

Santa Gets Many Requests

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What Do You Want Santa To Bring You?



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THE PEOPLE SPEAK:

Christmas is just around the corner.

And in anticipation of a busy season, Santa Claus and all of his helpers have been busy in Santa's workshop at the North Pole, getting gifts lined up for good little boys and girls.

In order to help Santa in his annual task of finding gifts most wanted by boys and girls, the Mooresville Tribune's roving reporter contacted four youngsters as he went about the task of preparing one of the newspaper's weekly features, *The People Speak*.

The reporter asked the four the following question:
What do you want Santa Claus to bring you?

Some were a little shy, but after a little urging on the part of the reporter all four reported what they most wanted from Santa.

The answers of the four, in full, were as follows:

MICHAEL CHATHAM, 6 years old, Water street: "An armor tank with turret guns and cowboy boots."

DEBORAH ANN LENTZ, 3 years old, Mount, Ulla: "A rocking horse and a baby doll—a big baby doll."

KAREN LOWE, 2 years old, Summer street: "A baby doll."

JOHNNY LAFOY, 3 years old, 61 Cascade street: "A 'mighty Mo' battleship, a gun set, and a shotgun."

Yule Activities Underway At First Baptist

The congregation of the First Baptist Church is well into the Christmas season's activities, following the annual church-wide Christmas caroling to the shut-in church members, hospitals and the Nursing Homes last night, (Wednesday) December 18.

On Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock, a pageant will be presented on "The Story of Christmas." After the pageant there will be a presentation of gifts, in the form of canned goods and fruits, which will be distributed to those in our community who are less fortunate than we.

These gifts, if possible, should be wrapped in white tissue paper, and brought to the morning worship service or the evening service, and placed in marked boxes at the main entrance.

There will be no planned services for Wednesday, December 25, but the sanctuary will be open for personal meditation and prayer from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m.

Student Night At Christmas is planned for the evening worship service on Sunday, December 29, and the college students will be in charge. All college students are asked to sit in the reserved section behind the deacons. Following the service a church-wide sing-along and fellowship will be held in the Blue Room.

On Thursday, December 31, the annual Watch Night service will be held from 8 p. m. until 12 midnight. An opening devotion will be presented and a filmstrip, fellowship and refreshments will be served. At midnight a short closing devotion for the New Year will be conducted.

No church activities are planned for Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Pays City \$100 For Nap In Park

Walking into the city parks and recreation department in Los Angeles, Charles Murray laid a check for \$100 on the counter and explained he wished to pay for a nap he took 15 years ago in a park.

Officials explained to Murray that he had done no wrong and owed no fee, but he insisted that the money be accepted. The city will use the money to install a new drinking fountain in the park.

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Laugh AND Learn

Four-year-old Betty was in the nursery for the night when her little brother wanted to come in but found the door locked.

"You can't turn in, Jimmy," the girl called, "cause I'm in my nightie an' I'm sure says little boys shouldn't see little girls in their nighties."

The boy was puzzling this over, when Betty called out again, "It's aw right Jimmy, you can turn in now, I took my nightie off."

Jack was wheeling his infant twins down the street when a woman stopped and gushed over them. "Are they twins?" she asked.

"Oh, no," said Jack, "I've got two wives."

○ All people smile in the same language.

○ After hours and hours of trudging through dense brush it became apparent to the members of the hunting party that they were hopelessly lost. Angrily, they turned to their guide.

"You told us you were the best guide in Maine," one of the hunters snapped.

"That's right," protested the guide, "but I'm pretty sure we're in Canada now."

○ Smith, whose legal expenses had been quite high, met his lawyer on the street. "Nice day, isn't it?" he said. Then, on second thought, he added quickly, "I'm telling you, not asking you."

○ Anytime you discover neither your friends nor your enemies are criticizing you, it's time to get scared.

○ "Doc," said the old mountaineer, leading a gangling youth into the presence of the village medico, "I want you should fix up my son-in-law. I shot him in the leg yesterday and lamed him up a mile."

