



THE WORLD'S FIRST KNOWN CHRISTMAS CARD is this quaint greeting designed in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, painter and illustrator for Sir Henry Cole, the inaugurator and first director of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. It is notable that the first card added the wishes for a Merry Christmas to those for a Happy New Year, thus attaching itself to the very old tradition of extending New Year's greetings. The first card did not arouse any great enthusiasm among the Eng-

lish people, in fact, some of the Puritans frowned on the central illustration depicting the conviviality of the season. However, the small panels to the left and right showing the charitable acts of "clothing the poor" and "feeding the hungry," always connected with the Christmas season, helped to offset this criticism and by 1869 the custom of sending Christmas cards became established throughout the British Empire.

### Womens Club Plans Affairs

FORT KLAMATH — At the regular monthly meeting of the Fort Klamath Mothers Club held last week at the Fort Klamath Elementary School, plans were made for members' part in the community Christmas tree and entertainment set for Thursday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. in the local Community Methodist Church. Mrs. Raymond E. Van Wormer, president, named the following committee to decorate the Christmas tree for the annual event: Mrs. Clarence Welch, chairman; Mrs. Clifford Engle, Mrs. Claude Shepherd, Mrs. Alonzo (Stub) Jones and Mrs. Edwin Scott. In order to raise funds for extra school equipment, the group plans a series of pinocle parties to be held on the third Saturday evenings of January, February and March of next year. At the final card party in March, a large ham will be given as grand prize to the holder of highest score for all three parties. At each individual party, prizes will be given also for high and

### Baby Shower

The home of Mrs. Erma Arent, 4146 Greensprings Drive, was the setting Dec. 9 of a baby shower in honor of Mrs. James P. Smith, the former Margie Arent of this city. Appropriate games were played with prizes being won by Mrs. K. G. West and Mrs. Evelyn McClane. After the guest of honor opened her many lovely gifts refreshments were served. Present were Mrs. Carl Flowers and Linda, Mrs. Elaina South, Mrs. Louis Mandros, Mrs. Emmett Chider, Mrs. Ida Plunkett, Mrs. Lola Ray, Mrs. Evelyn McClane, Mrs. Peggy Haling, Mrs. Ruth Dexter, Mrs. Ruby Harris, Mrs. Cleo Ash, Mrs. C. Clubb, Mrs. Augustine Crowell and Mrs. K. G. West.



PARTIES and more parties fill the social calendars of little girls at holiday times. An extra special dress is of primary importance for each young hostess and her pint-sized guests. A garden of roses is tinted with abandon in palest pink blooms on nylon shown above. The simple silhouette offsets a circle of pleats spanning from neckline to shoulder into an oversized collar. Even after countless washings, the pleats will stay sharp, the colors clear.

### Home Extension

Exchanging new and favorite Christmas recipes was one of the highlights of Altamont Unit's meeting Dec. 8 at Joan's Kitchen. The theme of the meeting was "Ideas for Christmas" and there was a lovely display of gift suggestions, decorative ideas and wrapping tips. Following a short business session, with Mrs. Bertil Shogren presiding, each of the members who had brought an item for the display explained or demonstrated how it was made with suggestions for adapting to individual taste and use. Those who attended also brought gifts of staple foods, enough to fill a large box, which was then presented to a needy family. Twenty three members and guests enjoyed a potluck luncheon at noon. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Jan. 3 with a demonstration on fabric identification. Lindley Heights Unit met Dec. 14 at Joan's Kitchen for a Christmas gift exchange and short business meeting. Guests were Genevieve Colson and Lori Wilson, the latter offering grace preceding the potluck luncheon. Maggie Sample and Kathryn Billings showed their natural craft items. The members will begin to collect material for such a project next fall. Each member made a corsage

## SOCIETY

By HELEN BECHEN

### Garden Club Has Yule Party

YREKA—A large white flocked Christmas tree trimmed with pink decorations, created a Yuletide atmosphere at the home of Mrs. Ernest Johnson when the evening section of the Yreka Garden Club, held its annual Christmas party. Mrs. Johnson, who had made the pink tree decorations, also used lighted candles and several small holiday arrangements to complete the festive holiday spirit.

