

**SET ON FIRE**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Burt Wilkinson, an inveterate pipe-smoker, has kept count of all the matches he has lighted in the last twenty years. The total exceeds 5,000,000.

The city of Comanche, Okla., was first named Wilson Town, for a member of the Chickasaw Indian tribe, when the railroad was built into the town before 1892.

**United States Top Buyer and Supplier In Tree Industry**

The United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as the top buyer in the Christmas tree industry—a better than \$50,000,000 business.

The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Middlewest, and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees for local use.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

**'Snapdragon' Popular**

A game called "snapdragon" was very popular at Christmas time in England more than 200 years ago. To a limited extent it is still played in some parts of England, as well as in America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants attempt to snatch a raisin from the blazing bowl.

*Santa Claus is on his way To greet us all on Christmas Day. Dolls and drums (all sorts of toys) For wishful little girls and boys.*



**Christmas Quotes**

"Christmas is the time you decide to pay your doctor something on account. You know you will need him the day after."  
—Walter Pulitzer.

"What do people mean by sending you a dozen Christmas cards during the festive season, and not deigning to send you three lines by way of a letter the rest of the year?"  
—J. Ashby-Sterry.

"At every Christmas party, just as things are beginning to get good, someone shuts his eyes, puts his head back and moans softly: 'Ah, well, this isn't like the good old days. We don't seem to have any good old-fashioned Christmases any more.'"  
—Robert Benchley.

**Christmas: 'Good Time; A Kind, Forgiving Time'**

Charles Dickens once referred to Christmas as "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old-fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour", why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

**Small Amount of Plant Food Will Keep Needles on Tree**

If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

**OLDEST MARINE RETIRES**

QUANTICO, Va. — Master Sergeant Harry D. Bartley, 76, retired from Corps on December 1, completing 44 years and seven days of continuous active duty. A native of Coatesville, Pa., Bartley joined the Corps in November of 1907.

**Howards Hosts At Turkey Dinner**

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Howard entertained at a turkey dinner party at their home Sunday evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vallery, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spangler and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barkes, Omaha.

**Murray**

Mrs. Herman Wohlfarth, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lancaster, Janice and Nancy had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Worthan Sunday evening.

**Entertain At Dinner Sunday**

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paris entertained the following guests at dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bickett, Miss Dileen Cundall and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Royer and daughters from Omaha.

**Study Club Has Annual Christmas Party Thursday**

The Murray Study Club held their annual Christmas party Thursday at the home of Mrs. James Comstock. Eighteen members were present. A covered dish luncheon served at noon. Mrs. Olin Morris had charge of the meeting, in the absence of Mrs. Fred Druecker. Mrs. Rachel Paris led the devotionals. Mr. Charles Spangler read a short Christmas story, "The Drum Goes Dead," by Bess Streeter Aldrich. Election of officers was held. Mrs. Delbert Todd was elected president. Mrs. Fred Druecker, vice-president. Mrs. Geo. McKulsky, secretary and treasurer. An exchange of Christmas gifts and a grab bag was also held. The afternoon was enjoyed by everyone present.

Ray Dill was taken very ill Monday and was rushed to St. Mary's hospital in Nebraska City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hennings and son, Louisville, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scotten Monday evening.

Mrs. Fred Druecker was called to Colorado Wednesday evening by the death of a brother-in-law.

**Young People Have Party Sunday**

The Christian Endeavor Young People's group had a party in the basement of the Christian church Sunday evening. Twelve members were present and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Noell and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Todd, Janice Lancaster and Minnie Mae Hoschar had charge of the games. Refreshments were served by Mrs. R. A. Noell.

**Basilica of the Nativity One of Oldest Churches**

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,620 years ago.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by the Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity, and, surprisingly enough, all three celebrate Christmas on separate occasions.

COLORFUL BUSINESS PROVIDENCE, R. I.—W. Alton Traver reports that his dyeing firm has built up an array of 10,000 to 15,000 different hues in its business of dyeing wools.

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**SECRETS . . .** This little girl wants something for Christmas, but she's not telling anyone except Santa Claus, who looks like he understands the problem.

**DIET'S CHANGED**

MASON, Mich. — As an act of economy, county supervisors have ruled that stray dogs, lying at the pound, must be fed skimmed milk instead of homogenized milk. Saving: \$4.20 a month.

*Greetings*

The year-end holidays bring a welcome pause in affairs of business . . . an opportunity to put aside daily cares for a while and share with friends the happiness and good fellowship of the season.

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Reading while walking down any street in New York City is prohibited, according to The American Magazine. The village of Hopkinton, Mass., has a "Grave of the Unknown Indian" in its Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

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*Christmas Greetings*

to Our Friends

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