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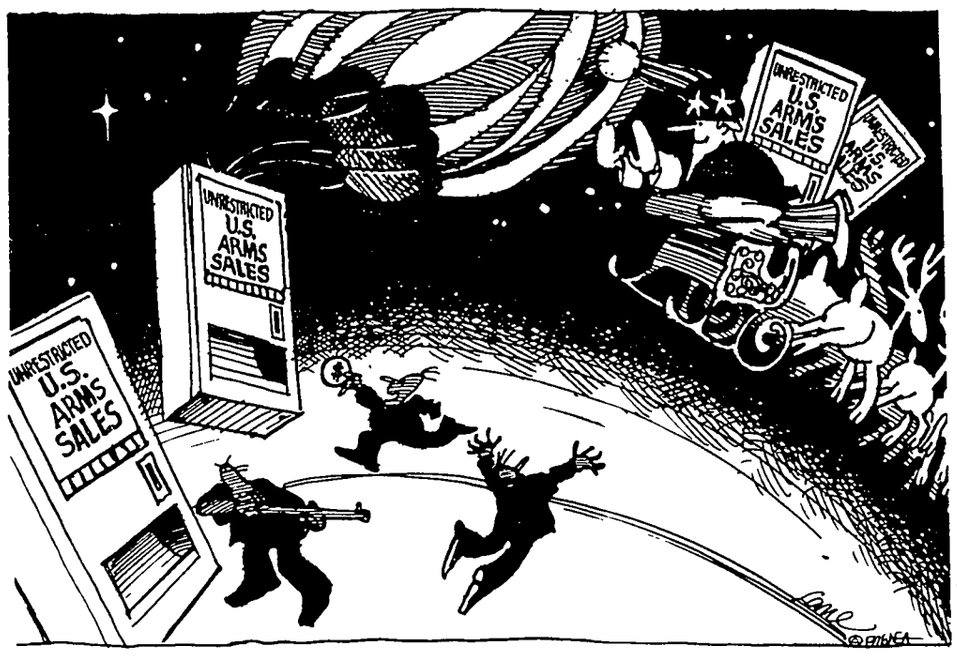
ONE OF THE GANG

President Ford bought a home in 1955 for $34,000 and he now has it listed for sale for $137,000, swimming pool included.

That's good news for the Fords They stand to make a handsome profit on the sale The bad news, however, is that they're just like the rest of the homeowners in the U.S. — that so-called handsome profit will dissolve when buying another home.

The only bright outlook we see in this story is the faith that the American public has in the economy of the country They're buying on the belief that things will get better

Wonder if that applies to motorcycles.



"Peace on Earth, good will toward men."

Don't push ideology with Christmas toys

By Don Oakley

A specialist in childhood education has some reassuring words of advice for parents who may be worried that buying their daughter a doll for christmas will lock her into a stereotyped version of the female sex role, or that a war toy for their son will make him a lover of violence

If daughter begs for a doll with a frilly dress or son says he will just die if he doesn't get a toy tank or submachine gun — or even vice versa — then they should probably have what they want, says Patrick C Lee, an associate professor at Columbia University's Teachers College

Toys should be selected on the basis of what the child needs and wants, and then given irrespective of sex, he says Above all, parents should not buy toys for their children on the basis of ideology because children tend to resent and resist parents who relate to them ideologically, they may even rebel against what the parents stand for

Growing up, Lee points out, is a process of developing through various stages of immaturity Adults often forget that immaturity is normal for children and that each stage of immaturity has its own particular needs and wants

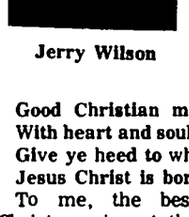
Children under six or seven, for instance, tend to be very rigid about what they think boys or girls should play with By refusing their requests for the kinds of toys they want, parents are ignoring the way they process information about the world Children must first organize it into very stereotyped categories. Later, they develop more flexibility

But you don't just supply the toy, cross your fingers and hope the child outgrows it, adds Lee

"I'm not saying don't communicate values to your child or don't set limits I'm saying don't try to do it by insisting that because mother and father believe in this, the child must too. Do it by actively creating a family atmosphere that puts a premium on gentleness and by selecting toys that will give your child equal access to the experiences of childhood, irrespective of biological sex."

