

Merry Christmas to All

THE Knik Arm COURIER

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O, HOLY NIGHT...

As the Star shone on that hallowed night, long ago, when our Saviour was born, so may it shine this Christmas, blessing you and yours with the light of peace, happiness and contentment. May the spirit of Christmas dwell in your heart, forever.

OLD CHUGIAK: The Post Office will remain closed on both Thursday, (December 25th) and Friday (December 26th) according to Chugiak Postmaster Paul Swanson.

Swanson stated that mail would be placed in the boxes as it arrives during those days, but that there would be no window service.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday, December 27th, as usual, he stated in conclusion.

...AND STILL MORE PRIZES FOR NEW YEAR BABY

CHUGIAK: The line-up of merchants contributing to the New Year Baby prize list is almost complete this week, with a total of 24 prizes being offered.

The list to date is as follows: a case of baby food from Big Country Discount; a potted plant from Chugiak Gardens; a years subscription to the Knik Arm Courier; a silver spoon from Great Land Realty; 50 gallons of heating oil from Peters Creek Fuel; a haircut from the Eagle River Barber Shop, 3 pair hand-knitted baby socks from Gini's Knit Shop; a \$5 merchandise certificate from United Building Supply; a silver cup and spoon from Dr. Thomas Green; \$25 worth of dry cleaning from Alaska Cleaners; 1 months garbage pick-up from Anchorage Refuse; \$10 merchandise certificate from Eagle River Laundry Center; an 8x10 black and white photo from Aul New Photo Service; a diaper bag, from Carl's Food Center; \$5 worth of dry cleaning from Quality Cleaners; a \$5 merchandise certificate from Peters Creek Shopping Center; dinner for two at Spring Creek Lodge; a bottle warmer from Matanuska Electric Association; \$4 merchandise certificate from H&H Nursery Supply; a pair of fur booties from Chief Chugiak gifts; a \$10 checking account at the 1st National Bank

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SR. CENTER NEWS

By: Pat Sherman, Community Aide for OPAG

Our Christmas party was just wonderful. It would have been impossible for the event to be anything but perfect, due to all the wonderful people in the community who worked so hard to help us.

The Brownies from Dorothy Armstrong's Troop No. 56A fashioned handmade decorations, strands of popcorn and beads just like the older persons remember from their childhood. They did a beautiful job of decorating the hall, trees and tables. They were on hand to carol for us too at the party.

The busy little girls were, Yvonne Lathrop, Anna Bailey, Debbie Kerbow, Jody McKinley, Carla Baumgardner, Marie Chessik, Janet Maher, and Bonnie Armstrong. Dorothy Armstrong's son, Charles helped too. He was the one who got the Christmas tree for our Center.

Mrs. Arlian's Girl Scouts were just wonderful too. They were very efficient, courteous,

and conscientious workers. They greeted the guests, took over the kitchen, served the guests and were alert to the needs of the members. Their little Christmas skit and carols were carried out very well. They were all perfect hostesses.

It is evident that these troop leaders are fine examples for the girls to follow, and look up to for leadership qualities.

The girls in Julie Arlian's troop are, Cindy Fowler, Jean Carpenter, Collen Stewart, Pat Thomas, Debra Thomas, Brenda McClellen, Wendy McClellen, Kathy Harris, and Vaida Oberg.

Part of the "Promises" of all these girls is, "I promise to help others." These girls certainly did live up to their promise in all ways.

Other entertainers were Larry Jones on the guitar, Linda Carawan at the piano, Betty Hoerter and May Graham on accordions. Former State Senator, Yule Kilcher, played the songs on a piece of pipe which he had fashioned into a musical instrument.

Extra tables were loaned to us by the Mormon Church of Peters Creek. Mike Alex, Chief of the Eklutna Village, loaned us folding chairs. Mary Lipking was instrumental in obtaining the loan of a piano, and tables from members of her family.

The piano was loaned by Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Whaley, who also donated some badly needed trash barrels.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Robinson were right in there helping too. They brought and spread sand around the parking area, loaned us a table for crafts, hauled and set up the

tables for us.

Mr. Bob Lucious donated a lovely tapestry for a door prize. Mrs. Jennie Jenkins made a beautiful center-piece of driftwood, flowers and birds for our center.

