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BOWLING ALLEY BAR LICENSE DENIED



Christmas tidings echo their joy and wonderment throughout the land. Amidst the happy bustle of holiday preparations, we pause to bid wishes for health and happiness to our dear customers, their families and friends. Thank you, one and all.

ANCHORAGE: The Greater Anchorage Area Borough Assembly turned down an application for an alcoholic beverage license by Jim King of the Eagle River Bowl at their meeting last Monday night.

The vote followed a public hearing, at which time King explained that his plans to re-open the bowling alley were dependent upon obtaining the license. The Brunswick Corporation, he'd refused to install the equipment unless a cocktail lounge was to be operated in conjunction with the lanes to further insure the financial status of the operation. Past records show that the bowling alleys by themselves did not bring in sufficient income to pay off the equipment within the specified time period.

An initial motion to deny the license did not have sufficient yes votes to pass. The vote was 5 to 4 to deny it. A vote of six was necessary to defeat the motion. The motion was then rephrased to grant the application. This was defeated 7 to 2.

The assembly based their vote on the basis of there not being sufficient population in the area to justify granting of another license.

There is no further appeal through the Borough Assembly on this action.

King said that there is another course open to him, but that he had little hope of being able to re-open the bowling alley without the license.

COMMUNITY XMAS FETE THIS THURSDAY

EAGLE RIVER: All residents of the Greater Chugiak Area are urged to attend the Old Fashioned Community Christmas Celebration to be held on Thursday, December 24th, from 2pm to 4pm at the Eagle River Shopping Center.

The celebration will begin with a parade down "Santa Claus Lane" (Eagle River Road past the Elementary School

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and down the Glenn Highway to the Shopping Center).

The parade will be led by the Frontier Riders Horseman's Club, and followed by all local organizations who are participating in the celebration.

Organizations with club uniforms or insignia are urged to either wear or display them in the parade.

At the shopping center will be bleachers for the church choirs and the Chugiak High School Band, who will present a program of Christmas music.

Mr. Ed Willis, Borough Assemblyman from this area and recently chosen for its outstanding citizen of the year by the local Chamber of Commerce, will act as Master of Ceremonies.

The program will feature community singing, the awarding of ten free turkeys by Carr's Food Center, and the announcement of the winners of the Christmas Lighting contest by MEA.

Hot coffee, chocolate and cookies will be on hand for all.

**ONLY MINOR
DAMAGE IN CAR
MOOSE CRASH**

FT. RICH: Only minor damage was sustained by a 1967 Ford Mustang driven by David Lee Taylor of Peters Creek, following a collision with a moose at Mile 8 on the Glenn Highway.

Taylor struck the moose after the animal slipped and fell while crossing the road in front of him.

The accident took place on December 14th at 7:20am.

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GREENING



Merry Christmas, and many thanks to our loyal friends and neighbors.

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**CHRISTMAS LEGENDS WITH
ANIMALS ARE NUMEROUS**

Christmas season folklore is fascinating. Whether true or not, there are innumerable tales on traditions of the holiday season.

Animals are prominently mentioned in many legends and customs.

One Christmas legend tells of the lit gray lamb with a longing in its heart to be white. It wandered to the dwelling of the Holy Family, lingering at the door. The Christ Child, seeing the lamb, beckoned it in. He laid His hand on its head, and it became white as snow.

Spaniards are taught to treat cows kindly: they believe that cattle breathed upon the Christ Child to keep Him warm. Tradition holds that cows and horses kneel in adoration at midnight each Christmas Eve. Among the residents of the German Alps it is believed that on Christmas Eve all animals can speak.

In Worcestershire, it was at one time the custom to give a bough of mistletoe to the cow that first bore a calf after New Year's Day, to bring good luck to all.

Norwegians, Swedes and the Swiss make it a special point to be extremely friendly and hospitable on Christmas, both to domestic pets and wild birds.

A persistent Christmas legend is that bees hum a carol in honor of the Christ Child. In England, holly is placed on the hive to wish the bees a Merry Christmas.

