

IN RUSSIA

Russian children hang up their stockings on New Year's Eve, in anticipation of Grandfather Frost's vi-

sit. Though Communists eliminated the religious celebration of Christmas, they allowed the children's festivities of the season to remain.



A Very Merry Christmas to all the members of the Cooperative. May you avail yourselves of the opportunity to live better — electrically through the next year.

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PICTURED above are three of the many youngsters who took advantage of the opportunity of talking to Santa at the firehall Saturday, December 19. The local volunteer firemen sponsored his visit and assisted at the hall that afternoon.

Materials Received By Busy Sewers 4-H Club

The second meeting of the Busy Sewers 4-H club was held December 15 at the home of the leader, Mrs. Sarah Potter. The club members were given their 4-H materials for phase 3.

It was decided that the club should send Christmas greetings to their former leader, Mrs. James Kepner, who now lives at Eugene.

Cookies, fudge and kool-aid were served after the meeting.

Helen Higginbotham, reporter

St. Mary's Church Gives Christmas Service Time

At St. Mary's Catholic church, the following schedule has been announced for Christmas eve and Christmas day:

Confessions Christmas eve, December 24 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and again from 11:30 p.m. to midnight; Mass at midnight and at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Christmas morning.

Young men who expect everything for nothing get nothing for everything later in life.

Greetings
on a note of cheer, may we wish you all a very happy holiday.



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Albert Tandy

Legend Tells Lighted Tree

Why a tree at Christmas? One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born.

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an Infant with a halo.

The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles, people good and bad; and the Infant, the Baby Jesus.

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Another explanation links today's Christmas tree to ancient feasts or the winter equinox, when trees were adorned with trinkets.

St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany, is said to have told converts that the fir should be their holy tree, replacing the oak, sacred in Druid tree worship, and thus beginning the custom of a decorated fir.

Many are the legends, but one thing is certain. Nowadays Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the tree.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the light of the Star ever guide us and inspire us in our daily lives.



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