

**REV. BARNHOUSE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN MISSOURI**

The Rev. Omar Barnhouse will leave next week for Kansas City, Mo., where he will attend a general conference on evangelism of the Church of the Nazarene. He will represent the Idaho-Oregon district young people's society. Mrs. Barnhouse and children will accompany him as far as Colorado where they will visit relatives.

**A LAW AGAINST IT**

In the state of Massachusetts, Christmas didn't become a lawful holiday until 1856. The Pilgrims in New England had disapproved of Christmas celebrations, and a law prohibiting them was passed in 1659.

**Towns Named in Yule Spirit Get Mail Rush**

Among the busiest of Santa's helpers at the Yuletide season are postoffices in towns with Christmas names.

In Noel, Mo.; Christmas, Fla.; Santa Claus, Ind.; Bethlehem, Ind.; and Bethlehem, Pa., many thousands of packages and cards are received around Christmas time, to be postmarked with the Yule town's name and mailed to other states and countries.

The towns also play host to many visitors during the Christmas season. In Bethlehem and Nazareth, Pa., there are permanent displays and festivals of light, emphasizing the religious meaning and beauty of Christmas.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE KNIGHTS CHOOSE WALKER MEMBER**

Frank Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Walker, 313 Good avenue, Nyssa, was recently tapped into Intercollegiate Knights, underclassmen's honorary at Pacific university, Forest Grove, Ore.

Intercollegiate Knights are chosen on basis of character, leadership and willingness to be of service. Their main function is to be of service to the university and community.

Walker is a freshman majoring in social science.

Jane Walker of Albion, Idaho, arrived Dec. 9 to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Walker.

**Novel Ornaments Adorn Foreign Lands**

It is customary among the Czechs and Slovaks, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, to break a branch off a cherry tree at the beginning of Advent, place it in a pot of water in the kitchen and keep it in the warm air. The twig is then supposed to burst into blossom at Christmas time and make a festive decoration.

The Christmas festival in China is Sheng Dan Jieh, the Holy Birth Festival. Paper decorations and evergreens adorn churches and homes. The Christmas tree is decorated with paper flowers, colored paper chains and cotton snowflakes.

**CHILDREN'S YULE PARTY SET FRIDAY AT FOE HALL**

The children's Christmas party, sponsored annually by Fraternal Order of Eagles, will be staged Friday afternoon, Dec. 22, in the basement of Nyssa Eagles hall.

Santa will be on hand to present gifts to children under 12 years of age who are sons and daughters of Eagles and auxiliary members.

**ANIMATED CARDS**

Ingenious mechanical devices were used to animate early Christmas greeting cards, much as they are today. The symbols of Christmas—Santa Claus, the robin, holly, mistletoe and carolers—first became popular on cards of the Victorian era.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buxton of Caldwell visited Sunday afternoon at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boydell attended a bridge club dinner and Christmas party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Egbert in Nampa.

**LUTHER HELPED CAROLS**

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, felt that group singing in churches was important and did much to help spread the custom of carol singing. He composed a carol, "From Heaven Above I Come to You," and "Away in a Manger" is sometimes attributed to him.

**CHRISTMAS BATH**

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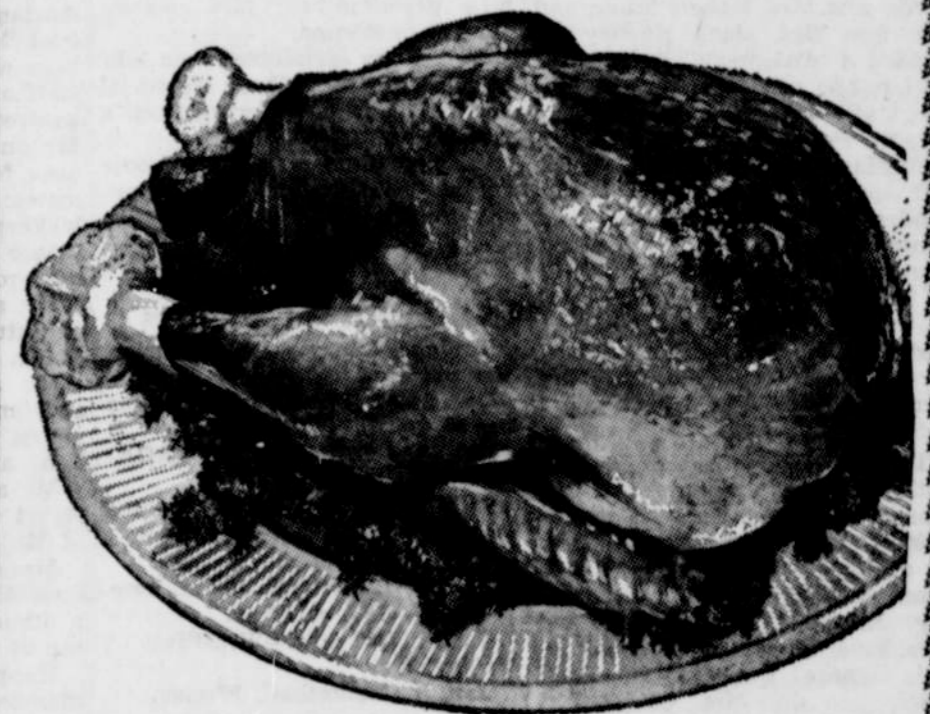


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