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Come All Ye Faithful,

Come Let Us Adore Him

Behold the Madonna and the Child, symbolizing to all the world the Sacredness of

this Season, recalling to each of us His many blessings. As the Christmas

story once again unfolds its Holy message, let us join together in a fervent prayer

that the world will always live in Peace and Good Will.

BOROUGH ASSEMBLY VOTES TO ELIMINATE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Anchorage: The Assembly of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough, at a special meeting on Monday night, voted to eliminate personal property taxes on household effects. This is to be effective on January 1, 1965.

A public hearing was held at this meeting, with those at ending invited to voice their opinions on the subject.

Personal property tax on automobiles, boats, trailers and airplanes will be retained. There will also continue to be a personal property tax on business inventory's and equipment.

This was the only business conducted by the assembly at this meeting.

LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS NAMED

CHUGIAK: Judging of the first annual Outdoor Lighting and Decorating contest sponsored by the Chuglak Chapter of the Alaska Crippled Children's Association, took place on Monday night.

The winner in the commercial division was Valu City, with a display of illuminated Santas, bells and other traditional Christmas symbols. The prize for this division is a rotating plaque with the name of the winning business engraved upon it. Valu City will retain possession of the plaque for the next year, when it will be again awarded to the winner of next years contest. Any establishment winning the plaque for three consecutive years will retain permanent possession of it. The plaque was donated by Sunrise Bakery.

The winner in the Church and Civic group was the Chuglak Chapel, with a floodlighted nativity scene. Their prize is a \$15 merchandises certificate from Gillman's Bakery.

The prize for the over-all best in the residential division, went to the William Reuter residence on Birchwood Road. This was a nativity scene which was illuminated, a lighted tree, and lights strung along the eaves of the house.

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Gifts Of the Magi

The frankincense and myrrh brought by the Wise Men were as valuable in that day as the gift of gold.

These fragrant resins were so highly treasured by both the Egyptians and Jews that precious pots and vases of ivory and alabaster were designed especially to preserve them.

Frankincense was used mainly as a curative, for a number of ailments including hemlock poisoning and leprosy.

MYRRH WAS the main ingredient of the anointing oil of kings and queens. It was also used as a stimulant, sedative, tonic and astringent.

Myrrh was the gum resin taken from a small tree that grows in East Africa and Arabia.

Frankincense comes from a tree of the Boswellia family, native of the same areas.

It took many months to harvest these resins and carry them as far as Palestine. They were indeed rare gifts!

(Here and there)

HERE AND THERE

By: R. Fleming

It is Christmas. All through this great land of ours and, indeed the world over, people are celebrating the birth of Christ the Savior.

Others are celebrating the birthday of Jesus the Prophet. Others are celebrating.

Christian principles so emphatically premeate our way of life that it is difficult to discern any major facet of our culture that is now premised on Judiac-Christian precepts.

Responsibility, tolerance, kindness the very dignity of man, although
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not exclusively Christian tenents, are peculiarly emphasized in the teachings of Jesus. Even those people and governments who attempt to eradicate belief in God cannot deny the values and benefits which accrue as a result of His principles.

It seems most fitting, each in our own personal Yuletide activities, to pause from time to time in contemplation of those ideas and beliefs that created and have perpetuated the season and holiday called Christmas. It does not appear appropriate that we should celebrate a birthday without remembering Whom we honor.

A merry, happy Christmas for all of you.

Little Midge



Merry
Christmas
to all!

Rusty

Scouting in Chugial

4H

President, Debra Call, Vice President, Barbara Nations, Secretary Leon Wacker, Treasurer, Karen Nations. Dennis Dwyer is our reporter, Debbie Beardon is our game and song leaders, and Diane Dwyers is our Junior Leader.

NO MORE BROWNIE MEETINGS THIS YEAR

PETERS CREEK: Mrs. Ann Cromwell, leader of Brownie Troop 56, announced that there will be no more Brownie meetings this year.

The next meeting of the troop will be held on Thursday, January 7th, at 3pm.

Mrs. Eleanor Brion was nice enough to come and help us, she also suggested our name, and we chose "Knick Knacker". Thank you Mrs. Brion.

Saturday we wrapped boxes, at Mrs. Calls house. We also have bows for the package that each 4H group wraps at Mt. View Caribous store. Thank you."

REPORTER: Dennis Dwyer.

LITTLE' GIRL'S GIFT: ROSES

The legend of the Christmas Rose says that a little girl followed the shepherds as they went to Bethlehem. But she was sad because the shepherds had gifts for Christ, and she had none.

Then as she fell further and further behind the shepherds, suddenly an angel appeared and scattered the white roses at her feet. She gathered them up and took them to the little Lord Jesus as her gift. When He touched them, the petals became suffused with pink.



Holly has been used as a religious symbol since ancient times, thus there are many legends about it. One tells how the holly berries entwined in the Crown of Thorns and turned from white to red after the Crucifixion.

TROOP 130 TO MEET TONIGHT

PETERS CREEK: Girl Scout Troop 130 will hold a special meeting tonight, Wednesday, December 23 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Blanchard at 7pm.

