

## Martin Luther Given Credit

Martin Luther, the Reformation Leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen—a custom that would be frowned on today when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

By lighting the candles and decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

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## Red Cross Expresses Holiday Greeting Wish

Mrs. Virginia Scholes of Portland, volunteer consultant for the American Red Cross for this area, and Mrs. Margaret Pedersen, of Warren, chairman of volunteers, take this time to wish a very merry Christmas and a bright and happy New Year to all the volunteers in Columbia county and to thank them for their services in behalf of the American Red Cross.

## Club Reveals Secret Pals

MIST — The Mist Helping Circle met Thursday for their Christmas party with Mrs. Charles Ramsey and Mrs. Wayne Kyser as hostesses. A short business meeting was conducted after a potluck dinner. Secret pals were revealed and new names were drawn. The meeting for the month of January has been cancelled and members are asked to tell those who were not there or live out of the vicinity. Mrs. Charles Hansen will be hostess for the fourth Thursday in February.

Mrs. Clarence Kyser accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Dale Leino to Astoria Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kyser and family were in Longview Tuesday on business.

## Powells Lose Home By Fire

MIST — Mr. and Mrs. James Powell had the misfortune of losing their home between Mist and Natal and all their belongings in a fire Sunday evening. No one was home at the time. They are staying with the Bud Hemeon family at the present time.

The Allied J&H mill was shut down Wednesday morning until the weather breaks, possibly until after the holidays.

Bob Grimsbo came home Sunday from his studies at Pacific University in Forest Grove to spend the Christmas holidays with his folks, the Howard Grimsbos. Gerry Miller, Beaverton and Russell Paulson of Seattle brought him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kyser and boys were in Vernonia Friday night to attend the grade school Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reynolds and Susan were dinner guests Sunday at the Shalmon Label home. Shalmon was in Astoria Wednesday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Ed Lindberg.

Mist Young Peoples club met at the home of Mrs. Sulo Sanders Tuesday evening for a potluck dinner and Christmas party. Mrs. Fred Busch, Mrs. Norman Hansen, Mrs. Ray Kyser, Mrs. Howard Grimsbo, Mrs. Lloyd Garlock and Mrs. Wayne Kyser joined the hostess for an enjoyable evening. Secret pals were revealed and gifts exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garlock and Mrs. Mary Garlock were in Delena Sunday afternoon visiting with the Paul Thompsons and in Apiary to see Mrs. Vina Sauter who has been ill.

### IN GREECE

Young people of Greece foretell their romantic future at Christmas by tossing olive leaves on the burning Yule log. Tradition decrees that if the leaves symbolizing the girl and man, curl toward each other, the lovers can expect their happiness to be long-lived.

If the leaves burn apart, their romance may be fraught with difficulties. The best result, however, is if the leaves burn to a crisp. This means their love is deep and all-enduring.

## Garlock Suffers Injury Which Causes Work Loss

MIST—Lloyd Garlock twisted his back kearily last week and has been unable to work. He was much improved Monday. Roy Kyser has been doing his chores.

Mrs. George Mathews entertained the Garden club at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harold Case one day during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Betty Kyser and family of Forest Grove were at the Claude Kyser home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cox accompanied Harry M. Reynolds to Portland Monday to see Mrs. Reynolds. Her condition remains about the same.

Mist grade school and those in Vernonia were closed Monday due to the bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Arby Mills visited with the Charles Sundlands Sunday evening.

## Date Observed By Japanese

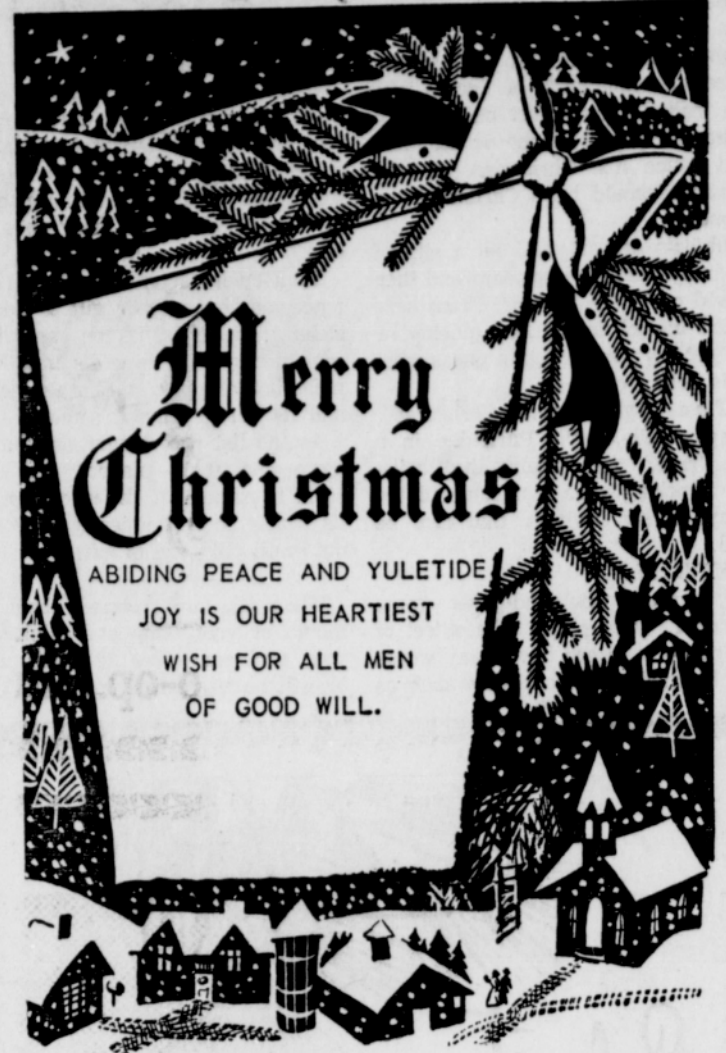
December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store decorations and the happy squeals of youngsters gifted by "Santa Claus San."

Department stores may have as many as 100 Santas.

The celebration of a West German

Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles, and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

The boy dreams of the things he will do, when he becomes a man. The man reminisces over the grand times he had, when he was a boy.



**Merry Christmas**

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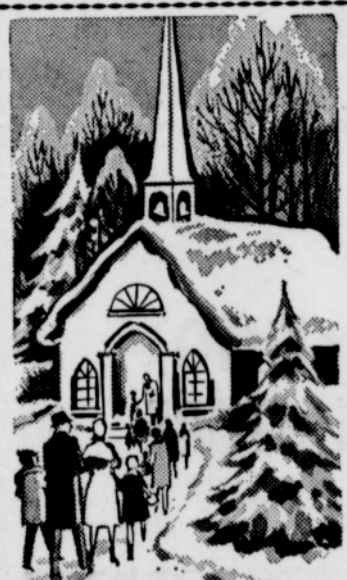


Christmas is a time for family and friends... for exchanging gifts and greetings... for a spirit glowing with good will. May we express our thanks, with best wishes for a happy holiday.

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Church bells ring out the joy and hope we feel at Christmas.

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**DAY**

Christmas bring you a multitude of joys.

**BEN'S BARBER SHOP**

Ben and Dick



Christmas in our community is a special time, when friends and neighbors get together, and time spent with our families is precious. May we wish you a Christmas season that's filled with joy and love.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

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B. R. Pilger, Manager

Ralph Bergerson, Assistant Manager

Vesta King

Mildred Tupper

Patricia Ray



**Sincere Christmas Wishes**

Hope your Day is wreathed with happiness and your holiday season is one of joy and good cheer. Merry Christmas!

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