If you're still worried, or if you still haven't completed your Christmas shopping, Lee recommends "open-ended" toys — that is, toys that allow for many options and that can be adapted by the child's imagination

For the very young, he suggests items like clay, sand or blocks. For preadolescents, arts and crafts supplies, or inexpensive typewriters, tape recorders and cameras



Jerry Wilson

Jerry Wilson — **24 AND HOLDING**

Christmas is singing

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today.

To me, the best part of Christmas is not the presents, it's the chance to spend time with family and friends I especially like the songs of Christmas, whether spiritual or secular in nature

My own particular favorite is "The Messiah" by German composer George Frederick Handel The "Halleujah Chorus" from the oratorio is perhaps the most familiar portion of the work. The entire work is perhaps the most-often performed work at this time of year with practically everyone performing it

I thought I would use this week's column to give some short stories about several Christmas hymns My source is "Christmas Songs and Their Stories" by Herbert H. Wernecke which can be found at the **Morton-James Public Library.**

The song with which I opened this column is a translation by John Mason Neale, who also wrote the familiar hymn "Good King Wenceslas", of either a Latin or German hymn The latter hymn is based on an old Bohemian legend which told of a ruler and his page who traveled, helping the poor, and finding that in blessing the poor, one shall find blessing. It also served as the inspiration for a 1929 set of Czechoslovakian stamps depicting his story

The words and music to "We Three Kings" was written by John H Hopkins, Jr , who lived from 1820-1892 and was the rector of a church in Williamsport, Pa when he wrote the hymn about the three wise men and the gifts which they brought to the Christ Child The song if based on the story told in Matthew 2 1-22 and lends itself easily to dramatic presentation

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella!
Bring a torch, to the cradele run!

This traditional French carol describes the Christmas celebration in Provence, France, in the 17th Century The celebration centers around the use of a creche or manger scene, the ringing of bells and the singing of noels The words are attributed to English composer-organist Edward Cathbert Nunn (1868-1914)

There is even a Christmas song with roots in the mostly Hindu country of India. "He Became Incarnate" tells the story of how God came to Earth in human form and is based on the story of Luke 2

There is also a Christmas version of the familiar Brahms Cradle Hymn, written by the last of the great German composers, Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Before we leave the subject, I'd like to turn to the secular side for just a few paragraphs The following words are from the oldest secular carol in existence

The boar's head in hand bear I,
Bedecked with bays and rosemary.
And I pray you, my masters, be merry,
Quot estis in convivio.

The Boar's Head Carol has its origins in the Druid times when wild boars were plentiful and were often sacrificed to the goddess Frigga It was revered by the Druids as having suggested the idea of plowing through digging its tusks into the earth The serving of the boar's head gained its popularity through a curious legend about a Queen's College student who used his volume of Aristotle to kill a boar by stuffing it down his throat It was then prepared and served to the students with much rejoicing and has been served up at the college even since

But speaking of bores, I'd better move over for Farquhar He made some mutterings about using the subject of Christmas carols in his trivial column (That's trivia column, Wilson) I rest my case If you fell you have to read it, you can find the Christmas Eve edition of Trivia-I Matters elsewhere in this paper

Until next week, I'm Jerry Wilson (24 and disgusting-Farquhar), 24 and holding. Cut that out, Farquhar, you fat fruitcake Tell me, is that your stomach or the Goodyear Blimp? See you next week, friends



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Ivan D.E. Beaumont — **THE BUCK ENDS HERE**

Tree is major operation

The Christmas tree—

The tree in the living room is special in our home.

For years it has been a family project to put up, decorate and then snoop into the packages placed beneath it

The worst peeker in the house is. .no, not the youngest of the kids ..but the mother of the house.

