

Christmas LIGHTS

Bright are the lights that shine at Christmas the colors of the rainbow, the forest and the lake. They shine and they beam, they blink and they beckon; their reflections are captured in plate glass and passing car windows. But where are they brighter still?

Capture, if you will, the reflection in the eyes of the very young . . . eyes so alive with excitement and anticipation, so full of joy and brimful of hope and eagerness.

Christmas lights the eyes of the young, but it is not a mere reflection. It is a light that comes from deep within, from the realization that there is something deeply wonderful about the season of Christmas; that there is a significant meaning about to be grasped and yet to be realized.

This is the light that shines in the eyes of the young. It is hope; It is anticipation — and eagerness — to grasp the meaning of Christmas, completely, fully.

No Birthday Party Without Christmas

Were it not for the observance of Christmas—the greatest of all birthdays—there would probably be no birthday parties throughout the rest of the year. In ancient times, only pagans took part in birthday festivities. Early Christians associated birth with the assumption of original sin and therefore did not look upon the birth date as a time for celebration.

The Pharaohs of Egypt celebrated their own birthdays, and we are told that King Herod did, too. But it was not until the 300's that the birth date of Christ was even noted. In the year 354 the Bishop of Rome declared December 25 to be the anniversary of the birth of Christ and from that date until now, Christians have observed this most wonderful of all birthdays.



The Bible says: 'God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.'

As we prepare to celebrate another Christmas, how many of us remember these words — or are our thoughts too completely occupied with a present for Uncle John and Aunt Susie, with the preparation of lavish and expensive decorations; with the table settings for a sumptuous feast?

God did so love the world . . . that He gave us His Son . . . that He gave us this day that we call CHRISTMAS. This He gave us; nothing more. He did not supply the traditions; He spoke not of holly and mistletoe, nor of food and feasting. The many things that have come to be associated with the observance of Christmas — by all too many people — have been

added through the centuries. The sad part of it all is that some have become so fascinated by all the embellishments that they have lost sight of the true meaning of Christmas: Christ's birthday. The day on which Christ was born. The day of the Redeemer. A holy Day. A Spiritual Day.

Let us keep our bright Christmas trees, the colored lights, and deck the halls with boughs of holly. Let us set a table that would please the palate of a king. But, with it all, let us find the time to search hopefully for the joy and peace that was Christ's purpose when He was born and when for thirty years and three He walked the face of earth, the highest example of life as a mortal being.

Christmas Ideas

Is your Christmas budget running low? Here are three excellent gift ideas that cost very little more than the time it takes you to make them.

1. Copies of favorite recipes can be put on file cards and made into a scrap book.
2. If there is a flower lover on your list, carefully selected bulbs and seeds would make an ideal gift. Bulbs can be packed in small cookie boxes or old egg cartons, covered with gay wrapping paper.
3. One group of gifts can be certificates of service such as baby sitting coupons.

