

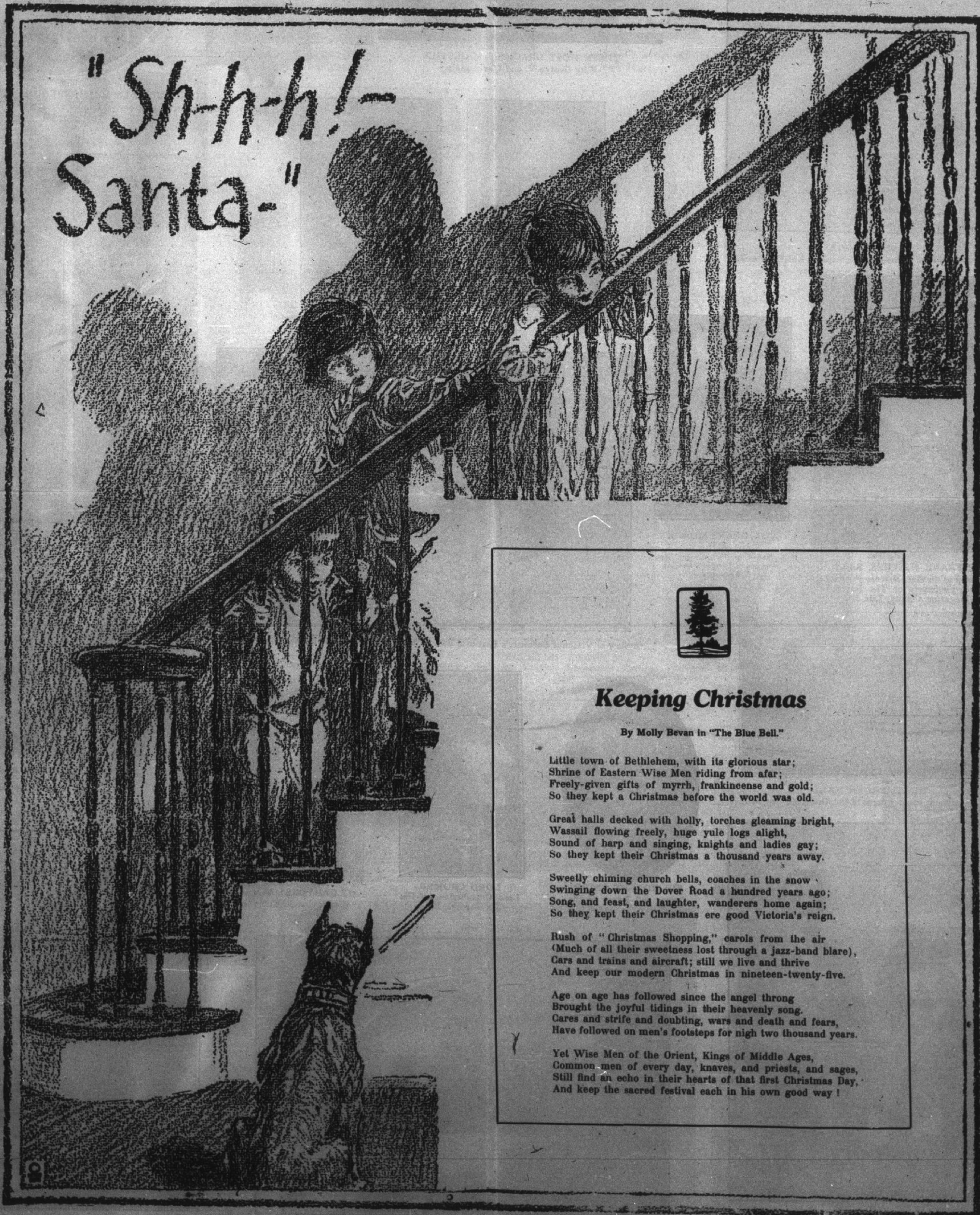
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## Souvenir Christmas Edition Picture Section



### Keeping Christmas

By Molly Bevan in "The Blue Bell."

Little town of Bethlehem, with its glorious star;  
Shrine of Eastern Wise Men riding from afar;  
Freely-given gifts of myrrh, frankincense and gold;  
So they kept a Christmas before the world was old.

Great halls decked with holly, torches gleaming bright,  
Wassail flowing freely, huge yule logs alight,  
Sound of harp and singing, knights and ladies gay;  
So they kept their Christmas a thousand years away.

Sweetly chiming church bells, coaches in the snow  
Swinging down the Dover Road a hundred years ago;  
Song, and feast, and laughter, wanderers home again;  
So they kept their Christmas ere good Victoria's reign.

Rush of "Christmas Shopping," carols from the air  
(Much of all their sweetness lost through a jazz-band blare),  
Cars and trains and aircraft; still we live and thrive  
And keep our modern Christmas in nineteen-twenty-five.

Age on age has followed since the angel throng  
Brought the joyful tidings in their heavenly song,  
Cares and strife and doubling, wars and death and fears,  
Have followed on men's footsteps for nigh two thousand years.

Yet Wise Men of the Orient, Kings of Middle Ages,  
Common men of every day, knaves, and priests, and sages,  
Still find an echo in their hearts of that first Christmas Day,  
And keep the sacred festival each in his own good way!