The girl will finish making their Christmas presents at this time.

4H GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

BIRCHWOOD: "Our first 4H meeting was at Mrs. Call's house Monday, the 7th.

First we elected officers as follows:

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR from EAGLE RIVER ELECTRONICS

A Merry Christmas

May you enjoy warmth and cheer, friendships dear... and every joy of the holiday season!

FIRE LAKE SERVICE



May the spirit of Christmas inspire mankind to persevere in its quest for the blessing of Peace on Earth.

Matanuska Telephone Assn.



Chugiak Youngsters crowd to greet Santa at the Eagle River Bowl last Saturday, as he arrived to distribute Christmas stockings prepared by members of the local Lions Club



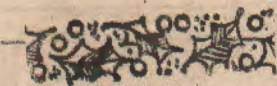
Christmas Blessings
Chugiak Sales & Service
674-8052

SANTA VISITS AT EAGLE RIVER BOWL

EAGLE RIVER: Santa Claus paid a visit to the Eagle River Bowl last Saturday as a guest of the Eagle River Lions Club.

The local Lions assisted Santa in filling over 700 stockings with candy, nuts and toys, of which over 400 were given away to the children of the greater Chugiak Area who had gathered to meet him. The remainder of the stockings which were not given away at the time, will be presented to the ACCA to give to worthy youngsters.

Santa arrived in a horse drawn sleigh which drew up in front of a bonfire which blazed in the parking lot of the Bowl. There Santa took each child on his lap, heard their Christmas wish and presented the stockings.



LADIES CLUB ENJOY HOLIDAY DINNER

RABBIT CREEK: The Chugiak Ladies Club, along with husbands of the members enjoyed their annual Holiday dinner last Saturday evening.

The group went to Rabbit Creek Inn for the event.

There will be no further meetings of the Club until January 14th. The place of the next meeting will be announced.

TICKETS FOR PRIZE JACKPOT ON SALE

CHUGIAK: Ticket for the jackpot of prize being offered by the Chugiak Health Council are on sale throughout the community.

The drawing will be held on December 31st at Valdez City.

Proceeds will be used toward building a local Health Center.

THE PIPES used by the shepherds in the Holy Land today and at the time of Christ's Birth are said to be forerunners of the church pipe organ of today.



Glowing GOOD WISHES

May your holiday be warm and bright!

MISS ALASKAN SHOP
Mile 17 1/2 674-5402



NOEL

To all our friends: Joy, Peace and Good Will — that is our wish to you this wondrous Christmas season!

GENERAL SUPPLY
674-2525

GREETINGS



Bessis's Beauty Shop
694-2216



A Christmas Blessing

We Pray that the Holidays are Joyful For You and Yours.

EAGLE RIVER BURNER SERVICE
694-2112

(New Years Baby)

LOCAL NEW YEARS BABY'S GIFTS STILL COMING IN

CHUGIAK: The gifts pledged to the Chugiak New Years baby are continuing to come in, with the approach of the end of the year.

This jackpot will be awarded to the family of the first baby to be born to Chugiak parents after December 31, 1964.

The list of prizes promised to date are:

- Shampoo and set from Ann's Beauth Salon
- Spinning reel for the Dad by A to Z Company
- Lullaby lounge and a canned ham, by Valu City
- An African Violet plant by the House of Plants.

- 5 Long Playing records by Valu City TV and Radio Serv.
- A fifth of Crown Royal for the father by the 300 Room
- A bottle warmer by MEA
- Haircut for father by Valu City Barber Shop

- One month's free garbage pick up by Surburban Garbage Company
- A luba job by Peters Creek Service

- \$5 merchandise certificate by Home Delivery Service.
- One years subscription to the Knik Arm Courier.

- \$5 merchandise certificate by Peters Creek Shopping Center

- Permanent wave by Bessie's Beauty Shop
- Three minute long distance phone call by MTA

- Transister radio by Eagle River Electronics.
- Twelve lanes of bowling by Eagle River Bow.

- \$25 savings bond by the Knik Arm Courier
- Decorated cake by Pegge Lee Bakery.

Merchants wishing to offer a gift may call the Knik Arm Courier at 674-4454 and list their pledge.

Prospective parents who are expecting a new arrival on or

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about January 1st, are advised to call the Courier and make their eligibility known.

To be eligible, the parents must reside somewhere in the Greater Chugiak Area (including Eklutna.

The baby may be born at either of the three Anchorage Hospitals, at the 5040th Air Force Hospital or in the Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Palmer.

THOUGH Christmas comes but once a year, it lasts 22 days in Mexico.

Starting with the first of nine "posadas" re enactments of the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem - on December 16 and ending with Three King's day on January 6, Christmas in Mexico is highlighted by a huge torchlit ceremony on Dec. 12 at the shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Mexico City.



Moosehorn Service
Mile 18 1/2



Naming Santa

Santa, the giver of many gifts, is a man of many names, too. While he is becoming almost universally known as Santa Claus, Santa or St. Nick, many European children still wait for the arrival of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas was the first of Santa's names and came from a real bishop in the fourth century, A.D. He is said to travel not by reindeer but on horseback, and wears bishop's robes.

