

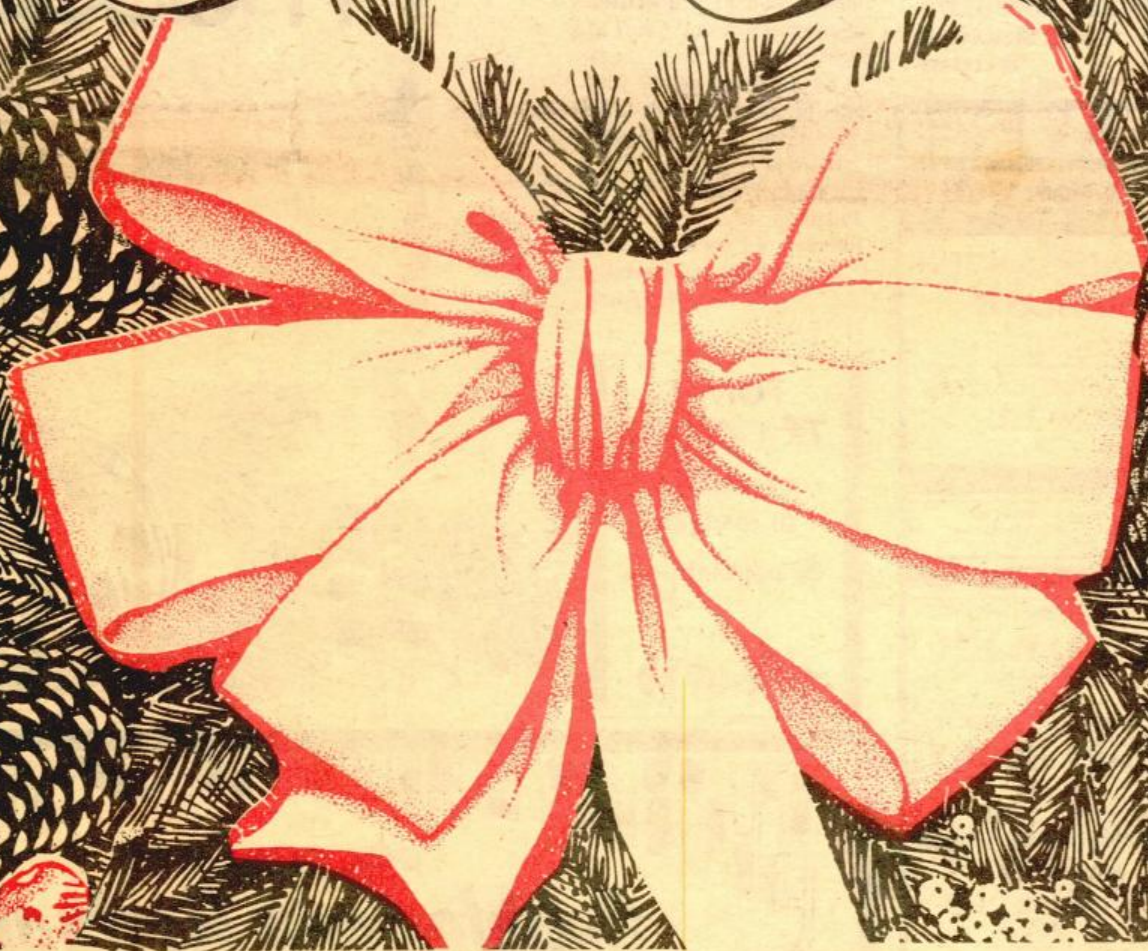
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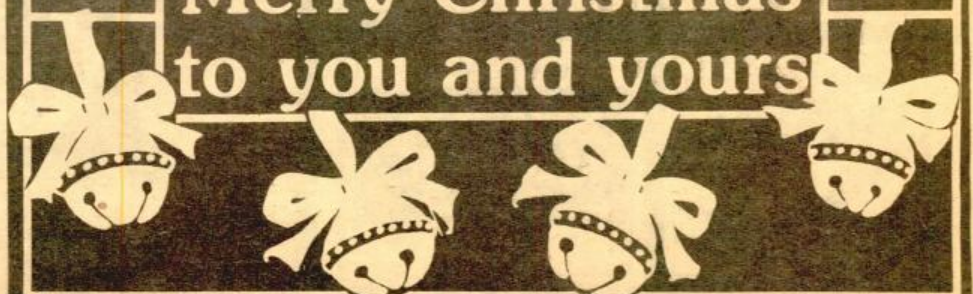
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE.....

Thursday, December 24
 See complete Church Services listed elsewhere in the Patriot

Friday, December 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Monday, December 28
 Adult Film Program - 2:00 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

Tuesday, December 29
 Films for Children - 3:30 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

Dance Lessons - 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Wednesday, December 30
 Pop Warner Board Meeting on Banquet - 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Thursday, December 31
 New Year's Eve Dinner Dance - 8:00 p.m. - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 305 Bunker Hill Street

New Year's Eve Buffet and Dance - from 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

New Year's Eve Dance - 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. - St. Catherine's Hall, Tufts Street

Monday, January 4
 Auditions for "The Visit" - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

Tuesday, January 5
 Auditions for "The Visit" - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

Dance Lessons - 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Wednesday, January 6
 Auditions for "The Visit" - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

Thursday, January 7
 Charlestown Town Council Steering Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street

Las Vegas Night sponsored by the Charlestown Board of Trade - 8:00 p.m. - Cobblestone Restaurant, 412 Medford Street

Saturday, January 16
 Pop Warner Banquet - 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Friday, January 22
 Noel Henry Celtic Band Dance and Buffet - 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Legal Notice

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS FOR SECURITY SERVICES

The Boston Redevelopment Authority will receive sealed bids for Armed Guard Security Services in the Charlestown Navy Yard until 12:00 noon, Eastern Standard Time on Monday, December 28, 1981 at City Hall, 9th Floor, Room 910, One City Hall Square, Boston, Massachusetts, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids should be marked Attention: Kane Simonian, Secretary.

The required services will include one armed guard, on eight-hour shifts, twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. A plan for the area, instructions to bidders, bid forms, scope of services and qualifications may be obtained upon payment of \$15.00 in cash or certified check, non-refundable, payable to the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Room 910, City Hall.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
 BY: KANE SIMONIAN
 Secretary

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 Suffolk, ss. Case No. 516011
 PROBATE COURT

To all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Cinder Louise Marcotte of Boston, in said County, praying that her name may be changed as follows:

Cinder Louise Marcotte to Cinder Louise Thompson.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 21st day of January 1982, the return day of this citation.

