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CHUGIAK - 10¢

FIRE DESTROYS GUN SHOP HERE



SANTA CHATS WITH YOUNG ADMIRERS AT LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE EAGLE RIVER BOWL

PETERS CREEK: A local business was destroyed last Monday, in a spectacular fire.

Mike's Gun Shop burned to ground, amid the noise of approximately 5,000 rounds of ammunition going off.

Neighbors described it as sounding like everything from "the fourth of July" to "a small war."

The shop, which was located on Four Wheel Drive at mile 21 1/2, was owned by Mike D'Amato.

The fire broke out at about 6:00pm on Monday. Neither Mr. or Mrs. D'Amato were at home at the time, and the fire alarm was turned in by a neighbor.

The Chugiak Volunteer Fire Company responded, but were unable to save the explosive laden building.

The loss was estimated at \$7,000. It is not known if D'Amato was insured. The cause of the fire could not be determined.

GAAB ISSUES SEWER BOOK

ANCHORAGE: The Greater Anchorage Area Borough has announced the publication of a book entitled Sewage Study for the Greater Anchorage Area Borough of the Eagle River Chugiak Area.

This book, was prepared by the firms of consulting engineers, Tryck, Nyman and Sons of Anchorage, and by Evans and Thompson of Portland Oregon.

Information contained in the book describes the climate and geology of the area, along with chapters of population and land use, description of the area, methods of treatment and disposal and recommendations for the construction program and methods of financing.

The book contains maps of the area and a number of photographs.

In the recommendations to GAAB, the consultants led for a public hearing of all residents to determine whether the people of this area favor a central sewage system. Then if the meet-

KIDS XMAS PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

EAGLE RIVER: The Annual Kids Christmas Party, jointly sponsored by the Eagle River and Chugiak Lions Clubs drew a record crowd of Chugiak Area youngsters last Saturday at the Eagle River Bowl.

Santa Claus, who was portrayed by "Happy" Jack Smith of Seward, spoke to each of the hundreds of children lined up in front of the bowling alley, and presented each one with a stocking of candy.

The drawing for the Toy Raffle was held later that afternoon, with the following winners: The hobsled was won by Claude Stepp, of Anchorage.

BINGO TO BENEFIT FIRE VICTIMS

OLD CHUGIAK: The Chugiak Volunteer Fire Company will hold a benefit Bingo night on Friday, December 23rd at the Chugiak Community Hall.

All proceeds from these games will be used to purchase Christmas presents for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Mike D'Amato.

The D'Amato's were the victims of a fire described elsewhere in the Courier. They had hidden the children's gifts in the gun shop which burned to the ground on Monday.

The D'Amato's have two boys aged 6 and 8. Any non-Bingo players who may wish to help this family out are encouraged to do so.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INVITES MEMBERSHIP

EAGLE RIVER: An interested group of approximately forty local residents have become members of the newly organized "Sportsmen's Game Preservation Association, which held its organizational meeting last Wednesday.

The group is planning another meeting on January 9th at 7:00pm at the Eagle River Inn, mile 12, Glenn Highway.

The steering committee is in the process of compiling By-Laws and a Constitution, which will be presented at the next meeting to be discussed and voted upon.

Any interested persons are urged to attend this meeting

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Holiday Celebrations Reflect Customs from Far and Near

Celebrating the happy holiday of Christmas is an almost universal custom, and many of the traditions belonging to the day are universal, too. Gift giving, merrymaking, gaily decorated trees and brightly glowing lights are holiday habits that have found their way to almost every corner of the globe.

Along with the similarities in the way people observe Christmas go just as many differences. From country to country, from city to city, from family to family, holiday customs vary, sometimes just enough to show the touch of individual imagination, and sometimes so greatly that it seems hard to believe the same day is being commemorated.

Gift Giving . . .

It's traditional to receive gifts during the Yuletide season, but the time is not always December 25, and the gift-giver is not always Santa.

One of the earliest Christmas giving times takes place in the Netherlands, according to the Book of Knowledge. Here, the children receive their gifts from St. Nicholas on December 5. The date, appropriately enough, is called St. Nicholas Eve, in honor of the real St. Nicholas, fourth century bishop.

Christmas gift giving in Italy comes on January 5, which is known as Epiphany Eve. The traditional gift giver is Befana. Legend says that Befana misdirected the wise men, and now she seeks to atone by going about the world doing good to children.

In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given on St. Lucy's Day, December 13.

The time for gift giving in Puerto Rico and Spain is January 6, the day when, traditionally, the wise men come to Bethlehem.

In Germany

From Christmas trees to Christmas toys, many Christmas customs now universally observed came first from Germany.

In the medieval town of Nuremberg, the highlight of the Christmas season is the "Christ Child's" visit.

The "Christ Child" or Christ Child, is the gift-giver, and the culmination of the fair, no Christmas Eve, is a visit by the Christ King to the balcony of the historic church, the Frauenkirche.

Days of group caroling by the children precede this event.

Fun and Feasting . . .

A merry, hearty feast is traditional at Christmas, but the ingredients are not always the same. Norwegians might serve, instead of turkey and trimmings, codfish and pickled pork, while baked carp is a favored Christmas delicacy in Austria.

Christmas dining customs change with time, too. History describes a "traditional" Christmas feast of seventeenth century Quebec, a feast that would be considered somewhat unusual today.

