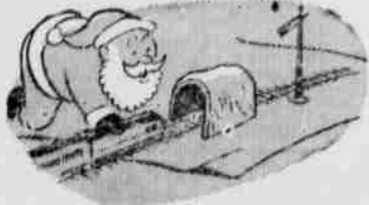


YULETIDE



Let's help Santa make
this the merriest
Christmas of all.

HEPPNER VARIETY
W. A. BLAKE



In the East, a star,
and in the hearts of
men a great joy,
for unto the world
is born a Saviour.
His blessing upon
mankind!

HUMPHREYS DRUG CO.



A bright and merry
Christmas to our friends
and neighbors.

HEPPNER MARKET

**Far-Off Lands
Come to Life
In Yule Toys**

GEOGRAPHY comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve.

In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands. Beside a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U.S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which, when set on an incline, proudly walks down the slope. Another is a recent gadget from Denmark called a "tippe top," a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.

Man of Bethlehem

Jesus Christ is a God whom we can approach without pride, and before whom we may abase ourselves without despair.—Pascal.

As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself, so Christ is the express image—the perfect representation of God.—Ambrose.

The devotion to the person of Christ that steers clear of the doctrines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody. — Herrick Johnson.

This is part of the glory of Christ as compared with the chiefest of His servants that He alone stands at the absolute center of humanity, the one completely harmonious man, unfolding all which was in humanity, equally and full on all sides, the only one in whom the real and ideal met and were absolutely one. He is the absolute and perfect truth, the highest that humanity can reach; at once its perfect image and supreme Lord.—French.



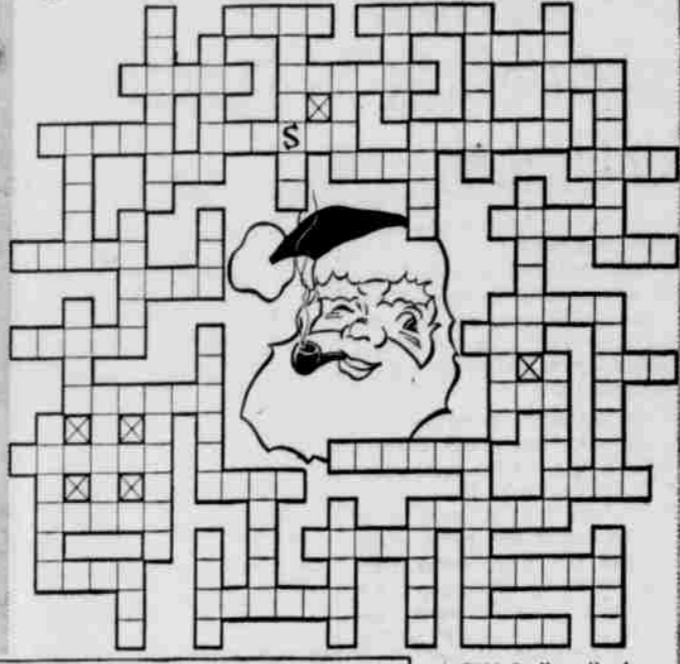
NATIVITY SCENE . . . This scene is repeated on thousands of lawns of private homes and public buildings in the home towns of the nation during the Christmas season.

Christmas 'Open House' Was Early Saxon Custom

AT CHRISTMASTIDE, the great hall of the Saxon lord was thrown open to peasant and noble alike—all mingling democratically and exchanging gifts and hearty cheer during a great feast and festivities composed of dance and song. With a tremendous burst of shouting, the Yule Log was dragged into the hall and placed upon the open fire pit. These democratic Christmas festivities lasted until the last dying embers of the log.

In our south, prior to the Civil War, the slaves, following this Saxon custom, would soak a log in the cypress swamps to extend the length of their Christmas freedom.

Christmas criss-cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fill the words into the right spaces. One letter "Y" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL	LOVE	CHILD	SPELL	INFANT
SON	HOEL	COVEY	TRAIN	MANAGER
THE	NOSE	CUPID	VIXEN	SEASON
FLY	BAIT	GLOWY	SLEIGH	SLEIGH
CLAY	RING	HOTEL	ANGELS	TINSEL
HIM	ROSE	LIGHT	CANDLES	WREATH
KAP	SLED	HUTCH	DANCER	CHIMNEY
SUM	SHOW	WHAIP	REIGN	HOLIDAY
AWAY	FULL	FACE	SANTA	FRANCES
GOLD	SACK	CANDY	SHEEP	FLOCKY
GOLD	CHEEK			GOOSEY

Answer

The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled the First Christmas may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist.

From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

Season's Greetings



A heartfelt "thank you" for your loyalty and patronage in the past. And a Happy New Year.



LEXINGTON CAFE
Merle and Joe



Christmas Greetings

To you and yours, this Christmas season, we extend our sincere wishes for happiness that will long outlast the tinsel and the tree . . . and live on in your hearts through all the days and years to come.

STAR THEATER



May you enjoy the true peace of the season.

Morrow County Grain Growers