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James Michael Connolly
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Jim Cushman Honored At Awards Banquet

by Keith F. Westerman

James Cushman, a member of the Kennedy Center Board of Directors and a lifelong resident of Charlestown, was recently honored for his exceptional community work in Charlestown by both the Kennedy Center and its affiliate, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD).

Cushman, one of sixteen awardees, was honored for his volunteer efforts on behalf of the Charlestown community, especially his initiation of the annual

"June 17 Elderly Banquet" with the Charlestown Savings Bank.

Besides his mother and family members, numerous Charlestown friends as well as fellow board members of the Kennedy Center were on hand to offer their support for Cushman's efforts.

As in the past, many federal, state and City of Boston officials were present at the event.

Cushman is a member of many neighborhood organizations including the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus, the



JAMES (JIM) CUSHMAN is congratulated by WCVB-TV (Channel 5) anchorpersons, Natalie Jacobson and Chet Curtis, at the recent community award ceremony.

Charlestown Cancer Crusade and the Charlestown Democratic Ward Committee. He is also the vice president of the Kennedy Center Board of Directors and chairman of the Finance Committee and serves as the president of the Alert Athletic Association.

John T. Gardiner, executive director of the Kennedy Center, said of Cushman receiving the

Kennedy Center/ABCD Community Award, "Jim Cushman is a man who really cares about his community. He has proven it through years of unselfish neighborhood service and we at the Kennedy Center are proud of him and his relationship with us."

Completes Basic Training



WILLIAM P. FLYNN

Airman William P. Flynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Flynn of 20 Adams Street, Charlestown, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training

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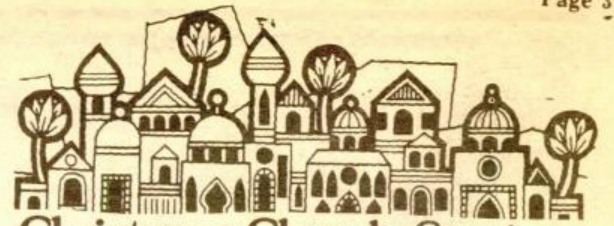
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Christmas Day Masses - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
(Note: there will be no evening Mass)

Saint Francis de Sales, 305 Bunker Hill Street

Christmas Eve Masses - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. which will be a Concelebrated Pontifical Mass with Bishop Thomas V. Daily as the principal celebrant.
(Note: there will be no midnight Mass)

Christmas Day Masses - 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saint Mary's Church, Warren Street

Christmas Eve Masses - 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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(Note: there will be no midnight Mass)

Christmas Day Masses - 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

(Note: there will be no evening Mass)

First Baptist Church, 5 Monument Square

(See St. John's Schedule)

First Church of Charlestown, Green Street

(See St. John's Schedule)

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Devens Street

Christmas Eve

10:00 p.m. - Coffee and Donuts in Parish Hall

10:30 p.m. - Caroling in the Church

11:00 p.m. - Service of the Holy Eucharist

(Note: these events are combined with that of The First Baptist Church and First Church of Charlestown and all other who would care to attend.)

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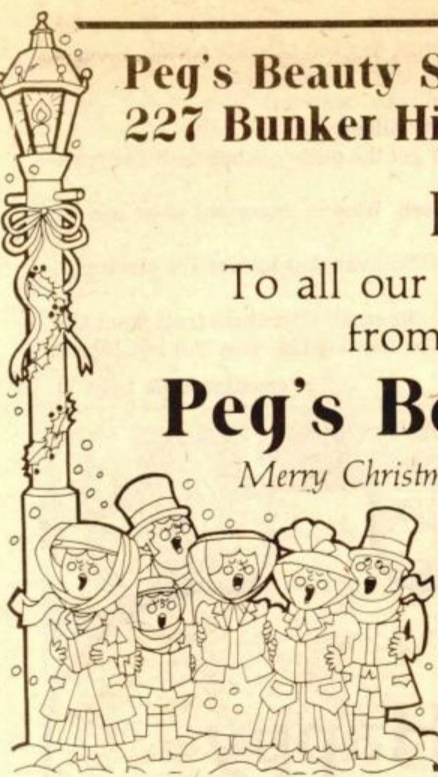


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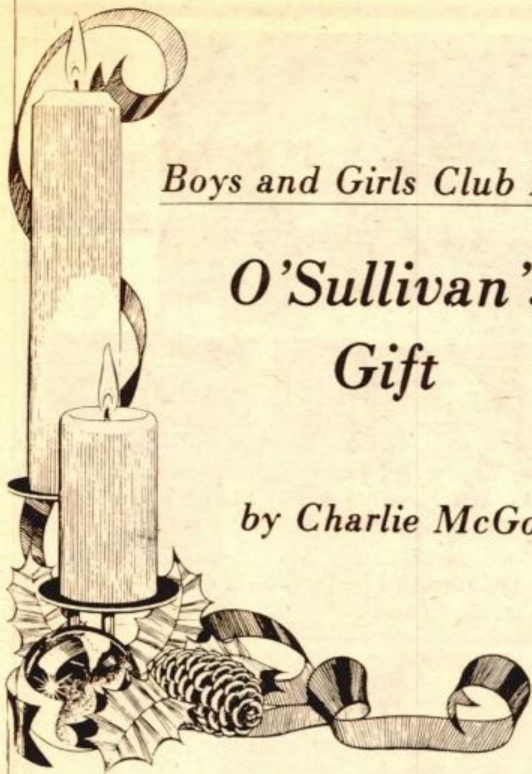
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Boys and Girls Club News

O'Sullivan's Gift

by Charlie McGonagle

O'Sullivan wasn't looking forward to Christmas. Since childhood it has been his favorite season of the year, but now with Sean and Katherine both married and much too busy and far away to come home for the holidays, he loathed the thoughts of an empty house on Christmas Day.

Even as the kids grew older, Christmas had a special, family meaning to him, and as the grandchildren began to increase the family's size, that meaning became magnified. But this year it would be different. For the first time since Sean was born, thirty-eight years now, he and Eileen would have to spend the holiday together, alone. The thought greatly depressed him. He knew that Eileen, though she remained silent about it, felt the same way. He could now understand why the medical authorities considered the holiday season very dangerous for those people prone to severe bouts of depression.