One of the high points of the evening was the display and picture taking of the very beautiful cake donated by our local Carr's market.

A "Good Neighbor" loving cup was presented to our two workers and drivers, Eldon French and Ted Graham.

These men have done endless jobs on the building, hauled all sorts of equipment drive for our programs and are always cheerful and fun to be with. The outdoor decorations are one of their projects.

Mr. Ed. Heagle, another of our drivers who steps in to help when a driver is needed, was also given a gift in appreciation for his work.

Dorothy Yarnet, our men's barber, and Ronnie Simons the ladies hairdresser, were not present to receive their gifts for being such faithful workers for the past year.

Mr. Lenoard Sherman has been our oilman, carpenter and general handy man too.

The daughters of your workers have been perfect jewels about taking and relaying messages for us when we have had to be away from the office.

We are bursting with pride, and gratitude for all of the thoughtful, good hearted people in our community. The true spirit of Christmas, as Paul Swanson pointed out during

the blessing, is the awareness of other persons needs, and our own unselfish giving to others.

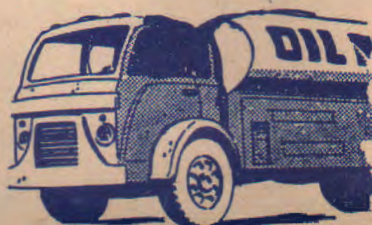
The entire evening seemed to hold an air of cozy friendliness as the Christmas spirit seemed to touch everyone. We will remember this day for many years to come.

It is our wish that everyone be blessed at Christmas and the coming year as we have been blessed by all of our "Good Neighbors."

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**A JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS**

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Little Midge



May True Joy
Be Yours This Day

**ANDERSON'S
TEXACO SERVICE**

"Yes Virginia There Is A Santa"

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of Anchorage, (Eagle River Branch); a 3 minute long distance phone call anywhere in the United States from the Matanuska Telephone Association; an oil change and filter from Phil's Texaco Service, and a \$25 savings bond from the Knik Arm Courier.

All of these prizes will go to the first Chugiak Area parents to have a baby after midnight, December 31st, 1969.

The baby may be born at any Anchorage or Palmer hospital including the military hospital at Elmendorf. The only stipulation is that at the time of birth the parents reside somewhere in the Greater Chugiak Area (including Ektutna).

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?

Yours truly,

"Yes, indeed!

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil

covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty of all glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years, from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood."

Francis B. Church
The New York Sun



GREETINGS

We hope you're enjoying a cozy Christmas with those you love. Thank you, friends!

RICK and VICY
at the
HALFWAY HOUSE



Christmas Joy

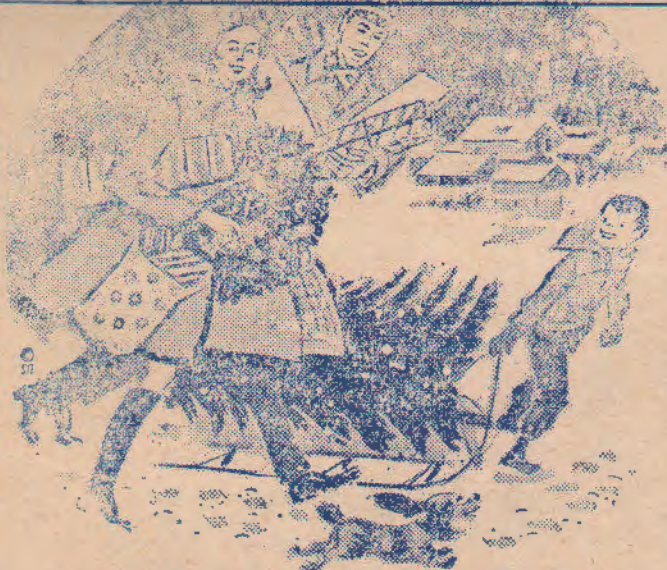
Wishing that the joy of the first Christmas is yours.

PETERS CREEK SHOPPING CENTER



Our heartfelt thanks! May all of your gifts be wrapped in holiday spirit, your tree be decked with good things.

SPRING CREEK Lodge & Garage



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We're taking this opportunity to say "Hello" and to thank our customers for their patronage. Have a merry Christmas!