To wish you
**Peace,
Joy**



To each and every one of our good friends and patrons, we extend, with sincere appreciation, warm wishes for a most memorable holiday.

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GREETINGS

May the cheery sounds of Christmas carry with them the warmest joys, and thanks to you, our good friends

Little Midge

Lighting the Tree

Martin Luther started the custom of lighting the tree, legend says.

To symbolize stars glowing forth on a snow-filled winter's night, he placed lighted candles on his family's traditional Christmas tree.

Burning the Log

Today's fireplaces, though smaller in scale than those of yesteryear, symbolize at Christmas the age-old custom of burning the log.

The Yule log was adapted to Christmas celebrations from the Scandinavian practice of building huge bonfires at the winter solstice. Fire represented the spring sun, soon to return.

Hanging Stockings

St. Nicholas, so legend says, secretly gave gifts of gold for the dowries of poor spinsters. He tossed the gold down a chimney on Christmas Eve, and on one occasion he gift landed in a stocking hung by the fireplace to dry.

A tangerine or an orange in the toe of a stocking has come to be symbolic of the gifts of gold.

MOOSE CALF KILLED IN COLLISION

EAGLE RIVER: A moose calf was struck and killed on the Old Glenn Highway at Mile 14 1/2 last week.

The driver of the car Joe Kapella, of Eagle River said calf and it's mother were being chased by dogs and the calf slipped on the icy pavement and fell in front of his car. He was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting it.

He said that there were no injuries to his family, with the exception of his wife, who suffered hurt feelings when a bowl of scalloped potatoes which they were taking to a church pot-luck, spilled all over her.

LADIES ASKED FOR COFFEE AND COOKIES

CHUGIAK: An appeal is made to all ladies of the Greater Chugiak Area to help provide refreshments for the Old Fashioned Community Christmas Celebration to be held at the Eagle River Shopping Center on Thursday, December 24th.

Anyone who is able to bring either a dozen cookies, or a pound of coffee is asked to please do so.

They may be brought to the Lions Den on Thursday, or be dropped off at Alaska Range Service earlier in the week if that is more convenient.

SANTA TO GIVE TOYS TO KIDS

EAGLE RIVER: Youngsters under 12 from the Greater Chugiak Area will have the opportunity to speak to Santa and be presented with a toy tonight, from 7pm to 9pm, at the Sportsman's Game Preservation Association Lodge at mile 15 on the Old Glenn Highway.

This project is being sponsored by the SGPA, and is their contribution to the Old Fashioned Community Christmas Celebration.

Remember, tonight, Wednesday, December 23rd. Toys will be distributed as long as they last, and Santa will be there from 7pm to 9pm.

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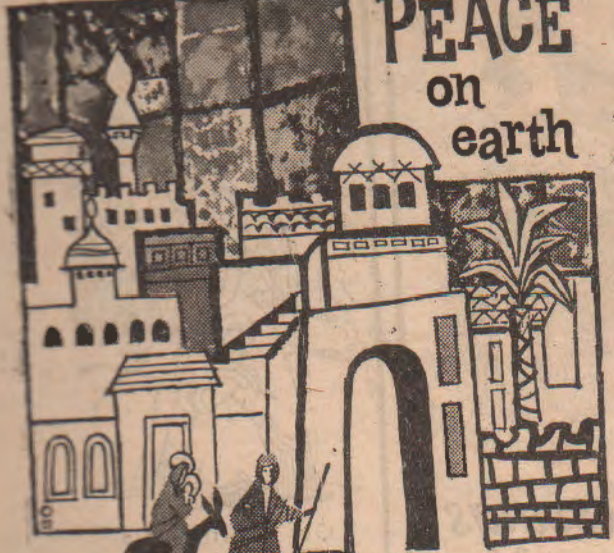


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NEW YEAR BABY GIFT LIST GROWS

CHUGIAK: Local merchants have one more week to pledge gifts for the family of the Chugiak New Year baby.