To add to his difficulties, his financial situation had become close to desperate. For all the years of his working life, O'Sullivan had toiled for one thing, his family. For Sean, O'Sullivan's labors had resulted in an architectural degree from one of the area's leading universities. And for Katherine a rewarding nursing career. He had also managed to buy a house when both were younger, but the financial strains of college tuition had forced him into a second mortgage, a fact he has insisted on keeping from the children.

It has been nine months now since a deteriorating heart condition had forced him into retirement, a move he had not planned on for another five years. His meagre pension, coupled with his Social Security benefits, hardly met the burdensome monthly mortgage. The dinners he and Eileen once enjoyed on an occasional Saturday night at a fine restaurant had been tucked neatly into a small dark corner of his memory bank. After the mortgage and routine household expenses had been seen to, there was precious little money left for food. O'Sullivan's pride prevented him from asking for help. "God forbid the kids would ever find

out," he would often say to Eileen as they shared what little there may have been at a near-empty kitchen table.

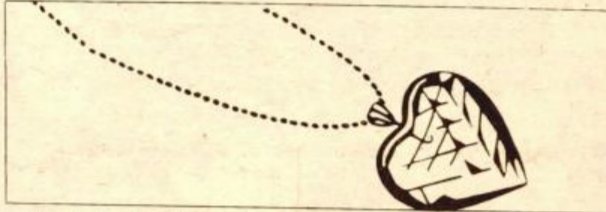
"You're a proud man O'Sullivan," Eileen would say, "Maybe too proud." He did not think so.

Eileen was a wonder. She had been with him through the good times, and now the bad times, but she never complained. The little things, a new dress a small piece of jewelry, which had a way of keeping women happy, had been denied her of late, but she did not complain. O'Sullivan had always known she was a special sort of person, but now in these trying times, she was proving to be more than that. In this respect he was blessed. O'Sullivan knew that.

Before they were married, he had given Eileen a gold locket in the shape of a heart. In the center of the heart there was a small diamond which seemed to dance when in just the right light. She had placed O'Sullivan's picture in the locket that Christmas, and with a gentle kiss on his cheek, vowed never to take it from her neck. She was eighteen years old. She was beautiful.

In the many years that followed, she remained true to her word. The locket became a symbol of her love for him. Although she would often say, "I love you, O'Sullivan," she really had no need to do so. The locket said it for her.

Only recently had the small diamond fallen out. The two had searched the house and the car, but to no avail. Eileen assumed it had been picked up by the old vacuum cleaner which worked only when it has a mind to do so. At last they had given up hope of ever finding the stone. Secretly, O'Sullivan made a silent promise to replace it one day. Now, with Christmas near, the sight of the small emptiness in the locket's center reminded him of that promise.



The locket had been hers for forty years. Its message had been his for just as long. To replace the diamond would be O'Sullivan's finest gesture of love. It would reinforce what she already knew. They could live the rest of their lives or the memories of that single gift. O'Sullivan knew that. He also knew that it would be impossible. His sadness was magnified in this knowledge.

O'Sullivan's place of solace was in his basement workshop. His presence there was therapeutic. Tools of all sizes and shapes accumulated over forty years, lined the neatly designed racks on all four walls. Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, toys, shelves, tables, chairs, knick-knacks of all sizes and shapes and cabinets had all been born here at one time or another. O'Sullivan had become quite proficient at his hobby, and once had even entertained thoughts of going into that line of work to earn a living. "Then it will become a matter of having to do it, and not necessarily wanting to do it," he reasoned. He decided against the move.

One Christmas, many years before, Sean and Katherine had presented him with the saw. It was a beautiful piece of machinery and quite expensive. Its professional character allowed it to stand above the relative amateurism of O'Sullivan's other tools. It had been given to him by the kids, but he knew the money had come from Eileen. He was sure that many months, perhaps even years, had been taken to save the money necessary to buy such a tool.

For more than a year now, he had not been able to use that one piece of equipment he valued so highly. The last of the original blades had succumbed to old age, and the cost of replacing them was totally out of the question.

The idea came to him like a bolt out of the blue. It was so simple, he wondered why he had not thought of it sooner. Since he could not use the saw without blades, and because there was no money available to purchase a new set, would it not make sense to sell the fine set of machinery and use the money to purchase a diamond for Eileen's locket? He had not been able to use the saw for so long, he was sure he would not miss it. Besides, Eileen's happiness, now that the kids were gone, was the one possession he valued most.

O'Sullivan managed, with some difficulty, to pack the saw in its well preserved leather carrying case and cart it off to the tool and appliance shop.

"This is a fine saw. Are you sure you want to sell it?"

"I'm positive," O'Sullivan answered, somewhat hesitantly.

"I'll probably be able to sell it for twice the amount I can give you for it."

The thought caused a second guess to race through O'Sullivan's mind. Knowing how happy Eileen would be with the diamond, convinced him he was doing the right thing.

"I know," he said, folding the bills neatly before placing them in his pocket.

A light snow had begun to fall, and darkness had already descended upon this Christmas Eve when O'Sullivan arrived home. He patted the right hand pocket of his old overcoat and smiled as he touched the small velvet ring box into which the jeweler had neatly wrapped the diamond. He would have it set in the locket shortly after Christmas.

Eileen was in the living room, hanging the last of the Christmas decorations which they had managed to accumulate over the years.

"Is that you O'Sullivan?" She had asked the question without turning from her decorating.

"Yes it is, my dear, yes it is."

"My, my. Aren't we the chipper one."

"Well, it is Christmas Eve, Eileen."

"I know it O'Sullivan, but the way you've been moping around here the last few weeks, I thought doomsday was approaching, not Christmas."

Coming up behind her, O'Sullivan placed his hands on Eileen's shoulders and kissed her gently on the cheek.

"Either you've been drinking or you hit the lottery, O'Sullivan, now which is it?"

"Neither M'Love. Neither. Here, sit down."

Surprised by his behavior, Eileen obeyed immediately. O'Sullivan reached into his pocket and realized that, in his excitement he hadn't yet removed his overcoat. Handing his wife the small package, he said only, "for you."

Eileen removed the wrapping and lifted the small lid. The tiny diamond, resting in a bed of white cotton, brought an immediate swell of tears to her eyes.