WALLACE & KLONDIKE
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It's that time of year when Santa's gifts are given out. And when best wishes for a happy holiday are given out to one and all. Thanks for your patronage!

DANNY'S UNION 76 SERVICE
EAGLE RIVER



THE COMMUNITY QUESTION BOX

QUESTION: I heard that a census of this area was taken several years ago.

I have never heard the result of this census. Can you tell me what is the population of the Greater Chugiak Area?

ANSWER: The census you are referring to was taken by the Greater Anchorage Area Borough in October of 1968.

This census was taken under U.S. census rules, which means that only those persons who were physically present in the area the day the census taker visited their home were counted. This ruled out men in military service, students away at college, heads of household working in the bush, and even those who were away on vacation at that time.

The results of that census showed a population of 4,834 in the Greater Chugiak Area, which includes the communities from Eagle River to and including Eklutna.

We have learned, however, by checking with both local post offices, that judging by the increase in postal box rentals, that the local population has increased by at least 300 boxholders at the post offices and on the Star Routes. Figuring a conservative 3.5 members to each family, this brings the census figure up to at least 1,000 more

(The Community Question Box will try to answer any question that is of general public interest. If you have a question, call 688-2513, or write Community Question Box P.O. 1166, Chugiak Ak. and we will try to find the correct answer.

LADIES CLUB TO ELECT OFFICERS

OLD CHUGIAK: The Chugiak Ladies Club exchanged gifts at their last meeting of 1969, held Thursday at the home of Dorothy Jonrowe in Old Chugiak.

Before the gift exchange, a short business meeting was held.

The group discussed fund raising plans for the coming year, which will include a raffle, and sale of cookbooks. The club is attempting to raise money to establish a Babe Ruth ballpark at the Chugiak Carnival Grounds.

The next meeting, which will be the annual election of officers will be held on January 8th.

A special meeting of the Community Improvement Contest committee will meet on Monday, January 5th, at 7:30pm at the home of Dorothy Jonrowe in Old Chugiak.

FOR FEASTING

Traditional Christmas treat in Spain is a sweet pastry called "dulces de almendra." The ingredients are sugar, flour, egg white and almonds.

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 its humorous inspiration from the wide variety of ingredients actually used in the mince pies and other Christmas pies of early England, according to the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

One 14th-century recipe for a Christmas pie included: a pheasant, a hare, a capon, two partridges, two pigeons, two rabbits, beef meat balls, eggs, pickled mushrooms, seasonings and spices, all in a pastry crust.



Former residents of Swanee Slopes in Old Chugiak, Mrs. John (Jean) Boucher and her daughter Shellie are visiting here over the holidays.

Mrs. Boucher is the sister-in-law to Mrs. Paul Swanson, at whose home they are guests.

The Bouchers now live in Seattle, Washington.

Steve Whaley, of Peters Creek, who is currently serving in the U.S. Navy at San Diego California, is presently in Alaska on leave.

He will visit his parents in Kenai, as well as relatives in Peters Creek.



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May the Star of Bethlehem lead us to harmony.
ANCHORAGE REFUSE

Poinsettia Is Popular Flower

The most popular flowering plant for Christmas, according to many florists, is the Poinsettia. The plant was brought to the United States more than 125 years ago from Mexico by Dr. Joel Poinsett, who was the American ambassador to that country. According to one legend, a poor Mexican girl, who was heartbroken because she had nothing of beauty or value to offer the Virgin Mary, plucked some weeds from the side of the road and placed them at the foot of the holy statue. The plants were miraculously transformed into the scarlet brilliance that we associate with the poinsettia today. In Mexico, many people still call the flower "Flor de Noche Buena"—the flower of the Holy Night.



A Peaceful Christmas

The peace of Christmas lives anew in song and story. May your joys be many, as are these thanks to you.

GINI'S KNIT SHOP
MI. 23 Glenn H'way



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We join Santa in wishing you a very Merry Christmas!
Eagle River BARBER SHOP



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your Christmas be filled with the warmth of good cheer, good fellowship!

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**Merry
Christmas**

In the snowy hush of a winter landscape, a church steeple seeks the sky . . . and we see the quiet contentment of Christmas, spreading its joys everywhere. That your joys be many, is our holiday wish for our valued friends and customers.