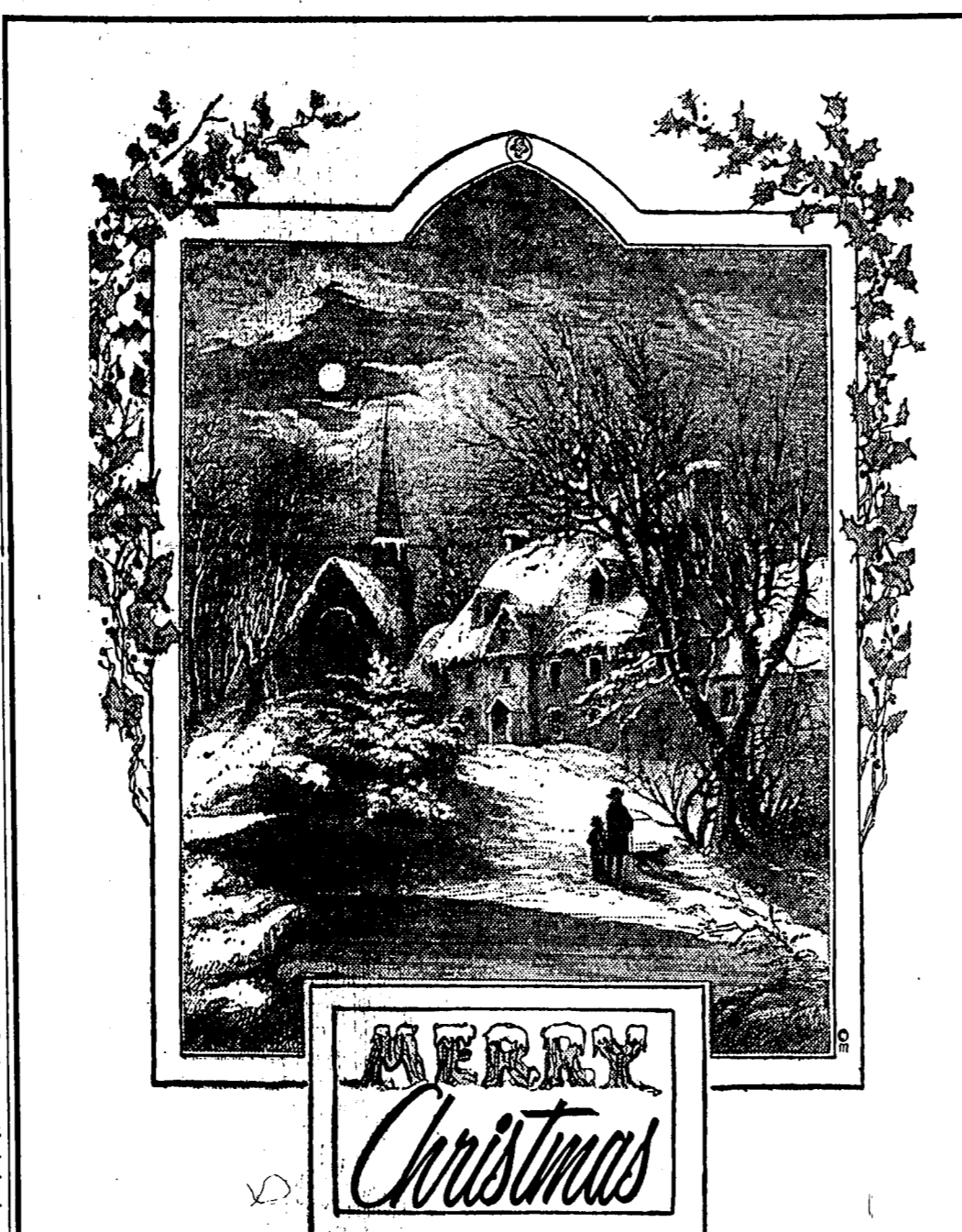
"Shame on you, shooting your own son-in-law!" scolded the doctor.

"Wal, doc," rejoined the mountaineer, "he warn't my son-in-law when I shot him."

○ Be not simply good, but good for something.—*Thoreau*.