Over the years, Santa has gained still other names. In France he's Pere Noel, in Finland Father Christmas, in Germany Kris Kringle, in Russia Father or Grandfather Frost.



Steaming Right Your Way To Wish Holiday Happiness

Santa's steaming down the track...

Loads of gifts tucked in his pack
And just carloads of Best Wishes meant for you.

To our many, many friends,
Each one here also sends

Warmest greetings and a Merry Christmas, too!

EAGLE RIVER BOWL



Best Wishes for the Holidays

May the Season be Truly Joyous for All Our Friends.

PAUL'S
Auto Repair Shop
Eagle River

**REDDINGTON FIRST
IN SUNDAY RACES**

EAGLE RIVER: Joe Reddington, mushing the army team, came in first place in the money race held by the Chuglak Dog Musher's Association at Eagle River last Sunday.

Reddington completed the ten mile course in 38 minutes and ten seconds.

Second place went to Orville Lake of Anchorage with a time of 40.03, third place was Larry Gibson, also mushing an army team with 41.37, 4th place was Dick Kopsak of Big Lake in 43.37 and fifth place was Orin Howles of Chuglak in 44.40.

Prize money was put up by the Valu City Shopping Center (\$50), Bessie's Beauty Shop (\$25), Pegge Lee Bakery (\$25) and the Chuglak Dog Musher's Association (\$25) making a total of \$125 to be divided among the first three teams in.

Since Reddington and Gibson were unable to accept the money due to army regulations, they were awarded trophies, and the cash prizes given to the next civilian team musher.

The first prize money of \$60 went to second place man Orville Lake, and third place money of \$25 went to Dick Kopsak.

A total of nineteen mushers had entered the race.

**MRS. McALLISTER
STRICKEN**

EAGLE RIVER: Mrs. Cyrus (Ethel) McAllister, of mile 13 1/2, was taken suddenly ill and hospitalized last week.

Mrs. McAllister, it was learned, had suffered a heart attack.

She is presently recovering at her home.



© May Christmas Be Filled With Faith and Fulfilled Hopes

H & H Nursery Supply

THE NATIVITY—Inside the humble stable, Joseph gathered some of the fragrant hay and made a soft bed in one corner for Mary. She lay down and soon fell asleep in this strange place.

And she brought forth her first-born son.

Joseph had been away from the stable to find light and fuel for the child about to be born. When he returned where Mary was, "behold it was filled with lights, greater than the light of lamps and candles, and greater than the light of the sun itself."

And going fearfully in, he found the Christ child, newborn.

This was the exact moment of ecstasy which mystics aspired to see in their visions—the moment of Christ's birth when Mary and Joseph worshiped the Christ child alone, remote from the earthly world.

In early art, which was intended primarily to teach rather than to please, Christ's birth was presented as a solemn occasion. In much later paintings the scene was more pleasing than instructive, and often lost its significance among flowery angels and graceful saints.

But Fra Angelico has caught that moment which the mystics felt. "Verily, though all of a sudden," wrote St. Bridget of her vision of Christ and Mary, "I saw the glorious infant lying on the ground naked and shining. Then I heard also the singing of the angels, which was of miraculous sweetness and great beauty."

And Mary "worshiped him, her head bent down and her hands clasped, with great honor and reverence and said unto Him, Be welcome, my God, my Lord and my Son."

The great artists seemed to know the inside of the stable in Bethlehem as if they had been there themselves.

TO EVERYONE
Harry's Auto Parts

Christmas Blessings

FOR HIS BIRTHDAY

As we once again celebrate that Birthday of birthdays, may the blessings He came to bring be reborn in every single heart!

Pegge Lee Bakery

**BOWLING LEAGUES
TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

EAGLE RIVER: Members of all leagues at the Eagle River Bowl will share a pot-luck Christmas Party, along with their husbands and wives.

This party will take place on Saturday, December 26th at 7pm.

League members will provide the food, and there will be free bowling, courtesy of the Eagle River Bowl in a "Scotch Doubles" tournament afterwards.

This is for adult league members on. y. For further information, members are asked to contact their league officers.

**SCHEDULE SET FOR
JUNIOR XMAS TOURNAMENT**

MT. VIEW: The bowling schedule for the "Parent-Child Christmas Doubles Bowling Tournament" to be held at Park Lanes, on December 26th, has been posted, according to Mrs. Jack Stewart of the Eagle River Bowl.

Local Bantams will bowl at 10am; Juniors at 3:00pm and Seniors at 8:00pm.

All entrants should be at Park Lane at least one half hour before they are scheduled to bowl.

The schedule has been posted at the Eagle River Bowl, and all those entered are reminded to check it for their own bowling time.

This tournament is for those who are members of a sanctioned bowling league only. Junior Bowlers who do not have a parent who is a sanctioned bowler, may bowl with a substitute parent who is sanctioned.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

We are so accustomed to our own kind of Christmas, we sometimes forget that in other lands, the customs, the names, and even the dates of Christmas are often not the same.

