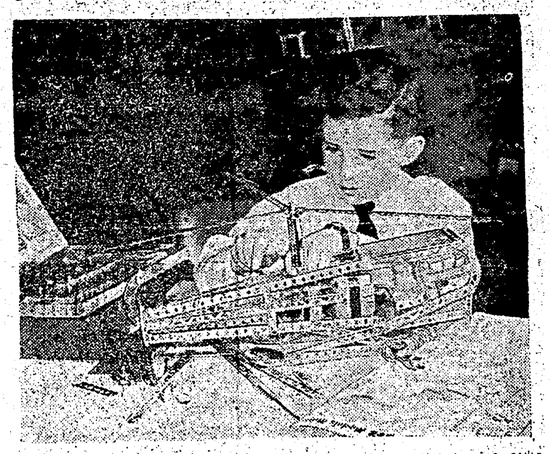
Cheers!
We're brimming with good wishes and thanks to all our wonderful friends.
Beacon Barber Shop
BOB & JERRY

THE NIGHT CHRIST WAS BORN has been commemorated by artists throughout the ages. One of the first to show the Christ Child in a humble manger scene was Renaissance Painter Bernardino Luini, whose painting, "Adoration of the Christ Child," is reproduced above. With the Holy Family is a shepherd, and in the background other shepherds are shown with their flocks, as the angels bring glad tidings of the birth of Christ. The painting, from the Samuel H. Kress Collection, is now at the Isaac Delgado Museum of Art in New Orleans, La.

INSPIRED BY MAGI

Gian Carlo Menotti's opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," was inspired by the story of the Three Kings of Orient.

The first Christmas carols were solemn hymns devoted exclusively to the supernatural aspects of Christmas, rather than the human sides. Saint Francis of Assisi was the first to introduce the joyous spirit into a carol.



ERECTOR SET AND MECCANO have always intrigued little fellows and older ones too. So many different kinds of things can be constructed from these bars and screws it can keep a child occupied for hours. This kind of toy was in vogue when fathers were young, too, and cannot be easily broken. It makes a good gift for a boy any age.

When angels sang their song of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men, it was the dawning of the first Christmas!
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Merry Christmas to All!
Armstrong Agencies
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Greetings
Best Wishes to you and yours for a most Joyous Christmas
Rupert Bakery
Management & Staff

Hotels crowded

JERUSALEM (Reuters) — Many of the thousands of pilgrims expected here this year to celebrate Christmas will find, like Mary and Joseph, that there is "no room at the inn."

Relative quiet reigns this year in the Holy Land, where strife and violence barred many pilgrims in the past, and this easing of tension is expected to increase the flow of Christians who want to spend Christmas in Christ's birthplace.

Hotels in the cities and towns around Bethlehem already have been solidly booked up for the Christmas season and innkeepers are having to turn away late requests for accommodation.

On Christmas Eve, throngs of worshippers and tourists will crowd into the usually serene little town of Bethlehem, which comes to life annually on the anniversary of Christ's birth.

The bells of the Church of the Nativity will ring out their Christmas message of hope and peace for 850,000,000 Christians throughout the world.

Soviets retreat and Santa wins

After unsuccessful efforts to keep Christmas from being celebrated as a Christian holiday, the Communist regimes of Russia and the countries of Eastern Europe have recently shown a more tolerant attitude toward traditional observances. Father Christmas, the Russian Santa, is back again, having refused to become Father Winter, the name Communists tried to give him.

Another gifts bringer in Russia is a legendary old woman called Babuska (grandmother). Legend says she misdirected the Magi when they asked the way to Bethlehem. She repented, and to atone she went about the world on Christmas Eve, looking for the Christ Child and distributing gifts to children.

Christmas Joy
We wish that Christmas brings to you and yours a bountiful blessing of enduring joy.
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Rare ornaments adorn far 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 cotton snowflakes.

Picnics planned

Australians go in for outdoor picnics at Christmas time since it's summertime "down under" then.

THESE PENGUINS look like they are parading past this little fellow. Kiddies love stuffed toys and there are plenty of different kinds of cuddly toys on the market to choose from.

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," a lyric version of Luke's Christmas story, was written in 1700 by Nahum Tate, poet laureate of England. The melody is a well-known hymn tune by Johann Cruger.

Joyous Greetings
May the spiritual inspiration of Christmas Day bring you much joy.
Alberta International Market
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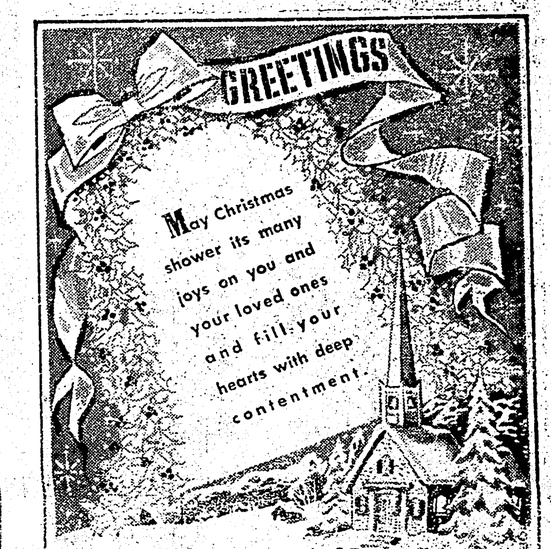
GREETINGS
May Christmas shower its many joys on you and your loved ones and fill your hearts with deep contentment.
MANAGEMENT and STAFF
Thos. McMeekin & Sons Ltd.

Hello and Merry Christmas
MANAGEMENT and STAFF of
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At Christmas
May your heart reflect the joy of the true Christmas spirit.
McRAE BROTHERS and McRAE MOTORS

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May His star light your heart with peace, fulfillment and joy.
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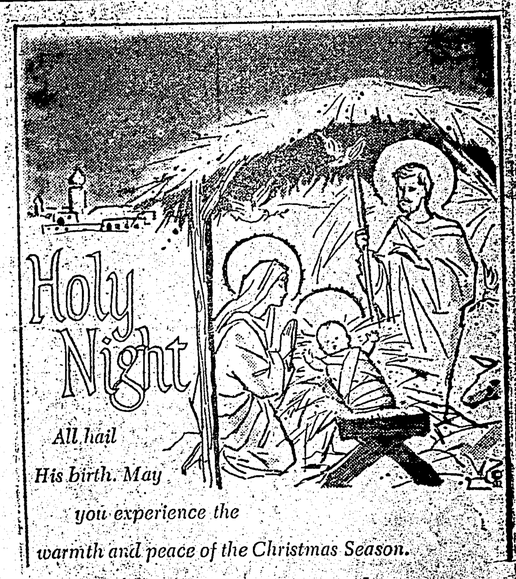
Holy Night
All hail His birth. May you experience the warmth and peace of the Christmas Season.
Fulton Street Market & Williams Grocery

Joy to the world
In the true spirit of the season, may joy fill your heart.
PRE-STYLE BEAUTY SALON
Best Wishes for Christmas to all my Customers

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