Before each diner at the feast was placed a bowl of birch bark or polished basswood and a spoon of bark. The diners supplied their own knives, and there were no forks.

Into the bowl went first the appetizers — corn bread and a boiled mixture of eels, salmon and beans. The soup course was a rich meat broth, thickened with nuts. Vegetables included corn, peas and baked squash.

The main course featured roast venison and squirrel pies, with baked wild pigeons, partridges, blackbird, owls — all served together.

Dessert consisted of cakes of maple sugar or sunflower seeds and nuts, topped with a sauce of boiled dried berries.

Lighting Up . . .

Since the Star shone on Bethlehem, lights have been a part of Christmas celebrations. Today, candlelight services are traditionally held by many churches at Christmas.

Something unique in the way of Christmas lights are the "luminarias" used to decorate the city of Albuquerque, N.M., at Christmastime.

Outlining the borders of streets, sidewalks, yards and even the roofs of homes, the luminarias shine everywhere. Made of paper bags, weighted down with sand and lighted from within by a candle, thousands of luminarias all over the city offer a soft light.

"And on Earth"

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

This is how the latest version of the Bible translates Luke 2:14 — a change from the familiar "and on earth peace, good will to men."

Useful Gift

A luxury item needn't be useless. If it is, it's not a luxury it's a waste. So keep in mind the basic needs of your recipient. Thus, instead of giving mom a dust-gathering figurine, why not treat her to some gleaming stainless steel casserole dishes? They're not only useful, but because stainless steel is a lot easier to clean than light, cheap metals—it will save her work all year long.

DANGEROUS DECORATIONS.

Holiday decorations especially hazardous to children include Christmas Tree Light Bubbling Fluid, which contains the poison methylene blue; and Fireplace Colors made of toxic metallic salts. Snow Sprays contain highly poisonous propellants, which may be inhaled. Even Metallic Icicles—if ingested by a youngster—can cause serious lead poisoning.

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Ways and Means To Take Care of Holiday Stains

BIRCHWOOD: The scores and standings of the local YMCA Youth Basketball League for the past week, whowed the Colts winning over N.C. Co. with a tight score of 20 to 18.

In the game between the First National Bank and Denali Fuel, the bankers came out ahead with a solid 36 to 13.

Points scored for the Colts
Fred Herbert.8pts.
Ernie Darby.6 pts.
Eric Braendel.6 pts.

N.C. CO.
Jim Polyefko.9 pts.
Gary Ryan.8 pts.
Steve Bullock.1 pt.

This game was tied at 18-18 and won by the Colts in overtime by a basket scored by Fred Herbert.

Points scored in the second game,
1st NATIONAL BANK
Mark Brooks.16 pts.
Rodney Willis.8 pts.
Bruce Tardy.2 pts.
Tony Sanders.36 pts.

DENALI FUEL
Dennis Darby.11 pts.
Robert Pyles.2 pts.

Team standings to date are,
1st Nat. Bank won 2 lost 0
Denali Fuel won 1 lost 1
Colts. won 1 lost 1
N.C. Co. won 0 lost 2

Deck the house with holiday cheer, but beware of crepe paper stains on carpets and upholstery. Crepe paper decorations that fade on damp areas of carpet and upholstery are usually impossible to remove by home remedies and require the services of a professional.

To protect carpets, pick up paper before it's stepped on by damp shoes, advises Agnes Sunnell, home economics leader with the University of Alaska Cooperative Extension Service.

It's also important to protect your carpet from tree decorations such as tinsel sprays or soap suds, says Miss Sunnell. If suds fall on the carpet, remove as much as possible by scraping up excess with a smooth, rounded edge spoon. Use a vacuum to pick up any loose particles, then add small amounts of warm water with a tablespoon and work gently with the fingers. Blot up suds and water with several tissues.

Keep adding water and blotting as long as suds appear. Absorb as much moisture as possible from the rug then place several layers of paper towel or tissues over the area and weight down with a book. Allow this to remain in place for eight hours. Then brush the pile with your fingers.

If youngsters try out their new Christmas color crayons on the rug, stains should be treated immediately with a small amount of dry cleaning fluid and blotted with tissue.

The home economist says to keep this up until no more crayon shows on the tissues. The next step is to mix a teaspoon of light-duty detergent with a cup of warm water, and sponge small amounts on the stain. Blot after each application. When the spot is gone, put several layers of tissue and weight again.

If the worst happens, ask the local Extension Agent for a copy of "Carpet and Rug Repair", number F-1960.

MISTLETOE MAGIC

Britain's early Druids believed mistletoe could heal disease, neutralize poisons and protect against witchcraft. They wore charm bracelets and rings made of mistletoe, and fastened the plant over doorways to their homes. The Scandinavian goddess Frigga reportedly made mistletoe an emblem of love and granted some lucky man a kiss beneath its branches—perhaps the start of the custom we know so well today.

TREE TIP

If you're buying living Christmas trees in large 12 to 14 inch clay pots, prepare a place for planting them outdoors after the holidays. Dig the hole where you plan to install each evergreen at a time when the ground is not frozen. Cover with board and you'll find the soil relatively easy to loosen when you're ready to plant the tree after the holidays.

Family Gift

A gift for every member of the family is traditional—a separate gift that is. Gaining in popularity is the idea of one large gift that pleases the whole family. A typical example is a box or group of seats for a season's worth of favorite sports. Another is a family trip, or excursion. Both gifts provide something to look forward to; tickets may be for next year's football season, any excursion must be preceded by hours of poring over maps and travel folders.