IN MEXICO, for example, Christmas begins December 16 with the "posadas", which means "inns", in remembrance of the inn where the Holy Family sought to rest. Mexican families visit one another re

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**Alaska's
Favorite Game**



EVERY FRIDAY
8:00pm

CHUGIAK VFW HALL

Admission \$1.00

Proceeds benefit the Chugiak Vol. Fire Company

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enacting the event. Christmas Day is spent rather quietly at home. Children receive gifts on Epiphany, January 6.

IN SOUTH AMERICA each region has its own particular customs, but basically they are customs adapted to their mid-summer climate, and guitars and castanets combine in music with bells. Epiphany is the day for exchanging gifts.

IN CHINA, Christmas is "Sheng Dan Jieh" or the Holy Birth Festival. It closely represents the Western Christmas with trees and Santa Claus prevalent.

IN HOLLAND, a big event is a parade where Saint Nick rides on a horse, with Black Peter (who tends to "bad" boys and girls) riding by his side.

IN INDIA, Christmas is a holiday, but how much it resembles our Christmas celebrations depends upon whether or not a missionary is, or has been, in the area. Often it is just a time for fun because the British had declared it to be a holiday.

IN SPAIN, music and mirth are the keys to the season. Here it is the Three Wise Men who bring the gifts on January 6.

IN JAPAN, there is a great deal made of Christmas in so far as their adoption of Western secular traditions. There is a Santa and trees and gifts, but little or no reference is made to the religious meaning of the season.

IN SCANDINAVIA — Sweden, Denmark, Norway and

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Finland — customs vary slightly. In Finland, a visit to the Finnish bath is usually made on Christmas Eve. St. Lucia's Day, December 13, opens the season in Sweden, and girls wear a halo of candles as a crown on the day.

IN AUSTRALIA, because it is midsummer weather, Christmas festivities are held mainly outdoors. Parties at the beach are common.

IN GERMANY, Christmas begins on St. Nicholas Day and is a very gay time. The decorated tree plays a large part in their celebration.

IN FRANCE, St. Nicholas Day, December 6, is generally "Christmas", although it is not a legal holiday. Pere Noel places the children's gifts in their shoes. Creches contain not only the manger scene, but figures of the local baker, mayor, etc. as well. Christmas Eve is an all-night, joyous affair.

The first "enveloped" greeting card was a Christmas card. Greeting cards were not placed in envelopes until Rust Craft Greeting Cards introduced the card in 1906.

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LEAGUE CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, Dec. 26th

7:00p.m.



**FREE BOWLING TOURNAMENT
"SCOTCH DOUBLES"**

Courtesy of the Eagle River BOWL

EAGLE RIVER

Bowl

Check with your league officers for further details.



Tell it to Martha

By Martha Council

Dear Martha,

This is a long story, but I need someone to tell my husband that I am not being unreasonable.

My mother-in-law has been saving for years to get enough money by buy a airline ticket and come up and visit us.

This year she had enough and planned to come up and spend Christmas with us. She went to her doctor before she left, and he told her that her heart would never stand the trip, and for her to forget it.

Well, I guess she was pretty disappointed, and the other day we got a letter with a check in it and a letter asking my husband to buy an airline ticket and come down and spend Christmas with her instead.

Now, Martha, he would never dream of leaving me and the kids at Christmas time. He says that we should send the money back to his mother. I say that the money was intended as a Christmas present, and that if we can't use it the way his mother suggests that there is nothing wrong with spending it on something the whole family will enjoy. Heaven knows we could sure use a new TV set. My husband doesn't agree with me, and I fell sure that you will help me show him that I am right.

Mary Xmas

Dear Mary,

I'm sure sorry that you were counting on me to back you up

on this one, but I am finding it hard to remain objective and not tell you what I think of you.

As I see it, your husbands mother has a poor heart, and therefore may not see many more Christmases. Do you really believe it would be right to expect her to send her savings to buy you a new TV when it is obvious she wants to see her son at least one more time?

No, I don't think you should send the money back. Nor do I think that your husband should leave his family at Christmas. But what is wrong with his taking a short vacation around his mothers birthday and making a flying visit to spend it with her. Surely you can spare him for that long can't you?

Sincerely,

Martha Council



It is believed that during a pause in the flight into Egypt, the Virgin Mother placed the garments of her tiny son on the branches of a rosemary plant and the plant's blossoms changed from white to lavender so they might bear the hue of Mary's cloak.

Through the ages, bells have served many purposes — announcing the approach of vehicles, for instance, or signaling the beginning of curfew. Early associated with churches, by medieval times the pealing of the bells had come to signify the rejoicing of the Christmas season.

An early custom was the tolling of church bells on Christmas Eve, during the hour before midnight. The tolling announced the death of Satan, and at midnight joyous peals told of the birth of Christ.

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored, family-taught art, the tuneful bells ring out at seven-thirty on Christmas morning.

It takes years of training and practice to learn the ringing of complex "changes," as the different chants and tonal combinations are called.

For appointments call: 674-5668

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Prize for this was a Kenmore Buffet Chef, and a magnum of Champagne. The former donated by Sears Roebuck Company, and the latter by K & L Distributors of Anchorage.

