

**Out Of  
 Old Nebraska**

By James C. Olson  
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 There were, in general, three classes of whites who came into contact with the Indians of the

far frontier—the fur trader, the soldier, and the missionary. Of these, only the missionary was interested primarily in the red man's welfare. The fur trader was concerned principally with profit and the soldier generally operated under the belief that the only good Indian was a dead one.

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**IT SEEMS BUT YESTERDAY**

... that we hung up our stocking on Christmas Eve and then lay awake wondering if we would hear Old Santa Claus come down the chimney. May this Christmas be even happier than those of your childhood—that's our wish for you!

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**Notice of Examination**

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The Coast Guard Academy, located at New London, Connecticut, prepares young men for careers in the Coast Guard. Upon completion of the four-year engineering course, a cadet is eligible for a commission as Ensign in the Coast Guard and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering.

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**The Christmas Story . . .**



And the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not Mary; for thou hast found favour with God.

And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be?



And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from



them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

(This story of the birth of Christ is from St. Luke, the excerpts being taken from Chapters I and II.)

**Watch Danger  
 Of Accidents  
 During Holidays**

It's a good time now to check Christmas safety rules, says Jack Steele, extension engineer. It is so easy for the holiday season which brings so much happiness and good cheer to be marred by unfortunate accidents. Every year newspapers carry stories of someone hurt or killed in a Christmas season accident or fire. A few simple precautions can outlay most of the hazards of Christmas in the home.

Today few people use candles on Christmas trees, taking one of the big hazards out of the Christmas season. But in using electrical colored lights on trees there is one thing to check. See that the electrical equipment bears the UL label which means it has been tested for safety by the Underwriters laboratory. Look for this label on electrical equipment whether it's Christmas or any other time of the year—whether it's Christmas tree lights or an electrical toy.

Probably the lights used on the tree are several years old. Check the wires carefully for worn spots in the insulation. If only the fabric covering is worn, a strip of friction tape is enough to cover the worn spot. If the side insulation is worn, it is necessary to do a little more—such as trimming the edges of the old insulation, then starting just above the break to wrap spirally with friction tape, each turn overlapping about a quarter of an inch until the damaged spot is completely covered.

In using extension cords, the extension engineer cautions against running them under runs or over nails. He also cautions against using tinsel near light sockets.

**TO VISIT CALIFORNIA**

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Todd of Murray, with John Blotzer and son, John Jr., departed for California, where they will visit in Los Angeles and vicinity. The Todds will visit Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bourne and family while Mr. Blotzer and son will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClain and family at El Monte, California. Mrs. McClain is a daughter of Mr. Blotzer.

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