ALASKA CLEANERS
Eagle River Branch

**FUNERAL FOR
BLAVKA BABY**

OLD CHUGIAK: Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 24th, at 10:30 am, for Mary Alice Blavka, 2 1/2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Blavka of Old Chugiak.

The child passed away on Sunday, December 21st, at Providence Hospital.

Services are being held at the Green Funeral Chapel, 8197 West Seventh Avenue, in Anchorage. The Rev. Joseph E. Shirey, of St. Andrews Catholic Church in Eagle River will conduct the services. Interment will be at the Valley Memory Garden in Palmer.

Surviving, are her parents, a 5 year old brother, Francis, a maternal grandfather, Mr. C. O. Cole, of Clyde Park, Montana, and a grandmother, Mrs. Mary Blavka, of Old Chugiak.

The child's parents have asked that memorials be made to the Alaska Crippled Children's Association.

**Tradition Has It
That Yule Tree
Began in Egypt**

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that

Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The tree is supposed to have brought forth a branch every month, and a spray of tree, with 12 shoots of tree, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.



As jolly Santa winds his way, bringing wonderful gifts for you, we'd like to add our appreciation. Happy holidays!

**GREAT
LAND REALTY**

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We would like to extend our warmest holiday greetings to our friends. Thank you, Merry Christmas.

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NEW PHONES

The following new phones have been added to the local exchanges during the month of November.

Bodde, John P. . . .694-2757
Carrington, James. 694-2442
Gore, James E. . . .694-2374
Heckart, David W. .694-2199
Klayum, Larry. . . .694-2620
Klippel, Thomas E. 694-2692
Metzgar, Joesphine 694-2610
Molin, Jonh P. . . .694-2478
Otto, Ronald L. . . .694-2460
Sødergren, Glen L. 694-2366
Cook, Lloyd T. . . .688-2679
Dawson, Gracie M. 688-2359
Dingman, William H. 688-2660
Echola, Arnold H. 688-2581
Hickling, O.C. . . .688-2676
Hogue, Leonard J. 688-2552
Holtman, Louis. .688-2587
Hopp, Rodger. . . .688-2289
Hunter, Darrell. . . .688-2579
Masten, M.J.688-2764
Metcalf, Charles H. 688-2286
Morton, Bruce R. Jr. 688-2235
Morton, Clarence. .688-2292
Rasmusson, Alan D. 688-2372
Selvey, Nancy L. . .688-2574
Spangler, James R. 688-2594
Van Kampen, Nick 688-2384

Wrong listing in directory:

McGregor, Harold R. 688-2922

The above list has been published for your convenience. Clip it out and place it with your Matanuska Telephone Directory.

COLLEGE OFFERS FLIGHT TRAINING

SITKA: Dr. Orin Stratton, President of Sheldon Jackson College, announced today that the Federal Aviation Administration had granted approval to the college's ground school for private and commercial license and also to the primary flight training which is conducted at the school.

The commercial flight training, which is also offered, is still being considered for approval.

Sheldon Jackson has an FAA certified ground instructor and a full-time flight instructor. It is the first college in Alaska, which has more pilots per capita than any other state in the union, to offer flight training.

Dr. Stratton said, "Our aviation program is of prime

importance, considering the degree to which aviation is utilized in the day to day life of people living in Alaska and because of the potential it holds for further development of the economy of the state.

We are concerned though, that each student receive a good basis in the liberal arts courses, as well as in flight training so that he may have a broad base upon which to build his future career. Our program of personalized attention and total involvement is designed for precisely this."

The college presently has 15 students in ground school, and 11 in flight training. Sheldon Jackson College leases a Cessna 150 as a trainer and plans are underway to add a float plane. The college is located in the community of Sitka, the 5th largest in the state, which has a 5,000 ft. paved and lighted runway, and 24 hour Flight Service Station operation. In addition, there are two char-

ter services in the area including float and amphibious aircraft. The Flight Service Station is the 3rd busiest in the state.