To date the following gifts have been offered. An engraved silver cup by Dr. Thomas F. Green, \$25 worth of dry cleaning from Alaska Cleaners; a \$25 savings bond for the baby and a years subscription for the parents from the Knik Arm Courier, 100 gallons of heating oil from Peters Creek Fuel; a gift of jewelry for the mother from Chief Chugiak; a haircut for the mother from Ruth's Beauty Salon, a \$5.00 merchandise certificate from Peters Creek Shopping Center; a shampoo and set for the mother from Deborah's House of Beauty; a \$5 merchandise certificate in the infant department at Carr's Eagle River Food Center; cocktails for 2 at the Halfway House; a \$5 merchandise certificate for the father from Harry's Auto Parts; an electric food warming dish from Matanuska Electric Association; Steak dinners for two at one of the

regular VFW Steak Feeds, from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Chugiak Post 9785 of the VFW; \$10 worth of laundry or cleaning at the Eagle River Laundry Center; a 3 minute long distance phone call to anywhere in the United States from the Matanuska Telephone Association; a complete lube job, oil change and filter from Phil's Texaco Service; a potted plant from H&H Nursery Supply; a case of baby food from Big Country Discount; 10 gallons of gas from F&L Service and a \$10 merchandise certificate from Mack's Knife Store in Eagle River.

CAUTION ON CREDIT

Too many things are bought on credit or revolving charge plans.

You pay usually at least per cent interest or service charges and sometimes more.

It's better to borrow money from the less expensive lending agencies for your Christmas buying.

SNOWMOBILE CLUB FORMS HERE

CHUGIAK: Snowmobile fans in the Greater Chugiak Area are advised of a new club that has been organized here.

The group, which has taken the title of "Bogie Benders of Chugiak, Alaska", was organized for the purpose of promoting good snowmobiling as a family fun activity.

Throughout the season they are planning such activities as Snowfairs, Trail Rides and Picnics.

The first scheduled activity will be a snowfari on January 3rd.

Offices for the club are President, Loren Scharber, Vice-Pres., Donnie Bowles, Secretary Audrey Scharber, and Treas. Eleanor Schmidt.

The next scheduled meeting is January 7th, 1971 at 8pm at the Bogie Benders Club house on Birchwood Loop Road.

Interested persons may call Mike Fitzpatrick at 694-2368, Dorothy Eychauer at 688-2130, or Audrey Scharber at 688-2720.

STORK TALK



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sheehan, of Box 694, Eagle River, are the parents of a baby girl born, Dec. 16th, at 2:07am at Providence Hospital.

Little Rebecca Lynn weighed 5 pounds, thirteen ounces, and measured 18 1/2 inches.

In Syria, the youngest camel which accompanied the Three Wise Men is called the camel of Jesus, and it is this camel which brings gifts to children.

In Bohemia a horse is taken into a river at Christmas and walked against the current. The rider tosses an apple into the stream and if it hits the horse it will be stronger during the coming year.

Go bump the hump with treats children. The Le cooking as festive

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JOLLY GOOD
CHRISTMAS

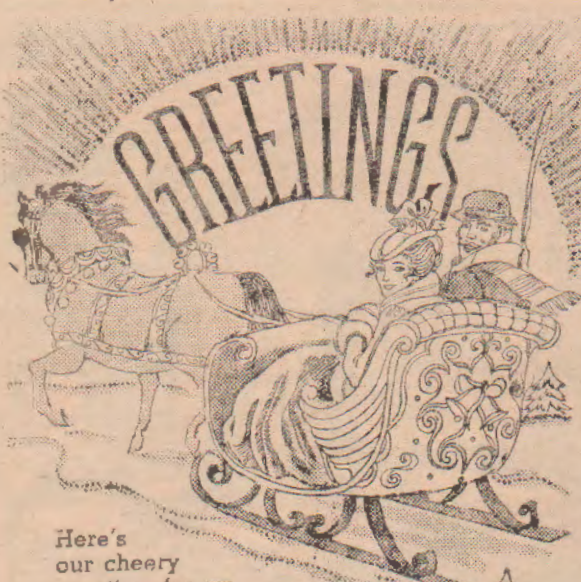
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Blessings

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Hospitality Tea Punch



Happy the holiday hostess who has an easy trick or two up her sleeve. A good punch recipe, for instance, will come in handy at many a festive occasion. The one pictured above, rosy in color, is a delightful blend of fruit juices with a strong tea base. The tea acts as a silent partner in the punch, giving it body without masking the flavors of the other ingredients. For holiday glamour a colorful ice ring filled with orange and lemon slices, red and green candied cherries, floats in the bowl. Cup cakes made from a cake mix and decorated with a variety of holiday motifs are also easy to do, yet effectively festive.

