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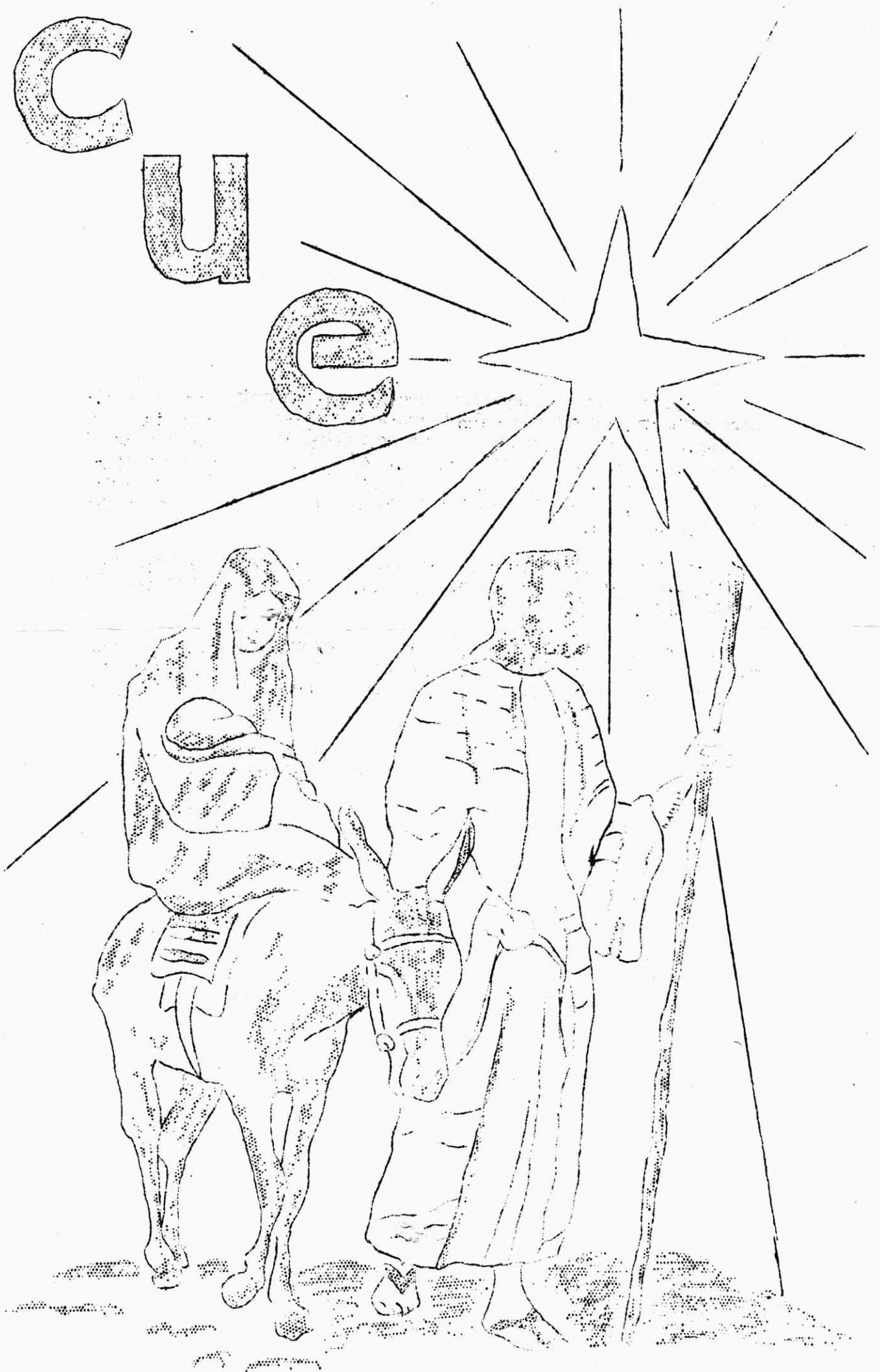
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Christmas is a busy time whether in a hospital or at home. Here patients, staff and volunteers work together preparing for sharing. All this activity adds to making Christmas, even in a hospital, as home-like as possible. Yet Christmas most meaningfully, most personally, and most usefully probably comes in a moment alone, in one's own thoughts; and that can occur wherever one happens to be.