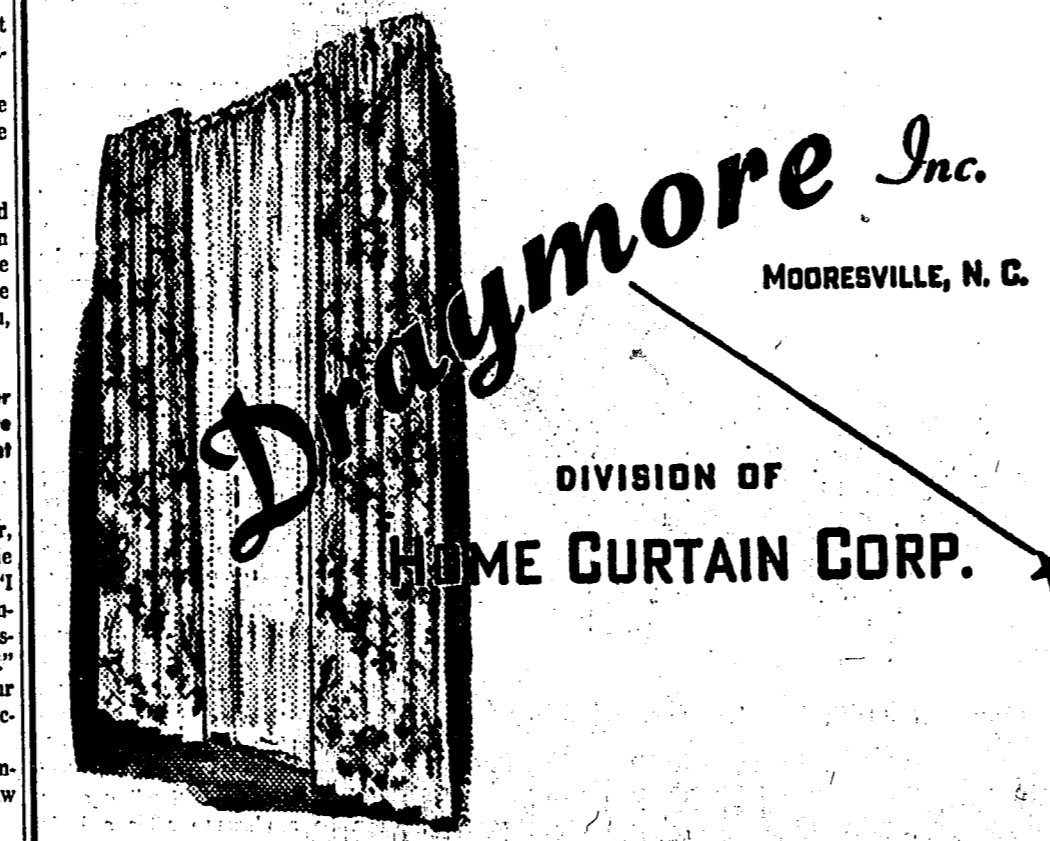


WINS MIAMI TRIP—Cecil Cook, left, won first place in a watch-selling contest conducted among the six stores in the Leonard Jewelers organization. The Mooresville salesman is congratulated by Kenneth Wooten, manager of the local Leonard's. Mrs. Cook is just as happy as her husband, and for good reason. Top prize in the event was an all expense paid, three-day trip to sunny Miami—for two. Cook also won a \$100 watch. Cook won the top individual prize in the contest that ran for two months, and the Mooresville store led the field in collective sales, a feat that earned a bonus for every employee in the local store. The Cooks haven't decided when they'll go south, but they say it probably will be when Mooresville has its first snow of the winter.



We welcome the glad Christmas season and all the heartfelt joys it brings.

We welcome, too, the opportunity to pause in the midst of our daily occupations to recall anew how fortunate we are to have the favors and friendship of our valued customers. To all of you, we offer our real appreciation and our best wishes for your holiday enjoyment.



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First Baptist's Youth Council Elects Officers