Holiday Punch (Makes about 50 punch-cup servings)

1 quart cold water	¼ cup lemon juice
½ cup loose tea or 15 teabags	2 quarts water
¾ cup sugar	1 (28 oz.) bottle ginger ale
2 quarts cranberry juice cocktail	Ice ring*
4 (6 oz.) cans frozen orange juice, thawed	Lemon and orange slices
	Red and green candied cherries

Bring 1 quart cold water to full rolling boil; remove from heat; add tea all at once. Let stand 5 minutes. Strain into punch bowl. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Cool at room temperature. Add juices and water. Refrigerate. When ready to serve, add ginger ale and ice ring.

*To make ice ring, freeze water in ring mold adding lemon and orange slices and red and green cherries.

EASY DECORATION

Take a board about 5 inches by 9 inches — or thereabouts — cover with foil and nail on a piece of chicken wire.

Pull green branches through the wire and clip colorful Christmas balls and figures amongst the greenery. That's all there is to it. Use the same board each year.



We'll bask in
the warm after-glow
of Christmas
the year round
because of
your friendship!

**RUTH'S BEAUTY
SALON**

Foods Flavor Celebrations

"What's for dessert?"

At Christmas, the traditional answer to this question in England, the United States and Canada is, "Mince pie and plum pudding."

One legend says that it brings good luck to eat mince pie on Christmas day.

In earlier times, mince pies were baked in an oblong shape meant to represent the manger.

Plum pudding, too, has its legend of luck, but here the good luck comes in the making of the pudding. Every member of the family must stir the pudding while it's being made, if good fortune is desired, says an old English tradition.

Fruit cake is one of many specially-baked cakes that are part of the food-and-feasting customs of Christmas. These also are said to bring good fortune and good health.

Rich, elaborate cookies and special breads add to the flavor of the holiday season.

Decorating the Tree

Many ancient legends associate trees with Christmas. One is that on the first Holy Night, all the trees of the forest blossomed and bore fruit.

The idea of adorning the Christmas tree with ornaments may have started with an attempt to create the effect of



TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

GREETINGS

FROM THE MANAGEMENT
AND THE STAFF OF THE

In the happy spirit of the holiday, when peace settles as gently as freshly fallen snow, we pause and count our many blessings. Numbered high among them is your cherished friendship and good will.

Bountiful thanks and sincere greetings to all.

MATANUSKA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

SR. CENTER AND OPAG NEWS

By: Bessie Miller, Director

A Merry Christmas party was enthusiastically enjoyed by forty one S.C. last Friday night.

Immediately following the tasty banquet, the Grasser Memorial Plaque was placed upon the center wall by OPAG President, Mr. William Herndon, of Anchorage.

One of the highlights of the evening was when the Cub Scouts of Pack 228 of Chugiak arrived with a Christmas tree that they had decorated just for them. The decorations had all been made by the boys. The boys then filled the Center with their sweet voices singing beautiful carols.

More of the program was enjoyed as Mr. Charles Traversie, of Peters Creek played his guitar and sang many old western songs. The crowd enjoyed him tremendously.

Next John Womac and Bernard Edwards played their guitars, while Neva and Rhonda Johnson and Decra Cambells sang the new songs from the present day.

Mrs Bessie Miller, accompanied by Mrs. Genevieve Blavka led this roomful of friends in their own carol singing. Something peaceful and brotherly happens when people open their hearts to sing of the Christ Child. All felt it there.

