

# Royal Family To Spend Christmas at Sandringham With Wide Variety of Toys For Children to Open

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LONDON (CP)—This Christmas, certain to be a happy one for the royal children, will find them re-

united with their parents and furnished with toys to set their hearts aflutter.

A red two-wheeler stored in

Buckingham Palace may be the answer to Prince Charles' tipoff to a department store. Santa Claus that he wants a bicycle for Christmas.

For Princess Anne, toy scales, miniature baking dishes and a real electric oven were purchased by the Queen Mother on her North American visit. For Charles, she bought a steam shovel and plastic bricks.

Charles and Anne love moving gadgets—from the 55 toys any child might find in a Christmas stocking to a radio-controlled car set presented in 1951 by Windsor, Ont.

#### QUEEN GOES SHOPPING

On a personal shopping tour, the Queen showed special interest in American toys. At a counter where everything costs less than £1, she purchased a 5s 1d toy that jumped down stairs and tested—with delight—a 4s 1d space gun which stimulated a red ray flash.

She bought false noses and comic eyebrows for the two children to make potato-men, plus some practical jokes. An American rag doll, with yellow wool plait, blue jeans and red-and-white check shirt, was added to the list.

The Royal Family left London Wednesday for Sandringham.

Members of the royal party who travelled by train to their country home Wednesday were the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

The Queen will make her annual broadcast to the Commonwealth Christmas Day from the study of Sandringham House.

Princess Alexandra, first cousin of the Queen, and the Duchess of Gloucester, the Queen's aunt, will celebrate birthdays Christmas Day at Sandringham. Princess Alexandra will be 18 and the Duchess of Gloucester will be 53.

Others scheduled to be at Sandringham for Christmas are the Duke of Gloucester and his sons, Prince William and Prince Richard; the Duchess of Kent, the Duke of Kent and Prince Michael.

The children are well into Christmas preparations. Big event of the moment at Buckingham Palace is painting Christmas cars for "Mummy" and "Papa," "Grandmamma" and "Aunt Margot."

A children's Christmas party was held before they left London and Charles lent a hand to the parcelling of gifts for the guests. A serious pre-Christmas task is weeding out the toy cupboard for "children in hospital." Discarded toys are given a new look by the palace staff.

At Sandringham it will be a muted Christmas—very different from last year when the Queen broadcast to her peoples from New Zealand and said wistfully:

"... We all want our children with us at Christmas time."

#### INFORMAL CHRISTMAS

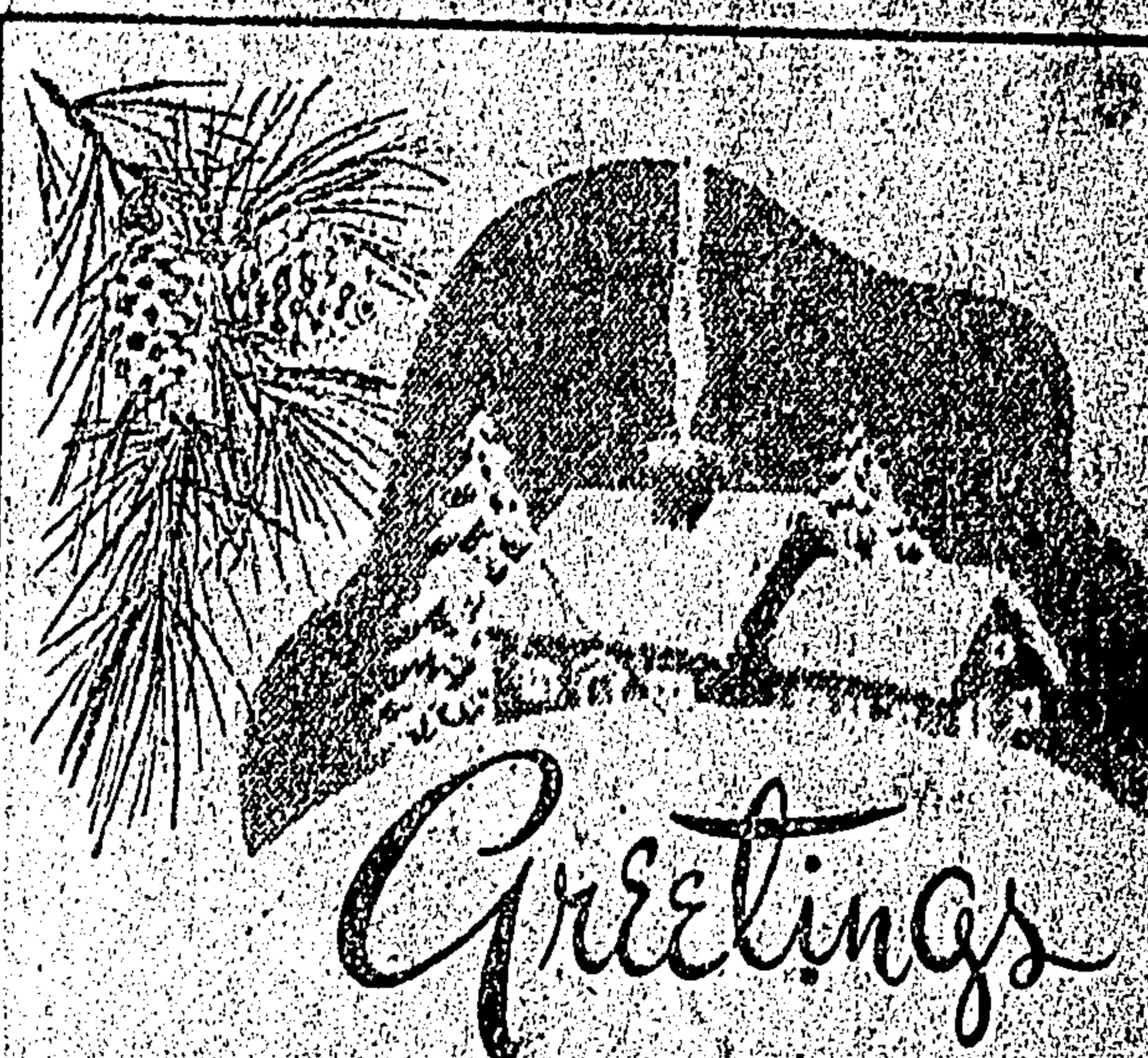
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## U.K. To Make Loan Payment

