MAKE-BELIEVE CHOIR—At first glance the organist and choir appear almost life-like. Many visitors to Elkhorn's Courthouse Park mistake the organist for a real person.

Santa Claus is the garbled American version of San Nicholaas, the Dutch name for a Roman Catholic bishop who became the patron saint of schoolboys during the Middle Ages.

In olden days, the traditional Christmas drink was lambswool, a mixture of hot ale, sugar, spices, eggs and roasted apples to which thick cream was sometimes added.

EVERYBODY HELPS

Christmas community affair in Elkhorn

ELKHORN, Wis. (AP) — At Christmas time, this little town would soften the heart of a Scrooge. For it looks like a town should look at Christmas.

It has natural charm—gaily lighted stores and the old courthouse surrounding a 14-acre park, and over it all a blanket of snow. But it has even more.

Almost every man, woman and child in Elkhorn pitches in to make a real community Christmas.

The whole thing started eight years ago as a single decorative scene set up in Courthouse Park, the center of the town. It started small, but like Uncle Ludwig's St. Bernard puppy, it grew until it occupies most of the spare space in the park.

Manual training students at the high school set up that first exhibit. Water Department employees thought it looked so nice that they built another.

Now 12 elaborate and colorful taxleaux built by groups and clubs decorate Courthouse Park each Yuletide, with two or three new ones added each season while an equal number of the oldest are discarded.

Since the town's business district surrounds the square, businessmen have kept up the spirit of things. Each store has a decorated Christmas tree out in front.

At night the park is floodlighted and visitors from miles around parade around the square. A feature last year was a robed choir, complete with organist and a real organ, set up in the band shell. Electronics provided music from the shell and the illusion of reality, listeners say, was startling.

Home decorations flourish on the residential streets. And Elkhorn has a musical side, too. Nearly half of the three thousand inhabitants of the southeastern Wisconsin town are engaged in its major industry, making and repairing band instruments. Almost everyone plays an instrument.

On Christmas Eve young carolers go from house to house happily singing themselves hoarse.

Those who would a-wassailing go on Christmas are indebted to Henry VII. The English king introduced the drink of hot ale and spices from the Scandinavian countries in the 1400's. In some parts of England, trees and fields were "wassailed," or toasted, to insure a good crop.

The stern Puritans of New England, who frowned upon the celebration of Christmas as a pagan rite, went so far as to enact "blue laws," banning the making of mince pies. Mince pies are associated with Christmas because they were originally baked in the shape of a manger.

President banned Christmas trees in White House

President Theodore Roosevelt, an avid conservationist, though the cutting of evergreens for Christmas was a wasteful practice and forbade their use in the White House.

He later relented after Gifford Pinchot, his advisor on conservation matters, assured him that the supervised and proper harvesting of Christmas trees was good for the forests.

Xmas custom

The Christian custom of reckoning time from the birth of Christ was introduced in the 500's by a monk named Dionysius Exiguus. But World Book Encyclopedia reports that the monk made a mistake of four to six years. Scholars now believe Christ was born in 4 B.C. or 6 B.C.