Of course a Christmas party isn't a Christmas party without the distribution of bags of

candy and nuts and the giving of gifts. Such was the S.C. happy Christmas party.

The January Birthday party will not be held on January 1st because of the many Christmas and New Years functions. Instead, it will take place on January 8, 1971.

And now dear citizens of the Greater Chugiak Area, you Senior Citizens take this opportunity to wish everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

SANTA AND SLEIGH BIG HIT IN CHUGIAK

CHUGIAK: The sleigh which has been touring the Greater Chugiak Area, carrying Santa Claus from door to door, has been the hit of the week long Communities Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration.

The entire village of Eklutna turned out to greet Santa last Saturday night when he started his travels. From there he proceeded to Peters Creek, followed by a trailer load of carollers, where one of his principal stops was the Cromwell Children's home.

On Sunday, he toured the Old Chugiak area, while on Monday, night the most successful of all, he traveled through Birchwood.

By this time word of his visits had gotten around, and children lined the roads for hours waiting for his appearance. Santa spoke with almost 300 children in the Birchwood Area, and has written the names and addresses of all of them in his record book so he will be sure to visit them on Christmas Eve.

Santa will spend Tuesday and Wednesday evenings traveling through the Eagle River Area before making his public appearance at the Eagle River Shopping Center on Thursday December 24th, from 2pm to 4:00pm for the Old Fashioned Christmas celebration.

GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE...

"God Bless Us Every One" All the blessed sentiments of Christmas dwell in these words of Tiny Tim.

Good will is there, gratitude to God, the soulful sense of the brotherhood of man, that divine spark of unselfishness which glows supreme in the Yuletide, though it may be smothered with ashes in all the rest of the year.

"Every One" allows no exceptions. The rich, the poor, the kind, the cruel, the good, the bad — all are included. All do not deserve the divine blessing equally, but all need it equally, and in their several ways may be touched and purified and lifted up, for the moment, at least, to a realization of the spiritual meaning of life.

And if we are so unwise as to fail to see any cause for the thankfulness, let us remember that it was the little lame youth, who had no material blessings at all, but a great and courageous soul, who pointed the way to the Christmas Blessing.

Age Old Hope: Peace On Earth

Christmas means more than the annual celebration of a day or a season. It is a universal symbol of the generosity of the human spirit. There is in all creeds throughout the world an anniversary on which reverence is paid to a certain "something" . . . a divine spirit which constantly calls for dedication to the service of humanity.

Whether it be the teachings of Confucius or Mohammed or Buddha or Moses or Jesus, we find in all religions an age-old concept embracing these commandments; "Thou shalt not kill; Thou shalt not steal; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself;"

The Christmas season affords an occasion and an opportunity for us to reach out to our fellow man across the world and to speak the words that have lasted through centuries but have a new meaning now. We can remind each other at Christmas time that sacrifice is not obsolete and that brotherly love is the cardinal precept for human behavior.

SHIRLEY GAVIN SETS NEW COURSE RECORD

EAGLE RIVER: Shirley Gavin, of Peters Creek came in first place at the December 20 sled dog races at the Eagle River course, to set a new track record.

Shirley completed the 4 1/2 mile course in 15:26.

The race, sponsored by the Chugiak Dog Musers Club, was limited to 7 dogs per team.

Trophies were awarded for three places and were donated by the Carrington Co. of Anchorage. Don's Chemical Co. donated 500 lbs of dog food to be distributed among the 1st 3 places, and the Eagle River Inn donated a quart of brandy for first place and a case of beer for last place.

Times for the racers were as follows:

1st, Shirley Gavin, . . .	15:26
2nd, Dicy Mackey, . . .	15:57
3rd, Larry Baxter, . . .	16:59
4th, Steve Zawisa, . . .	17:32
5th, Don Holsclaw, . . .	18:02
Sue Holsclaw, . . .	18:02
7th, Mac McGonigill, . . .	18:39
8th, Kathy Baxter, . . .	19:36
9th, Lloyd Haessler, . . .	20:11
10th, Roger Knosalla, . . .	20:22
11th, Stan Barney, . . .	25:01
12th, Junior Wing, . . .	27:53
13th, Walt Pecker, . . .	28:45

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GUARDING THE HOME

Sweden has an unusual gift-giver — it's a goat! According to tradition, the Yulbock or Yule goat comes to the door of Swedish homes on Christmas Eve and tosses the family's gifts through the doorway.

