bring the family and enjoy Christmas dinner.

—Merry Christmas—

CHRISTMAS DANCE

Come to the Big Christmas Dance, American Legion hall, Monday, December 25th. Music by Glenn Hamilton's orchestra. Admission 75 cents.

How Other Lands Mark Christmas

A melting pot of the world, America has created its Christmas traditions from countless customs brought across the seas from foreign lands. In these far-away places the Yuletide symbols of bygone ages still endure. Here are a few of them:

ENGLAND:

Christmas to rural Englishmen means not only the observance of Christ's birth, but also a parting of the ways between the old year and the new. Preparations are started for the next year's farm work, which begins right after Christmas. Throughout the island such trappings as the holly and mistletoe remain undying traditions, nor is any Christmas complete without the Yule log burning. On clear frosty nights the carol singers raise their voices over the countryside. To many Englishmen's despair, such American customs as the turkey dinner are gaining a foothold.

GERMANY:

Two years ago storm troopers in Berlin lit bonfires in the public squares as a revival of the pagan custom of celebrating the winter solstice. But this distraction will not stop the Christmas-loving Germans from decorating their trees in every town and village, and joining in the famed Christmas hymn, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht."

ITALY:

Most Italian families celebrate Christmas eve and spend the following day quietly in their homes. Here it is a feast more for grown-ups than for children, whose merry-making day comes 12 days later, on January 6. On Christmas eve fami-



IN ITALY—Children of the Italian Alps at Christmas Time, praying before a wayside shrine.

lies gather around the "ceppo" or Christmas log blazes. At nine p. m. begins the "cenone," or big supper, at which no meat may be served. Gifts for children, which come on Epiphany, are brought not by Santa Claus but by an ugly witch whose name is "Befana."

FRANCE:

Exchange of gifts comes not on Christmas but mostly on New Year's day, which in France is the big family day for reunions of cousins, aunts and uncles. Santa Claus is "Pere Noel," who leaves his gifts in wooden shoes. Christmas eve is not spent at home but in revelry and feasting.

BELGIUM:

Neither Santa Claus nor Pere Noel visit children here—but St. Nicholas makes the rounds, surprisingly, on December 6! A quaint Belgian custom is the putting up the chimney of a few carrots for the little donkey on which St. Nicholas makes his visits.

RUSSIA:

This anti-Christian nation forbids celebration of the Yuletide but no longer compels foreign residents to import their own Christmas trees. Making an about-face, the Soviet government uses this emblem of childhood for its New Year's celebrations when Dadja Moroz, or Uncle Frost, appears with gifts for good children.

POLAND:

This Christmas celebration lasts until February 2 and is preceded by fasting which is not broken until the first star appears on Christmas eve. In all homes the tablecloth is placed over a layer of fragrant hay in commemoration of the manger.

HUNGARY:

St. Nicholas leaves boxes of candy for children early in December, after which the youngsters must be on their good behavior. They write letters to the angels, who, they believe, bring the presents. If they find bits of tinsel on the floor, they claim this is angel's hair and proof that the angels are everywhere, observing which boys and girls are good.

HOLY LAND:

Where it all began nearly 20 centuries ago, worshippers reverently hail each Christmas at the church of Nativity which is built over Christ's traditional birthplace. It has remained unchanged more than 1,500 years. There pilgrims gather from all over the world to intone "Glory to the New-Born King."

Hides Must Be with Far^m Killed Cattle

When cattle killed on the farm are not hog-dressed, that is, the skin left on as is done with veal and weaner calves, the hide must be folded up and placed in the same vehicle that carries the carcass, warns Dr. W. H. Lytle, chief of the state department of agriculture division of animal industry.

Despite the fact that the law plainly states that the hide must accompany the carcass, there is a growing laxity in the handling of farm dressed and quartered carcasses.

Butchers who buy farm dressed cattle must insist that the hide accompany the carcass, the department warns. Also, the buyer must check on accuracy of the brand and ear marks on the orange colored sheriff's tag for each animal.

—Merry Christmas—

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The purpose of the identification and permanent records is not only to apprehend the dairy criminals, he says, but to eliminate the unfavorable influences in breeding future dairy cattle. Every cow is put on her own production record and farmers get a complete analysis of breeding efficiency which reveals the value of every bull in every dairy-herd improvement breed.

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