

## Games Add to Holiday Fun

Everyone's a child at Christmas time, and that's why there's nothing as much fun when family and friends gather as game-playing. Since Christmas groups usually include both children and adults, games that both can enjoy are best.

The following games can be played with no special equipment, other than that on hand.

### CHARADES

Christmas charades is a lively game that the whole family will enjoy.

Divide the group into two teams. Individual members of teams are then called upon to act out a word, character, phrase, scene or situation—and since it's Christmas, all the charades should have Christmas overtones.

Subjects are supplied on a slip of paper by the opposing team and then passed on to the "actor." From here on it's his job to see how quickly he can get his teammates to guess what he is acting out.

"The Night Before Christmas," "Jingle Bells," "A Partridge in a Pear Tree," and "Filling the Christmas Stocking" are just some of the many, many subjects that can be used.

### WORD PLAY

A popular pencil-and-paper game is called "word play." The object of the game is to see how many words can be made from a phrase such as

"Merry Christmas to All." A time limit is set, and the rule is that no letter can be used in any word more often than it appears in the phrase.

In other words, words made from "Merry Christmas to All" can include no more than one "e," "i" or "o," while they could contain as many as two "m's" or three "r's."

Since word play involves competition among its players, it's advisable to allow the children to compete against one another, while the adults battle it out among themselves.

### SANTA'S SLEIGH

"Santa's Packing His Sleigh" is a quiet Christmas game that provides fun and hearty laughter. It starts simply enough with one member of the group saying, "Santa's packing his sleigh, and he's bringing a toy dog."

Then each person repeats the sentence, adding another gift to Santa's sleigh. The object of the game is to repeat correctly, in order, the complete list of gifts in Santa's sleigh—and its harder than it sounds.

As the list gets longer and longer, more and more players just can't seem to remember the whole list and its order, so consequently they drop out, until only one is left.



## Custom Started By St. Nicholas

Santa Claus, envisioned today as a jolly, cheerful man with an affinity for children, was a romanticist too, according to legend.

The first Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, started the custom of hanging stockings by the chimney when his romantic heart was touched, and he gifted a bankrupt merchant's three marriageable daughters with gold for their dowries.

Desiring anonymity, he tossed the three bags of gold through the window, or, as some tell it, down the chimney. One of the bags landed in a stocking which had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece.

Hanging up stockings thus became part of the holiday ritual.

## Weather Forces Delay of Party

NATAL - PITTSBURG — Due to the weather Natal Grange postponed its Christmas party planned for last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wolff enjoyed playing cards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCrone Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McLeod and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Davis Monday evening, helping Mrs. Davis celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. DeeVeere Hershey called on Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap Sunday evening.

Scott Cook of San Jose, California is spending Christmas here with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ekhoft.

Callers last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lindsay were Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap and Richard Peterson.

Fire completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Powell Sunday afternoon while they were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hemeon at Mist.

## Let's Get Acquainted!

Do you know this man?

Born January 19, 1922 at Soda Springs, Idaho. Married in 1958 at Santa Rosa, California.

Has two children.

Came to Vernonia quite recently and is employed in a business in which part of his work is quite a grind. This week he might have been accused of watering the stock.

He could easily be classed as a habitual cut-up.

This week he's been giving people the bird.

While he works in town he lives in the country.

## Vernonia Eagle

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(Information supplied by J. W. Nichols.)

Answer to last week's quiz: Edgar Hartzell.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Phone HA 9-3462

NEHALEM VALLEY  
MOTOR FREIGHT

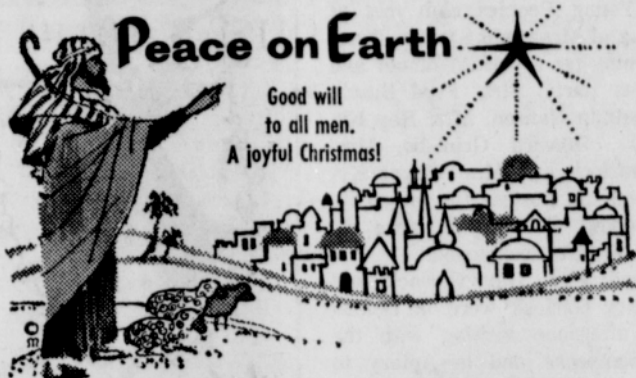


## Silent Night

May the manger and its miracle live in your heart. And to you, Christmas joy.