The first prize in the religious division of the private residence group went to the Benjamin Wattum residence on the Eagle River Road. The display here, consisted of a stained glass effect on the windows of the house depicting the three Wise Men. The eaves of the house were lined with colored lights. The prize for this division is a Starlite phone, from the Matanuska Telephone Association.

Second prize for the religious division went to the F.S. Lee home at Swanee Slopes in Old Chugiak. This depicted a nativity scene, with the figures of Mary and Joseph handmade mannikins. Styrofoam angels were suspended from the trees over the display.

The prize for this is an electric can-opener, donated by J.C. Penney Company.

First prize in the home traditional division, went to the Virgil Baker home, on Meadow Creek off the Eagle River Road. This display was the most brilliantly lighted of the entries and featured many of the traditional Christmas symbols. Santa and his reindeer had just landed on the roof of the house, which had strings of colored lights along the eaves. A Christmas Star hung from a tree-top, lighted trees, snowmen and gate posts were located around the yard. The prize for this division is an electric coffee pot, donated by the Matanuska Electric Association.

Second prize for the traditional division of private residences, was awarded to the (next col)

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Charles Reynolds residence, off Monte Road in Eagle River. This was the most dramatic of the entrants. The driveway, which curved up the hill to the Reynolds home had been lined on both sides with cans of fuel oil, which had been set ablaze and gave the effect of a torch-lit patyway ascending to the small "Gingerbread Cottage" house which is the Reynolds residence. There the windows had been decorated in a stained glass effect, with a lighted tree higher on the hillside adding to the Holiday effect. The prize for this division, is a merchandise certificate in the amount of \$12.50 donated by Betty Wolford, Minnesota Woolen representative.

Honorable mention was awarded to Miss Nondus R. Selbert who lives off Artillery Road in Eagle River. This entry was an "ice tree", A metal "tree" which was made of tubing in a pyramid shape had been sprayed with ice and (next col)

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was adrip with frosty icicles. This was strung with tiny colored winking lights.

Judges for the contest were, Captain Peterson, an Army Chaplain from Fort Richardson, Mrs. Rusty Bellringer, Editor and Publisher of the Knik Arm Courier and Robert Flemming, President of the Chugiak Chapter of the Alaska Crippled Children's Association.

Entries were judged on the basis of lighting, interpretation of the Christmas theme and originality in that order.

The winners will be contacted and notified where they can pick up their prizes.

Funds raised by the entry fees will benefit the speech and hearing therapy program of the local chapter of ACCA.

In Northern Europe, when Santa Claus arrives on a white horse, boys and girls put out food for the horse.



"Why Not Give A Share in America This Christmas?" Asks Mrs. America of 1964

CHIEF Chugiak

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MATANUSKA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GOOD WILL

MATANUSKA VALLEY BANK

Church News



CHUGIAK CHAPEL
Assemblies of God
Mile 21 Old Chuglak
Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Worship. 11:00am
Evangelistic Service. 7:00pm
Bible Study & Prayer meeting
Wednesday. 7:00pm
Christ's Ambassadors (Young People)
Friday. 7:00pm
**OUR NURSERY IS OPEN DURING
SUNDAY SERVICES**

ST. ANDREWS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Mile 14 Eagle River
Rev. Robert L. Whalen SJ
Rev. Joseph E. Shirey SJ
Sunday Confession 3:45pm
Sunday Mass. 4:30pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EAGLE RIVER

Rev. E.C. Chron Pastor
Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Worship. 11:00am
B.T.U. 6:00pm
Evening Worship 7:00pm
Wednesday Prayer meeting. . . 7:00pm
W.M.U. 2nd Tuesday. 7:30pm
R.A. Boys 1st & 3rd Tues. . . . 7:30pm
**NURSERY OPEN DURING
SERVICES**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BIRCHWOOD

Mile 21 Old Chuglak
Rev. George Kesterman Pastor
Sunday Worship. 10:00am
Prayer meeting. Wed. 7:00pm

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mile 2 Old Chuglak
Rev. Roland Fritz Pastor
Sunday School 10:30am
Morning Worship. 9:30am
Ladies Aid. . . 3rd Tues. 7:30am

CHUGIAK METHODIST CHURCH

Mile 18 Old Chuglak
Rev. Leo Cramer Pastor
Sunday School. 9:45am
Worship Service. 11:00am
Jr. Hl. MYF. Sun. 6:30pm
Sr. Hl. MYF. Sun. 6:30pm
Jr. Choir. . . Wed. 3:45pm
Sr. Choir. . . Thurs. 7:30pm

CHURCH OF THE WILDWOOD

Mile 14 1/2 Eagle River
Community Church
Theron McGrew Pastor
Sunday School. 10:00am
Morning Worship. 11:00am
Evening Service. 7:00pm
Prayer & Bible Study. Wed. . . 7:00pm

CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS CHUGIAK BRANCH

Frank Millman Branch Pres.
Mile 19 1/2 Old Chuglak
Seminary: 6:30 to 7:30am Weekdays
Sunday School 10:30am
Sacrament. Sun. 4:30p.m.
Priesthood. Sun. 9:00am
Primary. Tues. 3:30-4:30p.m.
M.I.A. . 11th & E. Anch Tues
. 7:30p.m.
Relief Society. . . Thursday 10:00am

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

EAGLE RIVER: The Christmas program at the Eagle River First Baptist Church will take place on December 23rd, at 7:30pm.

