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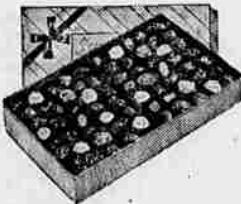
#### SPECIAL!

#### Heavy Duty Metal FIRE TRUCK

Pedal type in gleaming red & full of accessories

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#### Gift Boxes Chocolates



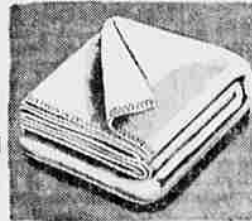
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ALLERGY FREE • CONSTANT WARMTH  
SOFT and WASHABLE • COMFORTABLE WEIGHT  
LUXURIOUS RAYON and NYLON BLEND

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7 lights... if one goes out, others continue to burn. Comparable value \$2.69

**88c**

While They Last

#### Chenille Robes For Her Highness



Short and Long Styles

- White
- Aqua
- Yellow
- Rose

Sizes 12-20

**\$5.98**

### Store Will Close at 5:00 p.m. on CHRISTMAS EVE. PLEASE SHOP EARLY

"Playtime"

#### DOLL BUGGY



23 1/2" long double cross brace, rubber tires, yellow and white.

EXACT DUPLICATION OF **BARBIE DOLL**

Identical in every detail to price. Wears "Barbie" cloths. Comparable 2.98 value

#### TOOL CHESTS for the Big Boys

**\$1.98**

**\$4.98**

**\$2.98**



#### TALKING BOOKS

Wonderful children's stories to be read and heard at the same time.

**99c**

Reg. \$2.50

Here are exciting ways to say... *Merry Christmas*

#### LADIES' BLOUSES AND VELVETEEN CAPRIS

**Blouses** in sparkling Prints and Solids. A lovely selection in sizes 30-38. Regular \$3.98-\$4.98. **\$2.98**

**Capri's** Shimmering gay velveteen in Black, Lilac, Purple, Emerald Green, Candy Pink. Regular \$7.98. **\$4.98**



#### SPECIAL! "Supreme"

#### ELECTRIC KNIFE and SCISSOR SHARPENER

Reg. \$14.95

**\$9.95**

#### 360" GIFT WRAP

3 Rolls, Each 20" Wide, 120" Long... No Creases

Beautiful Design

98c **69c** Reg.

#### DECORATIVE JEWELRY BOXES WITH MUSIC CHIME

A Delightfully Different Gift for Women of All Ages **\$5.89**

#### SPECIAL

#### Nylon Strung

#### Tennis Rackets

Heavy Duty Construction **\$4.95**

#### REDUCED!

4-Play Set

#### BADMINTON

Contains 2 metal poles, 2 birds, 4 heavy duty nylon rackets, nets and rule book.

Reg. 5.88

**\$3.98**



#### Cuddly Warm Footnotes in SLIPPER SOCKS



SPECIAL PRICES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Women's ..... **\$1.19**

Men's ..... **\$1.69**

Children's ..... **98c**



#### TRIPLE TESTED BINOCULARS

Coated Lenses



Excellent quality, imports, with leather case.

Values to \$19.88

**\$12.88**

Your Choice

#### Ladies Nylon Bouffants



Small, medium and large, in pink, red, white, black.

**\$3.98** to **\$5.98**

#### DECOR PILLOWS

Luxurious leatherette finish with lavish ribbed trim and gay tassels to match.

**\$2.29**

**\$3.49**

14x14"

20x20"

Beautiful Selection of **VANITY SETS**



All Nicely Gift Boxed

**\$3.00** to **\$10.00**

#### MALE ORDERS for a Merry Christmas!

#### DUCK HUNTER IN THE FAMILY? GET HIM A SET OF PLASTI-DUCK DECOYS

A TOP QUALITY DECOY WITH EXTREME DETAIL IN EVERY FEATURE. REG. \$21.95. **12.98** RUGGED PLASTIC CONSTRUCTION... THESE DEFLATE FOR EASY CARRYING. F. MALLARDS, PINTAILS. DOZ.

JUST A SIMPLE HOLIDAY WISH FROM ALL OF US AT THE **BIG Y MARKET**...



## Merry Christmas to All

### Christmas Still Observed by Some Soviet Citizens

Moscow—(UPI)—Christmas in the Soviet Union is becoming more and more a faint echo of the past, but it still is privately celebrated by many Russians.

The Soviet government does not recognize the holiday and in a society where the state runs everything from ice cream stands to toy factories, Christmas festivities pass almost unnoticed.

Soviet citizens still cling to the custom of exchanging gifts, eating festive dinners and attending special church services. But those who do are becoming fewer. Many a non-believer who joins in the festivities does it only because—as one put it—"It's a good excuse for another party."

The church is the main outside center of the Christmas festivities. And Soviet leaders have discovered it is difficult to pry the people loose from traditions, particularly in small towns and the rural areas.

You won't find any public evidence of Christmas in the Soviet Union. The decorations put up are all labeled for the New Year's celebration which is the big officially approved holiday in the nation.

Another startling difference between Christmas in the West and the Soviet Union exists partly because the Russian Orthodox Church follows the Byzantine pattern and Christmas Day falls on Jan. 8. The only sign of Christmas on Dec. 25 in Moscow is the service at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Louis attended by foreigners.

Russians exchange cards, but they are for the New Year.

You won't find one word about Christmas Day in the newspapers, see anything about it on television or hear of it on the radio. And everybody works on Christmas because it passes unrecognized by the state.

50 Million. The Russian church claims 50 million believers. These are mainly elderly persons, most of whom press into crowded churches for the colorful midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The Russian Orthodox churches present a colorful sight during the Christmas celebrations. They are decorated in pine boughs with bright yellow, red, blue and green paper flowers, and white towels beautifully embroidered in splashes of color.

The churches burst with choirs singing carols. Many of the foreigners in Moscow can be seen observing the four-hour Christmas Eve service celebrated in the magnificent onion-domed Yelokhovskiy Cathedral, the main church in Moscow.

The service is conducted by Aletius, patriarch of all Russia. At home on Christmas night many Russian families feast on the traditional meal of roast goose stuffed with apples, ham, cakes and wine. Gifts are opened around the Christmas tree which actually is put up for the New Year.

Even some non-religious Soviet citizens of the new order leave the decorated trees up until after Russian Christmas, more or less following the national custom.

Second New Year. In fact many Russians celebrate New Year's for a second time Jan. 13 because it's another opportunity to uncork the vodka.

But even among the believers, Christmas still is not regarded as quite the important holiday it is in the West.

Easter is still the biggest religious holiday in the Soviet Union, when feasting and church services are even more festive and even more non-believers join in.

### Minnesota Remains Top Turkey State

Minneapolis—(UPI)—Minnesota remains the top turkey producer. The state held on to its ranking as leader by growing about a half-million more birds than California this year.

This is the second year in a row Minnesota has had this distinction. It produced 8 per cent more birds this year to stay on top.

The other leading states, in order, are California, Iowa, Virginia, Wisconsin, Texas, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio.

### Periodic Health Exam Suggested Resolution

St. Paul, Minn.—(UPI)—The Minnesota State Medical association suggests you put a resolution to have a periodic health examination at the top of your list of New Year's resolutions.

If more adults had adopted the habit of such examinations, many "sudden deaths" might have been avoided, the association said.