To the troubled, Peace on Earth has a special, expanded meaning — Peace in the world without, but also peace in the world within.

May each patient looking toward restored health, and each employee and volunteer helping to bring that about quickly and comfortably, have a personal, peaceful Christmas and a Happy Healthful New Year.

Darold A. Treffert, M. D.
Superintendent

ISSUES & ANSWERS

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

Christmas to me is the happiest time of the year because we have the privilege of going to Midnight Mass and to see the happy look on the faces of the little children when they see the Christmas Tree and the presents. I also love the beautiful Christmas songs.

Louise

Christmas means to me the birthday of Christ and spending Christmas with your family at home.

Eileen

Christmas means to me spending time with your family and giving help to the poor and unfortunate ones.

Carolyn

Christmas means enjoying the festivity of the Season, putting up decorations and Christmas tree and the happiness and excited feeling of little children as they open up their presents. I think it is the happiest holiday of the year.

Jean Christ, P.N.S.

Christmas is a time to rejoice and be happy for the Christ Child was born on Christmas eve. It is also a time when people should be home with their loved ones although it is sometimes impossible. Our men in Viet Nam are doing their part, or we may not have had this Christmas. It is a time for gifts and good spirits, but the whole idea behind it is Christ.

Bill

Christmas to me is thinking of Christ and how important of a role He plays in each of our lives. It is also a happy, joyous time of year, time to think of loved ones near and far, the people who are hospitalized and must be away from their families at this time of the year.

Paffy

Christmas as a religious time means a sharing of the joys from friendship and family ties.

Mrs. Parfitt, R.N.

Happiness and enjoyment

Martha

Animosity is forgotten and good cheer is spread all over the country, and, last but not least, it is the birth of Christ.

Merlin

Christmas brings me closer to God.

Peter

Christmas means to me the memory of the birth of Christ.

Barbara

A warm feeling toward other people.

Miss Quinlan, S.N.

Christmas is a tradition which should be honored in the hearts of all men, and could Billy the Brownie come to visit us.

Judy

Christmas means the birthday of the Christ Child.

Virginia

It's one more week until New Years Eve.

Dick

A new life with my family.

Larry

The celebration of our Lord and Savior.

Lyle

It means peace and good will to all men.

Del

It's the birthday of Christ.

Vern

Christmas means a home visit with my brothers and mother, and Christmas Eve Mass.

Ray

Christmas is a time of peace. A time for Americans to forget about riots and war and live in this Spirit of Christmas.

Jean

For me Christmas is Christ's birthday celebrated by a family's giving and receiving of gifts.

Sherman

EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITAL*...a contradiction in terms...for what does Christmas mean? The feast has come to symbolize not only the coming of Christ but also many extensions of His coming: warm relationships, gay and spontaneous associations, mutual giving and forgiving. On this we are agreed...Christmas is a time of love, both in giving and receiving.

Let us look next at the connotation of HOSPITAL, the second of our terms. Typically, we associate with hospitals the passive role of being sick and taking medicine and shots, following rules to govern the minutiae of daily living, conforming to doctors' and nurses' orders looking expectantly toward recovery and a freer mode of behavior.

Do we, in fact, find a contradiction between these two, the spirit of Christmas and the daily living out of hours and days in the hospital setting? So long as human interaction is present, there is the opportunity for everyone who wills it to experience genuine encounters with others and so express his or her love in the manner of Christ.

Why not approach Christmas 1968 with this goal in mind, exerting opportunities for love in the hospital setting? No one can identify these opportunities for you...they are all around, but you must find them yourself.

It is in this spirit that the Cue extends good wishes for all in the hospital community. The wishes are two-fold: first, that we all share abundantly in the graces of Christmas, and second, that we have the courage to accept the challenge to extend Christmas (the coming of Christ) through relationships with one another. THAT IS CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITAL!