The two year college has approximately 200 students and is owned and operated by the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

NAMING CHRISTMAS

Christmas means both prayerful worship and festive merry-making. The holy meaning of the day is expressed in its name

The Latin name for Christmas translates as the Feast or Birthday of Our Lord. The English Christmas means the Mass of Christ, a meaning which is closely paralleled by the Dutch "Kermis". In Germany it's "Weihnacht" or sacred night.

Best Wishes
to all our friends
and neighbors whom we
have served with pleasure
and pride throughout
year.

MAY THE BEST OF
HOLIDAYS
BE YOURS!

MATANUSKA ELECTRIC ASSN.

BEST
WISHES
FOR A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

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Great Poets Of Christmas

Longfellow, from whose poem, CHRISTMAS—1863, came the refrain, "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day, The old familiar carols play", penned a Christmas carol preserved in many anthologies.

As far as research can determine, George Withers, a young contemporary of Shakespeare, first coupled the words "Merry Christmas."

Phillip Brooks, who wrote the verses of the beloved hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem", also expressed his sentiments in "The Voice of the Christ Child" and "Christmas Everywhere".

Robert Frost, Alfred Tennyson and Sir Walter Scott, are among many besides Clement Clark Moore (of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" fame) who have enriched Christmas tradition lyrically. A larger number of poets have contributed carols to the world's musical treasure.



**Joyous
 Greetings**

May the joy
 of Christmas be yours.

**Eagle River
 LAUNDRY CENTER**



Tell it to Martha

BY: MARTHA COUNCIL

Dear Martha,

In past years I have always sent a Christmas newsletter to our friends and family back in the states.

I was planning to do it again this year, but not too long ago I received in the mail an item which had been clipped out of my home town newspaper. It was from an advice column which is printed there, and it criticized people who bore their friends with Christmas letters.

I have no idea which of our friends may have sent it, but it upset me so much that I was unable to send a newsletter this year.

I just mailed out Christmas Cards, and already I have received answers from at least a half dozen friends saying that they missed the usual

christmas letter, and was there anything wrong?

My husband says I was foolish to let one person upset me so much, and that obviously most people enjoyed the letter.

I too am sorry that I let it bother me, but I still will always wonder who the person was who sent it. I would like to get them off my mailing list. Do you have any ideas how I could find out?

Sorry Now

Dear Sorry etc.

One thing you could make the person who sent the letter feel as small as he or she is, is in your next year's letter explain the reason for not sending the letter this year, and ask the person who sent you the clipping to get in touch with you so you can avoid bothering him in the future.

However, don't expect this to get any results. Anyone who will attempt to hide behind an anonymous letter is not likely to step forward and reveal himself.

Sincerely,

Martha Council



Greetings

To you — the merriment that comes with trimming the tree, waiting for Santa, opening his gifts. To you — a holiday season bright with good cheer and warm with good fellowship. And to you, our sincere and hearty thanks for your patronage.

PETERS CREEK FUEL AND SERVICE

ESTABLISHING CRIB

Though legend says that St. Francis of Assisi first introduced the Christmas crib in the 13th century, history records that the first manger scene was created by Pope Liberius in 354 a.d.



A

joyous
 season
 of peace,
 harmony
 and love is
 upon us.
 Let us eagerly
 share in
 its blessings.

**H & H
 NURSERY SUPPLY**

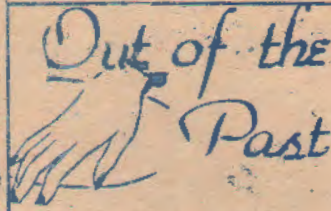
Phillipines Santa Sports New Look

Santa Claus is taking on new look in the Phillipines. The traditional, snow-suit Santa has been popular 1 years but with the gradual r of nationalism, Santa is beco ing "Filipinoized". More and more adverti ments show Santa's sleigh bei pulled by water buffaloes rati in reindeer

The temperature is harc ever below 75 degrees in t tropical climate, so Santa is ten seen wearing a "barong t alog" rather than a snow s "Barong" is a cool, thin nat styled shirt made of pineap fiber.

Instead of a snow cap, t "new" Santa wears a pair hat called a "salaket".

The traditional Santa can be found in Manilla's dep ment stores, but the time i not be far off when he di pears altogether.



