



SMOKING ALLIGATOR was one of the delightful stuffed animals at the Grace Church bazaar Saturday, Dec. 6. Beverly Faulknor shows Kathryn and Jennifer Hawes the hand-made toys for Christmas.

Natural Decor for Christmas

The use of fresh, growing plants around the house for color and decoration has increased in almost staggering numbers . . . and there's really nothing lovelier to make a house look lived in. Combined with dried natural flowers and fruits they are perfect for the holidays. Here are a few ideas you may not have thought of, including some using traditional evergreens and mistletoe in not so traditional ways. With a little imagination, there's no end to the unusual Christmas decorations you can put together at home.

If you are lucky enough to have a bay or wide window, try massing pots of flowering plants together . . . poinsettias, azaleas, cyclamen, on a window seat or small table, covered with a pretty cloth. Decorate the pots with Christmas cutouts from your favorite magazine or with holiday decals.

Polish your best silver bowl and fill it with dried Lunaria (Honesty is its more commonly known name) and fresh holly. The silver-white translucent Lunaria is a perfect foil for the vivid red holly berries.

Your beach basket, lying idle in the pantry, makes a charming rustic holder turned on its side and filled with green apples and shiny red Christmas balls. Sprigs of evergreens in and around the apples add extra color.

Grandma's old butter churn will be rejuvenated, filled with bittersweet, cat-tails and evergreen.

Make a hanging mistletoe ball for a doorway by sticking sprigs of mistletoe into a round potato, in which you have pierced holes with a nail. Add a perky bow at the top and hang. The moisture in the potato will keep the mistletoe fresh!

For a unique surprise centerpiece, insert small cuts of evergreen into a long loaf of bread, covering it completely. Choose your loaf to suit your table shape and length. As with the mistletoe ball, the greens stay fresh longer because of the moisture in the bread. Add two or three candles to your centerpiece by pushing them down firmly at the top. Tiny tree ornaments can be added too.

Have fun! Hope your holiday is merry!