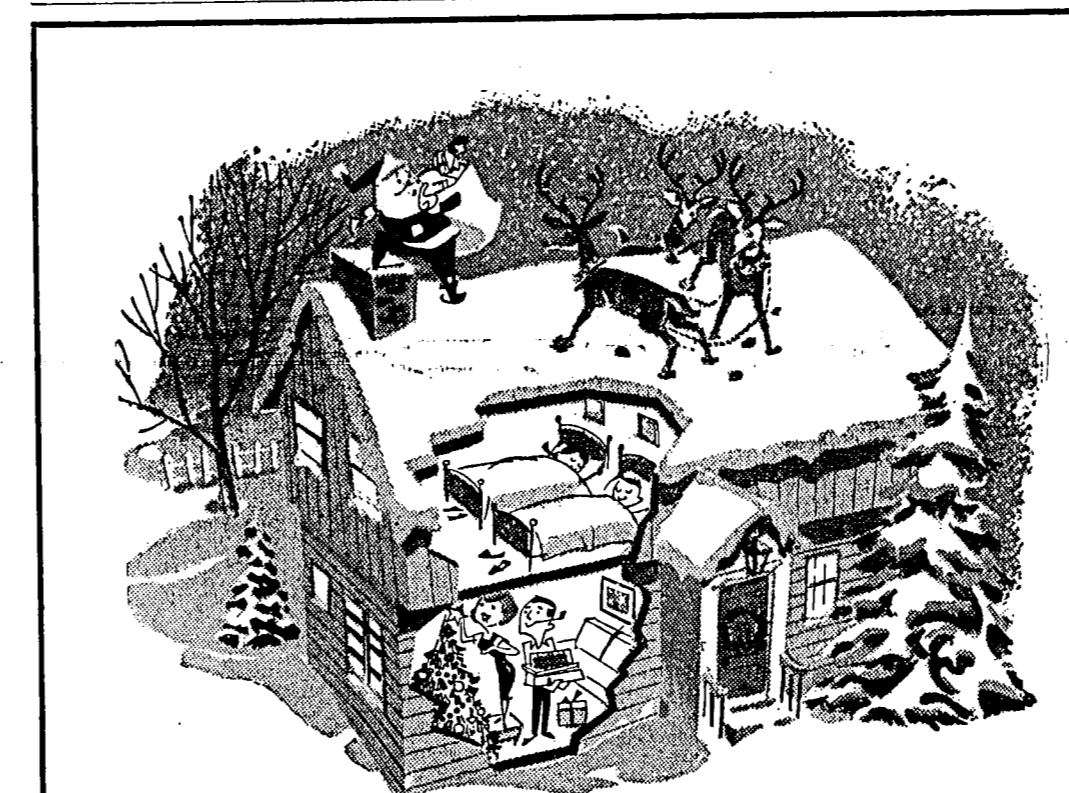
The young people of the First Baptist Church recently elected their 1963-64 Youth Council. The council is composed of members representing the Intermediate and Young People's Departments of the church.

Terri Sprinkle was elected as president of the Council. Terri is a 17-year-old senior at Mooresville High School. David Chamberlain, who is a junior at Mooresville High School, was elected to serve as vice president. Suzanne Ham is the secretary of the Youth Council and is one of the two representatives from the Junior High Department.

Others elected to the council were: Kathy Millsaps, publicity chairman; Eileen Dishman, youth editor; Janice Creamer, devotions chairman; Mary Marshall Marks, social chairman; and Jean Mills, refreshment chairman.

Adult advisors to the Council are J. D. Chamberlain, Mrs. J. R. Marks, and the Minister of Education, Mrs. Pat Johnson.

FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH LEADERS—Terri Sprinkle, seated center, has been elected president of the Youth Council at Mooresville's First Baptist Church for 1964. David Chamberlain, seated left, is the council's newly-elected vice president and Suzanne Ham, seated right, is secretary. Committee chairmen are pictured, standing, left to right: Kathy Millsaps, publicity chairman; Eileen Dishman, youth editor; Janice Creamer, devotions chairman; and Jean Mills, refreshment chairman. Mary Marshall Marks, social chairman, was not present when the picture was made.



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Pagan Feasts Are Sources Of Customs

Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were originally pagan or non-Christian, according to *The Encyclopedia Americana*. Saturnalia, a Roman feast celebrated in mid-December, provided the model for many of the merry-making customs of Christmas. From this celebration, for example, were derived the elaborate feasting, the giving of gifts and the burning of candles.

Lights also played an important part in most winter solstice festivals. An obscure figure in the early mythologies of the East emerged as a sun god. From the 1st century B.C. this figure, Mithras, was adopted by an increasing number of Roman soldiers and others. Mithras' greatest festival was that of the winter solstice, the time when the god began to return to his worshippers.

