

MEETING ON EAGLE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT



EAGLE RIVER: Residents of the area which is currently being served by the Eagle River Volunteer Fire Comcany are reminded of the ublic Meeting which will

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This will be a preliminary meeting to the Jannary 6th Public Hearing and will give local residents the opportunity to discuss the proposed tax supported Fire Service Area which will be up for vote at a January 28th Special Election.

Ed Willis, Eorough Assemblyman for this area nrges all concerned residents to attend this meeting and offer their views on the matter and to have any questions they may have answered.

they may have answered. The Public Hearing, which will be held at the meeting of Eorough Assembly, has been scheduled for January 6th, and the Dec. 30th meeting will give residents of the area an opportunity to iron out mat ers on the local level before appearing before the Assembly.

DIAL "O" FOR INFORMATION

CHUGIAK: Local telephone subscribers have been experience a fustrating situation when they have tried to dial Directory Assistance (Information) within the last week, For the most part they

For the most part they have been unable to get a clear line, and when they finally did get the number to ring, they were connected with a recorded message that told them that the number had been either changed or disconnected.

This was after having dialed "270" as they always had in the past, and which number is listed in their phone book as the proper one to dial.

Finally in desperation some tried dialing "O" for operator, and only then did they

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LET US KNOW WHO IS HOME

We have heard over the grapevine that many young men and women from this area are spending the Holat home from either idays the military service or college.

The Courier would like to publish the names of all these and asks them or members of their families to call 688-2513 and give us their names so we can print them in the next issue.

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LADIES CLUB TO PICK **NEW OFFICERS**

BIRCHWOOD: The annual election of officers will be the main order of business at the next meeting of the Chugiak Ladies Club, to be held on Thursday, January 9th, at

7:30pm.

The meeting will take place at the home of Dee Steeby in Birchwood.

All members are reminded that dues for the current year are payable at this time.

CAR IS VANDALIZED IN BIRCHWOOD

A vandalism BIRCHWOOD: to a vehicle was reported to the Alaska State Troopers by Lloyd T. Cook of mile Birchwood Loo, Road 2.3. on December 19th. Cook told the Troopers that

someone had pulled the electrical wiring out of his 1967 Ranbler, and had stolen the radiator cap. Total damage was estimated at \$50.

The State Troopers are investigating.

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ANCHORAGE MAN HURT IN ACCIDENT

EAGLE RIVER: An Anchorage man was injured and taken NOT A MUST to the Providence Hospital Prepare a s following a two car accident which took place at Glenn Higway at Mile 13 last Sun-

a 1968 Fiat driven by Darly Beck of Anchorage, when the something of Christmas.

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collision occurred. According to the Alaska State Troopers, the Mays car

skidded as he speeded up to make the pass, and slammed into the rear of the Fiat. Beck sustained lacerations of the head.

Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$500, the Fiat was damaged an estimated \$900.

Mays was cited for driving too fast for conditions.

JESSE WOOTEN WINS SKI-DOO

EAGLE RIVER: Drawings for prizes in a raffle conducted by the Chugiak Post 9785 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars were held at the Christmas Dance, December 21st.

Winners were; 1st prize: Ski-Doo snow machine, Jesse E. Wooten of Eagle River; 2nd prize, \$100 gift certificate, Lloyd Buzick of Anchorage; 3rd prize, a Pol-aroid camera, Betty M. Lyon, of Anchorage, December 31st will be the

New Year's Dance at the Post, and New Year's Day will be Open House for Post members.

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Prepare a special gift for a 'stranger!" With so many people to remember, we have a list of relatives and friends we Thi day morning. Eddie Mays, of Anchor-age, driving a 1960 Chevrolet and contribute it to an organi-



ALIENS MUST

ANCHOBAGE: Mr. Denis E. Wolstenholme, District Dir-ector of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that the period in which aliens must report their addresses is almost at hand.

The month of Jauary has been set for the address-re-porting period. All aliens in the United States with few exceptions, must report their addresses to the Government during that period. Mr. Wolstenholme said that forms with which to make the report will be available to all postoffices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service during the month of January. Mr. Wolstenholme urges all

o comply with the reporting requirements, as will failure to do so may lead to serious consequences.

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Mon., Tues, Fri. & Sat. 9am - 6pm Thursday, 9:00am - 9:00pm CLOSED WEDNESDAY





Little Midge

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(CONT PAGE 1 COL 4) hear the familiar and welcome "Directory Assistance".

it seems that sometime within the past few days the number to dial for Directory Assistance was changed from "270" to "O". The strange thing is that this was done without any announcement or notice; and even stranger is the fact that neither the Paimer nor Anchorage business offices are aware when the change went into effect, nor who authorized it. In fact the Palmer office of the Mat-Telephone Assocanuska iation stated that such policy decisions as which numbers are to be dialed for information are determined by the Anchorage office, while the Anchorage business office in turn claims that all such decisions which apply to MTA phones are made at Palmer.

