



# CHRISTMAS CARD TIME

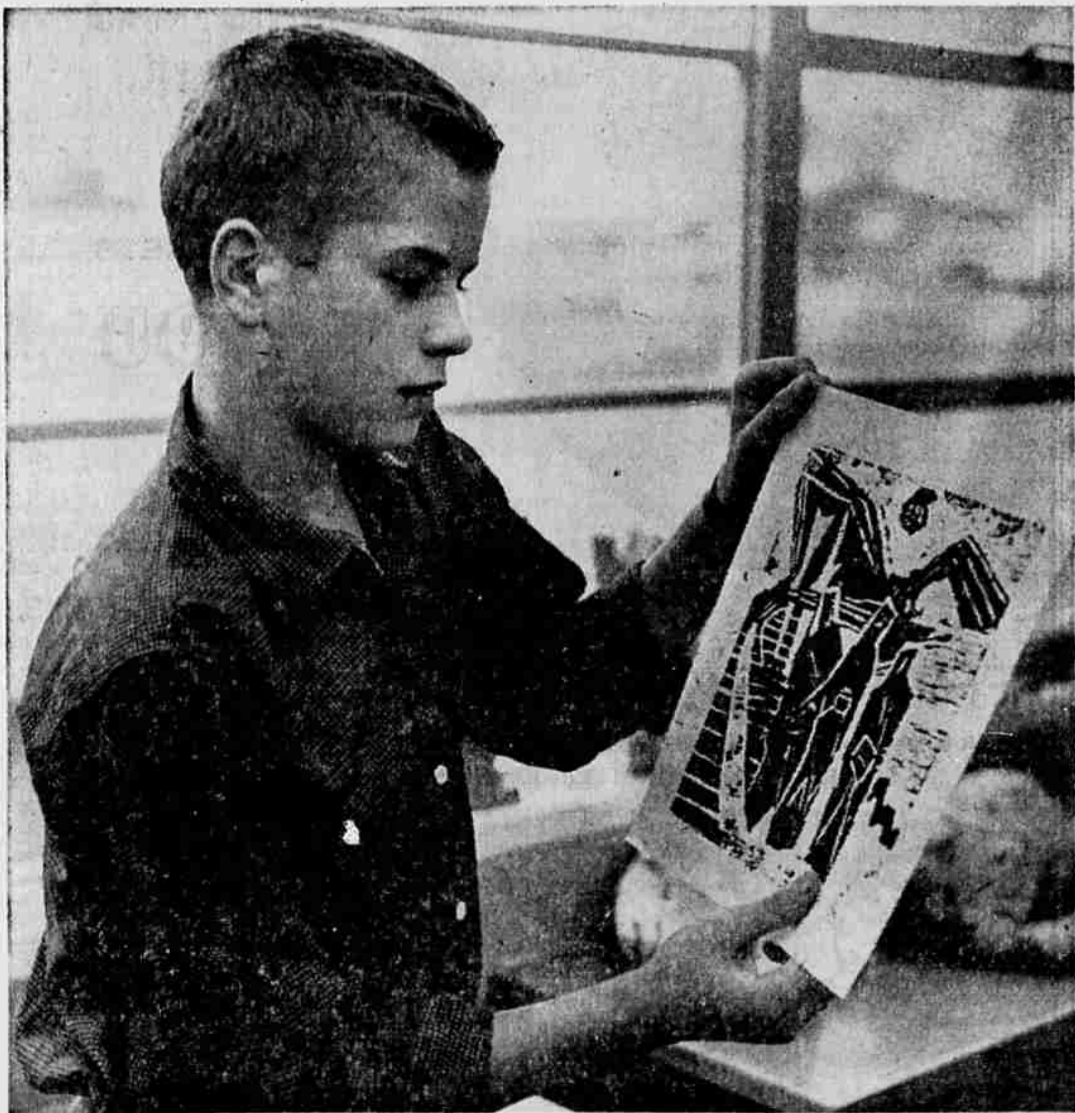


The custom of exchanging cards and greetings at Christmas time is more than a century old; it continues to grow and become more universal with the years. The world's first known Christmas card (at right) was designed in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, R. A. painter and illustrator for Sir Henry Cole, the inaugurator and first director of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, England, according to the Greeting Card association. Puritans frowned on the central illustration, which depicts the conviviality of the season. However, the small panels to the left and right which show the charitable acts of "clothing the poor" and "feeding the hungry" helped to offset the criticism.



Young people enrolled in art classes at Hedrick Junior High school are again making original Christmas cards which will be turned over to the Red Cross. Working under the direction of Miss Catherine Fonken, their art teacher, the students design and make the cards. Cherry McCleary, a ninth grader, is shown here holding a linoleum block and a brayer with which the design will be inked and then stamped on paper. Cherry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McCleary, 255 Beatty street.

Although most Americans buy their cards from shops, some make hand-crafted greetings for friends and relatives. The three pictured in the center of the page are the work of Medford residents and former residents in past seasons.



Mike Vaughan (above) last year designed a wood cut for a Christmas card which was entered in the annual Scholastic Art competition, winning him honorable mention on the state level. The design, which he holds, is a biblical scene of the Three Wise Men. As with the linoleum cut, the wood cut is inked and the design transferred to paper, rice paper often being used. Mike is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Vaughan, 21 South Groveland ave.



Patsy Ritterspach (at right) also in the ninth grade at Hedrick Junior High school, was at work last Tuesday on a card which had a bright red poinsettia as the central design. Patsy enjoys her art classes a great deal and often turns out unusually original work in response to Miss Fonken's assignments. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van L. Ritterspach, 687 Gilman road. The students will make about 50 of the cards and the Red Cross chapter workers puts them in Christmas baskets.