"It's beautiful O'Sullivan, beautiful."

"It's for your locket, Eileen."

"Where did you ever get the money to buy such an expensive gift?"

"It's no matter, Eileen. What is important is we can fix the locket."

"You're an old fool O'Sullivan, but I guess I'm stuck with you."

She rose and went to the small Christmas tree. Since the kids weren't coming for the holiday, they did not bother

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Possible District Plans Discussed

by Sal Giarratani

The City Council has suspended further public hearings on District Representation until after the holidays when the new Council is sworn in and the Charlestown Town Council Steering Committee wants the community to discuss alternative plans and possibly unite behind a single proposed district in the waiting period.

Ten persons attended a hastily called meeting at the Kennedy Center last week to discuss and debate the best possible district for Charlestown.

The meeting was chaired by Bob Wallace of the Town

Council who has been attending several neighborhood Council hearings across the city over the last few weeks.

How will Charlestown fare in this new district? It's hard to tell, according to those in attendance, since the lines have not been drawn yet. Charlestown, according to the 1975 state census has 16,877 people, not nearly enough for a district by itself.

The most popular plan for this area is one lumping it with East Boston (38,313) and Ward 3 - Precincts 1-6 (17,540) which includes the North End, West End and Waterfront. Such a district all but guarantees an East Boston City Councillor and School Committee Member.

At this meeting, a district was proposed combining Charlestown with the North End, Beacon Hill and Back Bay as a possible one which might give Charlestown a shot at a council or school committee seat.

A Town Council Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 7 at the Colbert Apartments at 7:30 p.m. to further discuss any other proposal. All factions of the community are welcome to attend and address the issue of District Representation for Charlestown.

The January Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19 may become an ad hoc public hearing on a district proposal for Charlestown. Bob Wallace states, "I saw how organized neighborhood groups were at the UMass Boston hearing for Beacon Hill/Back Bay. They came in with charts and plans. We've got to do the same thing."

In January a new Council will take over and neighborhood hearings will hopefully be resumed. If the Town Council has anything to say, the City Council Committee on Redistricting will find Charlestown ready for them.

Presents Commander's Award



QUINCY MAYOR ARTHUR TOBIN was recently presented the 1980-81 Commander's Award by James W. Conway, Past State Commander of The American Legion at Quincy City Hall.

The inscription on the award cited Mayor Tobin as "A Friend - A Boston College Classmate - A Fellow Marine - And Friend to the Veteran."

Shown (l. to r.) are: Legion National Executive Committeeman, John P. "Jake" Comer, Mayor Tobin and P.D.C. Conway, of Charlestown.

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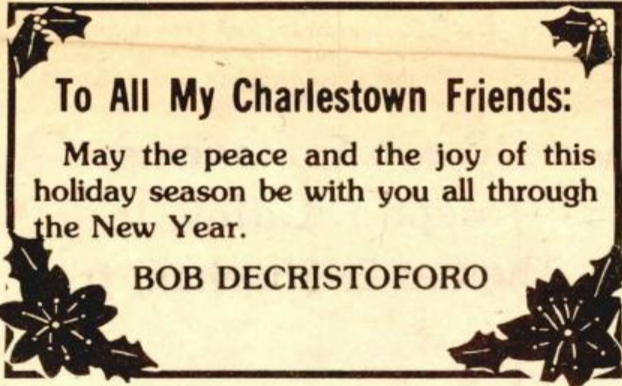
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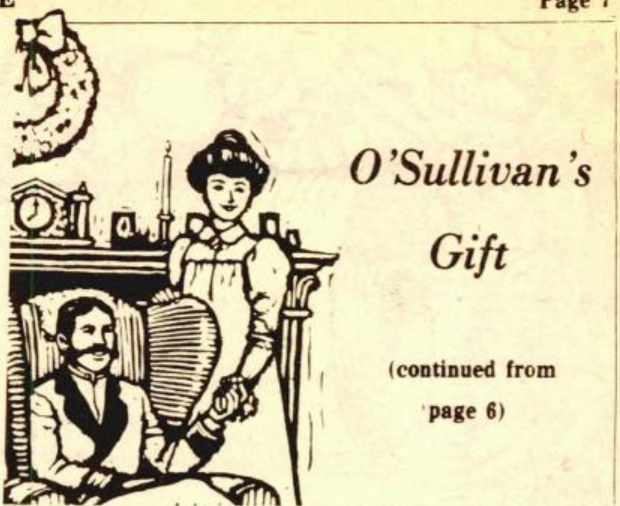
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O'Sullivan's Gift

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with a big one. A single package, fairly large, sat beneath the branches. Reaching for it, she turned and handed it to O'Sullivan: "And for you," she said.

O'Sullivan sat, surprised by the weight of the package, and placed it on his lap. Quickly his fingers found their way through the wrapping paper. Lifting the cardboard cover, he found a printed guarantee.

"These blades are made from the finest tempered steel. With proper care, they are guaranteed to last a lifetime."

Lifting his eyes toward his wife, he became strangely aware of something missing.

"The locket, Eileen? Where is the locket?"
Age had done precious little to destroy the softness of her youthful fingers. Touching her blouse near the neckline where, for forty years, the locket had rested, she looked almost embarrassed.

"I sold it O'Sullivan. I sold it to buy the blades for your saw."

His look told her the story of the saw. No words were needed.

Eileen came to the couch. Sitting, she took his hands in her own. Neither could hide the feeling of that moment.