Let No Decorations Spoil Your Holiday

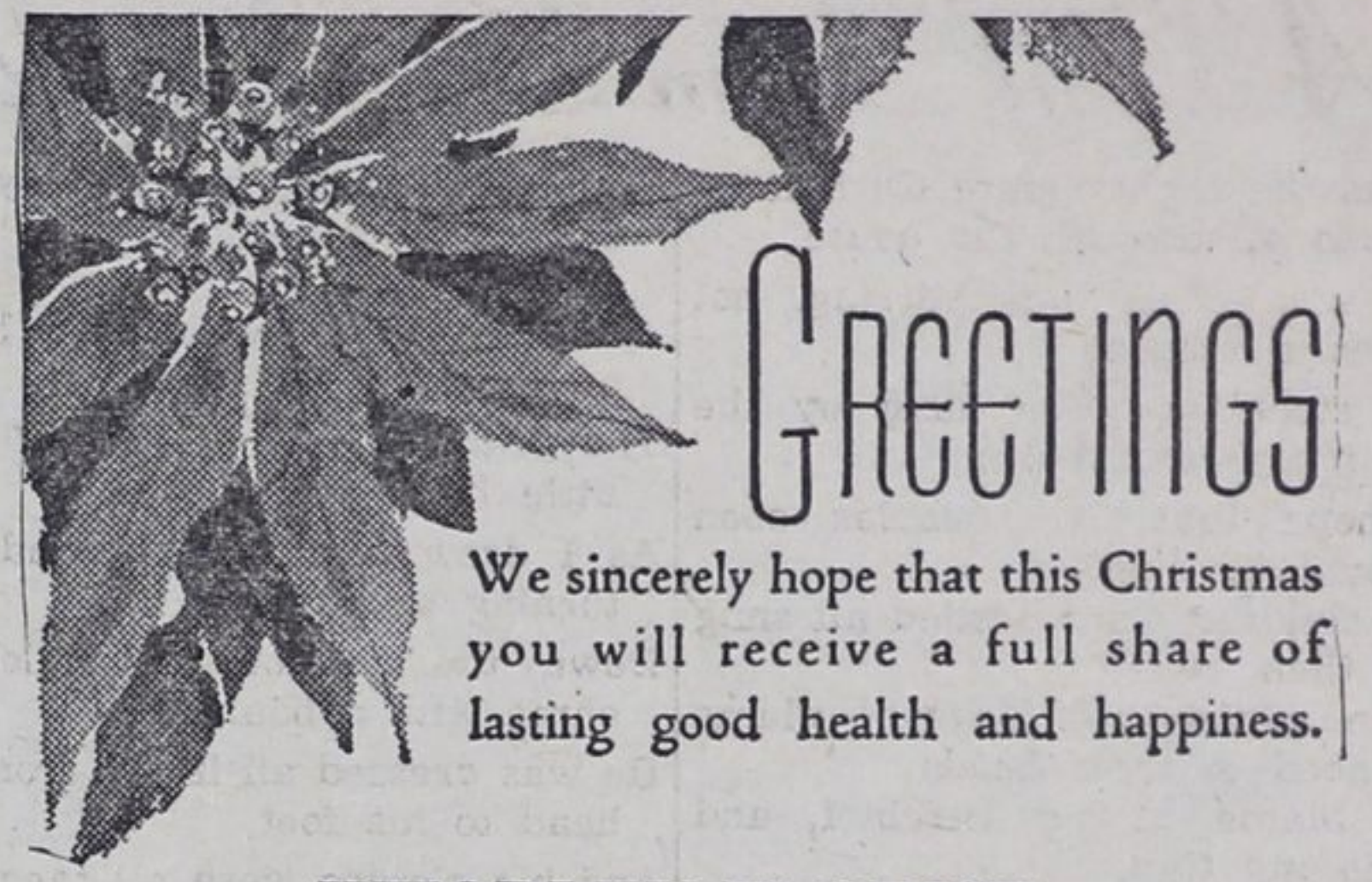
Have gala Christmas decorations turned your home into a fire hazard? - If you aren't careful with them, they may turn this season of joy into one of mourning.

The Christmas tree, as beautiful as it may be, is a potential torch. To be on the safe side, make sure your tree is freshly cut. Keep it in water or wet sand as long as it's in the house. Locate your tree away from all sources of heat and throw it away or replant it very soon after Christmas.

It is the custom in some places to use candles in place of tree lights. This is not only dangerous but foolish. The candles may incense the atmosphere but they are also very likely to send you, and your home up in smoke.

Make sure that all tree lights are laboratory approved and that there are no frayed cords or damaged sockets. Its not a good idea to use the same extension cords year after year. Get some new ones. Be extra careful not to overload electrical circuits with additional lights and appliances.

Make sure that all tinsel, angel hair, and other decorations are nonflammable. Do not leave discarded Christmas wrappings under the tree.



We sincerely hope that this Christmas you will receive a full share of lasting good health and happiness.

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