



# Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

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Don't begin 1950 without planning to keep adequate farm records, say Michigan State College agricultural economists. Farm accounts are a tool of management that can help show the way to improvements in the farm business and to greater profits.

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### Tagged Fawn Travels 17 Miles

One upper peninsula female fawn, tagged and released near Munising in March, 1948, really got around until it was found presumably shot by some trigger-happy hunter during the general buck season.

Released at the conservation department's Cusino wildlife station, the deer was picked up about 17 miles east of the station close to the village of Seney. Department deer specialist, I. H. Bartlett, says Michigan whitetails usually will travel a distance of not more than six to nine miles, although there is record of a tagged Cusino deer being found as much as 25 miles away from the releasing station.

"Blind as a bat," is an incorrect saying, since bats can see.

### First Christmas for United States Featured On University Broadcast

The "first Christmas" for the United States was in the year 1776 when a dispirited American army made a come-back by crossing the icy Delaware River and capturing the British force at Trenton.

The story of the first Christmas of the American Revolution will be told in dramatic fashion over the University of Michigan radio station and 21 other stations of Michigan on December 22 and the week following. Basis for this program and other dramatizations in a series of American history is the University's Clements Library, which contains one of the nation's best collections of rare books and documents of Americans.

In December, 1776, the American revolution was less than six months old, but already the army under Washington had suffered a disastrous string of defeats. Retreat had followed retreat until, in the

weeks before Christmas, Washington found himself encamped across the Delaware River from Trenton. His army was growing smaller day by day, as discouraged soldiers deserted to home for Christmas.

No record exists of the date of Washington's decision to risk a crossing of the Delaware and an attack upon a superior force at Trenton. The British had numbered Trenton with an army of Hessians — the German mercenaries. Washington knew that the British would wait until the river froze over, and then they would march the Hessians across and attack the Americans. The survival of the cause of independence depended upon the Americans making an attack first.

The history of the Revolution, as told in the Clements Library, indicates that one of Washington's major problems was the low morale of his own men. They had lost the fighting spirit so notable at Lexington and Concord. They considered the war already lost.

It was at this juncture that the writing of an American patriot, Tom Paine, helped to turn the tide. The pamphlet called "The Crisis" passed from hand to hand and from camp fire to camp fire in the encampment of the Continental Army. Legend has it that when the Americans attacked Trenton on the night after Christmas, they went into battle chanting Paine's opening words in that document: "These are the times that try men's souls."

The first Christmas for the American army of the Revolution was also the first major victory for the American cause, for the army which Washington transported across the Delaware in leaky rowboats took the Hessians by surprise and captured the fort at Trenton.

### Calcium Chloride Lessens Christmas Tree Damage

As everyone knows, the more a Christmas tree dries out the faster and more furiously it can burn. This risk to your home and family can be greatly reduced by keeping a lot of moisture in the branches and needles.

Fire authorities say that they have a simple method for keeping your Christmas tree moist — and in this way more fire-resistant. Here it is:

Buy two pounds of calcium chloride at your hardware store; it's quite cheap. Dissolve it in three quarts of water. Sharpen the base of your tree like a pencil and stand it in the solution for about three days, away from direct sunlight.

This should be enough chemical and water for a tree weighing about eight pounds. If your tree definitely weighs more or less you can make up this solution accordingly.

After the treatment mount your tree as usual (preferably in a container of water) and start your decorating. The chemical your tree has absorbed will help it retain its water content, preserves needles, increases fire resistance.

Fire experts add the following suggestions which should help every family to keep that Christmas merry from start to finish.

They advise you to place the tree so that, standing or falling, it can't block your exit. They say, "Try to pick a cool part of the room for your Christmas tree. Refill the base container with water regularly. Avoid paper decorations. Examine decorative light cords for frayed or exposed wires. Give your guests enough ash trays. Pick up gift wrappings promptly. Don't run electric trains too near the tree and its tinsel. Anchor the tree firmly so it won't fall over

### APPLE HAM ROLL

For an attractive main dish, sliced apples are rolled up in a slice of ham in the following manner. Spread a mixture of mustard and vinegar over the ham slice, top with very thin slices of apple. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Roll the ham jelly roll fashion and skewer in shape. Place the stuffed ham in a greased casserole, cover, and cook in a slow oven (300 degrees F.) until the ham is done or about 45 minutes.

Put out tree lights before you leave the house. These suggestions have been gathered by fire authorities after a careful study of yuletide fires. They know what they are talking about!

Don't neglect the chickens' water on cold days. Production will fall unless the birds have access to water at all times, say Michigan State College poultrymen.

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### PLUMTON'S BARBER SHOP

### Detroit Hunters Get Lost Just Outside City Limits

Urbanites chuckle over the country lad getting lost in the big city, but four mighty embarrassed Detroit rabbit hunters managed to lose themselves only a few miles from the outskirts of Michigan's largest city.

Unable to recall "near what schoolhouse on a gravel road" they had left their car, the hunters finally wandered on to the state recreation area at Pinckney. Ernest Bottke, Jr., conservation department park manager, came to their aid, driving the four around "several school houses on gravel roads" until the car was located. The hunters had bagged some rabbits, which they hung on to — in spite of the excitement, but in view of the circumstances preferred to remain anonymous.

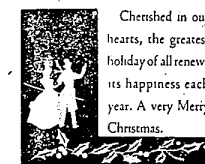
Southern Michigan rabbit hunting ends December 31.

The spirit of Christmas lives — see that you do.

Season's greetings

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Merry Christmas!

May your holiday be merry, your tree laden with good things and your happiness unending. Simple pleasures of the old-fashioned, homespun variety are still the most enjoyable at Christmas time, even in this streamlined age! So in the modern manner, with old-fashioned sincerity, we say, "Merry, Merry Christmas."

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