A tree and gifts for the children, and fellowship for the adults will follow in the church basement. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY TO HOLD BAKE SALE

EAGLE RIVER: The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Chuglak Methodist Church will hold a Christmas bake sale on December 23rd, at Valu City.

The sale will begin when the store opens and last until all the baked goods are sold.

Christmas baked specialties and candy will be featured. The WSCS will take orders for any specific baked goods or candy. Orders may be placed by calling either Mrs. OJoanne Cartmill at 674-2354, Mrs. Nora Ekstedt at 694-2354 or Mrs. Mona Cramer at 694-2318.

Also to be available for sale on that day will be copies of the Community Cook Book, which was compiled by the WSCS, and consists of recipes contributed by ladies of the Greater Chuglak Area. These books sell for \$2.50 each. Cans of commercial candy will also be offered for sale.

For Kissing

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "kissing bunch." This ever-green ball had mistletoe, for kissing, hung from the center. But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES PLANNED

OLD CHUGIAK: The Chuglak Methodist Church will hold their annual Christmas candlelight services on Christmas eve at 7:30pm at the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

PROGRAM AT COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

BIRCHWOOD: Elder Don White will preach at the Community Baptist Church 8/10 mile from the new High School on the Birchwood Loop Road. Services will begin at 2pm on December 27th.

Elder White is the Pastor of the Bible Baptist Church of DeBarr Road in Anchorage.

"Come and Hear an independent Baptist preacher rightly divide the word of truth."



Mistletoe was used in sacred rites long before Christianity arose, but it was the British Victorians who introduced the custom of kissing under the mistletoe at Christmas.

They probably got the idea from an old Scandinavian myth that tells about Loki, god of evil, killing Balder, god of spring, with a mistletoe arrow. However, Balder's life was restored and in thanks, his mother, Frigga, decreed that mistletoe would never again be used as a weapon and that she would kiss anyone who passed beneath it.



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STUDENTS MAKE TOYS

BIRCHWOOD: Students in the woodworking class at Chugiak High School have been making toys to be given to the needy children of the community. Mr. Barney Sabo, instructor of the woodshop, said that the boys have done a remarkable job with a minimum of supervision; and that the toys will be given to local churches for distribution among needy families.

"A. A." CHAPTER FORMS IN PALMER

PALMER: A Palmer group of Alcoholics Anonymous, which organized at a meeting last Sunday at the MEA auditorium, will hold regular weekly meetings at the American Legion building. The group will meet each Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the court room.

VFW MEMBERS REMINDED TO PAY DUES

CHUGIAK: Members of the Chugiak VFW post are reminded that unless their dues are paid before January 1st, of 1965, their insurance will lapse.

Members are also reminded to contact George Zmuda, to determine if their beneficiary cards are filled out and up to date.

The next VFW meeting will be on Wednesday, January at the new VFW Hall next to T & C Liquors at mile 13 1/2. The meeting will begin at 8pm.

(Aliens)

Exceptions to the law are persons with diplomatic status and those admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers. Address cards may be obtained at post offices or offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Addresses must be filed personally. Do NOT mail this card.

THE EAGLE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Wishes you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New year and asks You to watch your trees & lighted decorations.

Lets keep our perfect record of the past two months, NO FIRES!

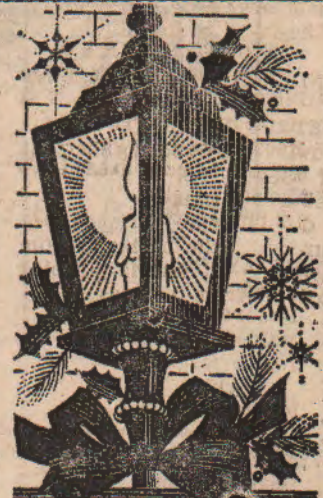
MERRY CHRISTMAS GOOD THOUGHTS

ALIENS MUST FILE

JUNEAU: More than 3 million aliens are again required to furnish their addresses to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, according to Keifer L. Gray, district director.

Under a provision of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act, every alien in the United States with few exceptions must report his or her address during the month of January.

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Greetings

We wish to each and every one of our many, many loyal patrons a very Merry Christmas.