She's always in a hurry to get the tree up and down just as fast after Christmas. A number of years ago we had the artificial tree in the living room and a real tree in the basement rec room. This year our family is smaller again so we've settled for a single tree.

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Well, anyway, back to putting up the tree

"Gimme the red ones," I said to the skinny boy who has been dieting and wrestling at NCHS.

"No dad," he said. "The red ones don't go in there, that's where you put the white ones "

He was explaining the color coding used in putting the artificial branches onto the trunk of the tree. Trouble is, the paint rubbed off several years ago and he has been the sole put-er-upper and paint-er-upper

He has been pretty good about repainting (and reluctantly shared the project with his younger sister) and keeping track of the branches

When we got it all put together and started decorating, we got some flak from the kitchen

"That's awful Don't goof it up Now, keep those straight. Don't break any of those."

I winked to the skinny boy and we shouldered everything she could toss at us and we kept on decorating After a while she came into the room with a box of old decorations. They were very old and very favored She offered them to us, and we knew that she approved.

When the job was finished we had to have an "opening" for our neighbor boy, Ryan Kennell, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Kennell We placed the call and it wasn't but a few moments when we got his opinion. He looked out of a window at his home over to our home—he liked it

We got a second call later from Ryan Millie decided she didn't like the tree at its particular location so we had to move it Ryan said it was still OK, but not as pretty as it was by the sliding glass door

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Santa has been very good to us In fact we had sort of an early gift exchange

"I knew that's what you'd do, Mom," saith the boy

"What-ever are you talking about?" she asked

"Dad's Christmas present I knew you'd wait until I was almost out of high school before getting him a snow blower "

Our snow scooping days go back to little girls and special little shovels, a cocker spaniel puppy and a whole lot of snow We still have one of the little shovels and we have saved the original "big" shovel because we always want to remember "the good old days " Ha

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The Queen Bee got her present some time ago, but we won't let her have it until the right time Mrs Emil (Dorothy) Webering

News in Brief

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa (AP) — America's Bicentennial is running out Its last hurrah may come Christmas Day when a band of long-johned compatriots re-enact George Washington's crossing of the Delaware 200 years ago Some 15,000 persons are expected to watch 1,000 others who will re-enact the Dec 25, 1776, crossing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr Harold Brown, named President-elect Carter's defense secretary, has called for a U.S - Soviet nuclear arms limitation agreement that would curb improvements in weapons as well as their numbers Under the current SALT agreement, there are no curbs in the race for new technology.

took the old wedding bands, and remade them into something old...but new

We can't tell you about gifts for the two at home because that would be fudgin'. We can tell you about Jeannea's birthday which was shortly before Christmas.

She got her ears pierced.

So?

So... no especially big deal among teen-agers. Except that this teen-ager once said that was something she'd never do and signed a special NOTICE with names of witnesses

Oh, they do grow up, mother

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We'll be gone Christmas Day. We will have Christmas dinner with the great-grandmother in Wilber. She was 85 this month.

Now, it's mostly covered dishes, and the women do a fine job of lugging the food around, but back in the days when the great-grandmother was doing the cooking. well, that was something else

There was slurping good, juicy duck, sticky dumplings, sauer kraut, twisted rolls, lots of vegetables, too many cheese salads, the best tasting duck "grease" ever poured over a dumpling, jellies, fruit and...one bottle of wine, a sip for everyone on a special occasion

Merry Christmas from the Beaumonts.



Dr. Lamb

Yellow eyes indicate jaundice

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M D

DEAR DR LAMB — Recently a friend mentioned that if the whites of a person's eyes were becoming yellowish it was a sign of cancer in the system Is that true or false?