Another legendary guest at Swedish holiday celebrations is Tomte, a kind-hearted elf who guards the home. A dish of food is placed in a quiet corner, so Tomte may feast as he secretly observes the family fun.



Christmas Blessings

PHIL'S TEXAÇO
Eagle River

Out of the Past

TAKEN FROM THE PAGES OF THE KNIK ARM COURIER ISSUE OF DECEMBER 20, 1960

MERCHANTS TO SHOWER NEW YEARS BABY: The first baby to be born of Chugiak parents in 1961 will be the recipient of many lovely gifts from the business people of Chugiak.

This practice of showering a New Years baby has been followed in most larger cities, but this will be the first time that it has been attempted in Chugiak.

BOROUGH MEETING RESOLVES NOTHING: Residents of Chugiak left the Borough discussion still pretty much in the dark as to the role our community would play in the proposed Borough form of government.

BIRCHWOOD DRIVER HITS MOOSE: A collision between an auto and a three quarters grown moose calf resulted in the usual damage to both parties involved; considerable damage to the car, and critical injury to the moose.

A Volkswagen bus, driven by Richard Burg of Birchwood, narrowly missed hitting a cow only to plow head on into the calf that was following her late Saturday afternoon.

BRAZIL CUSTOM HELPS OTHERS

A unique custom practiced in some sections of Brazil is typical of the spirit of Yuletide. To make Christmas happier for poor people in the community, others contribute small gifts of food. They are wrapped in white paper and the packages designated for children usually contain chocolate in one form or another. The donors gather around a manger in front of the village church, singing as they place their gifts in the creche.

FEWER TOY GUNS

Toys under the Christmas tree might be aimed a little closer to peace on earth, because, sales of realistic-looking toy guns have dropped rather sharply.

Children are still interested in the guns, however, parents are not encouraging their young ones to "see how it works."

Interest has turned to basic games and educational toys.



At the holiday season, it is a pleasure to extend best wishes and thanks to all our friends.

UNITED BUILDING SUPPLY
Eagle River

Merry Christmas

May the essence of Christmas once again fill your heart and home with peace and lasting serenity.

To all our faithful and steadfast patrons, we wish the very best at the holiday season.



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ALASKA CLEANERS & LAUNDRY

Legends Honor St. Nicholas

He's the patron saint of pawn brokers. He watches over mariners. Since the fourth century, he has been remembered for his generosity.

Many of the legends link with St. Nicholas, real-life ancestor of today's Santa Claus.

But his most enduring connection is with youth and gifts. In Europe, his feast day, December 6th, has traditionally been an occasion for merriment and gift-giving.

CHS YOUTH HURT IN PARKING LOT ACCIDENT

BIRCHWOOD: A Chugiak Junior High student was crushed between two cars in the parking lot at the high school last Thursday, following the school concert.

The youth, Daniel Lee Cox, of Birchwood, age 13, was brushing the snow off the rear window of the family car preparatory to leaving the crowded lot, when another car, driven by Wayne E. Dunn of Eagle River, backed up to pull out of the lot and the boy was crushed between the two vehicles.

Mrs. Russell Oberg, who was also clearing the snow from the rear window of her car which was parked alongside, observed the accident, and called out to the boy's father who was at that time cleaning the snow from the windshield of the car. He ran forward to alert Dunn, who apparently was unaware the boy was pinned between the cars.

Mrs. Oberg said at that moment Dunn pulled forward, freeing the boy who then fell to the ground. He then started to roll backward again, and likely would have rolled over

the boy, had Mrs. Oberg not grabbed him by the shoulders and pulled him to safety.

The youth's parents took him to Providence Hospital where he was treated for bruised and swollen knees.