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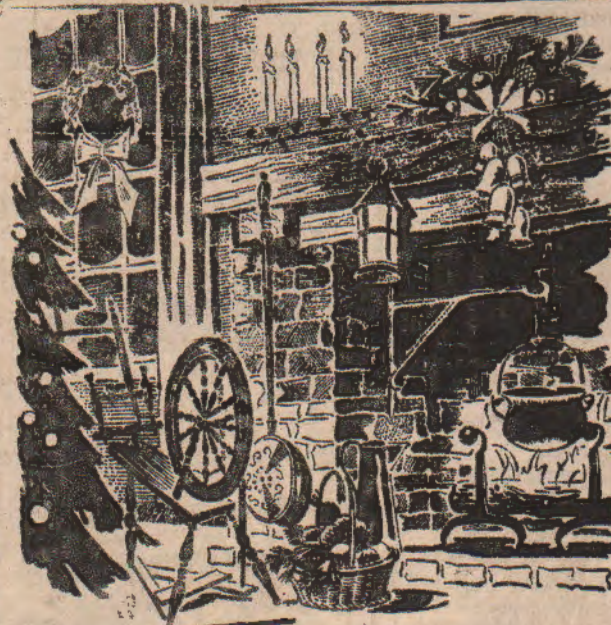
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MONDAY, Dec. 28
 Hamburger
 Escalloped Potatoes
 Buttered Green beans
 Canned peaches
 1/2 pint of milk

TUESDAY, Dec. 29
 Pizza
 Buttered corn
 Molded fruit salad
 Jumbo peanut butter cookie
 1/2 pint of milk

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30
 Beef Stroganoff
 Mashed potatoes
 Veg table choice
 Whole wheat rolls
 1/2 pint of milk

THURSDAY, Dec. 31
 FRIED
 CHICKEN
 DINNER

FRIDAY, Jan. 1

HAPPY
 NEW
 YEAR

TOWING SERVICE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

PETERS CREEK: The Chugiak Towing and Wrecking Service, of miles 1/2, is now under new management. (G. (Gennie) Brinson, has purchased the business from Bob [unclear], who is planning to move from the area.

LIONS CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

EAGLE RIVER: The Eagle River Lions Club conducted the drawing for their giant toys raffle last Sunday, and the winners were awarded their prizes in time to tuck them under their trees to delight the hearts of their children.

A total of twenty nine individual prizes were drawn for and won by the following persons:

- LLST. PRIZE, Paul Walker a bicycle.
- 2nd: Susan Missal, Tricycle
- 3rd: Al Cross "Mighty Mo"
- 4th: John Knudsen, Tinker toy with motor
- 5th: Danny Jensen, Big "T" hot rod kit
- 6th: Leon Tallman, chld's wagon.
- 7th: R. Mitchell, "B.B." gun.
- 8th: Donny Ryan, Caroom board
- 9th: Ollie Walker, "BB" gun
- 10th: Teamsters Local, Marine Scout
- 11th: Dee Ann Burger, Musical Rocking Chair
- 12th: Tom Take III, Large sled
- 13th: Doris Kiel, Big stuffed cat.
- 14th: Lou McGuire, Musical Rocking chair
- 15th: John Laurich, "Snuggle Softee" stuffed doll
- 16th: Barbara Take - Bazooka
- 17th: Ted Pyrah, Fixit Kit
- 18th: Rober Williams, Small sled
- 19th: Bill Boyd, Clipper ship
- 20th: Louis Doores, Basketball set.
- 21st: Conrad Jensen, Desk Set
- 22nd: Leon Tallman, Sno Cone machine
- 23rd: Sherryl Missal, Sally Server.
- 24th: Ray Viau, Tob agon
- 25th: Paul Beach- Ride 'em tractor.
- 26th: J.D. Price, Painting set
- 27th: Leanoire Landreth, Archery set.
- 28th: Floyd Robinson, Baseball bat
- 29th: C.E. Willie, Baseball bat. (next col)

(Raffle)

Funds raised by this raffle will benefit the Lions Club Community Betterment Fund.

ALASKAN VETERANS MAY BUY INSURANCE

JUNEAU: Alaska veterans of World War II or of the Korean Conflict with a nonservice-connected disability so severe they cannot buy commercial life insurance at any price, may be eligible to buy GI insurance after May 1, 1965.

John C. Denny, manager of the Juneau regional office, pointed out that new legislation has re-opened National

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(Veterans)

Service life insurance for certain veterans not holding the full \$10,000 GI insurance coverage. Included among the eligible veterans are nonservice-connected cases with severe disabilities.

Mr. Denny said full information may be obtained by writing or visiting the regional office in the Goldstein Building in Juneau, Alaska or by telephoning JU 6-3033.

BIG TREE

The largest Christmas tree ever lighted is believed to have been 364 feet tall. It is located in California's redwood forest and was first decorated in December, 1945.



We're hoping your Yuletide is full of bright surprises.

PETERS CREEK SERVICE
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A Merry Christmas to Everyone

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Where Jesus Walked

TEN PLACES IMPORTANT TO JESUS are located in this Holy Land map. It was in Nazareth (1), according to Roman Catholic teaching, that the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would become the Mother of Christ. Jesus was born in Bethlehem (2), baptized in the Jordan (3), began His early ministry in Capernaum (4), performed His first miracle at a wedding feast in Cana (5), revealed in Caesarea Philippi (6), His plans to establish a church, underwent a transfiguration on Mount Tabor (7), restored a blind man's sight in Jericho (8), was crucified in Jerusalem (9) and appeared before followers on road near Emmaus (10) after His resurrection.

THE ARRIVAL IN BETHLEHEM—When Mary returned to Nazareth to bear her child, the Emperor Augustus who ruled from Rome "commanded that every man should go into the towns, cities or villages from where they were of, and should bring with him a penny in acknowledgement that he was subject to the empire of Rome."