The fact remains, however, that when calling from a phone at either of the two local exchanges, 270 is out, dial "O" for Information, (oops! Dir-ectory Assistance!)

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FOOD STAMP APPLICATIONS NOW TAKEN

OLD CHUGIAK: Hours for the Food announced recently Stamp program have been set 9:00am to 1:00pm each for Wednesday, at the Chugiak Opportunity Center, in the basement of the Chugiak Methodist Church.

Mrs. Loretta French, agent for this area urges all persons requiring this service to apply as soon as possible in order to be eligible for the stamps by January. Anyone desiring more in-

formation may call the Center at 688-2457.

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To Our Many Friends **Our Best Wishes** F&L CHEVRON SERVICE

In December every year parents are faced with the problem of what to do or what to say about Santa Claus. Some of our educators say that the Santa theory is all wrong and some of todays "modern" parents seem to agree.

Is the Saint Nick idea good or bad for children? We say it is good and that no child, average or brilliant, ever suffered from the grand illusion. Chil-dren know there is a Santa Claus and they accept the fact that he gradually changes from the Santa of fiction to the Santa of reality.

Santa is good for small chil-dren, for children have imagi-native minds. The fact they might see a Santa on every cor-ner matters little. In their eyes Santa is a symbol, a n ystery, and in his wonderous magic is apt to appear anywhere.

It is not the end of the world when the time comes that some older child shatters the illusion by telling all. This is the perfect opportunity for the parent to explain that Santa is, after all, spirit of Christmas. He reprents the spirit of giving and reason that we give a t istmas time is because this he day on which Jesus was

or a Jesus taught us love and rait and hope and Santa is a figurative being who helps us uncerstand and use that teach-

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The Flight Into Egypt

peareth to Joseph in a dream

saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother,

young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When the arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and

and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: that it might be fulfilled which was

spoken of the Lord by the pro-phet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Except for Santa Claus and the tree, nothing seems sc bright at Christmastime as

cheerful candlelight. More and

more in every land, simple can-dles and exquisitely designed

candles decorate windows and tables for Christmas and New Year festivities.

The first Christmas gifts were

those which the Wise men car-

ried to Bethlehem to lay before the Christ Child in the manger. Their gifts given in adoration;

were precious items of the day - gold, frankincense, and

myhrr. The latter two were gum resins used in medicines and perfumes. But, then as now, it

CANDLELIGHT

FIRST GIFTS

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord ap-

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CHRISTMAS, FLOR:DA Christmas, Florida, is a town of 250 people near Orlando. As a fort it was completed on Christmas, 1835, and so received its name. Connected with the other states by the United States mail, the post office has been kept busy throughout De-cember remailing cards, letters cember remailing cards, letters and packages. In one year it handles over 300,000 pieces of mail. Lately a permanent Chr-istmas tree with weatherproof ornaments has been erected.

The Beginning

Christmas began nearly 2000 years ago when Christ was born in a stable in a smal. Jewish town. Few people knew about it at the time, and, of those who did, only a handful realized that something stupen-dous had happened. Yet what occurred then changed the whole history of the world, and it is that event, which gives a meaning to Christmas now.

Christmas trees should not be located near exits in the home, says Liberty Mutual In-surance Companies, which cite reports of persons trapped in rooms by flames blocking the doorway doorway.







Dear Martha, Please tell me if I owe an apology to a friend of mine. I have a large plate glass

mirror in my living room. Every year I take the pretties: Christmas cards I get and scotch tape them around the edge of the mirror. All the other I usplay by piling them in a large wooden bowl I keep on the comode under the mirror.

The other day a very good friend of mine came to visit. I saw her looking at my cards, but she didn't say anything. Later I heard from a mutual friend that she had been very hurt because I had not placed her card on the mirror.

Now Martha, I don't put the cards ou the mirror in the order of how important the friends are who send them, I just pick the ones that lock the prettiest up there.

XMAS DAY MAIL TCTE SORTED

OLL CHUGLAK: Paul Swanson, Chugiak Postmaster announced that providing there is a mult delivery on Christ-mas day, he will sort the mail and place it in the boxes.

Swon also stated that if anyone should receive a packou Christmas, he will age call them so they may come down and pick it up.

There will be no Star Route delivery on Christmas, he concluded.

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I must admit this year her card was a rather plain looking one. Should I call her and try to explain?

No offense meant

Dear No offense etc.

Unless your friend men-tions the matter to you, of-fer no explaination nor apology.

However, if the manner in which you choose to display your cards is offending your friends, I suggest you pile them all in the bowl, and get some evergreens or holly to decorate around your mirror.

Sincerely,

Martha Council

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quirement for a party like atmosphere.