Money Gift

What does the bank official consider the perfect gift? Money of course. Last year a Maryland bank sold money birds, money bank sold money birds, money corsages, money by the inch and money trees, money in buckets and money trees. Other specialties included Bit-O-Money—money packaged as a candy bar; Cold Cash—money mounted in an ice cube sealed in a plastic box; and a Money Magic Magician's Kit—directions for performing six magic tricks with money.

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orage; a 24 inch bicycle was won by Kelly Boyles of Birchwood; 24 inch bicycle, won by Mrs. R. Larson of Chuglak the Stutz Bearcat won by Robert Armstrong of Birchwood, a tricycle won, by Chris Roberts of Eagle River, a tricycle won by Norman Criger of Anchorage, a bat-mobile, won by Robby Connell of Birchwood, a Little Hostess buffet, won by Paul Austin of Eagle River, a Johnny Express won by Margaret Ripley of Eagle River, Baby Brite doll won by Douglas Barnes of Eagle River, a rocking chair, won by Ollie Hulse of Birchwood, a toboggan, won by M.B. Johnson of Eagle River, a toboggan, won by Dawn Hahn of Eagle River, a 5 foot sled won by teamsters local #959 of Anchorage and a 5 foot sled won by W.J. Purcell of Peters Creek.

LOCAL MAN SIGHTS STRANGE LIGHT IN SKY

EAGLE RIVER: Dale Pierson, of Eagle River reported having noticed a strange light in the sky when returning home from Anchorage one evening last week.

Pierson said the light was larger and brighter than the brightest star that he had ever seen.

He also discounted the idea that it might be a star, since it appeared to hang low on the horizon and was between him and the row of mountains.

He said the light had no visible motion, and he kept it in sight all the way through Fort Richardson, losing sight of it only when he started down the Eagle River Hill and his view was obscured by the high bank and trees.

He said that the light was still visible when he crossed the bridge and started up the hill on the north side of the river.

Pierson, a former Army man said it did not look like

any military phenomena he had ever seen.

About Trees...

On the night Christ was born, legend says, all the trees burst into bloom. Thus began many stories about the Christmas tree.

Early folk tales described a huge tree in the midst of a forest. The tree held many candles, some straight, some upside down. At the top was an infant with a halo around his head.

It was believed that the tree represented humanity. The candles, up and down, symbolized people, good and bad. The infant was the Christ Child.

Christmas Slang

There is but one real meaning for the word Christmas, yet it has from time to time taken on peculiar slang uses. "Christmas" is sometimes used to describe a sparkling article of clothing or jewelry. In World War II, fliers used the word "christmas" to describe a shower of metallic foil dropped by an airplane to jam enemy radar systems. And a "Christmas tree" in the slang of drillers and wildcatters refers to the derrick of an oil or gas well.

(Sportsmen cont pg 1 col. 3) and offer any suggestions. Membership in the club has been set at an initiation fee of \$2.00 with annual dues to be voted upon.



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PETERS CREEK SHOPPING CENTER MILE 23

Flowering potted plants that will adorn many homes this Christmas season can live to bloom again if given the proper care.

The Sourdough Gardener offers the following pointers on post-bloom care of the Poinsettias, Azaleas, and Cyclamen you get for Christmas.

Poinsettias: After the flowers have faded, cut the stems back. Leave only 6 to 8 inches of stem above the pot. Discontinue watering and store the plant in a warm dry basement until May.

In the spring, repot the plant, remove some of the old soil and replace with fresh garden soil. Plunge the pot in the ground in a warm protected location in the garden. As new shoots get to be three or four inches long, pinch out the tips. Continue pinching the tips until mid-August. When evening temperatures start dropping below 60 degrees, move the plant indoors to a sunny location such as a south or west window, and let it grow.

Azaleas: These plants require an acid soil and are usually grown in a mixture of peat and sand, or peat and soil. After the flowers fade, place the plant in a bright location where the temperature will be 68 to 72 degrees. Apply a liquid fertilizer about every two weeks. Water carefully. Peat has a high water-holding capacity. Azaleas can't stand being either too wet or too dry.

In June, repot the plant in fresh soil and plunge the pot in the ground in a shaded spot in the garden. Pinch off the vegetative sideshoots which will be growing rapidly by late June or July. Leave the plant outdoors as late as you can without fear of a hard frost or freezing. When you bring the Azalea indoors, put it in a sunny window. The plant will bloom again, but usually later than Christmas probably in February.

Your plant bloomed this Christmas because it was given special temperature treatment in the greenhouse. Azaleas are stored for 2 months at 50 degrees Fahrenheit to bring them into bloom in December. The cool-storage treatments end 6 to 8 weeks before Christmas.

Cyclamen: Most homes are too warm for Cyclamen. They require a night temperature of 50 to 55 degrees, and a day temperature of 60 to 65 degrees. They like a bright light, but not direct sunlight, and a constant supply of moisture around the root system.

After the plants have flowered at Christmas, gradually withhold water, and store the plant

in a cool basement. In early June repot the plant and plunge it in the ground in a garden spot with a north or east exposure. Before the first frost bring the plant indoors to a cool, sunny location and it will bloom again, the Sourdough Gardener said.

