

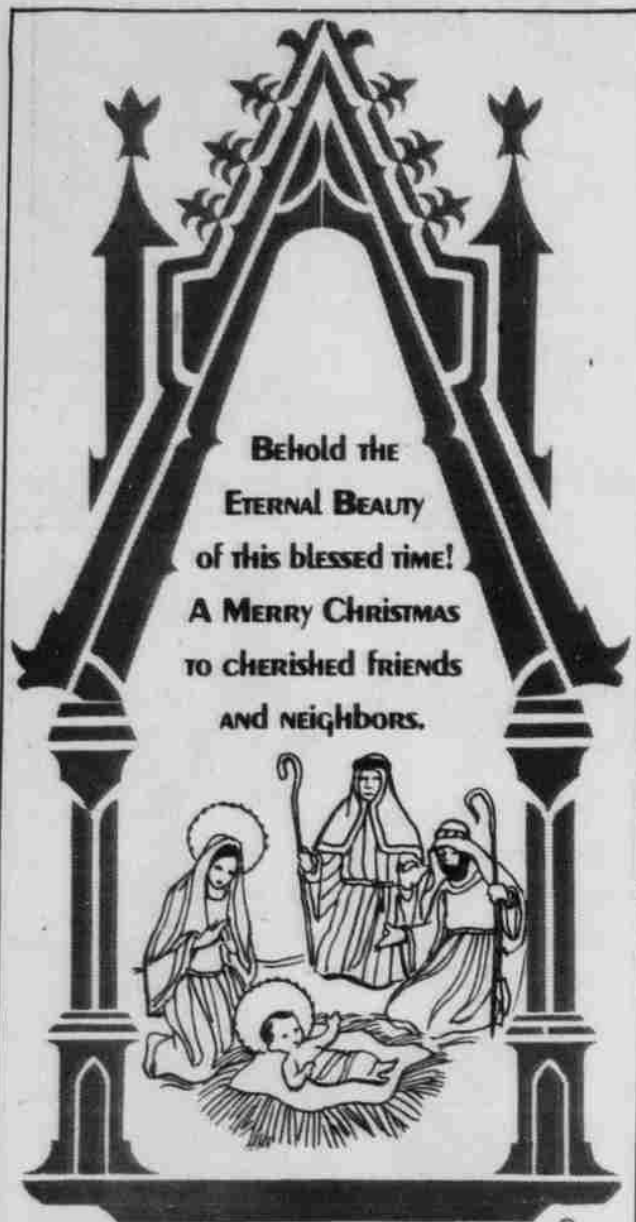
Wilson—Sisk

Sherri Kay Wilson of Moscow, Idaho, and David B. Sisk of Kelly Creek, Idaho, were married December 13 at a 7 o'clock sunrise service in the Cavendish Methodist Church in Cavendish, Idaho. The Reverend Steve Caskey officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel E. Wilson of Lone. The groom is the son of Mrs. Lorraine Sisk of Vermillion, South Dakota.

The bride is a graduate of OSU and is employed as a logging engineer for the U.S. Forest Service in Moscow. The groom is fuels manager for the Forest Service in Kelly Creek.

After a wedding trip through Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons, the couple will reside in Moscow.



**Behold the
ETERNAL BEAUTY
of this blessed time!
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
to CHERISHED friends
AND NEIGHBORS.**

**Gardner's
MEN'S WEAR**

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

Each Christmas week it seems fitting to look around at some of the classic writing of this season. I enjoy reading and re-reading special selections. Now TV brings lovely seasonal offerings. You may see again England's great Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" and other classics that each schooled individual should become familiar with.

We herewith offer two rather short selections for your Christmas week reading and thinking. They were written by American wise men of different centuries.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) has been called a jack-of-all-trades and master of many. No other American, except possibly Thomas Jefferson, has done so many things so well. During his long and useful life, Franklin concerned himself with such different matters as statesmanship and soapmaking, book-printing and cabbage growing, and the rise of tides and the fall of empires. He also invented an efficient heating stove and proved that lightning is electricity.

Here are some words that Franklin wrote as he thought about Christmas:

"Let no pleasure tempt thee, no profit allure thee, no ambition corrupt thee, to do anything which thou knowest to be evil; so shall thou always live jollily: for a good conscience is a continual Christmas."