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Message

JOHN 3:16 "God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son"

The harnessing of electricity has brought to us the beauty of shimmering lights. At Christmas time lights of all kinds adorn and brighten an otherwise dark and dismal season.

When Jesus came into the world there was a spiritual darkness that hovered over the face of the earth. It was a world that needed brightening. The apostle John speaking of Jesus said, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." God saw men's desperate need and provided spiritual light for him.

But now as then the world is troubled, and men are dying in the blackness of sin. But it is not because Jesus is not the light of the world. It is because men have not made Him their Personal Saviour. Like David each must say "My" light and "My" salvation.

Mankind had to learn about electricity before Thomas Edison could provide the incandescent light bulb. Likewise mankind must learn about Jesus Christ, His light and His salvation, before He can bring light to their sin-darkened souls.

The visit of the Wise-men brings to this bright and cheery season a realistic flavor of mystery, and adventure. Mysteriously these wealthy and learned men of the east were motivated to seek and worship the long expected Messiah. The arduous trek of these men was prompted by a mysterious star, which they acclaimed to be His star. With the same boldness they asked, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" Herod hypocritically pretended to have a similar interest in this King but with a plot to kill Him. The Wise-men found the Child and worshiped Him.

Out of this story of intrigue perhaps the true wisdom of the Wise-men is seen in that no obstacle was too great to keep them from worshiping the King of Kings; It is still wisdom to realize this for ourselves. What a wonderful time of year for you to make Him the King of your life, the season when we commemorate His birth.

Rev. J.B. Windle
Protestant Chaplain

WOMEN'S PAGE

THE CHERISHED CHRISTMAS CARD CUSTOM

by Carol Hanson

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
Peace on Earth; Good Will Towards Men!

These familiar phrases along with many other traditional and timely messages will be printed once again inside the billions of Christmas Cards that make their way to all corners of the nation and the world this year.

The birth of this relatively new custom, however, is shrouded in controversy. Historians seem to disagree on just who it was that designed and sent the first card. They do agree that it occurred in England between 1840 and 1850.

Some attribute the publication of Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol," with revival of interest in holiday celebrations and, thus, with indirect responsibility for the establishment of the Christmas card tradition.

Most convincing evidence of the first card seems to point to one designed in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley at the suggestion of Sir Henry Cole.

It is agreed, though, that Louis Prang is Father of the American greeting card. Mr. Prang emigrated in 1850 from Germany to the United States where he worked for six years as a wood-engraver. Eventually he managed to save enough money to open a small lithographic shop in Boston. Mr. Prang loved Killarney roses and specialized in the delicate flower prints. When the Civil War nearly ruined his trade, he quickly switched to producing war maps and portraits of generals.

By 1870 his "album cards" and reproductions of oil paintings were so fine that they were being ordered from England.

Because the cards were so well accepted there, he was encouraged and offered them for sale in the United States. They were an instant success.

His early Christmas cards were of spring flowers, but by 1870 he added a

humorous portrayal of Uncle Sam and John Bull shouting at one another over the newly-invented telephone. By 1881 Mr. Prang was producing five million cards a year.

His cards are still famous among collectors because of their art work and painstaking craftsmanship. The designs were printed in as many as 20 colors. Many of his cards were trimmed with luxurious silk fringe and sold for from 25 cents to one dollar.

Unfortunately, the competition from lower priced foreign imitations of his beautiful designs caused him to discontinue publishing Christmas cards in 1890.

The modern era of greeting cards began with the founding of many of today's leading card firms about 1910. The custom of exchanging greetings made its most rapid growth after World War I.

With the adoption of full color printing in the 1930's, Christmas cards regained the beauty of Mr. Prang's day at a much lower cost.

Thus, in the span of a single lifetime, Christmas cards had grown from an immigrant's dream into one of our nation's most universal customs.

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Dec. 8, 1968

PECAN FINGERS

1 cup butter
½ cup powdered sugar
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups chopped pecans or ground pecans

Cream butter. Add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, and cream well. Add flour gradually and mix well. Add pecans and vanilla. Shape into small fingers, and bake at 350 degrees. Do not brown too much. After fingers cool some, dip into powdered sugar.

