

# GREETINGS and Best Wishes

May the cheerful glow of Christmas candles be reflected in your heart and brighten the New Year with joy and contentment.



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## There Is Too A Santa Claus

The famous editorial by Francis B. Church in The New York Sun, though written 54 years ago, lives on just as Santa Claus lives. It has been repeated over and over and through the years it has grown in meaning and importance. Back in 1897 a little girl in New York named Virginia O'Hanlon had her doubts about Santa Claus.

She wrote to the Sun, "Is there, for sure, whether or not there was really a Santa Claus?"

She told her father of her problem, and he advised her to write to the New York Sun, a newspaper already known for telling the whole truth.

He told her to write to the paper, because she could count on the paper's telling the truth regardless of whether it was good or bad.

So she wrote to The Sun, "I am a year old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the Sun's so. Please tell me the truth — is there a Santa Claus?"

And Francis B. Church, editor of The Sun, wrote this editorial:

"Yes, Virginia, yes indeed."

"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 men's or children's, are little."

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his power, a jewel in his hand, a bullet in his rifle. How small — how tiny — how brief our life is, how dim our perception of it. We know it is short, we know it has no permanence, we know we must die. Yet we do not really know that we shall die. We do not know that we are mortal. We do not know that we shall have no enjoyment, except in our 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 me to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve, but then — 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 neither children nor men can see."

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that 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 man, or even the united strength of all the men in this world, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond."

"Is it all real? — ab, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! — No, I live, and so does everyone — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, we will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

### EFFECTS OF NOISE ON DAILY LIFE TO BE-U-M SUBJECT

The School of Public Health at the University of Michigan, in collaboration with the Office of Information, will offer a four-day non-credit course in the problems of sound affecting our everyday life beginning February 8.

This course, titled the Acoustical Spectrum, is the thirty-eighth conference sponsored in the School of Public Health's Continued Education program under the direction of H. E. Miller, resident lecturer in public health engineering and sanitation.

Miller stated that the growing interest shown by officials of industry and municipalities in the problems of noise pointed to the necessity of further exploration in this field.

This course is designed to meet this need by presenting both "good" and "unwanted" sounds. However, "noise control" is only one of the features that will be studied. Beneficial effects of certain sounds, such as in musical therapy, and the use of music in industry are some of the positive factors found in the sound spectrum that will be considered.

The program is aimed at serving individuals whose responsibilities touch closely the problems of public health.

Registration information is available from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

## Appoint New Park Manager At Proud Lake

New park managers at the Proud Lake recreation area and Palms Book and Lake Gogebic state parks are announced by the conservation department's parks division.

Alfred Maslin, manager of Gogebic near Marenisco, is promoted to the more responsible managerial post at Proud Lake near Milford. Paul Paris, conservation foreman at Tahquamenon park near Oscoda, is promoted to manager at Palms Book near Manistique.

Robert Terry, Palms Book manager, replaces Maslin at Lake Gogebic.

Dried skin milk is not only the product of a new way of processing milk but it provides additional uses for skin milk.

Regret for time wasted can become a power for good in the time that remains.

## To Get Another Year's Service From Last Year's Hat... Clean It

If last year's hat is going to face another season's wear, give it a cleaning and freshening job that'll make it look like new, advise Michigan State College extension clothing specialists.

They say that you can do a lot to make the hat look fresh again, but recommend that you leave the complete remodeling jobs for the milliner.

First step in a home cleaning job is to remove the dusty and wilted trimmings, and inside head bands. Then brush the hat thoroughly. If it is felt or fabric, sponge it with dry cleaning fluid. If it is straw, brush it well. Don't wring out warm water.

You will be amazed at the brightened color, the home economist predicted.

Wash the inside head band in soap and water, then press it into

a curve while damp. Dry clean the trimming ribbons or replace them if you replace them be sure to buy belting ribbon, rather than grosgrain for best results because the former can be shaped with an iron.

Handle the hat band and bow in two separate pieces. Fit the band around the hat crown tightly. Then tie the bow in a single knot over the joining seam of the band. This gives you firm support against which to turn the bow.

