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Names Reflect Christmastime

Many towns and cities in the United States have names which reflect Christmas in one way or another.

Santa Claus, Indiana, Bethlehem, Conn., and Christmas, Fla., are the best known. Santa Claus and Christmas have sole claim to unusual postmarks, but Bethlehem, Conn., shares "Bethlehem" with six other states.

Virginia and Missouri each boasts a Noel; there is an Advent, W. Va., Kentucky has a Mary, and Oregon and Utah each have a Joseph.

At least one Wiseman is found in Alaska, another in Arkansas and perhaps, a third in Wiseman-town, Kentucky. West Virginia boasts a Goodwill and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas—as there must also be in Peace Valley, Missouri.

Kentucky, which has its share of Christmas names, also has a Mistletoe. Louisiana has Trees and you can find an Evergreen in six states.

Treatment for Candles Provides Greater Safety

Candles are popular at Christmas, but they can be dangerous. If a candle is too large for the opening in the candlestick, dip the base of the candle in very hot water and you can then press it gently into the holder. Coat all but the wick of your candle with soap suds and allow to dry before lighting. The candle so treated will neither smoke or drip.

Tree Sheltered Holy Family During Flight

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is charming and touched by the mysticism associated with the Nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Early to bed and early to rise—and you won't get mixed up with gals who belong to other guys.

County PTA Council Discusses Proposed School Bus Law Resolution

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Council, PTA, was held at Quincy elementary school December 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. with Mrs. Virginia Edwards, Clatskanie, council president, presiding.

Rev. Elmer Church, Methodist minister of Clatskanie, opened the meeting with a prayer.

It was decided to discuss with local PTA's about sending donations of \$1.00 or more to help defray national convention expenses. The convention will be in Portland in May 1962.

By-laws are renewable every three years and membership dues are due December 31, the president stated.

The next council meeting will be held at Rainier elementary school February 5. It is hoped to have Dr. Frank B. Strange, psychologist from the Oregon mental health department as speaker.

A representative of the Columbia City PTA discussed the school bus law change and read a four point resolution adopted by their local recommending our group go on record to get support from the state legislature in educating the public. The resolution adopted is as follows:

1. At school teach the children their responsibility to themselves, to look out for cars and know the rules and laws both on school buses and walks.
2. Discuss and learn laws and responsibilities at PTA.
3. Have an educational program which will reach the general public and all drivers through papers, television, radio and enclosures with drivers licenses and renewals.
4. Review and look into good

and bad of present laws.

PTA's will discuss these points at the local level.

Group singers from Quincy school sang several numbers accompanied by Mrs. Natalie Lowrance on the piano. Selections were: "Oregon State Song," "Trail to Mexico," "Twelve Days of Christmas," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," Greensleeves version of "What Child is This?" and last, "We wish You a Merry Christmas".

Speaker for the afternoon was Rev. Church, council juvenile protection officer and chairman of the Columbia County Youth committee.

He spoke on the White House conference held in Washington, D.C. last year on "Family Counseling and Youth."

He stated: "PTA's are the most potent group of people close to this problem."

There is a family counselling service in the county with Mrs. Agnes Thompson, St. Helens, chairman.

Refreshments were served by Quincy PTA members.

Personal Gift Touch Highly Appreciated

Gifts that you make yourself are always highly appreciated—and can be elegantly decorated if you use a bit of imagination. Coffee cans painted and trimmed will make ideal containers for goodies from your kitchen. Wicker baskets, trays, apothecary jars, hat boxes; all of these can be decorated or trimmed to add a more personal touch to an individual gift.

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Amid the joys of the Holiday season is one we especially cherish—greeting good friends and neighbors. Have a very merry and happy Christmas.

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*Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth
peace,
and good will.*

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GEORGE JOHNSON AND FAMILY

Silent Night

May the peace and great joy of Christmas be now and always yours.

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BESS AND BILL NICHOLS

Nichols Variety Store



The night before Christmas

At West Coast Telephone

It was right before Christmas,
When the whole West Coast crew
Gets together to bring good wishes to you.
In our office we gathered for the gala affair
And hoped that everyone soon would be there.
Our operators were nestled all snug in a row,
Each trying to think of a wish apropos
For all of the people we're privileged to serve;
Something happy and hearty, with plenty of verve.
Then out on the street there arose such a sound
You doubtless could hear it for miles around.
Away to the doors and the windows we sprang
To witness the arrival of the motor pool gang.
Parking their vehicles quick as a wink,
They came into the office to help us all think
Of a holiday greeting that somehow would say
It's a pleasure to serve you day after day.
And then, without warning, we heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of a sizeable hoof.
It was followed by others, so lively and quick,
We thought for a moment, it might be Saint Nick!
Just then from the rooftop, our visitors descended
And we all cheered when we saw the mystery had ended.
"Our linemen, of course," one and all did recite.
(Who else would be climbing around at that height?)
Soon all of our people had gathered inside
To think of a wish for this year's Yuletide.
From the building's front door to the end of each hall
There were the men who repair and those who install,
Plus dispatcher, plant manager, and service advisors,
Bookkeepers, secretaries and even some spicers.
While all of our operators, amid the ado
Could be heard greeting each caller with "May We Help You?"
Then all of a sudden, from deep in the crowd
Someone thought of a greeting and cried it aloud.
It was a wish so warm and cheery, that letter for letter
Santa himself could have thought of none better.
And by giving a nod, each of us agreed
That this was the wish we needed, indeed.
So to let you know, in our own West Coast way,
Our good wishes are with you on this Christmas day
You can hear us exclaim, with warmth and good cheer:
"Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Good Year."