For more details on house plants, ask for a copy of the free bulletin number G-82, "Selecting and Growing House Plants" from the local Extension office or write the Bulletin Office Cooperative Extension Service University of Alaska.

GREEN THUMBS PLAN XMAS PARTY

FT. RICARDSON: The Green Thumb Homemakers Club will have a Christmas party at their next regular meeting.

This will take place on Friday, December 23rd at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in the home of Betty Gaston on Fort Richardson.

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ing shows that a majority are in favor of this, if would be placed on the ballot for vote at a subsequent election.

Ed Willis, local Borough Assemblyman said that he is investigating the possibility that copies of this book might be made available to interested residents. Anyone wishing to get a copy of this book should check with Willis for information.

EAGLE RIVER PTA OFFERS 1st AID COURSE

EAGLE RIVER: The Eagle River Elementary School PTA is planning to sponsor a First Aid class, with advanced training to follow a basic course.

The class will meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm at the Eagle River elementary school. The first session will begin on January 3rd.

Instructor will be State Trooper George Pollitt.

The basic course consists of ten hours and the advanced course sixteen hours.

There is no charge for these lessons, and any interested persons are welcome to take part.

FLINT RESIGNS FROM SCHOOL BORAD

ANCHORAGE: Virgil Flint, local member to the Greater Anchorage Area Borough School Board, last week announced his resignation.

Flint stated that personal business commitments made it necessary for him to resign this position.

Willis Avery, of Anchorage has been named as a possible replacement for Flint.

Flint had been appointed to the school board in 1964 when Avery himself then a member had resigned. Flint then went on to file as candidate for the three year seat and was elected at the subsequent election.

If Avery accepts the appointment he will have 10 1/2 months of Flint's unexpired term to serve.

The school board will vote on the appointment at their December 28th meeting.

Old Stuff

The versatility of the modern doll is amazing, yet dolls have been versatile for centuries. As far back as the 18th century, dolls on exhibit at the History Museum in Neuchatel, Switzerland could write, draw and play for visitors. One doll, when wound up, would dip a pen in ink and write "Welcome to Neuchatel." A second doll would sketch pencil portraits of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. The musical doll, at a miniature keyboard, played minuets and quadrilles.

Tree History

Today the Christmas tree is a symbol of Yuletide gaiety. In early Finland, the Votjak tribe regarded the fir tree as sacred and individual branches were considered family gods to which tional holiday foods such as plum ferings of bread, meat and drink were given to a tree placed on the mantle; and it was believed a new house should not be built until a fir was placed under the roof, a cloth spread before the tree, and sacrifices placed on the cloth.

Tree Symbol

The fir tree was an early religious symbol in many parts of the world. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, of radio's The Lutheran Hour says this was probably brought about by the fact the fir is an evergreen and always flourished through each of the 4 seasons; thus symbolic of a beloved God who was immortal.

Kid's Treasure Chimney Is Real Treat

Something for the children? Of course. A Christmas decoration that's good enough to eat. All you need is assorted cookies, butter frosting mix, and a jolly toy Santa to add special fun to the smallfry's holiday.

Treasure Chimney

- 2 1-lb. boxes Sunshine Sugar Honey Graham Crackers
- 2 7-oz. packages butter frosting mix
- 5 8-oz. packages Sunshine Fig Bars or 3 1-lb. packages Sunshine Assorted Cookies

To make the form around which the chimney is built, tape together side by side the two 1-pound boxes of graham crackers after removing the paper wrapping from each. Leave crackers in the boxes until the chimney is completed. Prepare one of the packages of frosting mix as package directs. Spread one side of the taped boxes with frosting. Arrange fig bars flat with bottom sides down, pressing in frosting to look like mortar. Let frosting dry completely (several hours) on this side. Repeat process on the other three sides of form. When all "bricks" are cemented firmly, stand chimney on end. Cut away cardboard ends of graham cracker boxes a top, and remove about a third of the crackers. Prepare second package of the frosting mix. Drizzle it down corner edges and top of chimney to resemble snow and icicles. Fill chimney with assorted cookies, and top with a Santa.



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Sunday School.....9:45am
Morning Worship.....11:00am
Evangelist Service.....7:00pm
Bible Study and Prayer meeting
Wednesday.....7:00pm
Christ's Ambassadors (Young
People) Friday.....7:00pm
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Sunday Mass.....9:00am
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Friday immediately after sch.
Auble Res. Grades 5-6, Friday
immediately after school.
Chuglak Elem. school, Grades 1-6
Friday, immediately after sch.

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B.T.U.....9:00pm
Evening Worship.....7:00pm
Wednesday prayer meeting...7:00pm
W.M.U., 2nd Tuesday.....7:30pm
R.A. Boys 1st & 3rd Tues...7:30pm
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
BIRCHWOOD**
Rev. Bob Chadwick Pastor
Mile 21 Old Chuglak
Sunday School.....10:00am
Morning Worship.....11:00am
Training Union.....6:30pm
Evening Worship.....7:30pm
Prayer meeting, Wed...7:00pm

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Morning Worship.....10:00am
Evening Worship.....6:30pm
Bible Study, Wed.....7:00pm

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Rev. Roland Frits Pastor
Mile 19 1/2 Old Chuglak
Morning Worship.....9:00am
Sunday School.....10:00am
Ladies Aid, 3rd Tues.....7:30pm

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Harvey Sander Minister
Chuglak Community Hall Mile 21
Sabbath School, Saturday...9:30am
Worship Service.....11:00am
Prayer meeting as announced.

CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD
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Sunday School.....10:00am
Morning Worship.....11:00am
Evening Service.....7:00pm
Prayer & Bible Study, Wed. 7:30pm

CHUGIAK METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John Shaffer Pastor
Mile 18 Glen Hwy Old Chuglak
Church School.....9:45am
Divine Worship.....10:00am
NURSERY PROVIDED
MYF, Sunday.....9:00am
Adult Study, Sunday.....9:00am
Junior Choir, Wed.....9:00am
Senior Choir, Thurs.....7:00pm
Meth. Men, 2nd Tues...9:00pm
WESC, 1st & 3rd Wed.

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Sunday School.....10:00am
Sacrament, Sunday.....9:00am
Primary, Tuesday.....9:00am
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.....Tuesdays...7:00pm
Relief Society, Thurs...10:00am

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CHANGE IN PRIMARY TOLD

CHUGIAK: The Primary of the Chuglak Branch of the LDS Church will not meet on January 3rd, as was announced.

The first meeting following the school Christmas vacation will be on January 10th.

The reason for the change was the announcement that January 3rd will also be a school holiday.

MESSIAH

The "Messiah" oratorio, a Christmas tradition, was composed by George Frederick Handel in only 25 days, according to World Book Encyclopedia. It was first performed in 1742 in Dublin. A year later King George II set the custom of standing during the oratorio's "Hallelujah Chorus."

St. Francis

St. Francis of Assisi is generally credited with popularizing Christmas carols. St. Francis is responsible for staging the first manger scene with real people and animals. Legend has it that the onlookers were so delighted with the pageant that they burst into spontaneous song. Caroling then became as important to St. Francis' Christmas celebration as Christmas music is to us in these modern times.

Christmas Day

Pope Julius, about the year 300 A. D., fixed December 25 as the date of Christmas. Two years later, after agreement on this date had been reached among church officials, some in favor of fixing the date in January or March, Julius decreed that Christmas should therefore be celebrated on December 25. In the 6th century A.D., the year 563, Christmas was made a legal holiday in Rome. But, even 100 years before that the Roman government had required all theatres to close on Christmas day.



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
to
All of You



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MUSTANG EXPRESS
News and Activities of
Chugiak High School

**FIRE COMPANY HAULS
WATER FOR HOCKEY RINK**

Chugiak High School has finally started a hockey team this year with Mr. Maddalone acting as sponsor of the team. Also helping are two men from the community, Mr. Attwood and Mr. Boehm.

The Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department hauled 58,000 gallons of water from Mink Creek on two weekends. Helping were; Max Pyles, B.B. Call, John Boyles, Mr. Maddalone and Mr. Sabo.

The team now has all their equipment had have been having practices the last few weeks. The biggest problem they have encountered so far has been the ice, because the water has to be hauled in.

They will only have scrimmages with other teams this year, but next year they will be in the league. Following are the members of the team: Bill Cahill, Mike Miller, Adrien Snell, Dennis Starner, Gary Starner, Rory Olson, Randy Phillips, Tom Towne, and Ed Watkins.

There are still openings for additional members.

**WALTER KALLENBERG WINS
SCIENCE AWARD**

Walter Kallenberg is the 1967 winner of the Bauch and Lomb Science Award.

The winners of the honorary science award are eligible to compete for science scholarships at the University of Rochester.

**CAROLYN EKSTEDT WINNER
OF VOICE OF DEMOCRACY**

Carolyn Ekstedt was the winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest held at Chugiak High. Kay Ekstedt was second and Linda Straight was third.

It required a 3 to 4 minute speech on Democracy: What it Means to Me. Carolyn's main idea was "Critic's Right," and the judges commented, saying it was "very personal and moving".

**STUDENT COUNCIL SELLS
BANNERS**

The Student Council has been selling banners depicting the Mustang during the past two weeks.

So far almost \$100.00 has been collected from the sale of these banners. To really get this rolling there has been a contest between the classes based on the banners per person in each class. As of Friday the Senior class was in the lead.

**FOOD FOR THE SALVATION
ARMY COLLECTION**

The Salvation Army canned food drive at Chugiak High turned out much better than last year.

There was a contest between the home rooms. Mr. Thompson's Senior English class came in first place, second was Mrs. Cahill's class, and third was Mr. Maddalone's class.

There were well over 600 cans turned in plus a few games and items of clothing.

**CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY ON
FRIDAY.**

Friday was an Activity day and there was an Assembly.

The Choir and Band performed led by Mr. Daley, their director. Following the Choir and Band were a few specialty acts, M.C.'d by Gary Hoag, Student Body President.

Everyone enjoyed the performances at this special Christmas Assembly - they set the Holiday mood for everyone in the school.

CORRESPONDENT:
Katie Moore



**Cards Tell
Of Changes**

The tradition of exchanging Christmas cards is a charming part of the joyous holiday, and it has a history of its own.

One of the most interesting parts of that history is the way that greeting cards serve to record changing social customs, manners and fashions through the years, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross, Inc., greeting card collection.

For instance, an English card of 1892 shows the formality existing between parents and children during the Victorian era. Here a little girl kneels solemnly at her mother's knee, sedately offering her a Christmas bouquet, with the wish, "May your life be a Merry Christmas."