There are some don'ts to remember, too. Don't attempt to press a hat unless you have it pinned down tightly to a block, the MSC specialists warn. A quick pressing on a board usually does more harm than good. And don't try to change the shape of a hat unless you have skill, experience and real or imagined

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

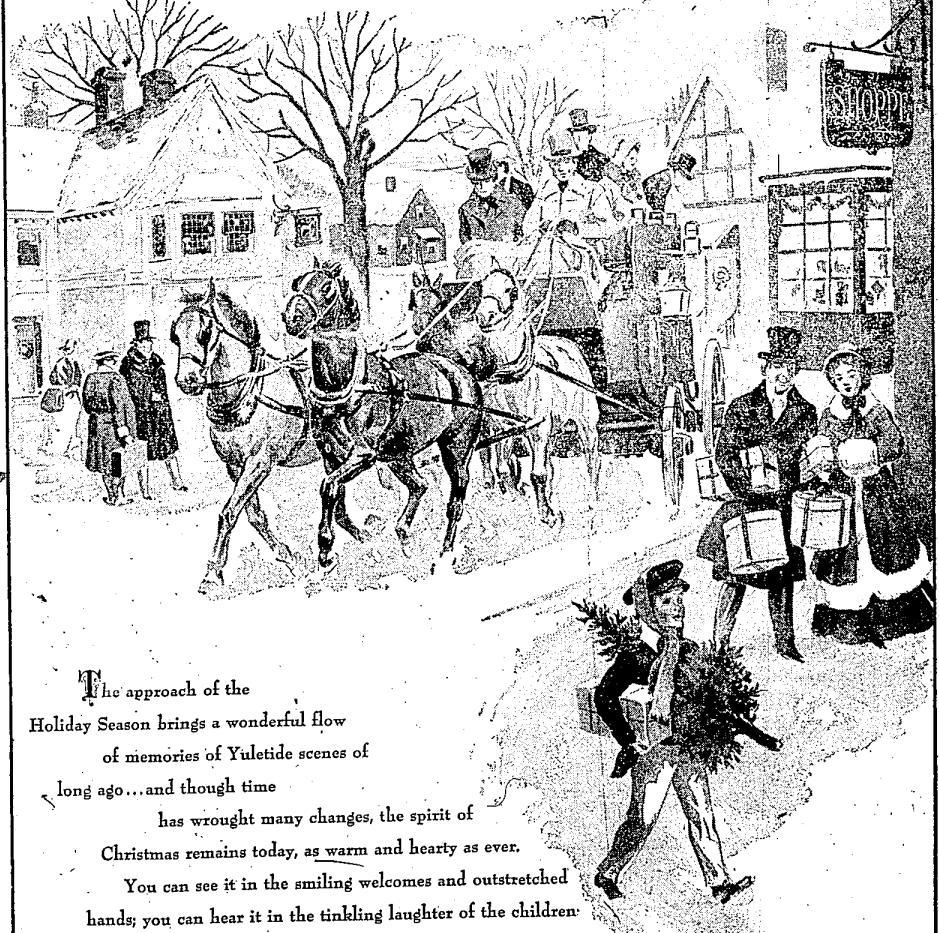
## Blood Type 525,000 Michigan People To Date

A total of 525,000 persons have been typed to date under the Preparedness Blood Typing Program sponsored by the Michigan Office of Civil Defense. During the month of October, typists in 100 areas of the state typed 33,771, or an average of 438 per working day. At present the average cost per typing, including all expenditures, is \$1.13. By the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 1952, it is hoped that this figure will have been reduced to less than \$1.00.

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

It is the unexpected which fascinates us as we open Christmas gifts. That is why "the woman who has everything" is deeply touched with a gift of apple sauce cake, a jar of homemade mincemeat or a tiny jar of jam with your own little verse or greeting attached.

# Merrie Christmas!



The approach of the  
Holiday Season brings a wonderful flow  
of memories of Yuletide scenes of  
long ago...and though time

has wrought many changes, the spirit of  
Christmas remains today, as warm and hearty as ever.  
You can see it in the smiling welcomes and outstretched  
hands; you can hear it in the tinkling laughter of the children  
you can feel it in the expectant hush  
that fills the home as Christmas Day approaches.

Midst all this good cheer, hospitality and good fellowship, we wish  
to extend to our friends and neighbors our heartfelt good wishes.  
May you enjoy a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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