OTTAWA (CP)—Britain has announced she will make another \$27,710,255 payment to Canada on Dec. 31.

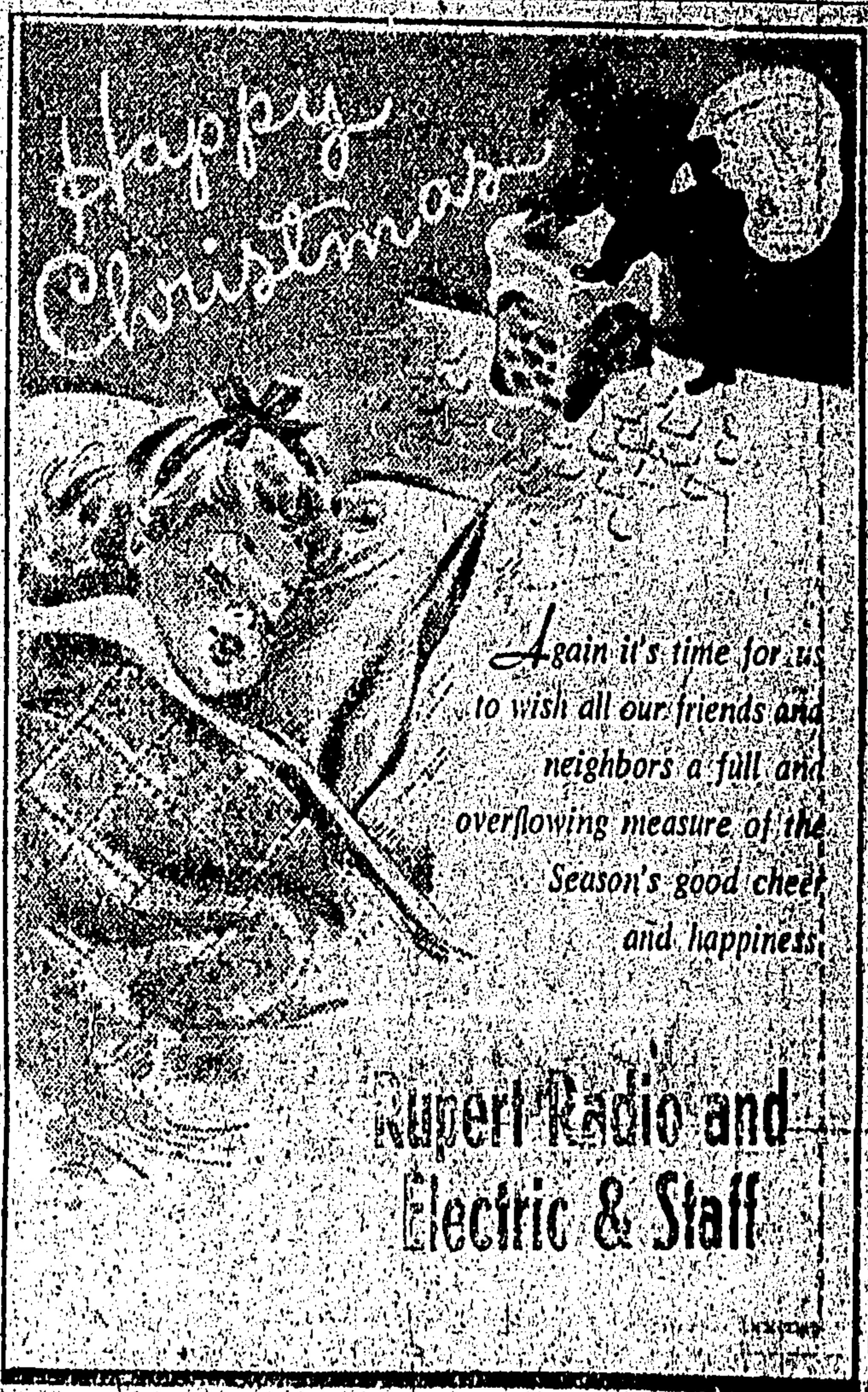
This will represent the fourth annual payment on the \$1,185,000 Britain borrowed from Canada in 1946 to finance trade at a time when she was attempting to recover from the devastation of Second World War.