One of my own favorite American-written Christmas classics is the beautiful story of "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke. Van Dyke (1852-1933), an American Presbyterian clergyman, gained fame as an educator, a novelist, essayist and poet. His writings are rated "delicate, vivid and full of idealism." From 1913 to 1916 he served as United States minister to The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Here is a slightly shortened version of Van Dyke's tremendous Christmas essay:

Keeping Christmas

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are; to try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness...are you willing to do these things, even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings...are you willing to do these things, even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world...stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death...

Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

—Happy Holidays— from our ovens to yours



Stuffed Dates
from Christopher Sykes, Helper

Although technically not a member of the Gazette-Times staff, Christopher does spend a great deal of time at the Gazette, and, since Christmas is a special time for children, we felt we could make an exception - just this once.

Kids like to help out, especially around Christmas, and sometimes Mom and Dad, in the hustle and bustle of the season, forget this.

This recipe for stuffed dates is perfect for little folks with little fingers who want to "cook" too. Christopher is not yet three, and he did a good job with this Christmas treat.

Recipe

- 1 package whole pitted dates
- 1 package walnut pieces
- sugar
- Stuff dates with walnuts. Roll in granulated sugar

Open house to honor Dicks on 40th anniversary

On Saturday, December 27, the children of Ed and Rachel Dick are having an open house in honor of their parents' fortieth wedding anniversary.

The open house will be held at the home of their daughter, Erin Clem, at 8706 S.E. Flavel, Portland, from 3 until 6 p.m. Ed and Rachel were married Dec. 22, 1940, in Ashland and have made Heppner their home ever since.

ions and reward correct answers, or encourage another try.

You may choose subjects that are of interest to the child, or supplement subjects being studied at school. Numerical games teach basic math skills, or help children learn problem solving skills. Spelling and vocabulary games also use electronics to make learning fun. Memory, sports, and other such games such as electronic chess provide recreation. The most expensive and versatile games are those which hook up to the family TV set. Many optional cartridges are available for these, to allow for a variety of games to meet interest of all the family.

In buying electronic games, be sure to look for easily understood instructions, those that have lasting appeal (several levels of difficulty to challenge the players), games that allow flexibility in number of players, and those that have potential for skill or learning development. (Sport games, for instance, can develop hand-eye coordination and teach the rules of the sport.)

There are many creative learning toys available for children, in addition to the electronic games. Whatever toy you choose, be sure it is a safe toy, and suitable to the age of the child. Be sure the toy, or any part of it, is not small enough to be swallowed. Check for dangerous edges or points. Plastics should be strong enough that rough play

will not break or shatter the toy. Painted, or dyed toys should be labeled "non-toxic." Pay attention to suggested ages...toys beyond the child's age and abilities are not only frustrating, but often dangerous.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Hanging our holiday stocking for Santa, and wishing you the best Christmas ever!

PETTYJOHN OIL



**We're purring with thanks
this merry Christmas-tide.
Hope your holiday's a bow-WOW!**

**Heppner
Auto Parts**

JOY TO ALL



Gathered round Santa in merry celebration, we think of our friends and take this moment to say "thanks." We appreciate your continuing association and hope your holidays will be bright and happy!

**Morrow County
Grain Growers INC.**

Buying safe and stimulating toys a challenge for parents

by Birdine Tullis, Extension Service

If you are a typical parent, you are probably making a few trips through toy departments at this time of year, where you'll be confronted with an enormous selection of new toys - most with prices to match. It takes a clear head to sort out the safe and educational toys that are suitable and useful to your children. No doubt your little people have been indoctrinated by the many TV commercials, and have already made some hints

as to their preferences.

Today's hottest sellers are not hard to spot. They are the electronic games that blink and beep which are fascinating to children and parents as well. Some have lasting and educational appeal; others that are not so stimulating quickly lose the child's interest.

There are some positive aspects to the electronic toys. Their use can familiarize children with today's computer technology. They are interesting to boys and girls alike

and can be shared by all in the family as they promote skills. There are many types. Informational games ask ques-

REJOICE

Behold the divine vision of
Our Saviour's birth. Christmas
blessings to all our friends.



**Ekstrom Farm Chemicals
From All Of Us**



Merry Christmas...

May your holidays be adorned
with the welcome sights and sounds
of a better than ever Christmas!
Our sincere gratitude to all.

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