TAKEN FROM THE PAGES OF THE KNICK ARM COURIER ISSUE OF December 23, 1959

STROKE CLAIMS LIFE OF LOCAL MECHANIC: George Blackwell, of Mile 18, was dead 20 minutes after arrival at the 5040th Air Force Hosp-ital where he was rushed fol-owing his suffering a stroke.

Blackwell was employed as a mechanic at Hilltop Ser-vice at mile 18. He was on a wrecker call attempting to pull a State Police Car from the ditch in front of Tips Bar when the stroke occurred.

CAR HITS CHILD AT SCHOOL BUS STOP: Eight year old Tommy Towne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Towne of Fire Lake was struck by a speeding car just after he emerged from the school bus last night.

The boy was fortunately paly bruised by the fender of the car.

MRS. SJODIN WINS \$100 PRIZE: One of Chugiak's most progressive business-men played Santa to his cus-tomers last Saturday.

Tom "Slippery" Slanker, of Far North Fuel and Far North Service gave away over \$500 in cash and merchandise.

Winner of the first prize, a check for \$100, was Mrs. El-ton Sjodin, of Tedrow subdiv-ision.

R.L. CHEELY TAKES FIRST PLACE IN LIGHTING CON-TEST: The residence of R.L. Cheely, in Birchwood took 1st place in the judging of the 2nd annual lighting contest.

First place in the business division was Peters Creek Service, while winner in the Club or civic organization was the Chugiak Chapel.



A Blessed Christmas

May you and your family enjoy a Christmas that is warm with happiness, and is truly blessed in every way. Many thanks for your support!

UNITED BUILDING SUPPLY
Mile 14 1/2 Old Glenn H'way



As the holiday season unfolds with all its merriment and magic, we send greetings in the good old-fashioned spirit of dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh," and wish you many memorable delights. To all our friends and customers, our hearty thanks for a year of good will.

CARR'S FOOD CENTER
EAGLE RIVER

FEEDING THE HORSES

Twelfth Night is, in Spanish tradition, the time for giving gifts, and the traditional gift bearers are the Wise Men, who as they journey each year to Bethlehem bring gifts for good children.

To feed the Wise Men's horses on their long pilgrimage. Spanish children fill their shoes with straw and set them on balconies or window ledges.

YODELING YULE

An old custom of the Austrian Tyrol is the Christmas yodel. Traditionally, the Yuletide yodel—a song without words—may be based in the tune of a famill- ar carol.



Old-fashioned Greetings

Hearty greetings are sent your way, and so are hearty thanks Chugiak Gardens Mi. 18 1/2 Old Glenn H'way

Church News



CHUGIAK CHAPEL
(Assembly of God)
Rev. E.H. Pahl, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45am
Morning Worship, . . . 11:00am
Christ Ambassadors 5:45pm
(Youth Service)
Evangelistic Service 7:00pm
Mid-week Service and Bible
Study (Wed.), 7:00pm
**NURSERY OPEN FOR ALL
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EVERYONE WELCOME

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CHURCH**
Rev. Joseph. E. Shirey SJ
PASTOR

Mile 14 Eagle River
Confessions, Sat, 7:00 8:00pm
Masses, Sun, 9:00 & 11:00am
. 8:00pm
CATECHISM:
Grades 1-4 Weds, after sch.
Eagle River, Chugiak and
Birchwood Elem. Schs.
Grades 5 & 6, Sun, 9:00am, at
St. Andrews
Grades 7 & 8, Weds, 7:00pm at
St. Andrews
CYO, 7pm . . . home rotation.

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Bible Study, Wed, . . . 8:00pm

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vice, Thurs, 7:30pm

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RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED

EAGLE RIVER: St. Andrew's
Altar Society wishes to an-
nounce the winner of the hum-
idifier raffle .

The drawing was held during
the Christmas party on Dec-
ember 16th.

The holder of the winning
ticket is Charles Farris, of
the Lazy Mountain Trailer
Court, in Eagle River.

INVITATION TO REVIVAL SERVICES

OLD CHUGIAK: Rev. Eric
Pahl, Pastor of Assembly of
God Chugiak Chapel at Mile
20.5 Old Glenn Highway, has
extended an invitation to ev-
eryone to attend Revival Ser-
vices.