The main dish favorite, creamed chipped beef, takes on a new look and flavor accent with lightly sauteed strips of crisp green pepper. New, too, is the way of preparation—a quick and easy one-pot method of creaming. The sauce phase of this dish has double-rich evaporated milk for assured smoothness and creami-ness. Its low cost makes this thrifty chipped beef special even more budget-minded. Ladled over a baked potato hot from the oven, this special version of creamed chipped beef is a great dish for the main meal of the day. For brunch, lunch or a late supper, spoon the savory mixture over hot toast (or frozen waffles popped into the toaster) for service-ease.

Creamed Chipped Beef Special

- 1 pimiento, coarsely chopped 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup butter 1 small onion, chopped 1 pkg. (31/2 oz.) smoked sliced beef

1 pkg. (3½ oz.) smoked 3 tablespoons flour 1 pkg. (3½ oz.) smoked 3 tablespoons flour 1 tall can evaporated milk (1½ cup green pepper strips ½ cup green pepper strips ½ cup green pepper strips ½ cup water Melt butter in a large skillet over low heat. Add onion and cook until tender but not brown. Pull beef slices into pieces; add to onion along with green pepper and pimiento. Cook 2 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Sprinkle in flour a little at a time, blending smoothly. Gradually stir in evaporated milk, then water. Cook over low heat, stirring occa-sionally, until thickened, about 10 minutes. Serve hot over baked potatoes. Makes 4 servings.



CHECK GIFT **GUARANTEES**

The "guarantee" or "war-ranty' which accompanies appli-ances as Christmas gifts should be double checked. Shoppers should ask how long the guar-antee lasts and if all parts are covered by the guarantee covered by the guarantee.

Persons who receive these appliances as gifts and find it necessary to e x c h a n g e them should also check on the warranty offered with the exchange

NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1968, AT 7:30PM AT THE EAGLE RIVER ELEM-ENTARY SCHOOL.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A TAX SUPPORTED FIRE SERVICE AREA IN THE AREA CURRENTLY SERVED BY THE EAGLE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.

AL CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF THE A SOVE AREA ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

> Ed Willis Borough Assemblyman



ring out telling the joys of the season . . . we add our best wishes. VALLACE CONSTRUCTION & KLONDIKE

A pretty table is the first re-



MUSTANG EXPRESS News and Activities of Chugiak High School EDITOR: Mitch Newman

HOCKEY TEAM IMPROVES

Chuglak's hockey team showed some improvement last Wednesday when they met Westaide at the Anchorage Sports Arena.

The Eagles won the game 10-0, but the Mustangs had improved from their last bout with the Eagles 14-0.

In the first period of play the Mustangs defense was very good as they kept the Eagles score down to only 4 points. At half time the Eagles led the Mustangs by a

score of 4-0. As the third period opened and progressed the Mustang defense wavered and the Eagles scored 6 more points, making the score 10-0 at the end of the game.

Mike Gavin, Mustang goalie, made 43 saves which helped to keep the score of this game lower than the last one with the Eagles.

SIDEBOARD BREAKFAST It's an old English custom breakfast off the sideboard. The informality of serving yourself is perfect for a holiday morning. Buffet breakfasts and brunches are an unusually attractive way to help the homemaker.



MUSTANGS TO PLAY WEST IN STARTER

ANCHORAGE: The Chuglak High Mustangs will play the second game on Friday, December 27th, in the GAAB School District Christmas Basketball Tournament.

The first game, starting at 7:00pm, will be between East Anchorage and Dimond. Chugiak will play West immediately following the first game.

On Saturday, December 28th, the losers of Friday's game will play in the first game of the evening, and the Friday winners will play in the last game.

All games will be played in the West Anchorage gym.

Admission to the games will be the same as at regular scheduled season games; \$1.50 for adults, \$1.0 for students and 50¢ for children.

MAKE IT WITH ROPE Rope, hemp, twine and bur lap all lend themselves to holi day decorations.



SUPPLY





Here's hoping your holidays are stacked with everything that's good for you and your family. CARR'S QUALITY FOOD CENTER EAGLE RIVER

Ghurch Dews

CHUGIAK CHAPEL

(Assembly of God) Rev. E.H. Pahi. . . Pastor

EVERYONE WELCOME

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ST. ANDREWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

. Rev. Joseph E. Shirey, SJ PASTOR

Eagle River Mile 14 Saturday confession 7pm-8pm Sunday Masses . 8am & 10am CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD CATECHISM CLASSES: Community Church

SERVICES

THE CHURCH ON CORNADO "Church of Christ"

Cornado Rd. Box 81 Eag. Riv.