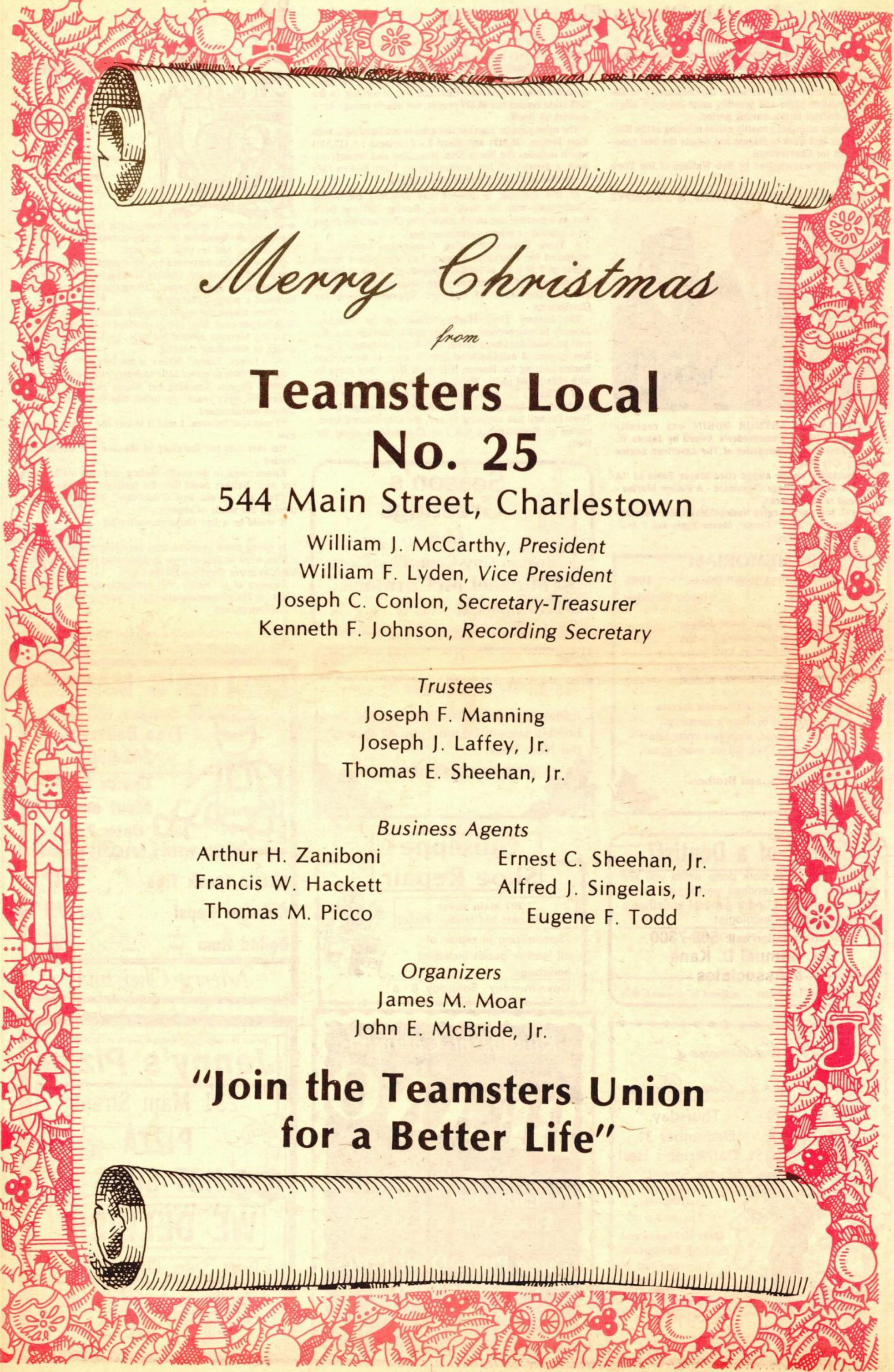
"You are an old fool O'Sullivan," whispered Eileen through the shade of silence.

It would be a fine Christmas after all.

Is giving more precious than receiving? O'Sullivan and Eileen were willing to give up treasured personal possessions to prove they thought so.

Readers of O. Henry will recognize his "Gift of the Magi" in the preceding attempt at making that classic a bit contemporary.

A Very Merry Christmas is extended to all from the folks at the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club.



Merry Christmas

from

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"A Dream Of Christmas Eve"

by Charlie Ross

'Twas the night before Christmas, all quiet and nice;
The house was glittering like a little Paradise.
The children were asleep, tucked in their beds,
With dreams of sugar plums and angels over their heads.
Suddenly there was a strange clatter of the roof's icy-top,
As Santa brought his reindeer to a stop.
Quickly down the chimney he leaped with a bound,
And tip-toed in the house without a sound.
While moving from left to right foot,
Santa brushed from his suit the chimney soot.
Then he took from his back the empty sack;
And with a sigh, said: "My! Oh my!"
Poor Santa didn't know what to do -
For he had forgotten good Joey and Sue.
As he began resting his head on the table,
He looked up and saw the Stable!
There was a big ox, and sheep that were small;
And a donkey stuck his head inside the stall!
While in the center was the most beautiful sight
The little Baby Jesus, all glowing and bright!
His Mother Mary and Joseph knelt in awe,
Adoring the Divine Infant on His bed of straw.
Shepherds in bright-eyed wonder gazed;
While angels with heavenly music praised.
Santa knelt, and asked what he should do;
Because he had forgotten poor Joey and Sue.
Mother Mary turned, and looked over the stall,
And asked Saint Joseph to get out his awl.
Many other tools he took out too;
Santa was amazed what Saint Joseph began to do!
Then Mary asked the angels to bow their heads;
From them she took beautiful sewing threads.
Touching their soft long colorful robes,
Mother Mary began sewing some clothes.
Santa's eyes popped, and he nearly got sick,
Seeing each shephard's crook turn to a peppermint stick!
Looking at Saint Joseph, Santa almost went dumb,
When he saw him finish making a drum!

The ox bent low, asking Mary to take a horn from its head;
And make with it one that would "Toot" toots instead.
The donkey brayed that Mary pull some of his hair,
To make paint brushes which give good wear.
The lambs crept close to Mary and offered their wool,
For warm mittens and help get the stockings full.
Santa was speechless at the whole sight;
And his jolly red face smiled with delight!
Angels gathered 'round him in his daze
And began to sing their Christmas Lays.
The tears rolled down Santa's old face,
As he tried to thank Mary for all the grace.
He wanted to say "Thank you," to all in the Stable;
But the more he tried, the less he was able!
The rays from the star sent out a warm glow,
As Santa knelt before Jesus and bowed low.
After praying, his heart nearly burst with bliss;
When Mother Mary gave Jesus for Santa to kiss!
Heavenly songs 'round Him, and bells did ring;
All telling it was the birthday of Christ the King!
Giving a last glance and the love of his heart,
Santa unwillingly began to depart.
He had to hurry and get on his way;
Because night was turning fast into day.
As he climbed on his sleigh, patting the reindeer,
Santa cried out:

"God bless all, with a Mary-Christmas!!
and a Holy New Year!!!!"

