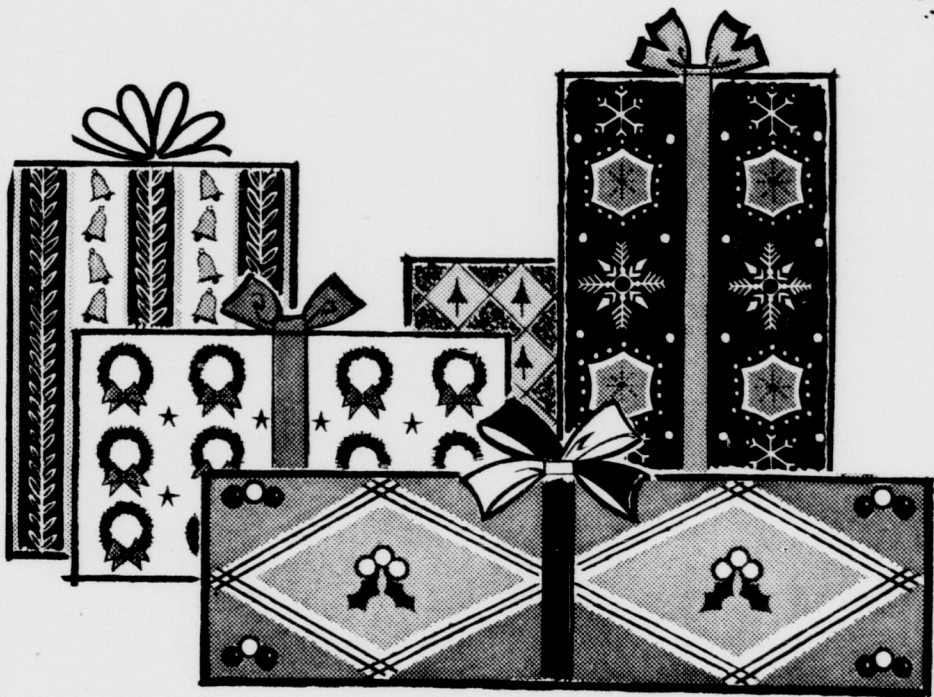


Season's Greetings



Card-sending a tradition

NEW YORK (UPI) — Christmas card sending has become one of America's most important holiday traditions.

This year, the 94th anniversary of the American Christmas card,

it is estimated that 50 million American families will send their friends and loved ones more than two - and - a - half billion Christmas cards.

Christmas 1970 designs and

illustrations will be more colorful than ever, reports the National Assoc. of Greeting Card Publishers, whose members account for over 80 per cent of all the Christmas cards produced. Not only are the designs and illustrations more exciting and unusual, the association said, but many of the cards are produced on a wide range of colorful papers, including sparkling foils and other special materials.

Industry spokesmen agree that the most popular designs are still the traditional ones — Santas, Christmas trees, holly, snow scenes, wreaths, Christmas bells and ornaments. The spokesmen said, however, that more and more cards will feature religious themes and the subject of peace than in previous years.

The universal pleas for "Peace on Earth," they reported, are expressed by illustrations of numerous peace motifs such as the dove, the angel of peace, the

lion and the lamb, children of different races, the olive branch, praying hands and the peace symbol.

The words "Peace," "Love," "Hope," "Shalom" and "Brotherhood" are used interchangeably in many of the illustrations and in the greetings on the peace Yule cards.

Man's first moon landing is presented in one design. It bears the message "We came in peace for all mankind." The illustration shows the American flag planted on the moon's surface, the planet Earth in the distance and the Christmas star shining over all.

Another unusual design is a dove of peace cut - out in an attractive embossed crocheted effect with the simple message, "Wishing you the Peace and Joy of Christmas."

Popular religious scenes portraying the miracle of Christmas will again come alive this season. The greeting card publishers association estimated that one out of four cards will feature a religious motif with both traditional and modern art techniques used.

