

Charles Dickens' Christmas Thoughts

"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around . . . as a good time: a kind of forgiving time, charitable and pleasant: the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they were really fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore . . . though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good; and I say, God bless it!"

Christmas Basket Something Different

A variety of baskets of all sizes and shapes are featured in most department stores and dime stores too. Choose baskets to accommodate the sizes and shapes of your gifts, you can put your present unwrapped in the basket. If you feel they need protection, encase small gifts in cellophane bags. Tie baskets with red ribbons, which can be run through the wicker like beading if you like, and finished with bows. Wire small sprays of holly, mistletoe, pine or other evergreen into the straw with fine wire. Almost any kind of decoration can be wired to a basket. These look very festive and don't fall apart when you are delivering them.

Things You Can't Buy Are Best Of All

What about some token of love — What about love itself . . . and friendship . . . and understanding . . . and a helping hand . . . a smile . . . a prayer and consideration? You can't buy these things in any store, and these are the very things people need. Let's not permit the crowds and the rush to crowd Christmas out of our hearts . . . for that is where it belongs. Christmas is not in the stores — but in the hearts of people.



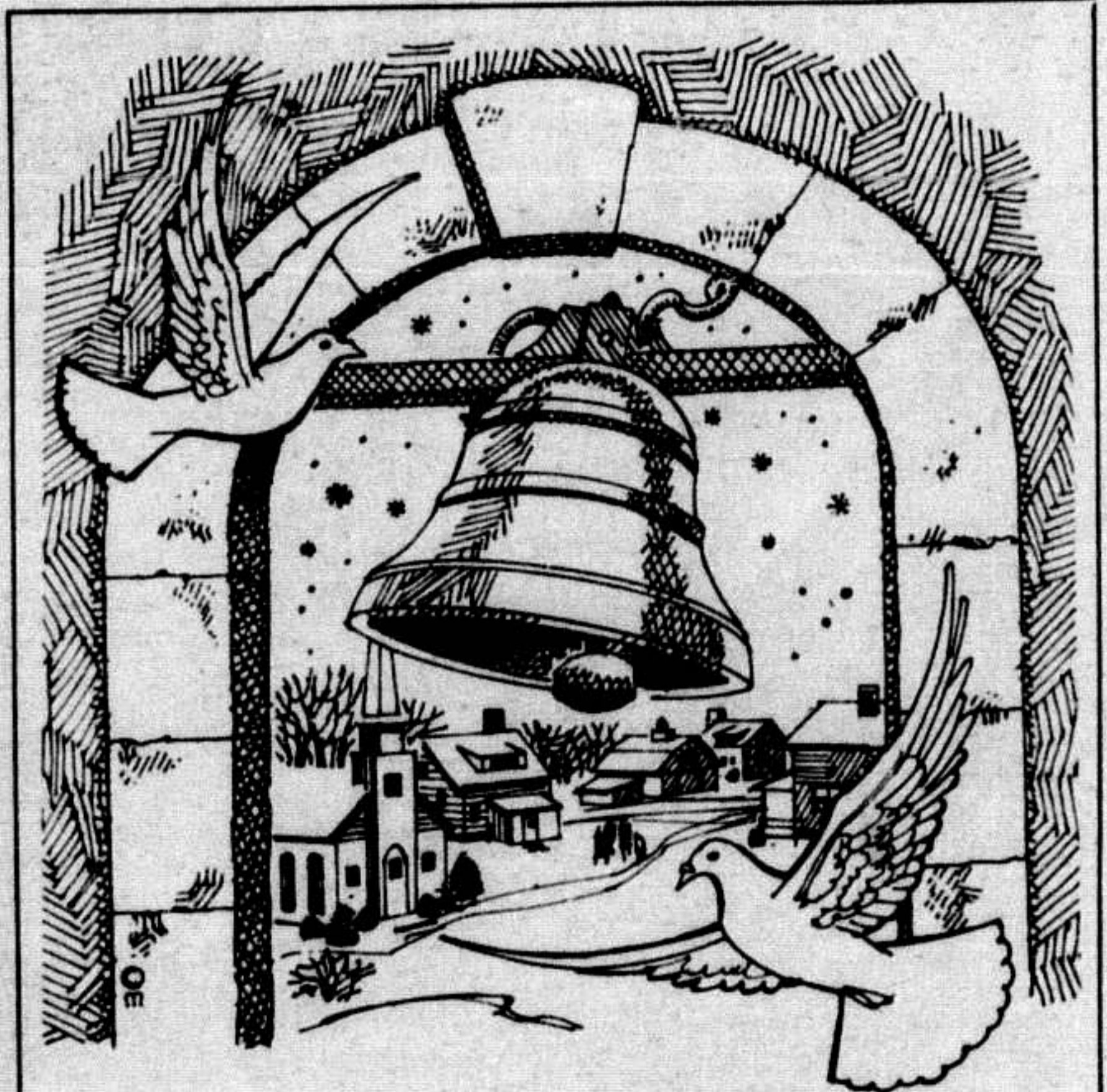
CHILDREN HURRY to dress up as animals for the nativity scene which was part of a special service Sunday night at Boston Presbyterian Church.