The Canadian payment covers \$14,867,704 in principal and \$27,445,460 in interest. This will leave a balance of about \$1,127,200 still outstanding.



To all our friends—old and new—our warmest wishes for a Merry Holiday Season!

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Again it's time for us to wish all our friends and neighbors a full and overflowing measure of the Season's good cheer and happiness!

## Rupert Radio and Electric & Staff

DANI CRAYNE must have broken a few hearts when she gave up her profession as ballroom dancing instructor. The 20-year-old blonde has signed a contract with Universal-International for the studio's new musical, "Third From The Right."



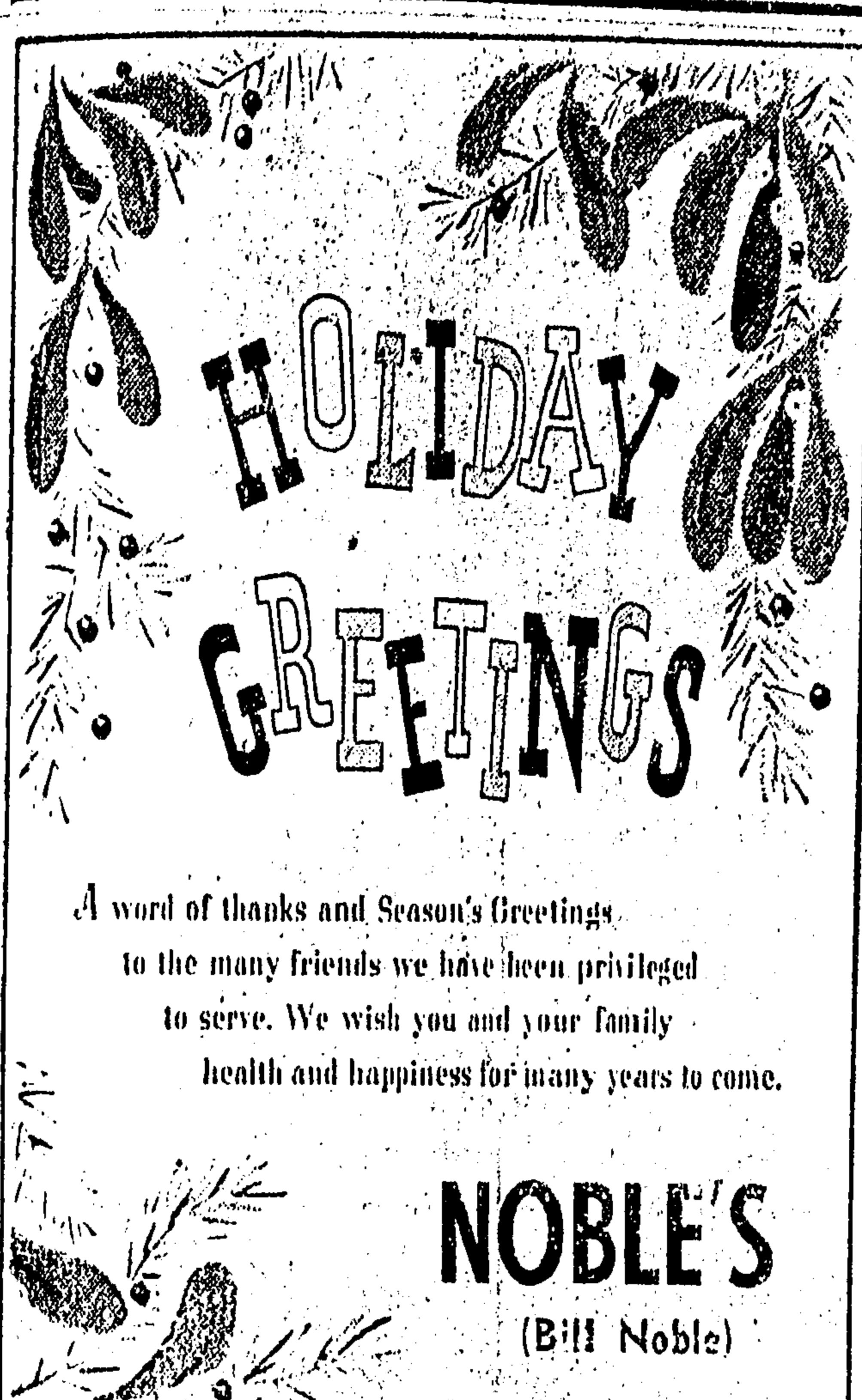
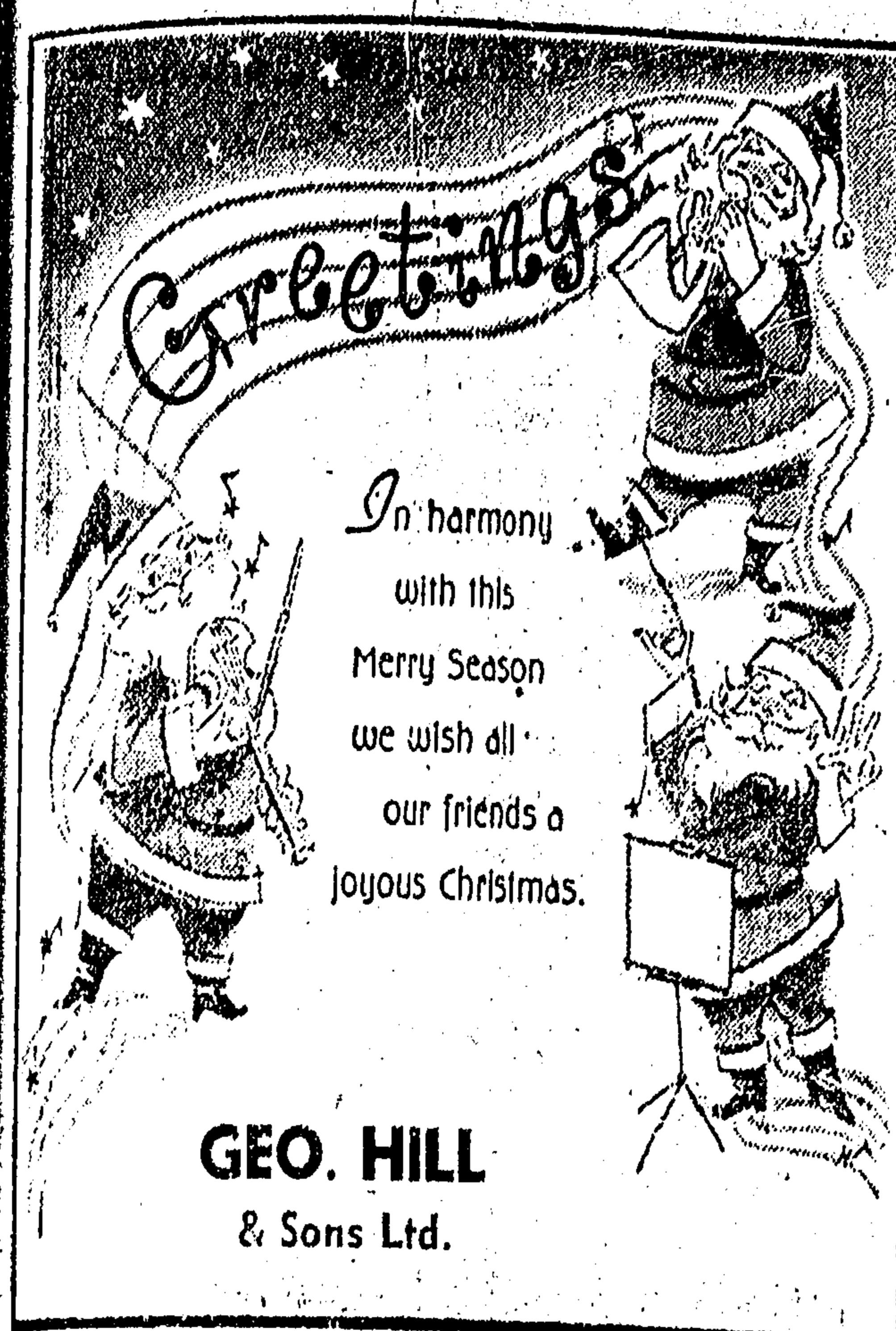
Once again it's the time of the year for Joy and Merriment, and we wish to take a moment to extend to all our friends our very best wishes for a Holiday Season full of good cheer and happy times.

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