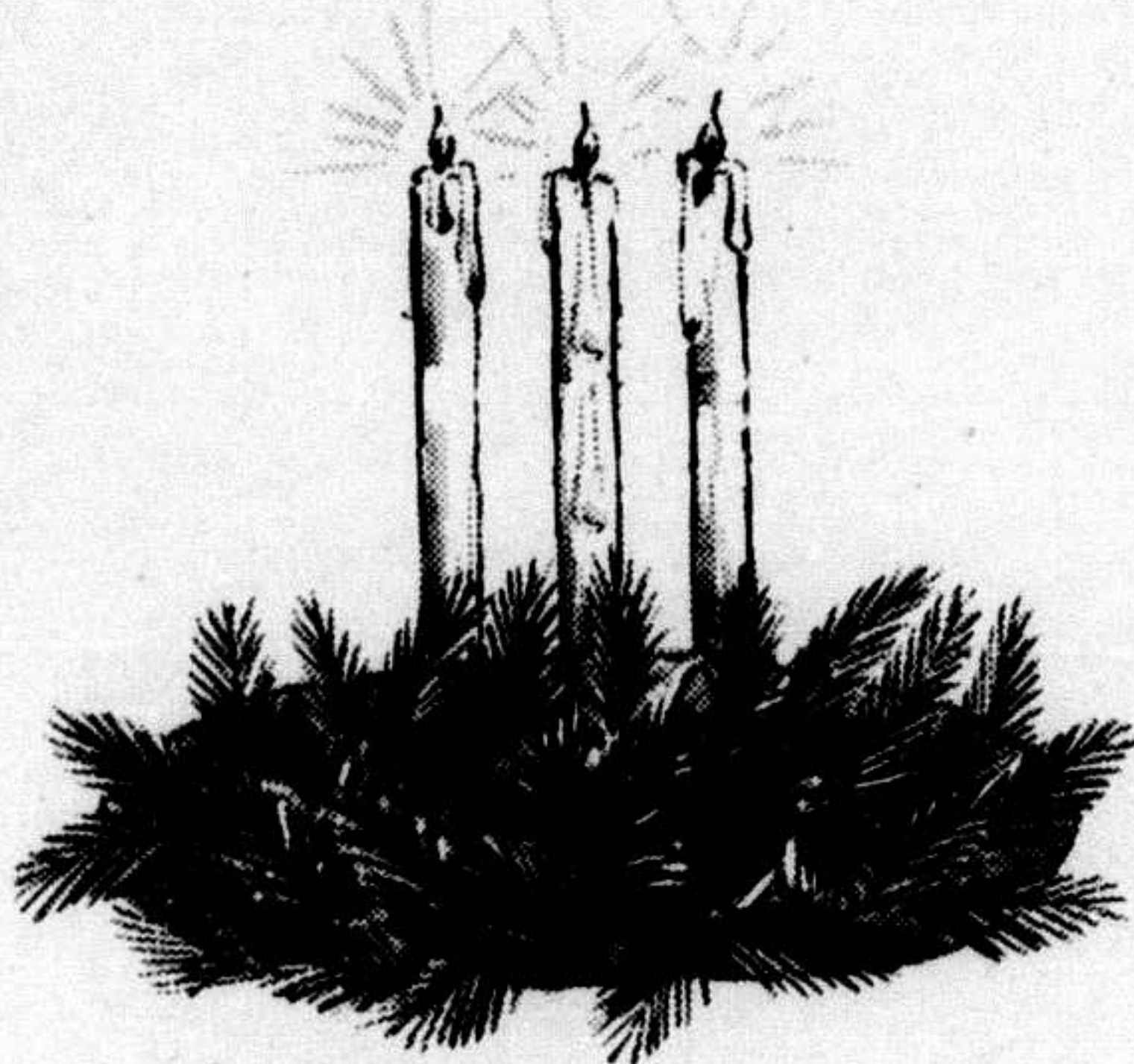
Christmas Spirit Comes Through

Depressions, earthquakes, wars . . . none of these can destroy the Spirit of Christmas; the darkness of fear cannot blot out its light; hatred, envy, and jealousy cannot withstand it; greed and selfishness retreat from it. Nothing can halt its advent into the hearts of men. Christmas still lives!

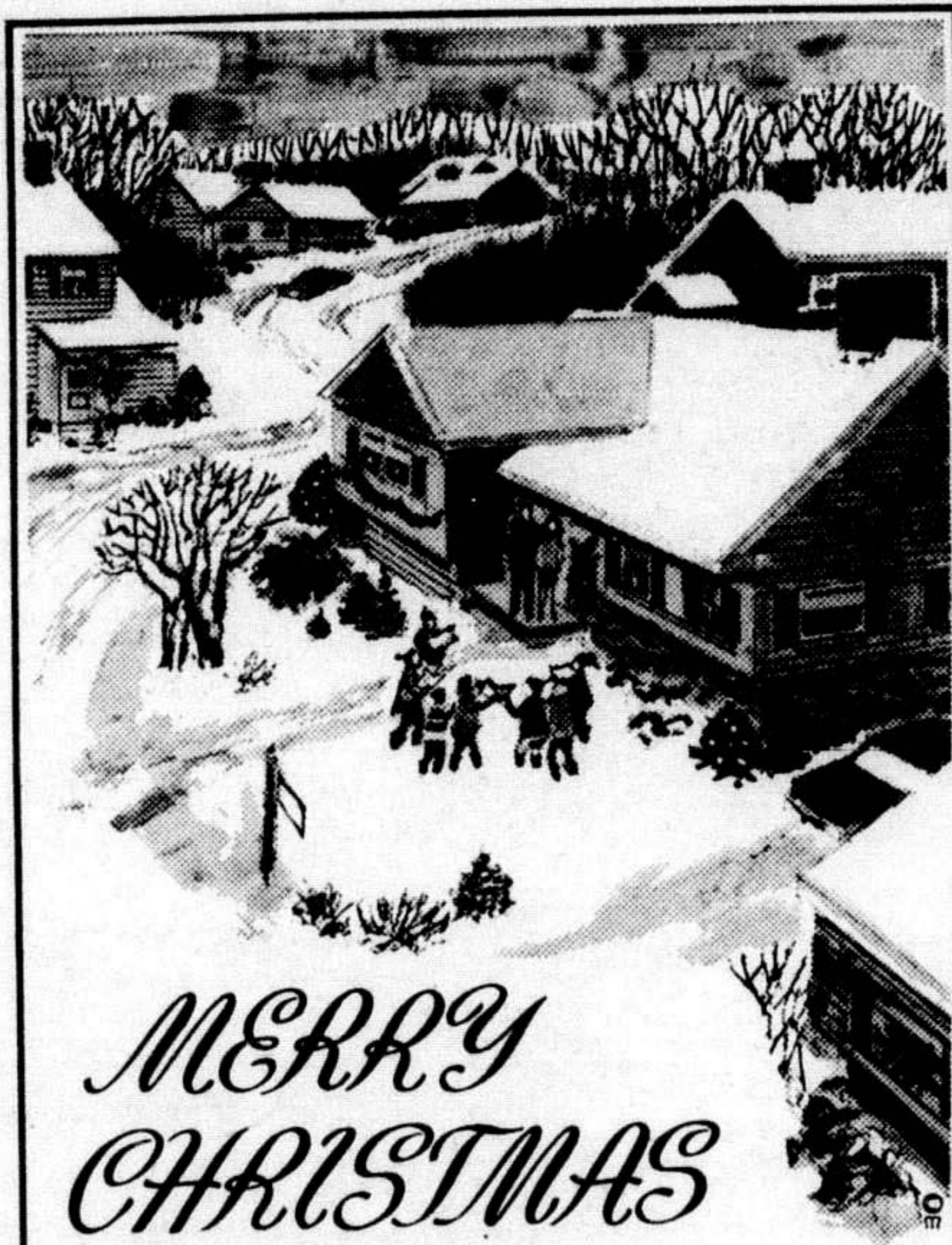
Like a blanket of softly falling snow, Christmas covers the earth. Its radiance lights up a storm-tossed world with the brilliancy of new hope; it brings before the universe the potential goodness and greatness of man. Through the spirit of Christmas the ideals of the Master will yet transform the universe of man. Christmas ever leads humanity upward. Christmas still lives!