A friend of mine seems to have this condition What can I do about it? She is a wonderful friendly person and so thoughtful and helpful to any and all of her friends I would dislike alarming her if it is true, but perhaps a column in the newspaper might warn her

DEAR READER — You are very kind and thoughtful too When the whites of the eyes develop a yellowish color it is a sign of jaundice The jaundice can be from anemia — such as that caused by pernicious anemia with vitamin B-12 deficiencies, liver disease or gall stones It can be caused by cancer if a cancer involves the liver or blocks the drainage of bile

Because of the many different things that can cause the yellowish discoloration there is no way one can determine the cause without a careful examination. Almost all of the causes are important however, even though it is usually not cancer For that reason your friend should see a doctor as soon as possible

For a discussion of how the liver can cause jaundice I am sending you The Health Letter, number 7-8, Living With Your Liver Others who want information on the liver can send 50 cents, with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it Just send your request to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 326, San Antonio, TX 78292

DEAR DR LAMB — I'm sure you have discussed cystocoele before, but I missed it Now I have been informed I have one Can you please tell me about this?

DEAR READER — There are three problems that women have that are all really ruptures (hernias) into the vagina

The vagina is a muscular tube Immediately in front of the muscular tube is the bladder When the muscular wall separating the bladder and the vagina stretches or tears a portion of the bladder literally herniates into the vagina This is called a cystocoele

The rectum is directly behind the muscular vaginal tube When it herniates into the vaginal opening it is called a rectocoele If the muscular support around the uterus stretches or tears to allow the uterus at the end of the vaginal canal to herniate into the vagina it is called a prolapse

All three of these problems are entirely comparable to the stretching and tearing of the muscular wall of the lower abdomen that allows an inguinal hernia to occur in the groin

Some people are content to live with these problems if the herniation is slight just as a person may decide to live with an inguinal hernia, but the only effective way to really cure the condition is to repair the torn stretched or otherwise damaged muscles and tendons involved

A cystocoele may permit urine to be trapped in the bladder and interfer with normal bladder emptying This can lead to bladder infections and problems in controlling urination Each case is individual and mild cases can be tolerated for sometime but eventually surgical correction is usually required

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec 24, the 359 day of 1976. There are seven days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1814, the United States and England signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium, ending the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1524, the Portuguese navigator who discovered the sea route to India, Vasco da Gama, died.

In 1650, Edinburgh Castle in Scotland surrendered to the forces of Oliver Cromwell

In 1865, a secret order called the Ku Klux Klan was organized in Pulaski, Tenn

In 1942, the French administrator in North Africa, Admiral Jean Darlan, was assassinated in Algiers during World War II.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt announced that General Dwight Eisenhower would command Allied forces in the coming invasion of Europe.

In 1968, the U.S. Apollo 8 astronauts sent back to earth a Christmas Eve prayer for peace as they orbited the moon

One year ago. Pope Paul VI ended the 1975 Roman Catholic Holy Year by sealing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

Today's birthday: Choreographer and ballet company director Robert Joffrey is 46.

Thought for today Christmas is the season when people run out of money before they run out of friends. — Anonymous

Bicentennial footnote: Two hundred years ago today, General George Washington's Army in Bucks County, Pa , was issued a three-day supply of ammunition and supplies to march to the Delaware River, across from British forces in New Jersey.

Changes in new tax law affect everyone

By Ray De Crane

(First of a Series)

Congress set out last year to simplify the income tax law and to streamline the tax form Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

The results were about the same, perhaps worse, than the last time the tax law was "simplified "

After months of hearings and debates, a massive document, the 1,500-page Tax Reform Act of 1976, was produced

There are those who insist it might be more appropriately called "The Attorneys' and Tax Accountants' Relief Act of 1976 "

Though the bill was passed in September and signed by the President in October, some of its provisions were made retroactive to Jan. 1, 1976 This had the effect in at least one situation — the sick pay exclusion — of wiping out some tax-savings opportunities many people thought they had "earned " nine months earlier

Other tax changes become effective Jan 1 this year and still more changes will begin next Jan 1

So much confusion has been generated by the new law that when Internal Revenue Commissioner Donald C Alexander released the new tax forms he did it with an apology

"You will probably find that the computations on the 1040A Form are more difficult he confessed

That's on the 1040A Form, the one we used to call the quickie Short Form If that has become complicated imagine what has happened to Form 1040, the long form?