(The preceding poem was authored by "Maria," and is reprinted with kind permission of its submittor, and our long-time friend, Fr. Fred Nelson, Editor of "The Maryfaithful" of Marian House at Powers Lake, No. Dakota.)

We consider YOU, the reader, our year-long Christmas gift. It is, therefore, dedicated to you and yours, along with the sincere wish that this Christmas be your happiest, holiest and merriest! And may this remainder of His birth cause Him to become the center of your will.

★ Christmas

There is no room, I'm sorry sir
But you may use that stable there,
The straw and hay and manger sir,
Are warmer than the midnight air,

Joseph thanked him then slowly turned
And with Mary walked in the barn's dim light
As cows and lambs all soon learned
A savior would be born that night

This happened, oh, so long ago
As wisemen traveled night and day
To bring their gifts so all would know
To come and kneel, adore and pray

What will your Christmas answer be?
"I have no room as you can see"
Or will you say, on bended knee
"Oh infant Jesus, abide in me"

by Anthony Manconi



*A Merry Christmas
and a Healthful
New Year to all
my relatives and
friends who have
been so kind to me
all through the year.*



Kay Whelan

Season's Greetings

from
**Senator and Mrs.
Francis D. Doris
and Family**
Robert-Beth-Eddie-Elaine



The Red Store
134 Bunker Hill Street



wishes everyone a

Merry Christmas

To Talk Of Many Things.....

by Sal Giarrantani

Last week at the East Boston District Court, those eighteen protestors arrested on November 23 at the East Boston side of the Sumner/Callahan Tunnels, myself included, had to make a tough choice during a court recess. Did we want to press on and demand a 6-man jury trial before the Boston Municipal Court or should we accept the disposition rendered by the Presiding Judge of the East Boston Court who heard the facts on our case.

Ten chose their right to appeal their disposition to the BMC while eight opted to waive that right and accept the disposition which was a continuance without a finding (no guilty finding having been made) which would be followed by a dismissal of the case in 90 days. All eighteen debated and discussed the reasoning, meaning and ramifications behind both options and it was finally decided that each person would make their own decision. Neither decision would be considered the right or wrong one and each would have to do what he or she had to do.

I personally chose the 90 day continuance without a finding because I felt I made my point that police and fire layoffs were endangering this city and the metropolitan area.

Public safety would not be strengthened by my pursuing the case further in court. Accepting the continuance without a finding was not and is not an admission of guilt. Those who thought so had the right to appeal and demand a 6-man jury trial and have done so.

THE NEW YEAR

Let's hope the new year brings sanity back to City Hall and that people don't have to take to the streets to get proper public safety protection.

BOTTOM LINE

Together, We the people can make the difference if we keep on keeping on!

"The Night Before Christmas At The State House" (1981)



"Twas the night before Christmas at Ye Olde State House,
Nothing was stirring and the legislators did grouse,
Twelve months of bickering and not much to boast,
About 600 bills to the Governor's desk at the most.

The year had started with the fondest of dreams,
9,000 bills filling the hoppers, cracks and the seams
The members had scurried from the basement to the dome,
Pushing and driving to impress the voters back home.

But, alas, they became tired of mounting the fight,
And are allowing their bills to be killed in the night.
The calendars of the House and the Senate as well,
Are filled with lost hopes that seemed never to jell.

Favorite bills are dying with each passing day,
Buried in 3d Reading Committees and sure to decay.
Some are good, some are bad, but most are pure puff,
And Bulger and McGee have ruled enough is enough.

Ways and Means is burdened with a lot of Santa Claus bills,
Something for nothing and the cure of human ills.
But Messrs. Atkins and Creedon have closed the bag tight,
Playing Mr. Scrooge with every spending bill in sight.

Good that they do or surely the budget would bust,
Even with legislators crying their bill is a must.
Proposition 2½ has dictated a wholly new game,
Cut those ding budgets or Mud will be your name.

In the House it is obvious the members are tired,
They grin and nod when debators' time has expired.
They talk fondly of the old days and Christmas Tree Acts,
Goodies for their districts and the Treasury sacked.

In the Senate they are watching in eager, anxious shifts,
To see if Chairman Atkins will be dispensing some gifts.

One cold look from his eye, a baleful shake of the head,
Gave the Senators to know, whatever it is the bill is dead.

In the Governor's office fidgets Jolly Ed King,
Waiting for Speaker Tom or President Bulger to ring.
Vetoes and crime bills, Big Ed is impatient for news,
But it is obvious the leaders have some other views.

As the dreary session continued and the moon's yellow glow,
Shone on the State House and on Beacon Street below,
Seen shuffling through the snow, dressed in red and white,
Was Santa Claus himself, pushing his way through the night.

"Why are you walking, dear Santa?" said a Legislator sincere.

"You usually ride in from the North this time of year.
"You sweep in over the Common with Dasher and Dancer in the lead,

"Now you're knee-deep in snow and mighty gloomy indeed."

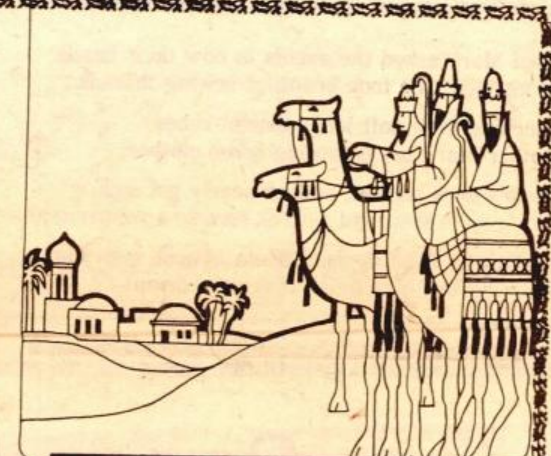
"Well, it's this way," said Santa, with a look so very sad,
"I'm walking because like others, I think that I've been had.

"The things I value mostly, Massachusetts taxes have taken away,

"My workshop, my reindeer, and believe it or not, my sleigh."

Senator John F. Parker
Minority Leader,
Massachusetts State Senate

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Governor Officially Opens USO Center

Massachusetts Governor Edward J. King officiated at ceremonies officially opening the new USO center in Boston, December 17.

The ceremony also commemorated the 40th anniversary of the organization which provides a variety of services for all U.S. servicemen and

women world-wide.