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W.F. Beil Minister

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(NURSERY PROVIDED)

Official Board, 1st Mon. 8pm

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CATECHISM CLASSES: Community Church Grades 1-4 Chugiak & Eagle Theron McGrew Pastor River Elem, sch. mult-purp. Mile 14 1/2 Eagle River Rooms, Weds after school. Sunday School. . . .10:00am Grades 5 & 6. St. Andrew's Morning Worship. . .11:00am

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS (Chugiak Branch)

Ski Road Peters Creek FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF Charles Lee Pitts Branch Pres

Ph: 688-2421

**** CHURCH OF COD

(Pentecostal indoctrine) Cornado Rd. Box Si Eag. Riv. (Pentecostal Indetrine) Sunday School.9:30am Casey Humphrey Pastor Morning Worship. . .10:30am Mile 14 1/2 Eagle River Evening Worship. . .6:30pm Sunday School. . .10:00am Bible Study, Wed. . .7:30pm Morning Worship, . .11:00am

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Morning Worsh p. . . 9:00am William C. Bower Study Dir. Sunday School. . . 10:00am Pennington Res. Klondike St. Ladies Ald, 3rd. Wed. 7:30pm Birchwood m Birchwood Public Meeting, Sun, 10:00am

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COACH SANDERS HAS SURGERY

ANCHORAGE: Chuglak High School Basketball coach Don Sanders underwent surgery last Friday for a ruptured spinal disc. Sanders had sustained the

injury during basketball practice two weeks ago. Sanders expects to be home

for Christmas. and is hoping to be able to coach the Christmas Tournament next weekend. Should he be unable to accomplish the latter, Mr. Fisher, JV basketball team coach will take over his duties.

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EMPLOYMENT COUNSELOR HERE FRIDAYS

OLD CHUGIAK: Ruth Briggs, from the Alaska State Em-ployment Agency, and Youth Opportunity Center is at the Chugiak Community Center every Friday from 3:30pm until 5:00pm.

Anyone seeking employment or interested in any of the many training programs for either men or women may call Kathy Walker, Commun-ity Aide at 688-2457 for an appointment; or may stop by the Center on Fridays.

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MERRY XMAS

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MERRY XMAS The use of Xmas for Christ-mas originated in the early Christian Church, reports World Book Encyclopedia. In Greek, X is the first letter of Christ's name. It often was used as a holy symbol.



First National Bank of Anchorage EAGLE RIVER BRANCH

EVERGREEN CAME BEFORE CHRISTIAN ERA

Before the Christmas era evergreens were used in tradievergreens were used in trad-tional ceremonies. Egypt i ans, celebrating the winter solstice (shortest day of the year) brought green date palms into their homes as a symbol of "life" triumphant over "death". The evergreen bough was used by the Romans in their ob-servance of the feast of the Sa-burn The Druids belived that

servance of the least of the Sa-turn. The Druids belived that a sprig of evergreen in the house meant eternal life; early Scandinavians paid homage to the fir tree, and the Norsemen saw in evergreens the revival of their sun god, Balder.



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EPHENS HOME TAKES 1st LIGHTING CONTEST: rst in the private homes vision in the Christmas

thing and decorating cont-t. There was a dias of ow with a group of hand inted figures protraying the anger scene with Mary and Babe flanked on either de by six huge illuminated indles. The group was sur-inded with a grove of spruce ees with an Angel suspendgh on top of one.

AX PYLES BURNED IN EX-LOSION: Last Friday eveng Max Pyles started to light e oven of the gas range ad was thrown across the itchen by the force of the sulting blast,

It was believed that the ven valve had been opened reviously by one of the maller children, for the ac-umulated, s in the oven was Max was badly burned on is left han! and arm and his cause of the blast.

andsome thick red whiskers inged so badly that he had o cut them off, so now does ot have a good start for the

IVE ARRAIGNED ON VOTE RAUD CHARGES: Five men harged with violating electon laws were arraigned in J.S. Commissioner's court donday morning. ing in both the Chugiak and Ekluina precincts in the Nov. 25th election could be fined up to \$500 or sentenced to a prison term of up to three

years.

NONE HURT IN ONE CAR WRECK

EAGLE RIVER : There were no injuries in a one car accident which took place on the Glenn Highway near the Eagle River bridge last Friday morning.

Elinor Van Kamden, of Mile 21 1/2, in Peters Creek lost control of the 1965 Jeep pick-up truck she was driving.

According to the Alaska te Troopers, the truck State skidded on the icy pavement, slid sideways across a priv-ate driveway and turned over on its side. No citatons were given.

BAKING THE PIE

"The devil dares not show himself in Cornwall at Christmas time lest he should be baked in a pie." This old English saying takes

the wide variety of ingredients actually used in the mince ies of early England, according to the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

Onc 14th-century recipe for a Christmas pie included; a pheasant, a hare, a capon, two part-ridges, two pigeons, two rabbits, heaf meat balls, eggs, pickled nushrooms, seasonings and

vices, all in a pastry crust.

DOYLE

Suggestions For Holiday Ham

Ham is a headliner on many holiday menus and today's ham is leaner, juicier and easier to prepare than those on Grandpa's farms.

To bake your Christmas ham, place it fat side up on a rack in an open roasting pan. Insert a meat thermometer into the center of the thickest part, but make sure the bulb does not rest in fat or bone.