The most popular religious design will probably be the Madonna, but the three wise men, the Christ child, the holy family, the angels and shepherds, the nativity scene and the star in the east will still be favorites.

The modern approach toward the holy season is expressed in designs showing churchgoers attending Christmas services, surpliced choirs singing joyous hymns, colorful stained glass windows, children caroling, church bells and lighted candles.

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Planetarium to offer Christmas program

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"The Christmas Star," is being presented through Dec. 28.

The program includes several explanations for the Christmas star which attracted the attention of the Magi, and deals basically with the application of astronomy in determining a cause for the star.

Visitors are taken through a blinding snow storm and hitch a ride with Santa Claus as he make his way across the sky in his sleigh.

Planetarium programs are shown at 8 p.m. Fridays, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 and 4 p.m. Sundays.

Special weekday programs include 8 p.m. programs on Dec. 10 and 17; 2:30 and 8 p.m. programs on Dec. 21, 22, 23 and 28.

The planetarium will be closed Dec. 24 and 25.

The planetarium setting, Director Von Del Chamberlain explained, is not appropriate for preschoolers, but anyone five years of age or older is welcome.

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Stars brighten fashions

By LAURIE KIPP

Stars — small foil ones for the body, face and arms, and big metal ones in silver or gold — are the newest part of the total fashion look for the holidays just ahead.

It's easy to add spice to last year's outfits with stars. The big metal ones are the type found on uniforms and can be worn anywhere in design-yourself patterns or put on leather or vinyl boots for a "one-of-a-kind" look.

Small foil stars can be purchased from the dimestore, and applied to the body with eyelash adhesive.

Dresses, gowns and skirts are mostly long, either midi or maxi length made of lush velvet, satin or shiny materials embroidered heavily or trimmed in colorful braid.

Silver or gold sandals, some that lace to the mid-claf or knee, give an old-fashioned girl look.

More casual apparel features suede in boots, coats, shoes and bags, worn with gaucho pants or knickers.

"Dog collars" with stars or jewels are a worthwhile addition to a holiday wardrobe, as are big wooden beads strung several inches apart on a cord.

Embroidered and jewelled vests can be worn with almost anything.

The hair and face play an important part in the new costume look.

Makeup should be very soft, yet glowing. For late afternoon and evening especially, iridescent eye shadow and blusher helps give a luminous glow. Very little or no eyeliner is necessary as the effect is to be soft and doe-like.

Ribbon and glittery cord can make an ordinary hair style seem extra special. For long hair, try intertwining gold or silver embroidery thread in a few loose braids, or tie the ends with ribbon.

If you have short hair, wrap the cord around your head, catching it with a bobby pin at the hairline, to complete your new holiday look.

Pope gets new Bible from Bishops of U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Pope Paul VI has a new Bible.

The pontiff received a copy of The New American Bible, specially bound in white leather, as a gift from the Catholic bishops of the United States. It was presented to him by Cardinal John Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit and president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin, general secretary of the organization.

The New American Bible, a 26-year project, was translated into modern English from the original texts of Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic.

Bishop Bernardin, upon returning to the United States, said the Pontiff expressed deep appreciation of the efforts of the 49 scholars, four of whom were Protestants, who translated and edited The New Bible.

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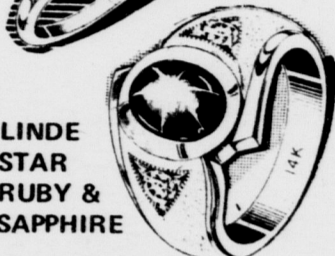


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Camels 'drop' into world

By LAURIE KIPP

A creature only a mother could love — that's what a newborn camel is like. The baby drops about three feet from the mother camel when it is born and lays in the dirt.

I learned this from a movie shown by Dr. Musa at MSU's Veterinary Clinic recently. It was attended by fifteen males

and one girl — me.

Remarks preceding the seminar included, "Do you think you're old enough to see this X-rated movie? Ha ha ha!"

Dr. Musa came to MSU last year from Sudan, his home, after conducting a year and a half of research on camel reproduction.