## THE PINE CONE

Cliff and Ruby Fowler, Harold Fowler



## Peace on Earth

Good will to all men. A joyful Christmas!

## WAUNETA'S CERAMICS

Wauneta Yeager

May HAPPINESS brighten your CHRISTMAS



and remain with you through the days of the New Year.

## WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE

Ruby and Ron McDonald

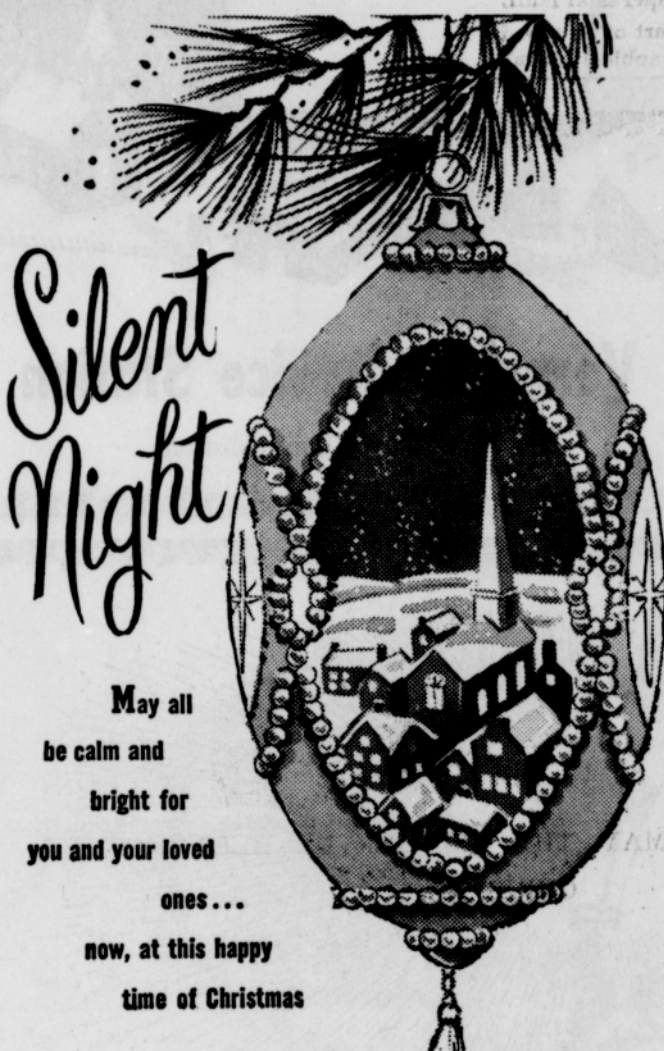
## Merry Christmas

JOYOUS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS.



## DESSY'S BOWL

Zeke and Marion Lemaick



## Silent Night

May all be calm and bright for you and your loved ones... now, at this happy time of Christmas

## ALLIED J&H LUMBER COMPANY

Howard Jones — E. T. Johnston  
Birkenfeld, Oregon



## JOY to the WORLD

At this most joyful of holiday seasons, we greet you with sincere good wishes and warm appreciation. Merry Christmas!

## STANDARD OIL CO.

Joe and Trudy Magoff



## GOOD WISHES FOR Christmas

Children's cheery voices raised in Christmas song express the good will we feel for all our friends. Thanks and Merry Christmas!

## FISHER'S ELECTRIC

Sherm and Irma George and Rachel



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

When the Holiday Season rolls 'round, it gives us real satisfaction to be able to say "Merry Christmas" and "Many Thanks" to all our friends. Hope your Day is a happy one!

## NEHALEM SERVICE

Lloyd Callister