CHRISTMAS STAR

Scientists believe the biblical Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus' birthplace may have been an exploding star, or supernova.

We wish for our friends at Christmas the lasting gifts of good health, happiness and good fortune.

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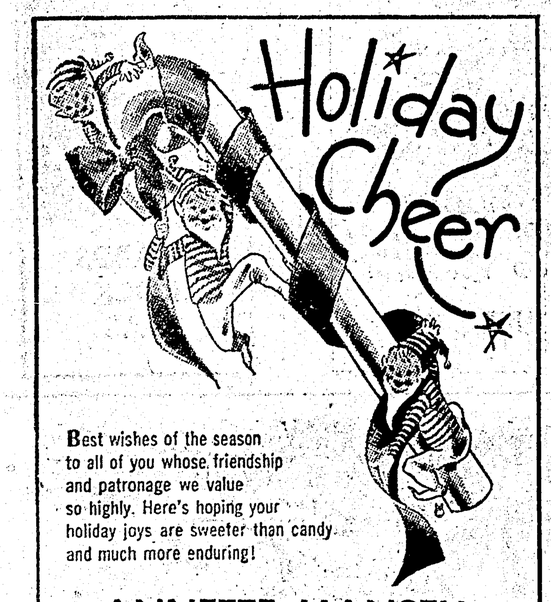
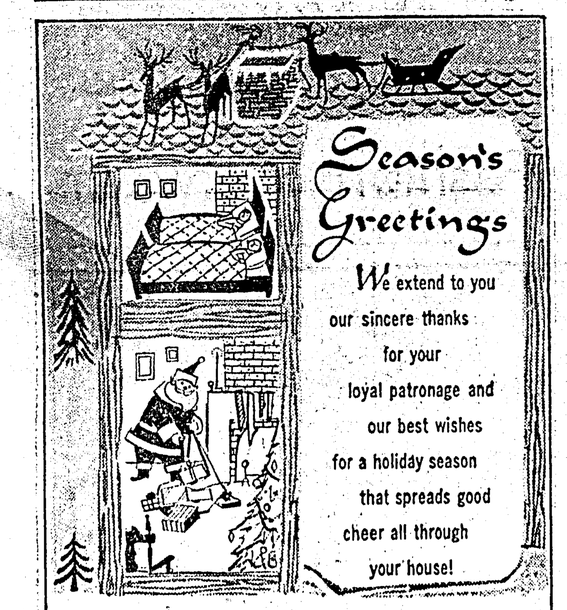


Best wishes of the season to all of you whose friendship and patronage we value so highly. Here's hoping your holiday joys are sweeter than candy and much more enduring!

ANNETTE MANSELL
AND STAFF



Season's Greetings

We extend to you our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage and our best wishes for a holiday season that spreads good cheer all through your house!

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BOB AND STAFF

Sincere Wishes
FOR THE HOLIDAY

We extend to you our sincerest holiday greetings. May you enjoy the Peace, Hope and Love which is Christmas.

DOT, PAT AND STAFF

Deane Cleaners Ltd.

VISIT AT LOWER POST

USAF, Prince George combine to aid Santa

LOWER POST, B.C. (CP)—"Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found.

"A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round."

An "angels" choir sang the old Huron carol here last week as 186 Indian children had a Christmas party, courtesy of 100 American service men hundreds of miles away.

The children are from the Tahltan, Casca, Selkirk, White River and Kincates tribes and are attending a residential school at this village on the British Columbia-Yukon border, 610 miles north of Prince George.

For some, the present provided by American servicemen at the radar base at Baldy Hughes, 30 miles west of Prince George, will be the only ones they will receive.

SANTA STRANGER

Far from home, they had their party early when Santa Claus, a stranger to many of them, arrived in a United States Air Force Dakota to deliver nearly a ton of gifts.

Santa Claus was Clare Foster of the Prince George Lions Club. For each boy or girl he had a present—a compact or nail-polish set, a game or a doll—from the Americans. RCMP Sgt. W. L. Morrison had candy from the Lions Club.

The party started before the plane arrived, with Rev. Ivan Levaque, Roman Catholic missionary who operates the school, leading carols.

Santa arrived at noon in 20-below weather to the jingling of bells. On the stage Santa called names provided by Father Levaque.

The reaction of a youngster named George was typical. Santa called his name but he refused to go on the stage for his present. Sgt. Morrison tried unsuccessfully. Not until Father Levaque called him did George move and not until he was assured he could keep his presents did he smile.

ADOPT CHILDREN

When the officers and men at Baldy Hughes heard that the Indians of this school could not return home for Christmas they decided to adopt them for the holiday.

Four hundred pounds of good clothing was collected in a four-month drive. More than $250 was collected in another drive to buy presents.

The Prince George Lions Clubs conducted a city-wide campaign for candy and collected 500 pounds.

PLANE FROM SPOKANE

The USAF, at the request of Maj. Ken Coleman, commanding officer of the station, sent an aircraft from Geiger Field at Spokane, Wash.

