

## Chauffeurs Need New Licenses

Only about 3,500 of the state's more than 40,000 licensed chauffeurs have so far applied for renewal of their chauffeurs' licenses due to expire December 31.

The department of motor vehicles today urged chauffeurs to apply now at any field office or license examiner station and thus avoid the last minute rush at the end of December.

Chauffeurs will have one less card to carry in their billfolds beginning January 1, when the new combined driver's-chauffeur's license becomes effective.

In the future, the combined license will expire every two years on the holder's birthdate, rather than at the end of the calendar year.

Currently valid driver licenses are to be surrendered at the time of application and a temporary combined permit will be issued until the combined driver-chauffeur license can be mailed from Salem, the department explained.

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## Resolutions Good if Made for Good Purpose

Are New Year resolutions worth the effort?

Sure, if they are made in the right spirit. The trouble with resolutions is that some folks promise to do things—or not do things—when they know full well they are putting themselves out on a limb.

Common-sense resolutions are best. This does not mean we should make "easy" resolutions. A good resolution corrects a fault or curbs a bad habit. Something must be sacrificed if a resolution is to be worthwhile.

So, make resolutions if you feel inclined. But, be practical. Don't make them with the idea that it will be all right if you fail to keep them. If you know you will break 'em—don't make 'em.

## First Use of Candles Not Told in Annals

The first use of Christmas candles is not recorded in the annals of any nation but, according to an old legend, the "Christ Child Candle" is burned in the window on Christmas Eve to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

## 'Carol' Thought Not So Popular

Historians often credit Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" as being perhaps the most effective single force behind England's return to the observance of Christmas. Yet, Dickens did not consider it his greatest work, nor was it the best seller during his lifetime.

The most popular of Dickens' stories in his day was "The Cricket on the Hearth," the story of a father who tries to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life. "The Cricket" made its appearance in 1845 and was an immediate success. It sold twice as fast as the now-familiar story of Scrooge and Tiny Tim. Less than a month after "The Cricket" reached bookstands, dramatic versions of it were playing in 12 prominent London theatres.

Despite the immediate success of "The Cricket" and the relative popularity of "Christmas Carol," Dickens did not believe either to be his greatest work. His personal favorite was "The Chimes," which, he told friends "would knock 'the Carol' out of the field."

Dickens, of course, was wrong. "The Chimes" and "The Cricket" have each taken a back seat to "The Christmas Carol," the cheerful Christmas story of Tiny Tim and his friends.

## English Have Long History of Observance

Prior to September 14, 1752, England and her colonies regarded January 1 with indifference. New Year's Day was observed on March 25, and, of course, New Year's Eve was March 24.

But, the English have never been indifferent about observance of the New Year holiday, whether before or after the adoption of the Gregorian calendar.

The Puritan government abolished any Christmas and outlawed any observance of the holiday, so the people vented all their holiday spirit on the New Year.

Restoration of the Stuarts brought about a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, yet the return of this great holiday did not dim the people's enthusiasm for the New Year observance. Adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1752 likewise only changed the time for celebrating from March 24-25 to December 31-January 1.

All the world's a stage—and women make most of the scenes.



Wishing All Our Customers A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year. Thank You for Your Business.

**TANDY'S SHOE REPAIR SHOP**

## Story Hidden For Many Years

Through his unforgettable Christmas stories, Charles Dickens brought the spirit of Christmas to millions, and achieved much fame during his lifetime.

One of his most moving narratives, however, remained hidden from the world for years, at his own request. Some one hundred years after it was written exclusively for the enjoyment of his children, Dickens' "The Life of Our Lord" was first presented to the world.

The author's deep veneration for the life and lessons of Jesus Christ are found in these words:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong or were in any

way ill and miserable, as He was.

"And as He is now in Heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."

Dickens left instructions that "The Life of Our Lord," not be commercialized and it was never made public until the year 1933, after the death of Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child.

The literary prize was then purchased by the London Daily Mail for the price of \$210,000—or \$15 per word.

Read the ads—it will pay you.



To all our friends and neighbors in and around Vernonia, our wish for a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

**IRENE & BOB SPENCER**

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ALSO

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For Home and Auto.

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AND OTHER CHAIN SAW ACCESSORIES

## Custom of Mistletoe Came from Druid Times

The ancient Druids worshipped mistletoe because it grew on their sacred oak. At the end of each year, a Druid priest would cut down the mistletoe with a golden sickle, and not one twig was allowed to touch the earth. Later, sprigs of mistletoe were fastened over doorways to ward off evil spirits.

When you choose your Christmas tree this year, select one which appears freshly cut. Feel the needles to make sure they are firmly attached.



May peace and good will reign in the hearts of men eternally. We have enjoyed our friendship with you all.

**The Western Store**

MR. AND MRS. CLIFF WHITE

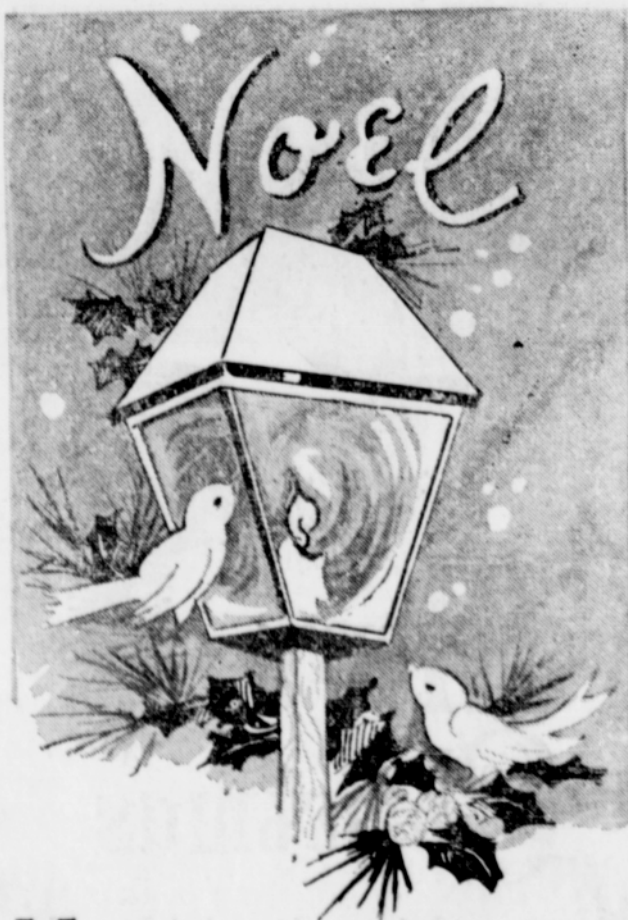
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**GREETINGS**  
*at Christmas*

Wishing you a most memorable and happy holiday.



**Vernonia Drug Company**  
HORACE AND CAROL HERTEL  
HAZEL AND LUCILLE



May every heart and home in the land be brightened with the promise of this our Holy season.

**Sam's Food Store**

Buck, Alvilda, Sammy and Danny  
Sadie, Irene, Sleepy and Lyle



We join Santa Claus in wishing you and yours a most happy holiday, with peace and good will toward all men everywhere.

**The Pine Cone**

MRS. LESLIE CARON AND MRS. DANIEL LAWLER AND FAMILIES



**AT CHRISTMAS**

May you have the happiest of Holidays among friends and gay with laughter and joy of the season.

**Dessy's Bowl**

DOLLY AND DESSY LAIRD