The story of the journey which Joseph and Mary made to Bethlehem as a consequence of this decree was popular with writers who saw it as yet another chance to set forth the holy family's life.

It was, to some, an ordinary family crisis. To others, an example of the virtues of poverty.

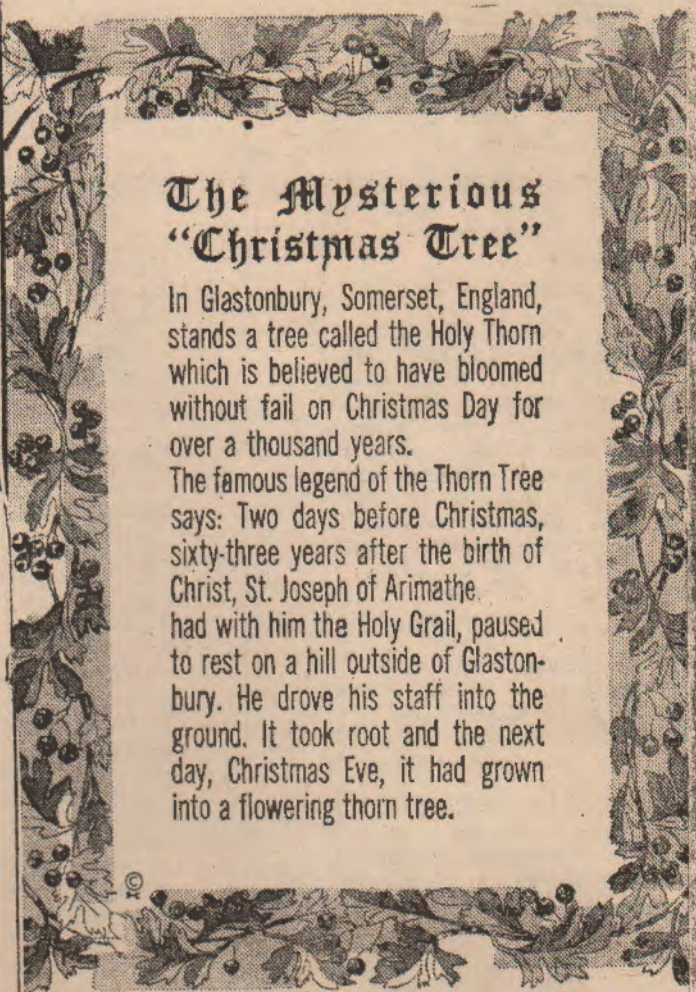
Cornelis Massys, a Flemish artist who painted landscapes, saw in the journey a different opportunity—and painted the wide horizons of an imaginary countryside.

This landscape was never finished. In its upper parts one can see the sketchy pen-and-ink drawing and the amber-tinted under-stain. Upon this, as in the lower area, successive coats of paint were to have been painstakingly applied.

It is an exciting painting, not because it is forceful in its plan, but because it entices one along stretches of wide rivers, out to distant seas, up snaking roads past snatches of forest, and through fields surmounted by huge rocks.

When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem, because of the many people there at the time, they could get no shelter in any house.

At the upper right of Massys' painting Mary and Joseph are shown standing before an inn, the Bethlehem square behind them crowded with dancing villagers, straggling babies and romping dogs. At the far right they are lodged in Bethlehem in a makeshift shelter.



The Mysterious "Christmas Tree"

In Glastonbury, Somerset, England, stands a tree called the Holy Thorn which is believed to have bloomed without fail on Christmas Day for over a thousand years.

The famous legend of the Thorn Tree says: Two days before Christmas, sixty-three years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathe had with him the Holy Grail, paused to rest on a hill outside of Glastonbury. He drove his staff into the ground. It took root and the next day, Christmas Eve, it had grown into a flowering thorn tree.



Some Good Christmas Advice

Can't beat a salty old skipper for good advice. "And you can't beat U.S. Savings Bonds as a Christmas Gift," says that skipper of security Paul Ford. Ford, star of "Never Too Late" on Broadway and soon-to-be-star of CBS-TV's "The Baileys of Balboa," adds: "The Savings Bonds you've given as Christmas gifts in past years are still growing in value, still giving pleasure to those who received them. Why not follow your own good example again this year—give Savings Bonds."

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FOR RENT: Hilltop View Apts. off Birchwood Loop. Country living with apartment convenience. Less than 1/2 mile from Chugiak High School. Tastefully furnished, wall to wall carpeting. Efficiencies, 2 bedroom. Call 674-8046



One of the loveliest stories about the poinsettia concerns a poor young girl who wished to give a gift to the Virgin Mary, but she had nothing of value. In desperation, she picked some weeds to give as a gesture of love. As she presented them, they suddenly transmuted into huge scarlet blooms.

Poinsettias were brought to America from Mexico by Dr. Josef R. Poinsett.



The burning of the Yule log began in England before the Christian era. It was believed that at the end of every year the sun stood still for twelve days. So a huge log was burned during that period, to burn away the evil of the past.

Because the pagan Yule and our Christmas came at about the same time of the year, the tradition of burning the log was continued.

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