Do not add water and do not Do not add water and do not cover. Bake the ham in a slow oven (325 degrees F.). Basting is not necessary, but if y ou wish, add your favorite glaze 20 to 30 minutes before the end of the cooking time. A "cook-before-eating" ham

should bake until the meat thermometer registers 160 d e-grees. F. This will require 2½ to 3 hours for a half ham, 2 to 2½ hours for a shank or

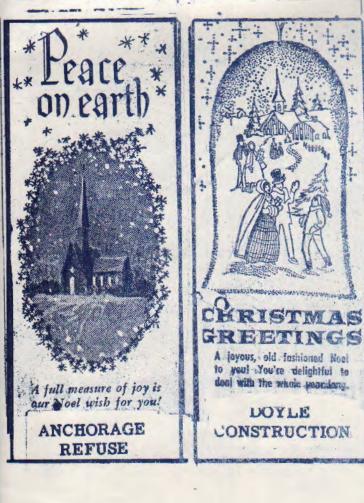
butt portion. For heating a "fully-cooked" ham, the meat thermometer should indicate 130 degrees F. Allow about 2 hours for a half ham, 1-1/2 hours for a portion. For canned hams, follow instructions on the can.

TREE LIGHTS

Decorating the tree need not be confusion. Straighten the strings of lights, and remove all kinks, along the floor. Test the bulbs and replace bad ones. Then, if you are using more than one color bulb, they can be arranged alternately. Starting at the top, string lights around the tree. Plac lights on the inside boughs first. Disconnect light strings before hanging ornaments. Decorating the tree need not

hanging ornaments.





OPAG NEWS

Ey: Pat Sherman OPAG Aide

Our Christmas wishes for all of our readers are for your serenity, well being, and happiness always.

Your courtesy, and kind deed performed for the people on the Older Person's program have shown us what fine people we have in the Greater Chugia. Area.

If you all could hear the compliments given to this community for their get np and go attitude, your hearts would swell with pride as ours do. The people in this area have excelled in programs bronght to the Anchorage communities. For the new-comers I must explain that the Greater Chugiak Area takes inn all of the territory between and in including Eagle River and Eklutna,

The response to the invitation to the Christmas party was so great that we needed a bus to transport the older per-

sons in to Anchorage. When we arrived at the Christmas party we were all made to feel welcome by those in charge. It seemed that each person had a special smile for friend or stranger. was a wonderful air of fellowship throughout the hall from the busy helpers on up to our ex-governor Egan, who assisted in bringing this program to Alaska.

During the trip, Mr. Under-wood sang several solos, Mr. Lee kept us laughing with his funny little jokes, Larry Jones led us in singing carols, and w all had a pleasant day getting to meet and know each other.

Larry Jones very definitely has unselfishly given of his time, and himself to assist our program in any way possille. He has been our "Good Neighbor" since the program began. A special Merry Christmas to you Larry.

This same young man de-

voted his Saturday to delivering Christmas baskets to those in need, and took little party gifts to those who were ill and could not attend the party. All of those people were missed very much, and we all are hoping for your speedy recovery. Since Christmas and New

Years fall on Wednesdays, we had to change the men's haircut days to Saturdays from lpm to 4pm. This is only temporary. Deginning January 8th, men's haircuts will again be given on Wednesdays from one to four pm.

Since it wonldn't be fair to ask the hairdressers to give up their entire day if only one or two people want their services, we again ask that all ladies and gentlemen please call us no later than the afternoon before the ap-pointment time. With this advance notice, the hairadvance notice, the hair-dressers can plan the days for their families and themselves.

A special Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ev-eryone from all of the staff from the Older Person's Action Group.

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NO PIE

The Blue Laws of Massachus ettts Bay Colony and New Haven Colony once forbade the baking of mince pie, says World Book Encyclopedia.



t Christmas Time

Since the first Christmas' Christians have followed the Star to the stable-grotto be-neath the church of the Nativ-ity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem. Bethlehem is even poorer than most people would believe. A recent visitor s a id "Wanderers fill the streets — anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the Inn.

Every Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem, had to be expecially watchful that the sheep did not trap themselves in the barbed wire separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has been sorely affected by the hostility and the uneasy truce. It is crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehem's chief industry the making and selling of objects of piety from olive wood, Dead sea stone and mother of pearl. Except a t Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit had gone from the business the business.

On Christmas eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christmas diplomats living

> Sing out in happiness with the carolers and spread the Yuletide spirit!

divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unusual highway through the Israel side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

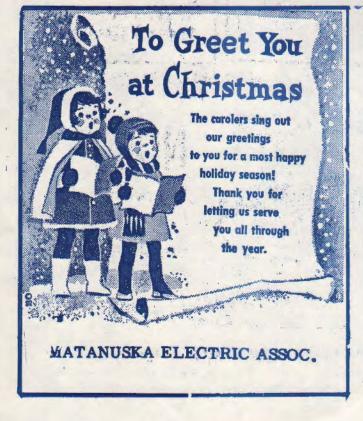
Rich and poor Pilgrims wor-ship together in the fourth cen-tury church of the Nativity. Chere is a high mass, during which the image of the Ohrist Child is carried from the church through the Mandelbaum Gate.