Since the animals are not domesticated like cows, Dr. Musa reported that he and his

assistants had to lead them to his laboratory between three and four o'clock in the morning so they wouldn't be frightened by city traffic.

The vet students and instructors casually ate their lunches while watching the racy flick that accompanied Dr. Musa's talk. It included the mating and birth of a little Camelus Dromedarius in fantastic

black - and - white. I chain - smoked.

Here are some little - known facts about camels:

It only takes 15 minutes for camels to mate, but thirteen months elapse before Momma Camel produces a little one.

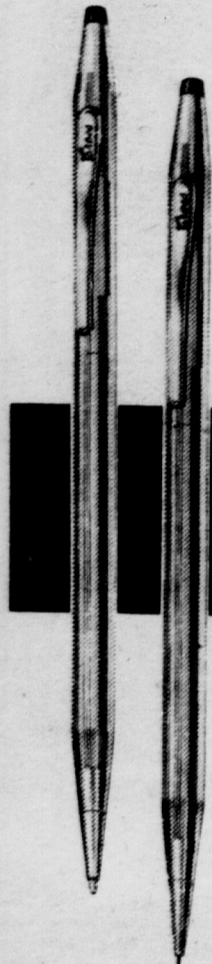
Pregnancy occurs on the left side of the uterus about 99 per cent of the time.

Twinning is extremely rare.

Camels are "forced ovulators;" that is, an egg is not produced in the female unless she mates with a male. Dr. Musa hypothesized that this could mean sperm must be in the female's reproductive tract before ovulation can occur.

I'm glad I didn't eat before the seminar.

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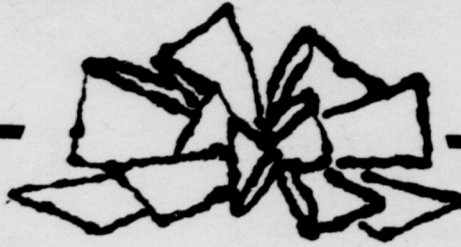
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Tasty recipes
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By ELLEN HAKE

Christmas is traditionally a time for getting good friends and good food together and MSU students Sue Miller, Lynette Owens and Kathy Campbell are celebrating early — before their friends scatter for term break.

Miss Miller and Miss Owens, Grand Rapids juniors and Miss Campbell, Livonia junior are ending their first term in an off-campus apartment Sunday with a Christmas brunch for their parents and friends.

They plan to serve traditional English eggnog with rum and sugar cookies of the "slice and bake" variety decorated in Christmas motifs with nonpareils.

For more substantial fare they will serve small sandwiches and a holiday "cheese ball" from an old Campbell recipe.

Two of these recipes for a happy holiday get - together follow:

Old English Eggnog

- 12 eggs, separated
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups whiskey
- 1 cup rum
- 4 cups half-and-half
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- powdered nutmeg

Beat yolks with half the sugar until thick and pale yellow. Beat in whiskey, rum and half - and - half. Beat egg whites, and as they begin to stiffen, gradually add remaining one - half cup sugar, beating well. When whites are stiffly beaten, add to yolk mixture along with whipped cream. Fold together gently but thoroughly with rubber spatula. Serve from well - chilled punch

bowl. Sprinkle with nutmeg. 18 to 20 servings.

Holiday Cheese Balls

- 4 pkg. or 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 6 ounces blue cheese, softened
- 6 ounces processed cheddar cheese spread
- 2 tablespoons grated onion
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon monosodium glutamate
- 1 cup ground pecans
- 1/2 cup finely chopped parsley

Combine cheeses, onion, Worcestershire sauce and monosodium glutamate. Beat until well blended. Stir in 1/2 cup pecans and 1/4 cup parsley. Shape into ball. Wrap in waxed paper, then in foil. Refrigerate overnight.

About one hour before serving, roll cheese ball in remaining pecans and parsley. Place on serving plate and surround with crackers. Makes 30 appetizers.