I PLAN TO HIDE HERE 'TIL SANTA COMES.

POSADAS
It is customary in Mexico to have nine continuous days of what is called posadas, which are nine parties, one each night preceding Christmas. People dance at those parties and are given a small present by the host. It may be porcelain, with candy inside, or simply a small candy package wrapped in crepe paper. Mexicans have their Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve and not Christmas Day, usually after ten o'clock at night.

CHRISTMAS MUMMERS
The Christmas Mummers are still in existence in England. The same plays which have been presented for the past several hundred years are performed. These affairs are observed in Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Hampshire. At Stratford-on-Avon the Christmas Mummers perform just as they acted over three hundred and fifty years ago. It was then that William Shakespeare was an interested spectator.



BEST WISHES AT Christmas

We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones.

It has been a pleasure to serve you.
Milton Fabric Centre

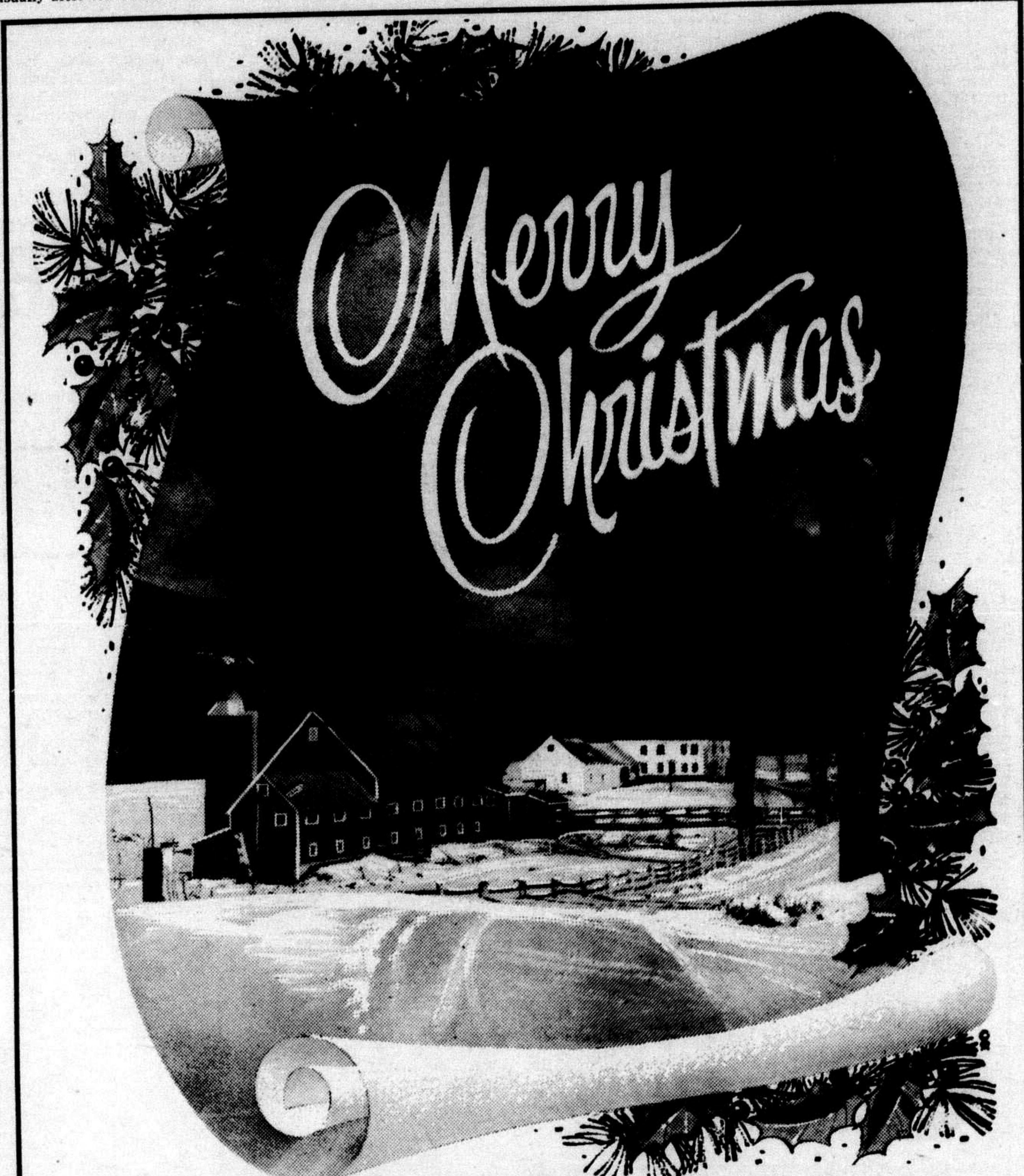
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it's
Christmas!

May Christmas bring you all the joys of the season and all the warm satisfactions of sincere friendships. We thank you for your generosity during the past year.

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In quiet serenity, let us reflect on the true message of Christmas. May your home and family be blessed with the spiritual joy and happiness that His birth taught us to cherish.

With our greetings goes our sincere appreciation.

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