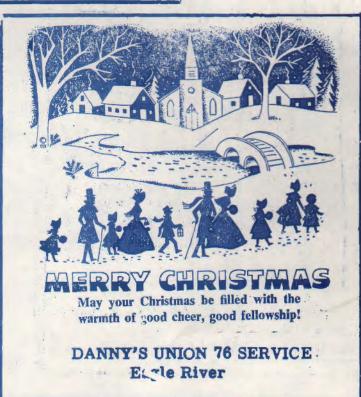
The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Na-tivity, The Wise Men and the Manger. Outside, Christ i an s from many lands will sing, as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago "Glory To God In The Highest", and on earth peace and good will toward men.

MUMMERS OUTLAWED

From early times in the British Isles there were bind 11.0 Mummers, masquer de s. of guisers (going about reminiscent of 'an o the in custom at the Saturnaria) and went from hall to hall, shoring, dancing, or staging rude plays. The latter usually contained such characters as St. George, the Dragon, Hector, and Alex-ander The Great.

In 1337, a "mummerie" was given before Richard, son of the Black Prince. When Henry IV observed Christmas at Eltham, he was visited by twelve aldermen and their sons as 1 ummers. Much later Henry VIII sent out a proc-lamation against mumming or guising (a person could be ailed for three months for this offense) because many crimes, even murders, were committed during the mumming season.





STILL MORE GIFTS FOR NEW YEAR BABY

CHUGLAK: With the ero hour for the Chugiak New Year baby approaching, five more gifts have been pledges to the lucky parents and baby.

The latest ones to offer prizes are:

Matanuska Telephone Assoclation, a 3 minute long distance phone call to anywhere in the United States.

Carr's Food Store in Eagle River, a \$25 merchandise certificate.

First National Bank of Anchorage, a \$10 savings ac-count for the baby,

Matanuska Electric Association, a combination feeding dish and food warmer.

Gifts pledged earlier are: Shampoo, set and haircut for the mother from Eev's Beauty Salon.

Chicken Dinners for two from Spring Creek Lodge. 30 sight seeing flight from

Chugiak Aviation.

An oil change and filter from Danny's Union 76 Service. A shampoo and set from Carmon's Hair Styling.

A box of perfumed soap from Will Earber, Watkins prod-ucts representative.

A haircut for the fatther from Eagle River Earber Shop,

50 gallons of heating oil from Peters Creek Fuel.

One month's free garbage pick-up from Anchorage Ref-

A haircut, shampoo and styl-ing from Grace's Beauty shop. A spring plant in season from H&H Nursery Supply. A 10 inch by 8 inch black and

white portrait of the baby by Aui Ney Photo Service. An oil change and lube job from Peters Creek Service.

\$5 worth of dry cleaning from Quality Cleaners.

A gift of jewelry for the moth-er from Chief Chugiak. \$5 merchandise certificate

from Auderson's Texaco Service. A house plant from Chugiak

Gardens. 3 pair hand knitted baby socks

from Gini's Knit Shop. l year subscription to the Knik

Arm Courier. \$5 worth of baby food from

Peters Creek Shopping Center. 10 hours baby sitting at the

Eagle River Tot Stop.

A lube job with oil change and filter at Phil's Texaco Service.

\$5 merchandise certificate from United Building Supply. Case of baby food from Big

Country Discount. A silver cup and spoon, en-graved with the name and

birthdate of the bat, from Thomas Green, Dr.

A lube job fro F&L Chevron Service.

bottle brush from Ron Eggleston, Fuller Brush representative.

\$25 savings bond for the baby from The Knik Arm Courier. All of these gifts will be

presented to the parents of the first baby to be born to local residents after midnight December 31st, 1968.

The baby may be born at either of the three Anchor-age Hospitals, the 5040th Air-Force Hospital or the Valley Presbyterian Hospital Palmer,

The only requirement for eligibility is that the parents be resideuts of any of the communities of the Greater Chngiak Area, including the Eklutna village.

Additional pledges will published in next week's issue of the Knik Arm Cour -

ier. Merchants wishing to participate are asked to call the Courier, and submit their pledges.

Finger Style Foods Easy For Parties

Foods for nibbling / are wel-come at holiday festivities. Try this quick and easy spread for toast rounds or crackers. Com-bine 1 can (12 oz.) luncheon meat, ground with ½ cup sour cream, ½ teaspoon garlic salt, and 1 teaspoon dry instant onion

and I teaspoon dry instant on our reconstituted. Mix thoroughly. Bologna Kabobs are good fing-er eatin' too, and easy. On skewers or on wooden picks thread: bologna cubes, green pepper squares, and small spic-ed beets; or 2 bologna cubes and pickled , cherry pepper; or 3 bologna cubes, pimento squargreen tomato pickles. and es. gherkins.