The series beginning with this installment will help readers through the tax maze this year

No one has been spared in the new law There are changes affecting average workers, investors, retirees, even the sick and the disabled

For some the news is good, meaning their taxes will be lower Others will be penalized with the loss of valuable deductions they had counted on

In following installments, all of the new tax law changes that affect the average individual will be explained in simple, down-to-earth language

In addition, all the old standby deductions, with some valuable tips on how you can get more of them legally will be explained

It is recommended that you clip and save the complete series as a helpful guide when you sit down to do your own tax return

Even more information, together with filled-in samples and step-by-step instructions for a variety of tax forms is available in the book, "Cut Your Own Taxes and Save."

(NEXT More Chances for error)

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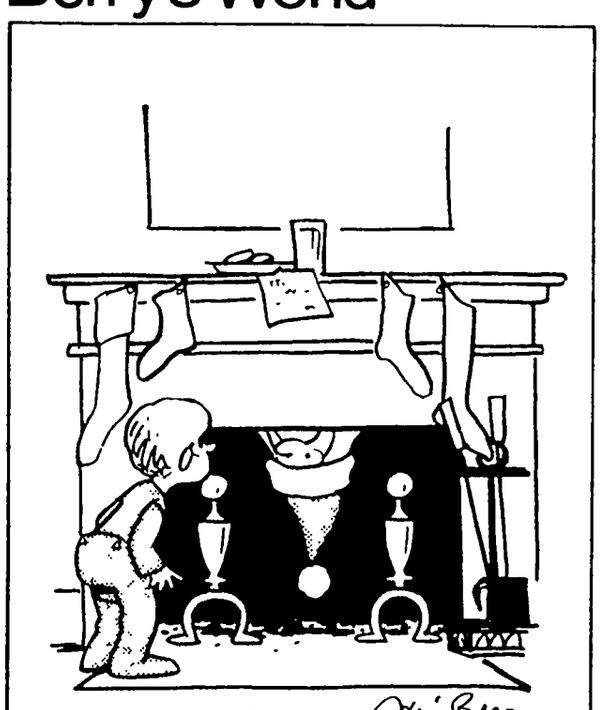
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Berry's World



AS TIME GOES BY

Homes honored

FORTY YEARS AGO
-1936-

The homes of Marvin Hill and Mrs Jessie Rex Ray were presented first place prizes in the two divisions of the Chamber of Commerce home decorating contest. Political and community leaders were unanimous in rejecting any attempts to make divorce easier in the state of Hawaii...The Nebraska Press Association reported that automobiles were responsible for eight deaths in the state during the week which ended December 12...A cartoon by Herblock wished readers "A Very Merry Christmas to You All" and the News-Pres published a special 24-page edition.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Josephine Baker, Negro singer, sued Walter Winchell for $400,000 for libel...The death count rose to 119 in that Illinois mine explosion....Mrs John Woest was re-elected president of the Eastern Star Kensington...Mrs Carlton Keyser won more than $1,000 in merchandise prizes in the Chamber of Commerce "Mystery Woman" contest...Ruby Huss, Nancy Rakes and Peter Christiansen of Nebraska City won the "Party Line Spelling Bee" over KFAB

TEN YEARS AGO
-1966-

Christmas food baskets and Christmas trees went out to dozens of needy Nebraska City families courtesy of the American Legion and city merchants and manufacturers...Patrick Friede, Nebraska City, joined a group of University students in chartering a new professional honorary fraternity...Mr and Mrs Fred Haase won a 1967 Mustang in the Christmas promotion in Nebraska City...Seaman Terry Jones, USN, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Hart, Nebraska City, reported for duty at the U.S. Naval Communications Station in Iceland.

The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. . . .Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:10-11 RSV)

PRAYER. Dear God, we praise Thee for the miracle of Christmas. Keep us close to the love of Christ so that we may share it forever. May our response to Him lead to peace on earth. In the name of the Christ Child. Amen.

AMERICA'S FIRST CHRISTMAS CANDLE

by B. Craig and D. Baur