Modern cards take a livelier, more light-hearted approach. Even earlier, greeting cards

began to reflect an easier sort of filial relationship. Declares a 1930 card: "3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!"

Tree Custom

Hessian soldiers are credited with decorating the first Christmas tree in the United States. Hired by King George III to fight the American colonists, the Hessians decorated a tree at Christmas, in keeping with their own Germanic traditions.

HOLIDAY HAZARDS

The fire hazard posed by the Christmas tree are many. Make certain your tree lights are UL approved and no portion of the electrical wiring is frayed or exposed. Never place candles or flammable decorations on the tree. It's also wise not to let the tree stand for more than a week. Even if watered faithfully, it tends to dry out quickly in warm room temperatures.

**LIBRARY TELLS
HOLIDAY HOURS**

OLD CHUGIAK: The Chugiak Public Library will be open on Friday, December 23rd and on Friday, December 30th.

The Library will remain closed on Christmas and New Years day.

This change in schedule was made because both Christmas and New Years come on the regular Library day.

The library will be open on the Fridays indicated from 12 noon until 3pm for the convenience of the public.

The Library Staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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CHRISTMAS



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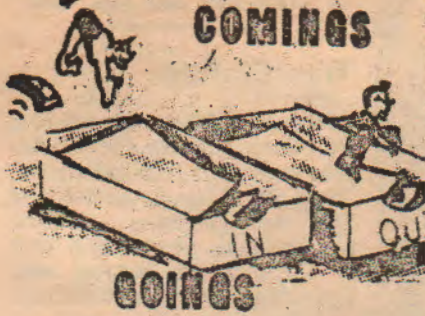


CHRISTMAS
TIME

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bells gladden your
heart, we wish
you a Happy Holiday.

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COMINGS



Mike Flint, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Flint of Eagle River, is home on leave from the Marines. Mike has just returned from service in Viet Nam.

Mr. Robert Curtis, of Portland Oregon, is spending Christmas with his sister Mrs. Faville Halverson of Peters Creek.

Local college students who are home from The University of Alaska for Christmas are Diane Dickey, Perry Hoag, Kathy Halverson, Sandi Furhman, Pam Lentz, Robin Aubrey, Sherryl Oberg and Linda Hutchison.

Lester Stephens, who is attending the University of Oregon is also home for the holidays.

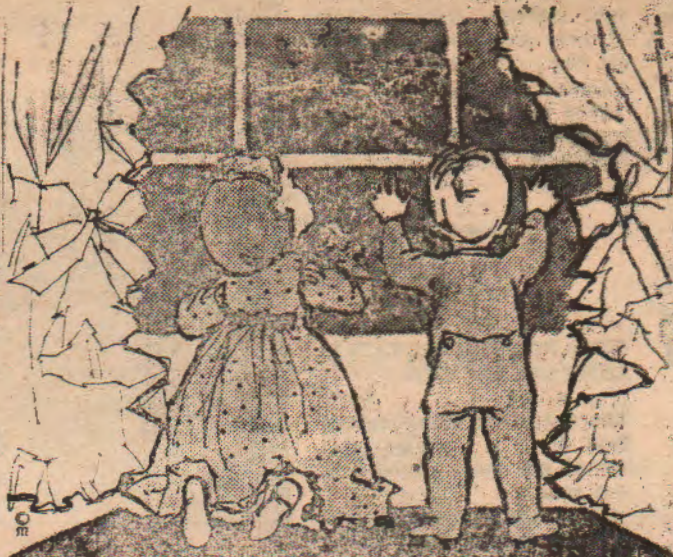
BANTAM BOWLERS TO SKIP WEEK

EAGLE RIVER: The local Bantam Bowling leagues will not bowl on December 24th, Christmas eve, according to Mrs. Phyllis Stewart, league coach.

Mrs. Stewart added that there will be bowling as usual on Saturday, December 31st, which is New Year's Eve.

The Right Tree

To make sure your tree adds as much as possible to the holiday spirit, be sure to select the right tree. Measure the space where you plan to put the tree before you buy it. Decide what type of tree you prefer. Douglas fir is often preferred, red cedar and Virginia pine are less expensive, and you can splurge on blue spruce, white spruce or Scotch pine. If you choose a fir, be sure it tapers nicely from a single tip. Check the needles. Brown, dried-up patches indicate needles have dropped off.



It's Christmas!

As children watch and children wait, we wish all of you the true joys of Christmas time.

ANCHORAGE MAN WINS SKIDOO

EAGLE RIVER: An Anchorage man was the holder of the winning ticket for the drawing for a Skidoo snow machine held by the Chugiak Post 9785 of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The drawing was held last Saturday night at a Christmas Dance held at the local VFW hall.

The name of the winner is Ted W. Brooks, of 2705 E. 26th Street in Anchorage.

The winning ticket was sold by Edna Czerski. Post Commander Jerry Rebishke sold the greater number of tickets.



OUR WISH TO YOU
THIS CHRISTMASTIDE

May your hearth-fire be bright and your tree all a-light,
And your home filled with sounds of good cheer;
Friends and kin there to feast, and the last (but not least)
May your heart receive all it holds dear!

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TIPS FOR MILADY

The holiday season will be one of rejoicing provided there are no home fires. The hazard increases for a number of reasons.