NATIVITY SCENES POPULAR IN SPAIN

In Spain the Nativity scene is so popular that vendors set up stands before the holiday. They offer colorful clay, wood and cardboard figures which are arranged in Nativity scenes, known locally as Bele-nes" or "Nacimientos".

In some villages it is custom to award a prize for the best arrangement of a Belenes. A small carved figure of the Madonna and Child is the

proud possession of the Bene-dictine Monastery of Monsterrat near Barcelona. It is believed that it was carved by St. Luke and brought to Spain by St. Peter in 30 A.D.

DENMARK CUSTOM A Danish Christma's custom is the "Jul-bock". This is along pole with a goat's head, whose duty it is to butt in when children misbehave.







SKATING RINK **OPEN ON** MIRROR LAKE

PETERS CREEK: An ice skating area has been cleared on Mirror Lake, and will be kept open for ice skating all winter.

The area is oval shaped, and is approximately 50 yards long by 25 yards wide. It is located at the North end of the lake, just East of the swimming area.

A spokesman for the the Department of Parks and Recreation, State of Alaska said that the skating area was dev-eloped as an experimental project. If it proves to be a popular attraction, then next winter they plan to ad a warm-up hut with stove and benches. At present he, said, skaters will have to warm up in the cars they arrive in. Warm-up fires are projibited on the ice and on the grounds of the picnic area. However, he said fires would be permitted in the outdoor fire places provided at the picnic area. He added that the parking area has been

that the parking area has been plowed, and will also be kept open all winter. Also prohibited, would be automobiles and show veh-icles on the skating area. Ice fishing on the skating area is also taboo, he concluded.

No Christmas! "Hear ye, hear ye! Christmas will not be celebrated. All who observe that abominable day will be severely punished!"

An unlikely message for a town crier? Not in the time of Oliver Cromwell!

Cromwell, and his Puritan Party did indeed consider Christ-mas an "abominable day," and on December 24, 1653, they succeeded in getting the English Parliament to pass a law mak-ing Christmas celebrations of any kind illegal.

Imprisonment or exile was the penalty for disobedience. A few days before Christmas, towo criers went through the streets warning against holiday celebrations.

In England, the ban lasted eight years — and even longer in the United States. The belief that Christmas merry - making was sinful came to the New

World with the Pilgrims. New England states outlawed Christmas observances until the middle of the nineteenth century. In Boston, for instance Christmas was illegal until 1856!

Trees Live and Bloom

In Legends of Yuletide Almost every kind of tree has a legend relating it to the Na-tivity or the life of Christ.

'The The cherry tree, says 'The Cherry Tree Carol,' bent down its boughs for Mary to pluck its fruit.

The Glastonbury Thorn blooms at Christmas because, legend says, St. Joseph of Arimathea, on his arrival in England, drove his staff into the ground, while he was carrying the Holy Grail, the chalice used at the last supper

The staff took root and grew into a thorn tree.

WITCHES AT CHRISTMAS

One of the most popular mbols of the Christmas symbols of candy canes, began holidays. with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carries glass canes filled with colored candies to distract witches. They believed that the witch-

es became so interested in sort ing the candies that casting of evil spells was forgotten.

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Best of the season to you and your family! CLARY-PIONEER INSURANCE

STATUE

The Presepio, or crib, is as characteristic of Christmas in Italy as is the tree in other countries. People bring gifts of nuts and apples to the Presepio which they place in the hands which they place in the hands of life-sized figures.



May the true meaning of Christmas peace abide with you and yours always.

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PETERS CREEK FUEL AND SERVICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION THE GREATER ANCHORAGE AREA BOROUGH WILL HOLD A SPECIAL EL-

THE GREATER ANCHORAGE AREA BOROUGH WILL HOLD A SPECIAL EL-ECTION WITHIN SERVICE AREA NO. 9 OF THE BOROUGH ON JANUARY 26, 1969.

QUALIFIED VOTERS RESIDENT WITHIN SERVICE AREA NO. 9 WILL BE AS-KED TO VOTE UPON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION: SHALL THE POWER OF FIRE PROTECTION EXERCISED IN THE MANNER OF FIRST CLASS CIT-IES BE DELEGATED TO AND EXERCISED BY SERVICE AREA NO. 9 OF THE GREATER ANCHORAGE AREA BOROUGH? THE MILL RATE FOR THE PER-IOD 1969 THROUGH 1970 MAY NOT EXCEED 1/2 MILL EACH YEAR.