RED HOLLY BERRIES

A legend relates that on the first Christmas night, when the shepherds went to the manger, a little lamb following them was caught by the holly thorns, and the red berries are the drops of its blood that froze on the branches.



SURPRISE CENTERPIECE made from loaf of bread covered with greens.



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Valais Bellringers Are Swiss Tradition

Most everyone thinks of Switzerland as a country noted only for Swiss watches, yodelers and mountain climbers, who think it handy — To take along a St. Bernard complete with brandy.

And of course Switzerland is also noted for Swiss cheese, Swiss music boxes and a fellow named William Tell who shot an apple off his son's head.

(What Will Jr. thought will be left unsaid)

But we digress . . . one of their most famous traditions is when the mountaineers of the Canton of Valais start their Christmas bell-ringing.

You never heard such a ding-a-linging.

This starts the competition, other villages vie for the most beautiful notes — and the loudest — so most Swiss greet the New Year's with cotton in their ears.

Choose Canisters To Fit Gifts

Canisters are especially useful for giving kitchen presents, or gifts of homemade food, but you can put almost anything in a canister that will fit. These come in graduated sizes and subsequently can be used for flour, sugar, coffee, tea, macaroni, crackers or dry cereals.

Favorites today are large square, clear glass jars, reproductions of old-fashioned candy store jars, with ground glass, close fitting lids. Labels can be affixed to the outside of the jars and you can tie ribbons and bows around the neck of the jars.

WILL BURN

Even at maximum moisture content, a tree will burn if flame is applied all around the base. Keep discarded gift wrappings away from the base of the tree, and make the Christmas tree area a no-smoking zone.

FLOODLIGHTS

Use only non-flammable ornaments and trim on the tree. Do not decorate metallic artificial trees with strings of

electric lights, but illuminate by floodlight if desired. Some plastic trees, made from styrene materials are flammable and may burn violently. Never use candles to decorate any tree.

FREE FROM WORRY

Never leave small children alone at Christmas (or at any other time). The employment of a reliable babysitter is the best assurance of freedom from worry if you plan to get together with friends, in your home or theirs.

ORANGE HALVES — Cut oranges in half. Make three holes, equidistant, around

the edge of each half, about 1/2" down from edge. Push ends of pipe cleaners through each hole, securing firmly at lower end. At top of pipe cleaners, twist all three ends together tightly. Using another pipe cleaner as a loop, attach to tree.