The Christmas tree, loaded with lights is a favorite place for a fire to start. Put a dry tree up in the corner of a room, with lots of paper already to burn at its base, plus a string of lights scattered all through it; and the stage is set for a fire-if something goes wrong. Add to this the excitement of the children and the pre-occupation of parents and the stage is set for a tragedy.

A few simple precautions will minimize the possibility of fire and tragedy. First of all make sure the Christmas tree lights are in good condition. If the insulation is cracked or if there are bare wires replace or repair them. Make sure all sockets are loaded with a bulb. Mount the tree in a pail of sand and water regularly. A watered Christmas tree will dry out slower and thus present less of a hazard. Smokers should be careful around a tree. And it's a good idea to turn the lights out at night.

A fire extinguisher is a necessary item in every home. The dry chemical type will take care of most small home fires. And each member of the family should be taught how to act in case of a home fire.

Each parent should ask themselves a few important questions like these. "What would I do if the Christmas tree caught fire?" "What are my children trained to do if the tree caught fire?" "Do we have one or more extinguishers?" Does everyone know how to operate them?"

A fire always starts at the unexpected time at the unexpected place for the unexpected reason and each family should take the necessary steps to minimize the possibility of tragedy.

Christmas Hymn

The first Christmas hymns with the traditional light tone were born in Italy among the early Franciscan monks. A more serious work, "Jesus Refulsit Omnium", (Jesus, Light of All the Nations), is the earliest known Christmas hymn. It was written by Saint Hilary of Poitiers in the 4th Century.

SILVER DECORATIONS

Silvered berries, leaves, seed pods and sprays of ivy may be made by pouring a small amount of aluminum paint into a deep container almost filled with water. The paint floats on the water. Dip the material to be silvered into the water and draw it out slowly. Hold it over the container until it has stopped dripping. Then hang it in a dry place for 24 hours. Aluminum paint for metal surfaces works best.

WHITE FOX CLUB THANKS LOOPERS

OLD CROCIAN: The White Fox Club has asked that their thanks be extended to the members of the Birchwood Loopers Homemakers Club.

The Loopers assisted them with their gift wrapping project at Caribou Wards on December 14th.

About Holly

Holly, like mistletoe, had special meaning for ancient Romans. Holly was used in the December Saturnalia festival. Mistletoe was a symbol of peace and good will. For Christmas there is symbolism where holly is considered-Christ blood (the red berries) and His crown of thorns.

FINNS DIFFERENT

Evergreens, particularly the fir tree, were often held sacred in ancient times, but not by the Finns. In Finland, the evergreen is considered a sign of mourning and the Finns use straw rather than evergreens for Christmas decorations.

CHOOSE OFFICERS

EAGLE RIVER: The Chugiak Ladies held a gift exchange at their regular meeting last Thursday at the home of Phyllis Stewart of Eagle River.

The group made additional plans for their spring art show.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5th. Annual election of officers will take place at this time.

The meeting will be held at the home of Helen Savageau on Jayhawk Drive in Birchwood.



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Holiday Recipe Specials

LINGENBERRY SALAD

If you are lucky enough to still have lingenberries, the holiday season is a good time to add taste and color highlights. Here is a real winner for winter:

- 2 Cups Lingenberries
- 3/4 Cup Sugar
- 1 1/4 Cups Water
- 1 Pkg. Lemon or Lime Sweetened Gelatin
- 1/2 Cup Diced Celery
- 1/2 Cup - Cup-up Pecans or Walnuts

Boil berries, sugar and water for 3 minutes. Add gelatin and stir to dissolve. Cool and when syrupy, add celery and nuts. Pour into mold.

This is one of many wild berry recipes in "Wild Berry Recipes", a publication available free from the Cooperative Extension Service office.

BLUEBERRY BAVARIAN CREME

This is the season for doing something special. Here's something special to do with the blueberries you picked last summer that's easy as well as interesting and exciting.

- 2 pkgs. Red Jello (raspberry, strawberry, cherry, etc.)
- 2 Cups boiling water
- 1 No. 2 Can Crushed Pineapple, drained
- 1 Cup Blueberries
- 1 Cup Whipping Cream (chilled evaporated milk or Dream Whip will do)
- 1/2 Cup Nuts

Mix jello and boiling water; cool to thicken. Add pineapple and berries. Whip cream (or milk). Fold in nuts and whipped cream. Chill to firmness.

This recipe is from "Wild Berry Recipes", a publication available free from the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Alaska.

Peace Symbol

Modern youth may never give it a thought, but the custom of kissing under the mistletoe supposedly began with the Romans, who considered the mistletoe a symbol of peace. Enemies, meeting under the mistletoe, were expected to embrace and declare a truce. Roman youngsters probably came up with the kissing idea.

Greeting Cards

"Merry Christmas!" The custom of extending holiday greetings to friends undoubtedly goes back many years, but the Christmas card as a means of expressing those greetings is a relative newcomer to Christmas traditions.

Christmas cards had their beginning only 122 years ago in England, but despite the comparatively recent start, saying "Merry Christmas" in card form was a custom that quickly caught the public fancy.

The wish to say, "Merry Christmas" to friends and neighbors is strong, and the ways of expressing it are many. Today's edition of this newspaper, for instance, is one big "Merry Christmas" card, in which businessmen of this community offer special greetings and words of appreciation to their customers and friends.

Average American consumes 1.5 pounds of salted peanuts a year.