SERVICE AREA NO. 9 IS THAT AREA WHICH IS GENERALLY NORTH AND EAST OF THE ELMENDORF -FORT RICHARDSON MILITARY RESERVATION SOUTH OF THE SECTION LINE COMMON TO TOWNSHIPS 14 AND 15 NORTH, AND WEST OF AN EXTENDED LINE RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH COMMON TO SECTIONS 22 AND 23, T14N, RiW, S.M., AND INCLUDES PORTIONS OF PRECINCTS NO 147 AND NO. 148, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 147, WITHIN SERVICE A REA NO. 9: BEGINNING AT THE IN-TERSECTION OF EAGLE RIVER AND MEADOW CREEK, NORTHERLY ALONG MEADOW CREEK, TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE SECTION LINE COMMON TO SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T14N, RIW, S.M. THENCE EAST TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9, THENCE SOUTH TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9, THENCE EAST TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9, THENCE EAST TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SEC-TION 15, T14N, RIW, S.M., THENCE SOUTH TO THE 1/4 CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 22 AND 23, T14N, RIW, S.M. THENCE WEST ALONG THE E-W CEN-TERLINE OF SAID SECTION 22 TO THE 1/4 CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 22 AND 21, T14N, RIW, S.M., SAID 1/4 CORNER BEING ON THE MEANDER LINE OF EAGLE RIVER, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE MEANDER LINE OF EAGLE RIVER, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE MEANDER LINE OF EAGLE RIVER TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MEADOW CREEK, THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING.

PRECINCT NO. 148, WITHIN SERVICE AREA NO. 9: BEGINNING AT THE IN-TERSECTION OF MEADOW CREEK AND EAGLE RIVER, NORTHEASTERLY ALONG EAGLE RIVER TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE MILITARY RESERVATION, THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID BOUND-ARY TO ITS FASTERSECTION WITH THE SECTION LINE COMMON TO THE TOWNSHIPS 14 AND 15 NORTH, THENCE EAST ALONG SAID SECTON LINE TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 5, T14N, RIW, S.M., THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE SECTION LINE COMMON TO SECTIONS 4 AND 5, T14N, RIW, S.M. TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MEADOW CREEK, THENCE SOUTH-WESTERLY ALONG MEADOW CREEK TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAGLE RIVER, THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN THIS SPECIAL ELECTION OTHER THAN RESIDENCY WITHIN SERVICE AREA NO. 9 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. U.S. CITIZENSHIP
- 2. 19 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF ELECTION
- 3. ONE YEAR CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE IN THE STATE OF ALASKA IM-MEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ELECTION.
- 4. 30 DAYS CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE IN THE GREATER ANCHORAGE AREA BOROUGH IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ELECTION.
- 5. ABILITY TO READ AND SPEAK THE ENGLISE LANGUAGE UNLESS PREVENTED BY PHYSICAL DISABILITY.

NO PRIOR REGISGRATION IS REQUIRED: VOTERS MAY REGISTER AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY.

The Polling place for the special election of January 28, 1969, for both precincts will be the Eagle River Elementary School on the Glenn Highway at Eagle River. The polls will open at 7:00am and will close at 8:00pm.

Any qualified voter who expects to be out of the service area or otherwise unable to go to the polls on election day, may apply for an absentee ballot at the office of the Borough Clerk at 104 Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, Ak. 99503

Returns of the special election will be canvassed by the Assembly of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough at a Public Meeting at 670 Fireweed Lane in Anchorage at 8:00pm, on January 30, 1969. The public is welcome to attend.

/s/MARY NETTLETON BOROUGH CLERK

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HELP WANTED WALLED: BOYS and girls to deliver the KNIK ARM COURIER. Routes open in Fire Lake, Birchwood and Eagle River. Call 688-2513.	CHUGIAK: Since New Years Day, like Christmas will fall on a Wednesday this year, the Courier will for the second week in a row, appear on the stands on Tuesday in- stead of the usual Wednes-	houses a Lord of Mi charge of the sport and ceremonials du Yule season. In Lou instance, this person raded along the st his followers and org
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CHRISTMAS CLEAN UP

Cleaning up after opening christmas packages can be quite a chore. Before it's time for opening packages, have handy a couple large shopping bags. Find a good size car d-board box. You'll have a place for screaps of paper a place for for scraps of paper, a place for ribbons and trim you want to keep, and a carton for throw away boxes.

MAKE YOUR OWN SNOW

An economical way tc dress up your holiday decora-tions is to make homemade "snow". to

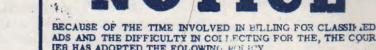
Put lots of soap chips or flak-es in a little water. Beat lightly with a wire mesh spoon, long enough to get a thick foam. Smear on needles and stems of Evergreen branches, allow to dry, and you have a winter snow effect

USE TREE

Erect the tree in the backyard after Christmas and con-vert it into a bird feeder. Pieces of suet, popcorn, peanut butter and all other morsels of food are tied to the outer branches. Do keep a pan of water nearby for birds must have water as well as food.

PETTICOAT TREE

Use a gay petticoat to replace 'he cotton at the base of your Christmas tree this year. The petticoat'' can be made puickly with felt and rinking shears. Cut a hole in the mud-ile of the felt and slash from outer edge to fit around the tree. Scallop with pinking shears and decorate. and decorate.



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