

# Frances Foster Returns Home From Pakistan

It's wonderful to be home again after nearly five years away from my parents, the W.W. Fosters. I left Lahore, West Pakistan November 25 and was truly thankful to get a seat on the plane to Karachi. Many foreigners had left the day before but I had planned for two months to go. I left Karachi for Bangkok Saturday morning and enjoyed fellowship with Christian friends and the lovely YMCA Hostel where I stayed.

I spent nearly a week visiting friends, missionaries and churches in Japan. Among the friends visited in Tokyo were the Ray Chandlers of the Christian Academy. They served many years with the American Sunday School Union, and are well known in this area.

It was amazing to see the many changes and prosperity in these Asian cities and countries. All were greatly interested in hearing of Pakistan so I dressed in my "Punjabi" costume and showed my colored slides many times.

It only took six hours from Tokyo to Anchorage, and then on to Juneau where I surprised my sister Grace Wilson and her family. After two days with them, I proceeded on to Portland where I visited my niece Bonnie (Sager) Bevins and her husband and baby, both new to me. I spoke in several churches and met many old friends there

before returning home by bus to Nyssa.

I was met in Ontario by the Carl Lassiters, who have faithfully stood behind me with their prayers and offerings during these years away. I am truly happy that the situation in Pakistan seems to be better. Let us remember these underprivileged ones that they all too, might know the Christ of Christmas. May He bless each one of you and give you His Joy throughout the New Year.

If any would like to see and hear more of Pakistan, I will be available at my parents home until about January 12 when I plan to leave for California. God Bless you.  
—Francis Foster



# Trees Are Part Of Christmas

A tree is part of Christmas. And of this year's Christmas Seal design.

There's a bugler, an angel, and a blazing candle. Then the perfectly shaped evergreen with three simple ornaments and a star.

Evergreens have been part of winter ceremonies long before Christ was born. In Roman times, small trees were decorated with miniature masks for festivities during freezing months. American Indians used to burn cedar twigs for incense at their most sacred gatherings. In early England, evergreens and their boughs were symbols of enduring life, since they sported green year-round.

But most of our Christmas tree customs come from Germany. In the Harz Mountains, girls once danced around the tree, singing, decorating it with lights, flowers, and colored eggs. Trimming the tree is our modern equivalent.

Christmas trees are usually spruces and firs. Centuries ago, evergreens were considered kings of the forest, and many woodchoppers refused to cut them down because of their life-giving qualities. Newly married couples carried fir branches decorated with lighted candles. Branches hung at the door were supposed to ward off evil spirits. And a branch at the foot of the bed kept away nightmares.

Today, trees command a new kind of awe for their life-giving features. The give oxygen to a polluted planet. There is no gift more important to human survival.

Trees are part of the Christmas tradition. And part of the year-round struggle against air pollution. To find out more about joining that struggle, contact your local tuberculosis and respiratory disease association. And use Christmas Seals. With bugler, angel, candle, and evergreen tree. It's a matter of life and breath.

### Marriage Licenses

VALE - Randall Raymond Winters and Sondra Lee Marquez both Nampa, Oscar Rios Pena and Nellie Rodriguez Martinez, both Ontario, Joseph Charles Maher, Jordan Valley, and Barbara Jane Townley, Vale.



Representatives of Idaho Power Company entertained members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club last Saturday night. Taking high honors were Neil Dimmick and Mrs. Fred Guthrie.

Idaho Power Western Division Manager, G.E. McBroom, Treasure Valley Community College President, Emery Skinner, and Manager of Ontario office, Idaho Power, Lou Bean.

### BRIDGE ACTIVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miner entertained members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club last Saturday night. Taking high honors were Neil Dimmick and Mrs. Fred Guthrie.

The Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Harry Miner December 16. Guest players were Mrs. Bernard Frost, Mrs. Kay Brendle and Mrs. Herb Fisher. High score winners were Mrs. R. G. Larson, Sr. and Kay Brendle.

The Mr. and Mrs. Bridge Club held their annual dinner out at McGarvin's Smorquet in Caldwell December 18.

Members of the club are Mmes. and Messers. Dick Tensen, Gene Stunz, Lloyd Wilson, Ray Larson, Ted Morgan and Lyle Miner.

The losers, who ever they were, ended up paying the bill.

Mrs. Robert Wilson entertained the evening Bridge Club December 20. A lovely dessert buffet was served and there was a Christmas gift exchange.

Two tables were in play and Mrs. Evalyn Wieneke was guest player with Mrs. Eileen Oldmeyer receiving high score.

Mrs. Arleigh Adams was luncheon hostess last Saturday for the Thursday Afternoon Bridge group. Evalyn Wieneke was guest player. High score winners were Marie Wilson and Amy Williams.

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### GO PLACES WITH BOOKS

- ADULT NON-FICTION
- "Galley" - Everett, Johnson, and Rosenthal -- The full, complete and compelling story of a case as bitterly controversial as the Vietnam war itself.
  - "Future Shock" - Alvin Toffler -- The symptoms of future shock are with us now. This book can help us survive our collision with tomorrow.
  - "Famine On The Wind" - G.L. Carefoot and E.R. Sprott -- Man's battle against plant disease.
  - "Animals of the Arctic" - Alfred Powers -- This volume is a collection of exciting accounts of the animals whose regular habitat is inside the Arctic Circle.
  - "Charles Darwin" - Arthur S. Gregor -- A biography in 3 parts / voyage, discovery, and homecoming.
  - "Cowboys and Cattlemen" - Selected and edited by Michael S. Kennedy -- A roundup from Montana, the magazine of Western History.
  - "The Crab That Crawled Out of the Past" - Lorus & Margery M. -- The authors have given a concise, but lively account describing the "crab's" appearance, its life cycle, and its history.
  - "The Children" - Jan de Hartog -- A personal record for the use of adoptive parents.
  - "Yanqui, Come Back!" - William B. Walsh, M.D. -- This is a story of hope. The hospital ship Hope and what it has accomplished with poor countries.
  - "People Helping People" - U.S. News & World Report -- compiled statistics and stories of how our people are helping each other and other countries with volunteers.
  - "The Search For the Great White Shark" - Peter Mattiessen -- The author was asked to serve as a spare hand both on the surface and below.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Merry Christmas

The best of hopes are extended to you for a warm, happy holiday with friends you hold near and dear. And it is time to thank you for your loyal patronage.

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## Greetings

...and our heartfelt gratitude for your kind friendship and patronage during the year.

**Brownie's Cafe & Lounge**

*Decorated with Hearty "Thank You's"...*  
*You're the frosting on our cake... and doing business with you is a real treat.*  
*To you, wishes for a Christmas full of goodies.*

**Rodriguez Bakery & Grocery**

May the true meaning of Christmas spread joy and happiness everywhere.



United States National Bank of Oregon  
Member F.D.I.C.  
Nyssa Branch

**A Blessed Christmas**

*May you and your family enjoy a Christmas that is warm with happiness, and is truly blessed in every way. Many thanks for your support!*

**El Texano Cafe & Tortilleria**

**Happy Holidays**

MAY YOUR DAYS BE FILLED WITH JOY AND PEACE.

**Nyssa Shell Service**

**Joy at Christmas**

The time of happy hearts and uplifted spirits is with us now in all its glory. And, at this glad season, our special wish is for you... a sincere wish that this may be your best Christmas ever... rich in happiness, friendships and lasting spiritual joy.

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