Snowmobiles
get advice

Snowmobiling experts recommend that snowmobilers make more use of marked specially - planned snowmobile trails. These trails can help cut down on snowmobile mishaps because they are professionally constructed and maintained.

While snowmobile safety experts advise snow machine operators to utilize planned trails, winter recreation officials point out the need for more trails to accommodate more than 1 million snowmobiles now in use in North America.

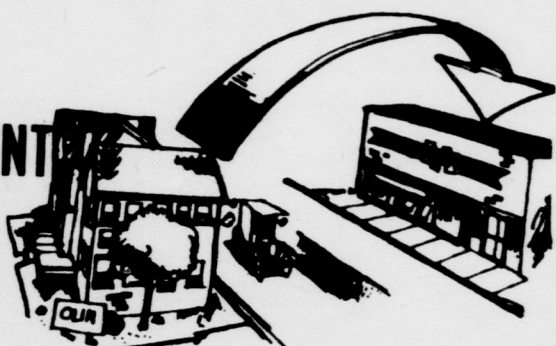
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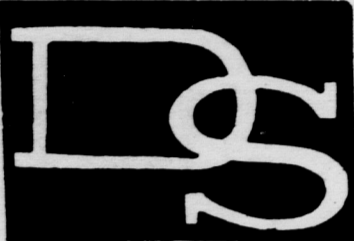
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Christmas Seal letters are arriving later than usual in many Michigan homes this year because of computer problems that have been encountered in preparation for the mailing, according to John Pettibone, president of the Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Assn.

"The Christmas Seal organization's problems arose," he said, "in the conversion of Christmas Seal lists from manual and mechanical systems that have been in effect for many years to electronic processing. We are searching for a more economical means of handling mailing lists, but one of the computer programs for conversion of lists from our manual system to the electronic system was imperfect and has delayed our mailing to some communities by as much as two weeks."

Pettibone urged Michigan residents to answer their Christmas Seal appeal letters as soon as possible. Persons who have not received Seals are asked to contact the association's headquarters at 403 Seymour, Lansing.

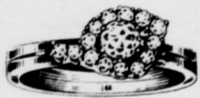
Michigan's goal for the 1970 Christmas Seal campaign is \$1,800,000.

Pettibone expressed the hope that individuals would increase their contributions this year to provide additional muscle to the organization's antismoking and air pollution campaigns, as well as to support the continuing activities against tuberculosis, emphysema and asthma.

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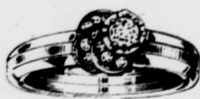
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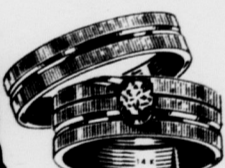


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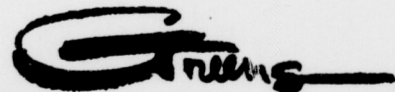
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Careful toy buying urged

CHICAGO (UPI) — The National Safety Council advises parents to avoid the chaos and depleted stocks of the Christmas rush and start shopping early for children's toys. Early shopping, the council said, allows parents to search out the dangers — some of them hidden — that make it a difficult task to choose a safe toy.

The U.S. Public Health Service has estimated that toys injure 700,000 children every year. The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness said many thousands of children are treated annual for eye injuries caused by operating toys.

The Child Protection and Toy Safety Act of 1969 authorized the Federal Food and Drug Administration to ban from the market children's products found to involve hazards from sharp protruding edges, fragmentation, explosion, suffocation, asphyxiation, electrical shock, excessive heat and unextinguishable fires. The sale of toys that are poisonous or radioactive and those that cause rashes, had previously been prohibited.

But despite the new legislation and the work by many toy manufacturers to improve the safety of their products, dangerous toys are still on the market.