The USO had formerly occupied a street front office on Boston's Boylston Street. Richard Goldfarb, USO Director, described the new center as a place which would serve the men and women of the armed forces with expanded facilities. The new loca-

tion, at 3 Hancock Street, is close to Boston's Coast Guard base, Army Headquarters and Navy

ships in Boston and Charlestown.

Attending the ceremony from Charlestown were:

Adult Film Program

The Adult Film Program at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, will take place next Monday, December 28, 1981, at 2:00 p.m. This week's film

is "Times of Glory," features Sir Alec Guinness starring in this military story in which instinct confronts army regulations. All are welcome to attend.

Party Registration Deadline For Democratic Caucus

The deadline of December 31, 1981 for persons to register as Democrats who wish to participate in the Party's February 6, 1982 caucuses is just one week away. The caucuses will be held in every ward and town across the Commonwealth to elect the 3,300 delegates who will attend the first Massachusetts Democratic Convention to endorse candidates for statewide office in ten years.

The "Method of Selecting Delegates and Alternates to the 1982 Massachusetts Democratic Convention" and the "Rules of the 1982 Massachusetts Democratic Convention" were adopted by the Democratic State Committee on November 7, 1981. The requirement that persons must be registered Democrats by December 31, 1981 to participate in their local caucus was included to prevent last minute Party registration crossovers simply to participate in the caucus. It was felt that such "crossovers" might skew the results of the caucus and would not fairly reflect the Democratic grassroots in a given ward or town.

Persons who register as a Democrat in November and December are urged to request a certificate of Party registration from their local clerk, as their name may not appear on the most recent voting list.

Commander Robert Gillen, U.S.N. (ret.), former Commanding Officer of U.S.S. Constitution, who is now in charge of the Navy Jr. R.O.T.C. of West Roxbury High School and made the arrangements for their

Color Guard to be present and James W. Conway, member of the U.S.O. Executive Board.

TV Mass

You are cordially invited to attend the Mass on Boston Catholic Television, Channel 7, on Friday, January 1, 1982 at 8:30 a.m. Residents are urged to attend. This is your day on TV!

Those who wish to attend will meet in the lobby a. Channel 7 at 8:00 a.m. Channel 7 is located at top of Staniford Street.

For further information contact Jim Carr at 242-2449 or 242-9655.

Films

For Children

The Winter Films For School-Aged Children at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, will take place next Tuesday, December 29, 1981, at 3:30 p.m. This week's film is "Mowgli's Brothers." All are welcome to attend.



Senior Citizen Lunch Program

The Kit Clark Senior House provides lunches for senior citizens on Monday through Friday under the Title III Senior Nutrition Program at the Rutherford Avenue Senior Lounge, 114 Rutherford Avenue.

MENU

Friday, December 25 — Christmas Day - All sites closed.

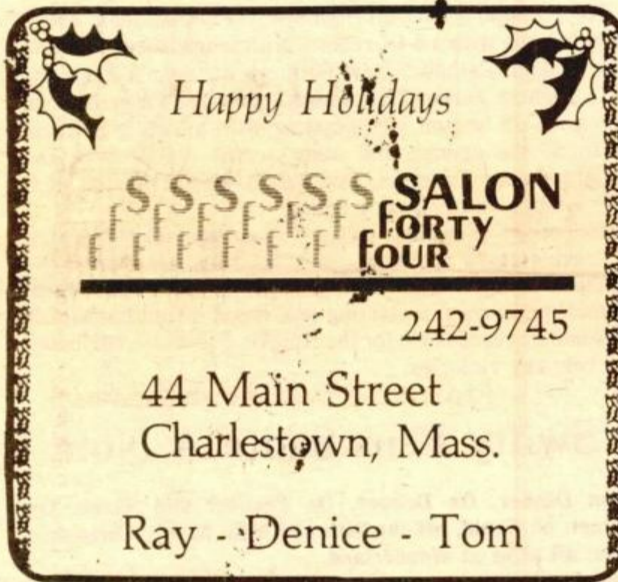
Monday, December 28 — Baked ziti (meat, tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese), Italian cut beans, apple, scallion bread with oleo.

Tuesday, December 29 — Turkey pot pie, spinach, chocolate pudding with whipped topping, biscuit with oleo.

Wednesday, December 30 — Pea soup, mild sloppy Joe, cole slaw, sliced peaches, hamburger roll with oleo.

Thursday, December 31 — Oven roast chicken with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, orange, dinner roll with oleo.

Milk served with all above meals.



Happy Holidays

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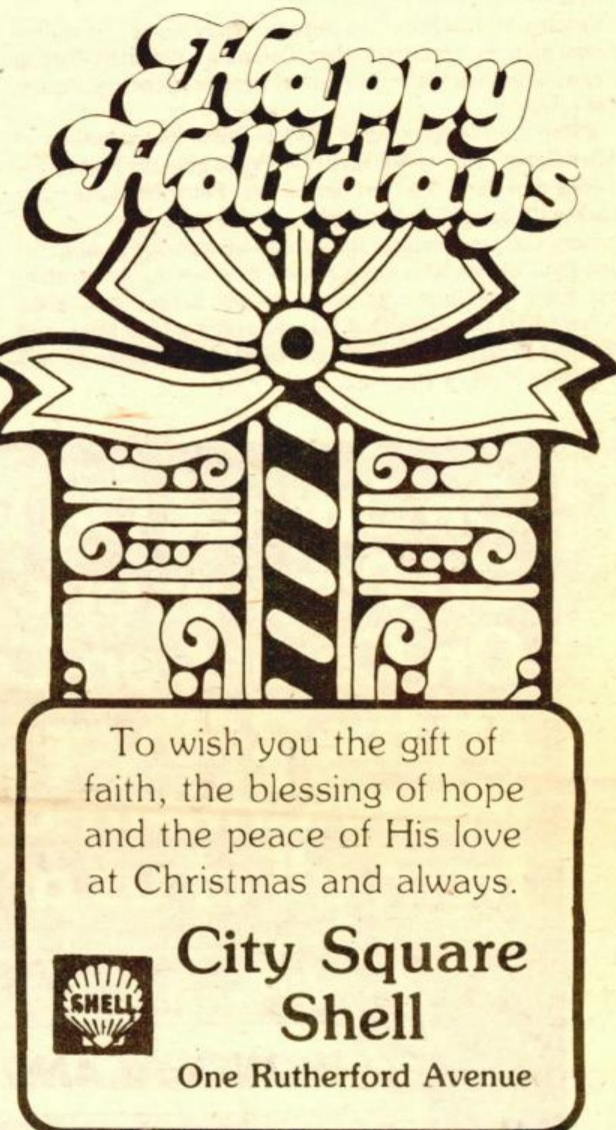
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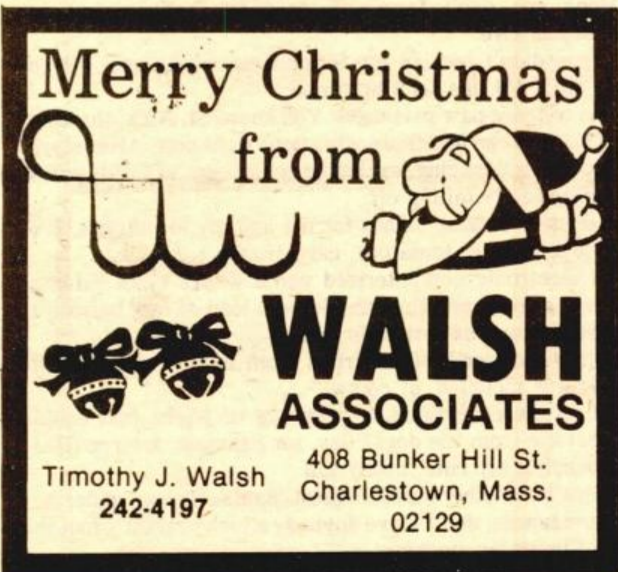