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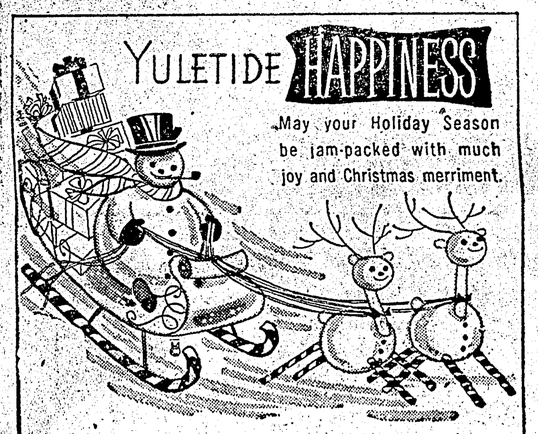
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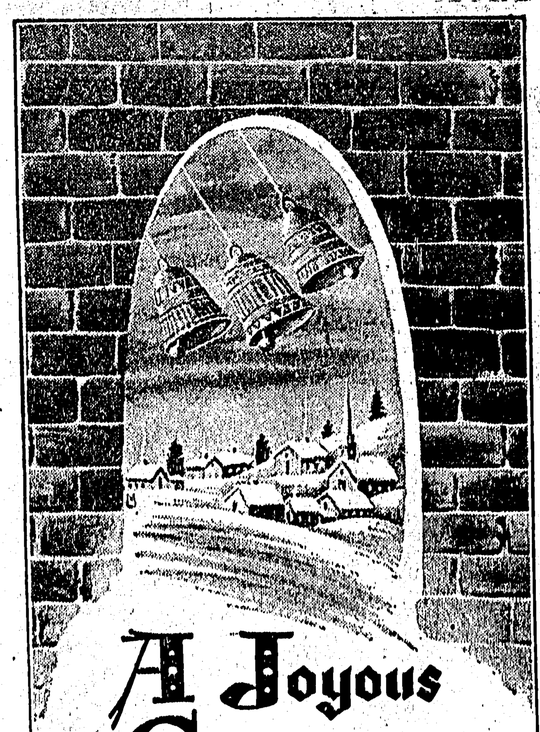
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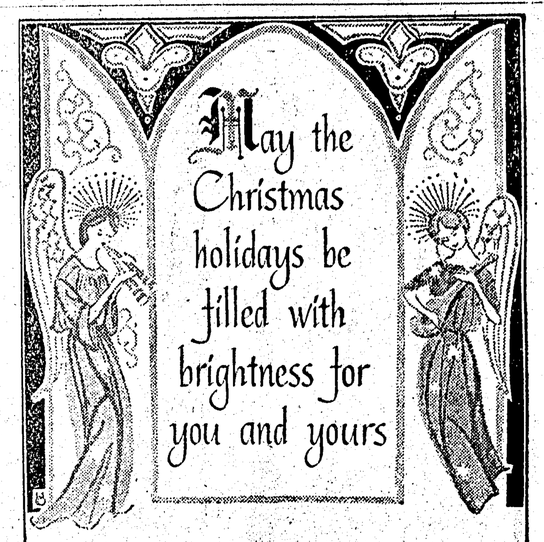
May the Christmas holidays be filled with brightness for you and yours
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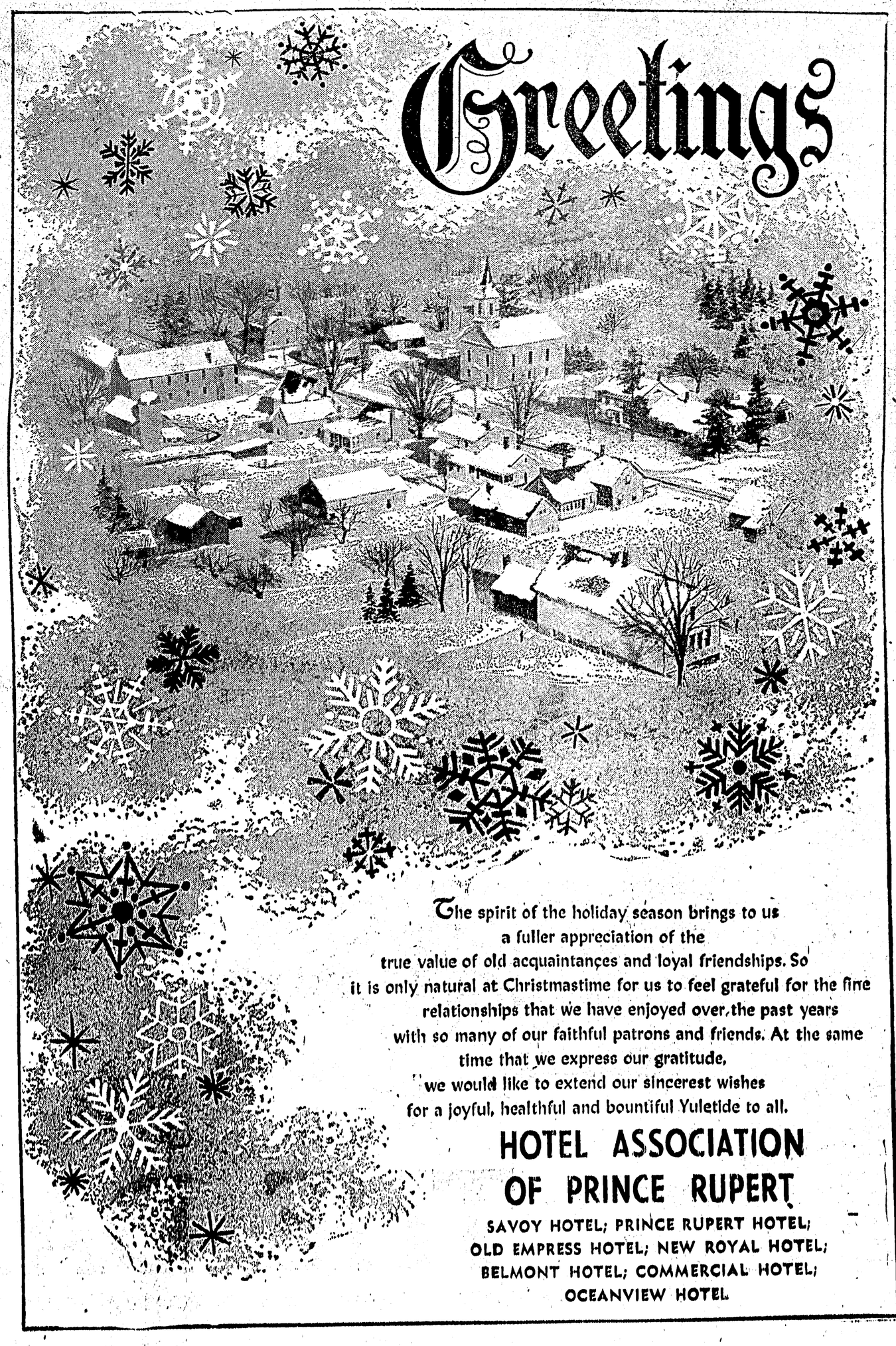
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