

GREETINGS



To our 'family' of
cherished friends,
we wish the joys of a
good old-fashioned
Christmas.
And along with
our greetings, we'd like
to send our sincere
thanks for the
opportunity
of serving
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Mistletoe Distinctive as Yuletide Decoration

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.

The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due

course and, dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough,
At our Christmas board
Shall hang to the honor
Of Christ our Lord.

"BE THOU WELL" ON CHRISTMAS

Among the happy customs of Christmas is that of drinking a wish for health and happiness to the assembled guests—the early name used was "wassail."

The name "wassail" is a contraction of the middle English "was hael," meaning "be thou well."

Wassail was usually prepared

in a large wooden bowl. The base of the drink, which was cider, was placed in the bowl and other ingredients added for seasoning. It was then set on the hearth in front of a log fire and apples were tied above. As the apples began to roast, the juice dripped into the wooden bowl.

Here is a recipe for wassail today: 1 gallon cider, dash of grenadine, 6 egg whites, separated and whipped. Add allspice, cinnamon, crushed cloves to suit and one pint of milk or cream.

If the only exercise you take is lifting a fork to your face, better watch out when you climb on the scales.

Twenty Tons of Clothing For Overseas Relief

In a Vancouver warehouse 20 tons of good warm clothing are being packed and crated this week, ready for its long journey to Korea.

In Toronto the Director of The United Church's Overseas Relief projects pencilled the total shipments to Korea over the past five years.

"If we include this twenty tons, it totals 595 tons shipped, valued at over \$1,190,000," said Rev. W. Harold Young.

"Take 1936 alone," he said: \$33,000 cash sent, and 100 tons of clothing valued at \$200,000, and totalling 340,000 articles of clothing.

It is not a spectacular work, Dr. Young pointed out, "mainly because we distribute our money and clothing through Church World Service. That is an inter-denominational group launched by the World Council of Churches."

Ask Rev. David H. Gallagher, The United Church's Overseas Missions secretary, what his church is doing in Korea, and he will say: "In Korea we spend about \$200,000 a year between our own Board and the Woman's Missionary Society. That is apart from our Church's relief work. Our missionary work is quietly done through the Korean Church, the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea. With Korean Church leaders we carry on our work of evangelism, medicine and teaching."

The United Church of Canada has 27 missionaries in Korea. Twelve of them are women who serve under the Woman's Missionary Society. Two, Dr. Ernest Struthers of Toronto, and Miss Anne Davison of Hamilton, are presently on loan to Church World Service. Dr. Struthers is engaged in anti-T.B. work while Miss Davison is a trained social worker. Salaries for both these workers are paid by The United Church of Canada.

Recently retired from Korean missionary service are Rev. William Scott of Toronto, who served 43 years in Korea, and Rev. E. J. Fraser of Truro, another pioneer of Korean Missions. All United Church missionaries now in Korea are there

for their first term. Dr. Ruth Taylor, Overseas Missions Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, has recently returned from a journey to Korea occasioned by administrative problems.

What The United Church is doing in Korea will have lasting qualities in strengthening the Korean Church and giving Korean Church leaders better resources to achieve their goals, Dr. Taylor said.

BALLANTRAE

There was a good turnout at the Home and School Christmas meeting. Rev. Davis of Stouffville brought along his projector and three films. One was about a puppy who strayed from home but returned to find there was no place like home. The other two were "Christmas in other lands" and "All About Christmas." We certainly appreciated Rev. Davis coming out as we know at this time of the year it is a busy one for him. A big thank-you also goes to Mr. Groves, our Grades 4-5-6 teacher who did a wonderful job of training the Choir for this evening. We are told that Mr. Groves has a degree in music, which certainly proved itself last Wednesday. It is to be hoped that Mr. Groves may find time in his busy schedule to continue with the Choir so that perhaps in the New Year we can have them perform again.

Mrs. E. Herbert (wife of our Principal) gave a very effective reading, "Why the Chimes did not ring." All in all, folks, you can see a pleasant evening was had by all, so on behalf of the Home and School Assoc. we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and may the coming year be an eventful one. Make one of your New Year resolutions, "I will try to attend the Home and School meetings held the second Wednesday of every month."

Executive members please note—there is to be a change of our meeting night, announcement to be made at our next General meeting, Jan. 8th. Here's a date to remember—Dec. 26, the day after Christmas and even though you may be quite tired and full of turkey, do make a special effort to attend the Ratepayers meeting to be held at the school. Though we are not sure of the time, try to be there by 8 o'clock.

Mr. J. Watson (Cubmaster) informs us that the Cubs are having a Church Parade this Sunday, Dec. 23. Their meeting place, Wright's General Store. They will then march to Ballantrae United Church. Watch for them!

The Vivian Church had their Christmas Concert on Friday



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and from all reports a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

A turkey supper is being planned for Master Douglas Clark's 7th birthday on Monday at his home, with relatives and friends on hand to help him celebrate. Many Happy returns of the day, Doug.

A little note to all W.A. members—there is to be a change in our groups, also in the care of the church. The new lists will be published early in January.

It is our guess that Santa will be arriving by helicopter, due to the lack of snow, but with the modern way of living we can

no doubt take this in our stride. We cannot help but wonder, though, if the children will accept Santa if by chance the fashion designers get their wish to dress Santa in a more modern garb.

Merry Christmas to everyone and may the New Year be a happy one.

Group two of the W.A. will be planning the next program. Those in charge will be Miss Lena King, Mrs. Paisley, Mrs. N. Perkins and Mrs. M. Rose.

Mrs. H. Mitchell is in the Gormley Rest Home. Christmas cards would no doubt be very much appreciated.

Joy FOR THE HOLIDAYS

May all the good will and good cheer of the season lift your heart and brighten all the days ahead.

J. L. SMITH
JEWELER

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