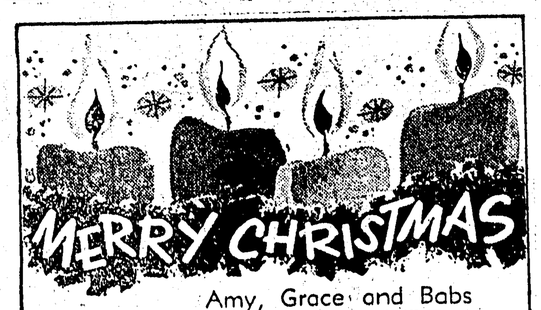
The plane picked up Santa and the presents last Monday and ferried them to Watson Lake near here. The rest of the journey was made by truck.

Here is our wish for a Christmas rich in the countless joys of the season.

CHANDLERS STUDIO
Ted and Rose

Wishing our friends a merry Christmas

MIDWAY GROCERY



Amy, Grace and Babs
STAR STYLE CENTRE

Season's GREETINGS TO ALL

We sincerely hope that this Christmas rings in a new era of peace and good will for all the world and much good fortune and joy for you and your family.

Edward Lipsett Ltd.
MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

MASTERPIECE CHECKED—The 15th century Florentine masterpiece "The Assumption of the Virgin" by Neri Di Bicci is checked by officials of the National Gallery after being taken down from the wall. The painting is one of thousands of works of art being moved from the gallery's old home in the Victoria Museum at Ottawa to a new home in Lorne Building near Confederation Square. Left to right are Denis Decoste, foreman, and Arthur Schultz. —CP photo.

Hang the stockings by the chimney, deck the house with holly, trim the tree and prepare to make merry! 'Tis the season of festivity . . . time for us to wish you and yours the best of everything!

Civic Centre Assn.

Christmas customs

In the pagen world of the 4th Century, December 25 was already a sacred day throughout the Roman Empire. It was Dies Natalis Invicti Solis, the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun.

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Kissing under the mistletoe is apparently an English custom. It is never found in other countries unless Englishmen have settled there.

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Turkey, a Christmas delicacy, was unkown in Europe before 1542. Goose, or beef or meat pies were customary fare for the Christmas feast before then.

The first English Christmas tree was used in 1821 at a children's party given by a member of Queen Caroline's court.

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The true Christmas candle, rarely seen now, was very large and burned throughout Christmas Day. If it went out or was accidentally blown out before the day's end, it was thought to be an omen of bad luck.

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The tradition of decorating with evergreens at Christmas comes down from the ancient midwinter festivals. The evergreens, which fluorish when all else is brown and dead, are a symbol of enduring life.

Good wishes and greetings go from us to you at Christmas time, with the hope that you and yours may enjoy all the happiness that goes with a real old-fashioned Yuletide.

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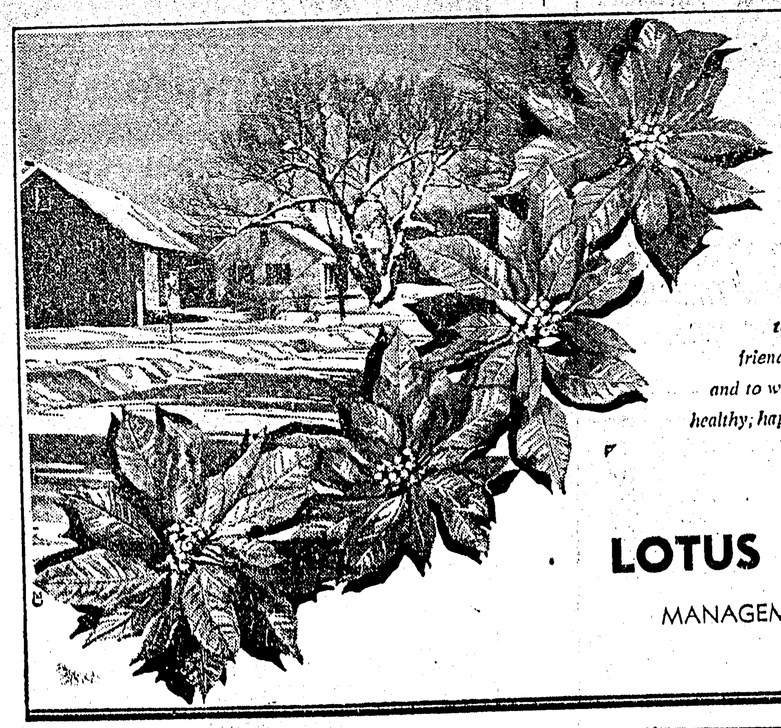

GREETINGS

Here's a holiday tradition we really cherish . . . time out to tell you how much your loyal friendship and patronage mean to us and to wish you and your family a very healthy, happy and cheerful festive season!

LOTUS CAFE LTD.
MANAGEMENT and STAFF

Christmas...

How wonderful is Christmas, and the message that it brings, of Peace and Good Will to All! How it warms every heart, brightens every eye and lightens every care! As we joyously celebrate this Holy Day we wish that the glow of happiness that it brings may lastingly abide with you.

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