Helen

Christmas

THE BEGINNINGS OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas customs, both old and new, when traced to their beginnings, can occasionally lead down many a curious byway. The image of Santa Claus, as we know it today, that jolly old fellow with cheeks like a rose and a nose like a cherry, was the invention of Thomas Nast, famous cartoonist. It was he who created the Democratic Donkey and Republican Elephant of the world of politics. He sketched Santa as a combination of Old King Cole and Father Knickerbocker. The resulting portrait became the children's beloved symbol of Santa.

We celebrate Christmas on December 25 because that was the day chosen for Christ's birth by the good Bishop of Rome in 354 A.D. The date was so chosen to coincide with ancient and prehistoric festivals honoring the sun and the winter solstice. According to the Julian calendar, the shortest day of the year occurred on December 25. In the Gregorian Calendar, now in use, this day falls on December 21. It was hoped that the pagan rituals would eventually be replaced by those of Christmas by selecting the same day for both of them.

At one time Christmas was legally banned in the new world. The Colonial Court of Massachusetts in 1659 made it a criminal offense to celebrate the holiday, establishing a four-shilling fine for all violators, but the law was repealed in 1681.

For the record, and a few of our more contemporary customs, the late Lionel Barrymore's annual reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" for the radio networks was first broadcasted from Hollywood on December 25, 1933. Gian-Carlo Menotti's Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," another holiday highlight for the TV viewers, was presented for the first time on December 24, 1951. Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," a G. I. favorite in World War II and a perennial hit ever since, was published in 1942. It won an Academy Award the same year.

CHRISTMAS MENU

Chilled Orange Juice
Delicious Roast Turkey
Fresh Cranberry Sauce
Sage Dressing with Giblets
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Buttered Squash
Assorted Relish Tray
Chocolate Nut Sunday

BETHLEHEM

The little road to Bethlehem
Would now be overgrown
With sandy weed and bitter grass,
Forgotten and unknown;

But Mary took that little road
When crowded from the mart;
And now the road to Bethlehem
Runs straight through every heart.

Christ is born
a king reigning
hallelujah

Christ is born
a prophet teaching
hallelujah

Christ is born
a priest serving
hallelujah

Robert

THOUGHTS

As strange as it may seem, sometimes those who God loves the most suffer the hardest.

He who thinks like an inch and talks by a yard ought to be moved by a foot.

SANTA CLAUS

YES, VIRGINIA

... One of the world's most famous newspaper editorials, written in 1897 to the New York Sun is reproduced here....

Dear Editor,

I am eight years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in THE SUN it's so." Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia

Dear Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be mens' or childrens', are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him... as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Do you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they aren't there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men who ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, love, poetry, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now Virginia, nay, ten times a thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| December 23 | | | | |
| Monday | 2:30 - 4:00 pm | HH Music Room | Record Listening | |
| | 3:45 pm | GH AT Area | Catholic Mass | |
| | 4:30 pm | HH Cafeteria | Canteen Social Chair- men Dinner Meeting | |
| | 7:30 pm | GH AT Area | Card Club | |

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| December 24 | | | |
| Tuesday | 10:30 am | GHS All Wards | Lutheran Service Christmas Party |

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CHRISTMAS

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| December 25 | | | |
| Wednesday | 8:45 am | Chapel All Cafes | Protestant Christ- mas Service Christmas Dinner |

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| December 26 | | | |
| Thursday | 10:00 am | GHS | Protestant Service |

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| December 27 | | | |
| Friday | 2:30 - 4:00 pm | HH Music Rm. | Record Listening |
| | 3:45 pm | Chapel | Catholic Mass |

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| December 28 | | | |
| Saturday | 10:00 am | GHS | Hymn Recital |
| | 10:30 am | GHN | Hymn Recital |
| | | To be announced | Catholic Confession |
| | | To be announced | Catholic Mass |

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| December 29 | | | |
| Sunday | 8:45 am | Chapel | Protestant Service |
| | 10:00 am | Chapel | Catholic Mass |

Mrs. Julaine Farrow R.N.