Danny is a member of the Junior Chorus, and had just performed in the concert.

HOW IT GREW

Just as the celebration of Christmas gathered together many customs and rituals of earlier holidays, so too the monastery artists drew upon techniques evolved by pre-Christian craftsmen.

Influence of classic Greek and Roman style is evident in the early illuminated manuscripts of the Christian era. This gradually gave way to the decorative, abstract Byzantine style.

With the approach of the Renaissance, more natural realistic techniques came into use, in illumination as in other forms of art.

DRIVER CITED IN MILE 15 COLLISION

BIRCHWOOD: The driver of 1965 Ford sedan was cited for basic speed by the Alaska State Troopers after he drove his car into a ditch trying to miss a second vehicle which was turning left.

The accident took place on North Birchwood Road on December 14th at 5:35pm.

The driver, Craig W. Rausa of Peters Creek was not injured. Damage to his car was estimated at \$550.



Merry Christmas

Best wishes of the season, friends, and grateful thanks.

ZMUDA REALTY



Too all our customers, best wishes for a Merry Christmas. We thank you warmly!

PETERS CREEK SHOPPING CENTER



Greetings

A happy season is upon us, bringing joy to one and all. Warmest appreciation!


CHIEF CHUGIAK GIFTS



THE BRIGHTEST STAR

In the East, the star of Bethlehem shone so bright, its light reconfirms our hopes today. Let the glories of the season be yours.

H&H NURSERY SUPPLY



We join those who sing out the praises of this joyful season, and thank you for your trust and good will.

DR. & MRS. JOHN W. SARGENT

LADIES CLUB PLANS POT- LUCK BANQUET

OLD CHUGIAK: The Chugiak Ladies Club will hold a holiday pot-luck banquet for members and their husbands on Saturday, December 26th, at the home of Katie Phillips in Old Chugiak.

No host cocktails will be from 7pm to 8pm, with dinner to start at 8pm.

The ladies held a meeting and gift exchange on Thursday, December 16th, at the home of Dorothy Jonrowe in Old Chugiak.

RECRUITMENT FOR HEAD START NOW UNDERWAY

OLD CHUGIAK: Recruitment is now being held for children to enroll in a new Head-Start class to begin at January 7th in the Greater Chugiak Area.

To be eligible, children must be 4 years old as of November 1st, and their families must call within the office of Economic Opportunity Income Guidelines.

Anyone wishing further information may contact Jan Lindeman, Family Planning Coordinator at the local Head Start Center, Box 233, Chugiak, Alaska.

Tradition says, however, that many years ago elves, dwarfs and other little folks pranced and danced about the streets on the night before Christmas.

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HOME GROWN DECORATIONS

You can prune your own evergreens and use the trimmings for Christmas wreaths and other decorations.

Be careful how you trim. Consider the natural contour of the tree and shrubs. Many branches may be removed without noticeable effect. Among evergreens that may be pruned before Christmas, experts advise, are yew, arborvitae, laurel, rhododendron, euonymus, magnolia, azalea, ivy or abelia. From the branches you can fashion centerpieces, wreaths, mantel or door decorations.

To give leaves of broadleaf evergreens a lustre, wipe them with glycerine diluted with water. You may silver or gold some or spray them with artificial snow.

Candle Long Part Of German Christmas Tree

Germans used to look on their Christmas trees with pride and even a little awe.

They were a beautiful sight. No store bought colored balls, just dozens of candles burning bright and warm.

Not so long ago the Fire Department campaigned against tree candles, and insisted of the danger and fire hazard.

German families have begun to follow the American custom of using colored lights and even packaged decorations. They still grumble about it, but the number of Christmas Eve fires has dropped dramatically, according to Fire Department figures.

Unlike American custom, the German Christmas tree is never displayed before Christmas Eve and never placed on the lawn in front of the house.

A Torte By Any Other Name...



A torte by any other name would look as magnificently lovely. It would cause as much comment, and the flavor, especially if it's chocolate, would be as luscious.