ADD COLOR

FOR A DISTINCTIVE NEW YEAR'S TABLE, MATCH HALF THE LINEN NAPKINS TO THE COLOR OF THE CHINA WHILE THE OTHERS — AND THE TABLECLOTH — ARE IN A CONTRASTING SHADE. A SPRINKLING OF MULTICOLOR CONFETTI ADDS TO THE FESTIVE LOOK AS WELL AS CANDLES, BALLOONS AND CREPE-PAPER CLOWN.

Christmas Greetings



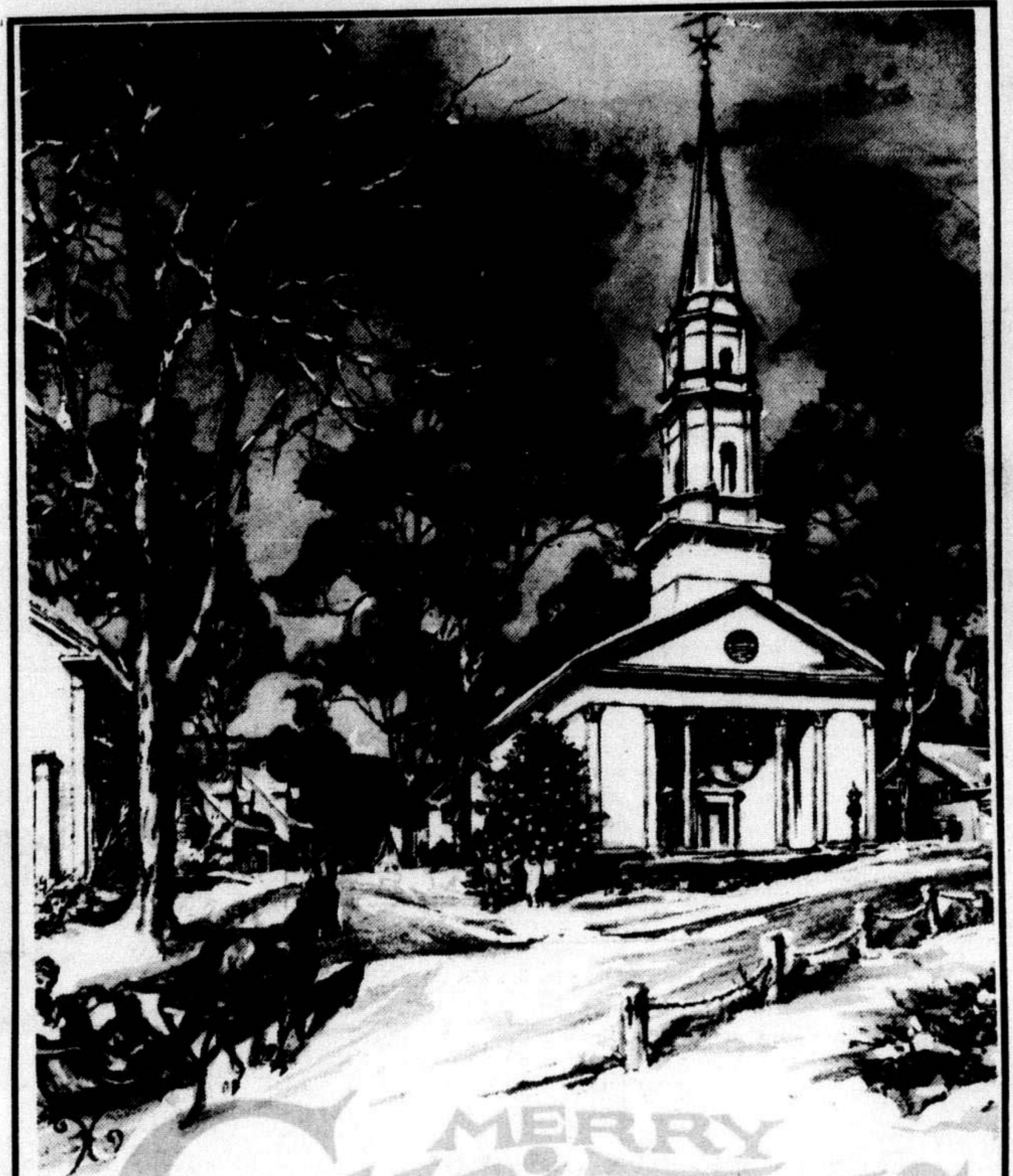
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