GRADE 4 (Mrs. Hildeman) We have done much research on Christmas customs in other countries and made it the subject of the play we put on for our parents and the other grades.

We made our own drops and dramatized one of the most outstanding customs as the reader read.

We made all our room and tree decorations this year and gave some to Mrs. Kallenberg for the library.

We have lost several of our members due to them moving away.

Science has taken us into "Outer Space" and we are learning many new words and facts.

GRADE 6: Mr. Kerr)

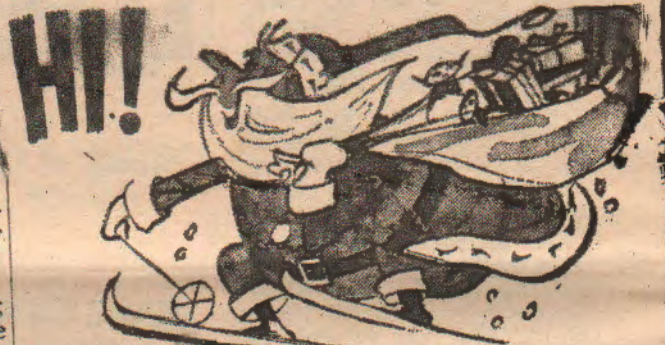
We had a math contest between Mrs. Hamilton's class and our class. Our class con.

In English we had five-minute reports. In Science we are studying about the blood and what it's made of.

We made Christmas ornaments and cards.
REPORTER: Debra Call

THREE KINGS DAY

Families living in New York's Puerto Rican communities place the Christmas observance second to the observance of Three Kings Day, January 6. The all-day observance begins when children parade through the streets, following the 'kings', each wearing gold-painted crowns. A parish-wide church service follows and at night the entire neighborhood gathers for a festival dinner, featuring a huge roast pig. Families arrive bearing pots of rice, beans, spaghetti and typical Puerto Rican dishes as their contribution to the festival.



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Tell it to Martha

BY: MARTHA COUNCIL

Dear Martha,

My pet peeve is someone like my sister in law.

What do you do about a person who says every year after Christmas... "Lets quit this business of buying gifts for each others kids."

I usually agree with this, but sure enough just before Christmas, here comes a box from her with presents for my children.

This means I have to break my neck to get down town to buy presents for her four kids, and send them airmail to be sure they get there on time. This of course costs me a fortune.

This has happened to me three years in a row. I have a feeling number four is coming up. Any suggestions?

Falls for it every time

Dear Falls etc.

I am afraid that anyone who falls for the same line three times in a row and is ready to go down the fourth time won't listen to any practical

suggestions.

Either your sister-in-law has a poor memory, and doesn't remember your mutual resolution, or else she just trying to give you a bad time (and succeeding, I might add.)

If it is the former situation, then sometime right after Thanksgiving, drop her a line and remind her that you and she agreed not to exchange gifts.

If you don't want to do this then either figure that she will probably break your pact and get your shopping and gifts mailed early enough to avoid the necessity of sending them airmail.

Of course, if it were my problem, I would stand fast to our agreement, and not send anything regardless of whether or not she comes through with a package. I'll bet this would only have to happen once to make her stick to her guns also.

Sincerely,

Martha Council

Wrap With Flair

You can't tell a book by it's cover, but a pretty cover makes you open the book. A gaily-wrapped package with fanciful ribbons can add glamour to any gift. There are many inexpensive materials on the market or, if you're not a do-it-yourselfer, your favorite store will do a masterful job at a nominal price.

FARM TALK

Children's recognition of the sounds made by farm animals is the key to fun with this new game. When a player lands on a square which permits him to pull the talking barn's string he hears any one of 12 authentic sounds made by farm animals.

TREE BELIEFS

Some people regard it as unlucky to have an odd number of Christmas lights on the tree, and there are many who believe it necessary to remove the tree before Twelfth Night, or Epiphany. Other people say it is important that decorations be removed before Candlemas (February 2) or "mistfortune" will follow.

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Vacation Good Christmas Gift

Some women want minks. . . others want new kitchen sinks. . . but there's one gift all the gals appreciate because they all need it—a rest, a change of pace, a holiday!

Ever try to figure out how many miles the little woman walks while walloping rugs quieting wailing kids and getting the meals and marketing done? About 1,825 miles a year! The daily grind deserves a reward—and what's better than letting others do the cooking for the little woman?

Early Card

The Christmas card is a Johnny-come-lately among our cherished holiday traditions. You can get an argument as to who sent the first card. Some hold that it was Joseph Cundall, a London artist, whose lithographed, hand-colored card was sent to friends in 1846.

No-Drip Candles

Christmas candles are attractive and decorative—but they do drip. This problem can be alleviated by storing the candles in the refrigerator for 24 hours before using. This will prevent dripping and they will burn more evenly.



Plant Wins Yule Favor

One plant particularly favored at Christmas in the United States and Canada is the poinsettia. The holiday colors of this green shrub with its star-shaped red clusters make it an appropriate symbol of the season.

If it had not been for the interest of an American diplomat, Dr. Joel Poinsett of Charleston, S. C., the poinsettia might never have attained popularity. Serving as the first U. S. minister to Mexico in 1828, Dr. Poinsett discovered this tropical plant. Impressed with its beauty, he brought it back to the United States and introduced it into cultivation. Later, the plant was named the "poinsettia" in his honor.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906. Since then, it has become a favorite Yuletide decoration.

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