Apricot-Chocolate Torte, a hauntingly delectable combination of flavors, is a footer, the secret of the lady in the kitchen. Who could guess, who could know, that this torte is made easily with a good chocolate cake mix and convenient, versatile, sparkling apricot preserves for the filling?

If you're a purist, bake your own best-recipe two-layer chocolate cake for the base. Either way, the cake layers are split after baking and cooling, making four thin layers. The fresh-fruit flavor of the apricot preserves, spooned right from the jar, blends beautifully with the rich chocolate to make the perfect filling. The crowning glory, a smooth, rich chocolate frosting, drizzles from the top. Ah, a torte by any other name.

Apricot-Chocolate Torte

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| 1 (1-pound, 3-ounce) package chocolate cake mix | 1 tablespoon butter |
| 1 cup apricot preserves | 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar |
| 1 square (4-ounce) unsweetened chocolate | ½ teaspoon vanilla |
| | 2 tablespoons boiling water |

Prepare cake mix according to package directions; bake in two (8-inch) pans. Cool and split each layer (with knife or string) to make 4 thin layers.

Spread the bottom 3 layers with apricot preserves; stack and top with remaining layer. Melt chocolate and butter over hot water. Add confectioners' sugar and vanilla; blend well. Add boiling water. Spread over top of cake and drizzle down the side.



Merry Christmas

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Bake Pineapple Oat Drops For Kiddie Party



Go ahead, be old fashioned and bake at least one batch of fat, bumpy oatmeal drop cookies especially for the children during the holidays. Youngsters enjoy best hearty cookies that are filled with familiar food flavors. Pineapple Oatmeal Drops are ideal treats. As every mother knows, oatmeal cookies are good for children. Rolled oats, like other cereals, provide valuable nutrients. These taste good, are easy to make and truly wholesome. The cookies freeze well, too, for several weeks.

Let the children entertain their crowd with a platter of the cookies and mugs of hot chocolate. Simple table decorations such as felt ski-men, greens, and colorful candles are inexpensive and festive.

Pineapple Oatmeal Drops

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| 1 1/4 cups sifted flour | 1 cup well-drained crushed pineapple |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans |
| 1/2 teaspoon soda | 1 cup chopped, mixed candied fruit |
| 1/2 cup shortening | 1 1/2 cups rolled oats, uncooked, quick or regular |
| 1 cup brown sugar, packed | |
| 1 egg | |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | |
| 1/2 teaspoon orange rind | |

Combine flour, salt and soda; sift into bowl. Beat shortening and sugar together until creamy. Add egg, vanilla and orange rind and beat well. Stir in pineapple, mixing well. Add sifted dry ingredients, 1/2 at a time, mixing well after each addition. Stir in fruit and oats and mix well. Drop level tablespoonfuls of dough onto lightly greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) until lightly browned, 12 to 15 minutes. Yield: About 5 1/2 dozen.

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 cover. Bake the ham in a slow oven (325 degrees F.). Basting is not necessary, but if you wish, add your favorite glaze 20 to 30 minutes before the end of the cooking time.

HEAD START STILL COLLECTING BOOKS AND TOYS

OLD CHUGIAK: Local residents are reminded that the Chugiak Head Start program is still taking a collection of children's books and toys for a new lending library.

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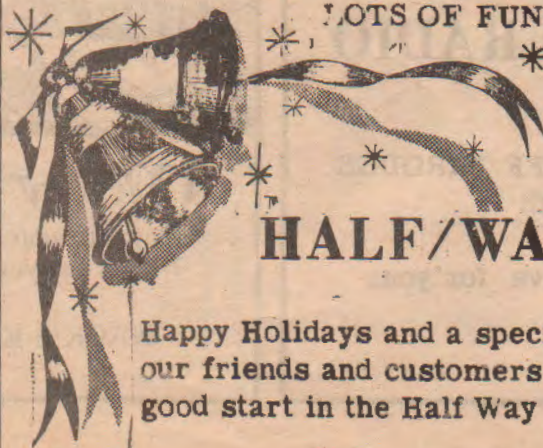
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