In the 5th century the Western church ordered a feast celebrating the birth of the Savior to be observed on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia.

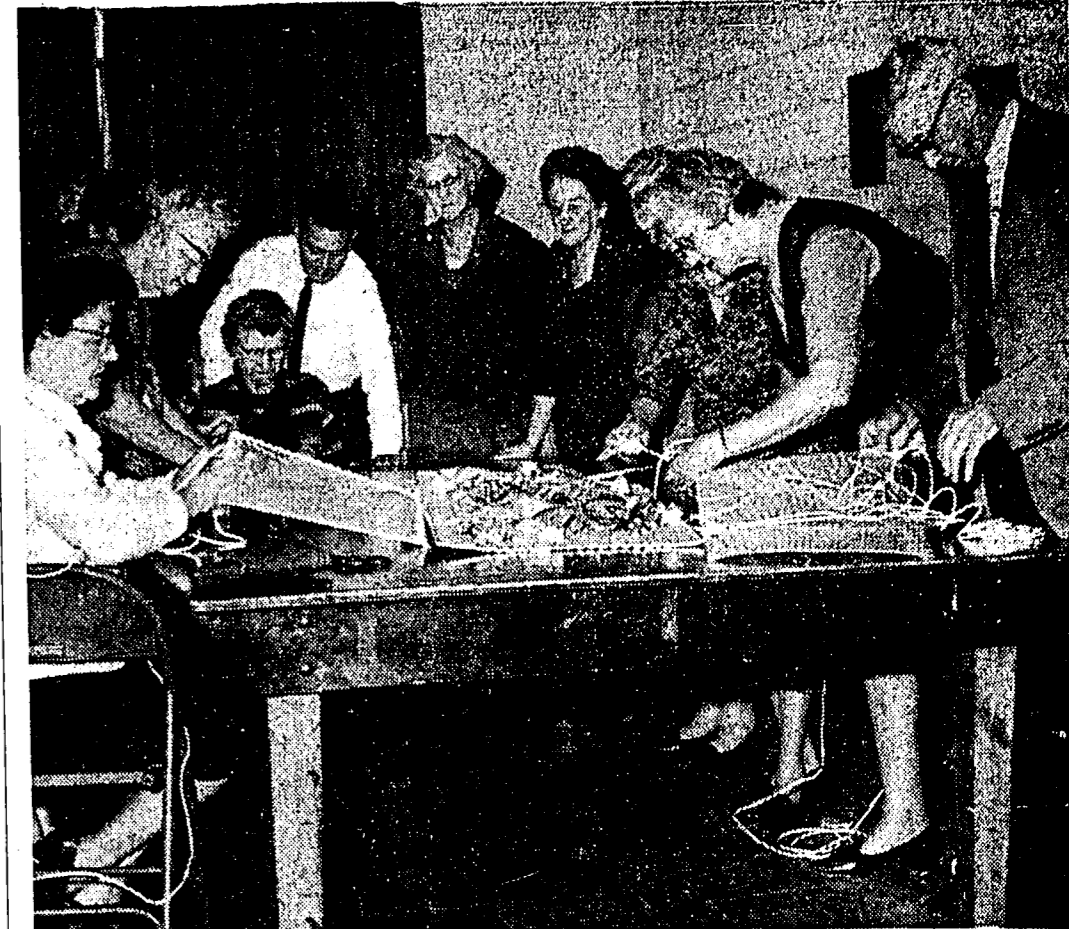
Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year and to commemorate the return of the sun they held their chief festival of Yule, which, like other pagan celebrations, became adapted to Christmas.

The Teutonic Yule feast also provided customs for the Christmas festivities, such as the Yule log and wassail bowl.

Service Men Get College Degrees

Off-duty studies each year bring college degrees for 700 to 800 army officers and enlisted men. At the same time about 42,000 men qualify for college diplomas, and about 600,000 men take refresher courses in a wide variety of subjects.

The study is done through 305 educational centers the United States Army maintains at installations throughout the world, with 300 civilians employed to direct the program.



DO-IT-YOURSELFERS—During their regular weekly meeting last Wednesday, members of the Mooresville Senior Citizens Club held a do-it-yourself Christmas decorations workshop. The session was held at the War Memorial. Recreation Director Carl Baber supervised the work as the club members made door decorations from wire and greenery. Following the morning workshop, the elderly citizens had lunch at the community center.