Mrs. Ray Penney, chairman, conducted the business session during which the group made plans to decorate the recreation room for the elderly patients at the Siskiyou County General Hospital.

The next meeting of the group will be held Jan. 9 at the home of Mrs. Wallace Turre. The program will feature Al Crebbin of Yreka, who will discuss the culture of roses.

A panel discussion by four members on natural versus artificial Christmas decorations was the highlight of Monday's meeting. Mrs. Ralph James and Mrs. Ernest Johnson spoke in favor of the natural decorations while the opposite view was expressed by Mrs. Eric Johnson and Mrs. Wallace Turre.

A talk on holly was given by Mrs. Arnold Grenvik, who also exhibited a wreath she had fashioned from pine cones.

The evening was concluded with the exchange of gifts and refreshments served by Mrs. Johnson.

Members and guests present, in addition to those mentioned, were Mrs. Frank Skidmore, Mrs. Lawrence Hastings, Mrs. Harry Jorden, Mrs. Don Hill, Mrs. Vergil Nelson, Mrs. C. B. Bryant, Mrs. Charles Turre, Mrs. Charlotte Glover and Mrs. Esther Smith.

### Christmas Rose Old Legend

The Christmas Rose, a winter blooming plant which has been known to flower in the snow, has an interesting and heartwarming legend associated with it.

According to an old legend, as the Three Wise Men presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, a little shepherdess, watching from afar, wept because she had no gift to offer the Christ Child.

As her tears fell to the ground, flowers sprang up, says the legend, which the child gathered and hastened to bring to the Infant Jesus. While kneeling at the crib, so Jesus could see the flowers, His hands touched the petals and a delicate pink appeared on the flowers.

And so, a flower that had never bloomed before came into existence—the Christmas Rose.



THE PARIS LOOK of fur and more fur has the watchmakers of Switzerland busy making watches with fur straps, real or fake, to match the new costumes this winter. Nice Christmas idea of lasting value is this Swiss 17 jewel watch with its fur band to match milady's leopard hat.



PORTRAIT PRETTY, she will grace the holiday scene with true little girl elegance in a dress of snowflake white nylon organdy. Sprays of lilac or blue flowers fan from the wide waistline outlined with matching colored ribbon. After a quick tubbing and clear rinse, the dress will dry smoothly. A lukewarm iron puts on the finishing touches.

### BPW Attend Annual Party

YREKA — Attractively arranged Christmas decorations highlighted the dining tables in the Melody Room of the Yreka Inn, when approximately 35 members and guests of the Yreka Business and Professional Women's Club gathered on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, for the annual Christmas dinner party.

Mrs. Muriel Long and Mrs. Eva Turner shared Santa Claus-hostess duties for the evening. Mrs. Pat Bennett and Mrs. Helena Schlueter assisted with the beautiful decorations of silvered greens centered with red tapers. Nestling at the base of each candle were "poinseltins" made from pine cones sprayed with traditional red and centered with gold glitter.

Gaily wrapped packages for the gift exchange were placed under

### Swiss Watchmakers Introduce Fur Bands

The Paris look of fur and more fur has reached the borders of Switzerland. Now the watchmakers of Switzerland are making watches with fur straps—real or fake—which are an integral part of the be-furred costumes this winter. Of leopard, zebra, tiger, these tailored watch straps are an amusing entry to what's new on the wrist. The quality Swiss

### The Legend Of Mistletoe

Mistletoe, which can strangle a tree and kill it, has been hailed as a symbol of eternal life since ancient times.

This inconsistency is easy to understand though . . . for in the dark, barren, cold days of winter, mistletoe, along with evergreens, is generally the only greenery to be seen.

The custom of kissing under the mistletoe dates back centuries too. This display of affection offered beneath the mistletoe was an expression of everlasting love in its highest form—between mother and child, father and son, brother and brother, sister and sister.

The ancient Arabians showed their devotion to the gods with kisses as a part of their sacred rites. In the Roman Empire too the kiss indicated reverence and respect.

In the rites of the Druids, mistletoe was broken into small pieces and given to the people to hang over the entrance to their dwellings. Among the early Scandinavians this sentiment toward mistletoe was widespread.

Also in many countries from time to time, mistletoe has been used as a medicine . . . to "cure" almost anything.

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