The e services will be held
nightly at 7:00pm (with the ex-
ception of Monday) starting on
Sunday, December 28th, and
will continue through January
4th.

On December 31st, in place
of the 7:00pm evening service
there will be a watchnight ser-
vice, starting at 10:30pm. Ev-
eryone is welcomed.

The Evangelist for the Rev-
ival will be Rev. Karl Thom-
son, who has been working
among the Athapascan Indians
of Northern Yukon Valley.

Mr. Thomson, formerly a
Texas pastor and evangelist,
will be ministering nightly
from the Bible with messages
of interest to all.

Pastor and Mrs. Pahl have
asked that Seasonal greetings
be extended to the Chugiak
Community.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO SING

ANCHORAGE: A special
music of Christmas music
will be presented on TV sta-
tion KENI, Channel 2, on
Thursday, December 25th,
(Christmas Day) at 10:00am.

The program will feature
the Children's Choir under
the direction of the Morman
Tabernacle Choir.

Christmas is the time of
year when nostalgic feel-
ings swell up in most of us
and we find our hearts
turning homeward.

The sight of a Christ-
mas wreath on a cottage
door conveying a message
of welcome or the beauty
and warmth of blinking
lights on a Christmas tree
shining through a living-
room window stir up feel-
ings of love and compan-
ionship.



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Santa's Job Varies With Each Family

Just how much Santa Claus does differs in every family? Always of course, he fills the stockings. In some families, he brings a few toys.

In other families he brings all the toys. In some he also trims the tree. How many of these things he is supposed to do is a question of your own tradition.

A child should be taught, even when very little, to thank the giver. Aunt Mary, Grandfather, etc. It is not fair to say that presents sent from other people are from Santa Claus.

A child's belief in the miracle of Santa Claus can help him all his life to know that if he trusts and believes hard enough in something, it will be a long step toward making it come true.

Santa's Moving To Take Lead As Gift Giver

More and more, Santa becomes the favored gift-giver in countries around the world, replacing a host of legendary figures who were said to bring gifts at this same season of the year.

Gift-giving time, too, is now more likely to be Christmas Eve, although the traditional date in European countries once ranged from St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th, to Epiphany Eve, January 5th.

Among the many who set the trend for Santa Claus is the German gift-giver, Kris Kringle. The name is a variation of Christkind—not the Infant Jesus himself, but his messenger who came to earth at Christmas-time.

Christkind was represented by a child dressed in white robes, with a crown and wings of gold.

In Japan, the traditional gift-giver is a native god, Hoteiosho. Represented as a kindly old man with a pack on his back, he is much like visions of the traditional Santa.

He is said to have eyes in the back of his head, the better to see whether boys and girls have been naughty or nice.

In Yugoslavia, Grandfather Frost — "Dede Mraz"—replaces Santa Claus.

The Yugoslavian trend is to combine Christmas and New Year holidays, and celebrate them together with Grandfather Frost Day.

CARD IS A GIFT

The New Year's greeting card is really a form of gift; the custom is credited to the Chinese, who have sent such cards since ancient times.



TIPS FOR MILADY

Balsam, Douglas fir, Scotch pine and white spruce are the most popular trees in the East. In the mid South it's the long-needled pine. Favorites in the West are firs and cypresses. Popularity varies from region to region.

When choosing a Christmas tree, select it for beauty, fragrance and lasting needles. Balsam and Douglas fir have those qualities. Their dark green, soft at tip needles will remain as long as two or three weeks indoors.

A Norway spruce makes an ideal outdoor Christmas tree. Indoors it has a tendency to shed rather quickly. A white spruce on the other hand is better for indoor use if it is not cut too early in the season. Its bluish-green needles distinguish it from a Norway spruce. Red pine is gaining in popularity but its needles are too soft to hold ornaments. It does, however, make good greens for decorations.

Rub a finger across the butt of the tree before buying it. If it's sticky with sap, it's still quite fresh. A stump of 6 or 7 inches long will allow stability when the tree is set up and give "drinking" area to soak up water.

When the tree is brought home, cut a diagonal nine-inch slice from the stump, and peel back the bark another inch. Now place the tree in a bucket of water—you may add a cup of sugar or syrup. Keep the tree outside until you are ready to decorate it and add water each day as well as sprinkle the branches.

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