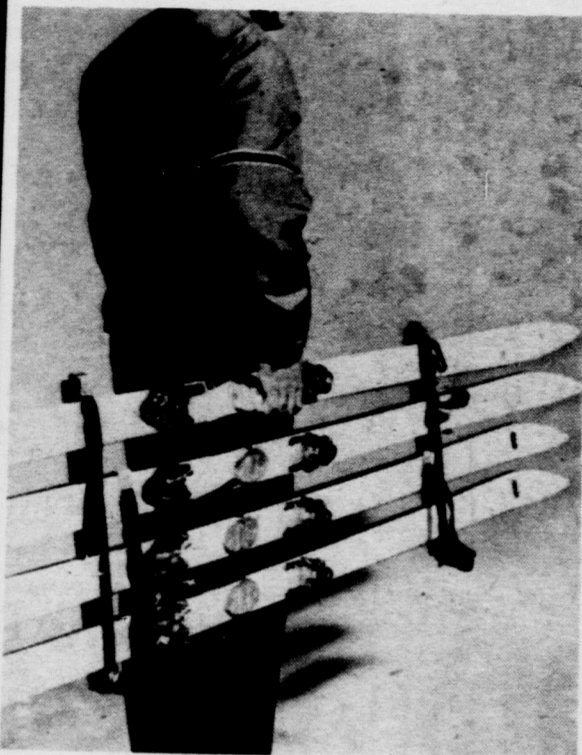
The National Safety Council offers these guidelines to toy-shopping parents and relatives:

- Generally, go by age, matching the complexity of the toy with the maturity of the child. Toys for nonreaders should be carefully screened by parents.

- Know the capabilities of the child for whom the toy is intended, but remember that the toy may fall into the hands of a more impulsive younger brother or sister who can't read warnings or instructions.

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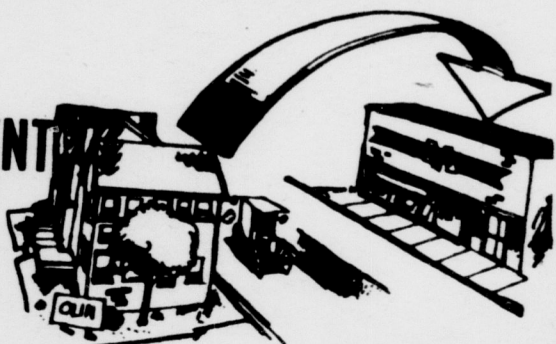
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FEWER GROWERS

Fake trees hit 'live' business

FOMBELL, Pa. (UPI) — Pennsylvania's Christmas tree growers have fallen victim to modern technology, the affluent society and the American drive for perfection.

Whereas in the 1950's there were more than 2,000 growers of Christmas trees, today there are an estimated 600, and of them only about a dozen try to use Christmas trees as their principal source of income.

Woodrow W. Dambach, who owns a nursery in the northwest Pennsylvania town of Fombell and is executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Assn., said the main problem is that growers are selling the same number of trees they did 15 years ago rather than selling a larger number as a result of the increased population.

One reason is the artificial Christmas tree, which many are buying for their long-lasting value and their sustaining good appearance and as a result of the merchandizing techniques used to sell them.

The growers association has not tried to fight the artificial trees but instead concentrates on aiding growers to produce the best trees possible and suggesting they offer to help their buyers make their trees as attractive as possible.

The Christmas tree business is inherently risky financially as many professional men who went into it strictly for investment found out.

Bull said the physicians, dentists, architects and businessmen thought: "Here was a real bonanza, a mother lode, an untapped source of wealth. Here was an item that could be bought for two cents and planted on low-priced land. You could sit back, do nothing, watch it grow and collect \$3 for it a few years later.

But they learned there was more to it than that. Dambach noted he has a \$20,000 investment in equipment for his

nursery in which he operates 200 acres of Christmas trees. He said he considers himself lucky if he receives a return of 8 to 10 per cent on his total investment, including land and labor.

Dambach said that while the artificial tree was at one time a status symbol, the situation could be reversed and the live tree, costing so much that only the affluent can afford it, will become a status symbol.

The one other factor which will help the nurseryman is children.

"Families still buy real trees because children don't like artificial trees," Dambach said. "Thank God for children."



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