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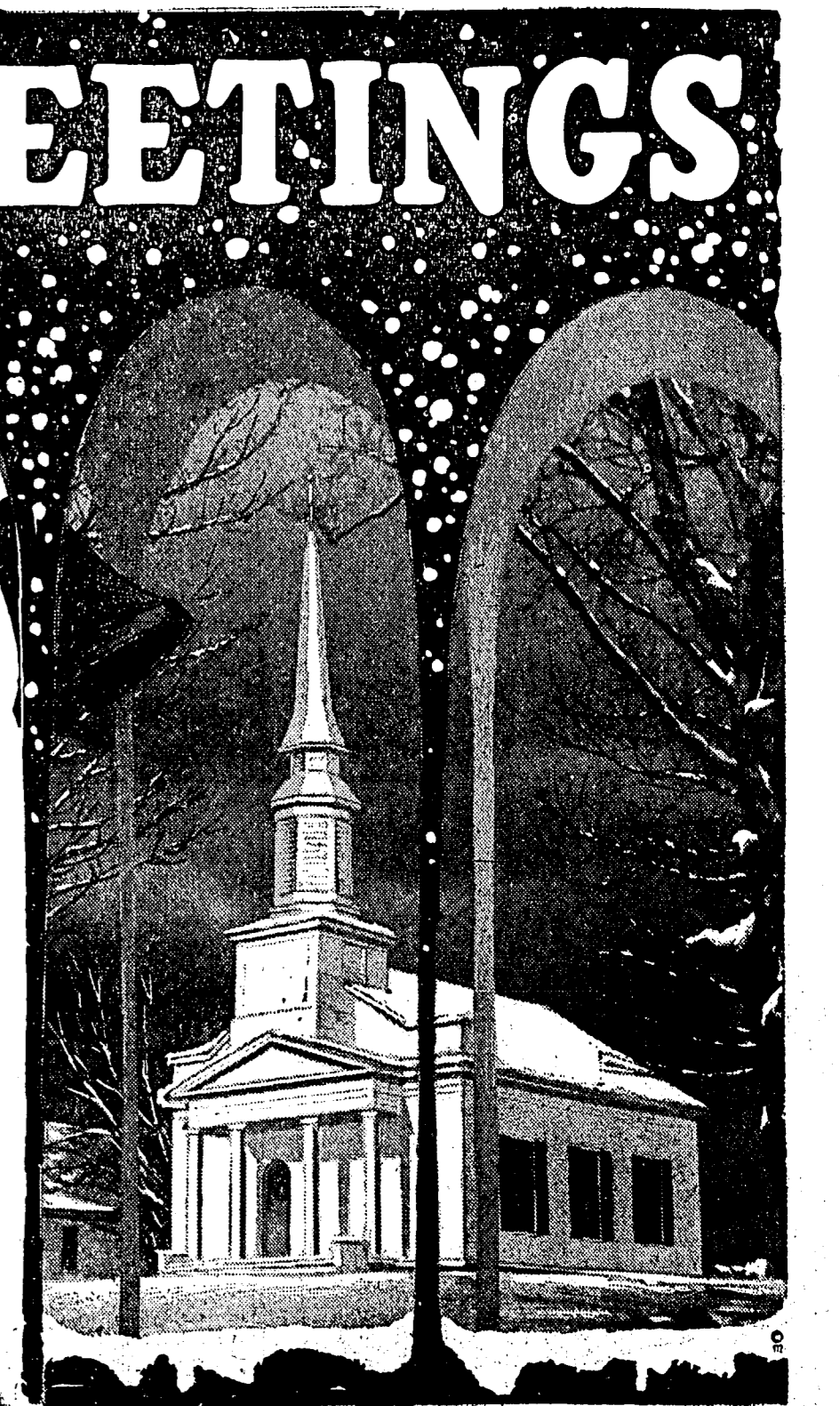
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GREETINGS

...and good wishes to all

At the Yuletide, one of our greatest pleasures is to greet our many good friends with warm wishes for a season rich in the quiet peace of a winter landscape... the jubilant joy of a ringing bell. And may all the happiness of Christmas be yours.



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