Happy Holidays

To wish you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

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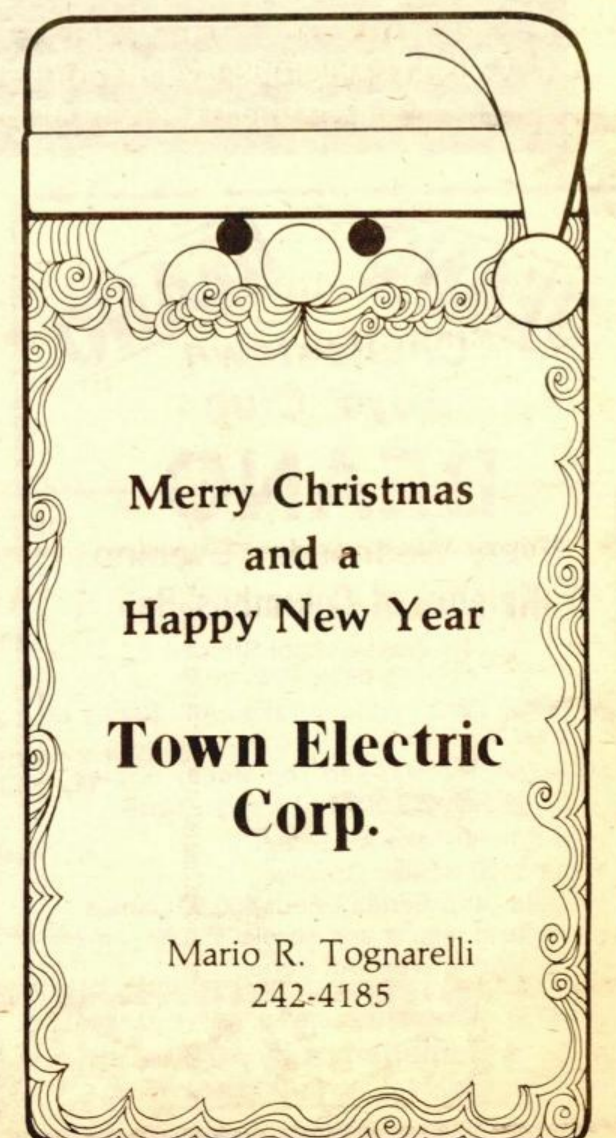
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Townies Sports Line

Columbus High Sports Highlights

LEPORE'S BUZZER BASKETBALL GIVES OPENING WIN

A noisy crowd was on hand as the Christopher Columbus High School Friars opened their home season at the newly re-acquired Christopher Columbus gym and they didn't go home any quieter as their Friars won a 60-58 thriller on a last second buzzer basket by senior Nick Lepore.

As the seconds ticked down, Lepore took a perfect pass from sophomore guard John Melluso, and went up hard and strong for the winner sending the team and the crowd into a wild frenzy.

Senior Captain Michael Johnson led all Columbus scorers with 16 points, but the key was the performance of Melluso, who remained calm and cool, while under constant pressure.

McLAUGHLIN, VESEY LEAD HOCKEY FRIARS, AS COLUMBUS TOPS FENWICK

Gerard McLaughlin and Jimmy Vesey turned in stellar performances as Christopher Columbus defeated Bishop Fenwick in their Catholic Central League opener at Boston University.

A fine crowd was on hand as Billy Nolan took a pass from Allen Caparella and Michael Doherty to give the Friars a 1-0 edge at 4:36 of the first period, but Fenwick came right back with a power play goal.

Here the goaltenders, Bobby McCormick for Columbus, and Paul Brown for Fenwick, took over for a good stretch, but their juggling acts came to an abrupt end when Columbus' Donald Bolstad slapped home a blue liner, and Michael Fowkes scored another for the home folks to take the "zing" out of Fenwick.

The idea now was to "keep Fenwick from getting back in" and the advice was well taken as Gerard McLaughlin and Jimmy Vesey scored two quickies. McLaughlin's coming at the 36 second mark. McLaughlin received the game puck for his performance with Vesey a close second. Donald Bolstad got the final Columbus goal. Credit two assists each to Chris Cunniff, Allan Caparella, and Mike Doherty with Bolstad, Chris Page, and Vesey picking up one each.

FRIARS, JOHNSON STUNS MARIAN WITH 12 SECOND GAME WINNER!

Columbus basketball Friars travelled to unfriendly Marian of Framingham and pulled off a one point stunner upping their record to 2-0.

With just 12 seconds to go senior Mike Johnson tossed in the game winner to give Columbus a 47-46 win. Johnson saved 6 of his 12 points for the final quarter... a quarter in which just about everyone made a clutch play.

Once again John Melluso turned in a brilliant performance. Other "starry" Friars included Paul Pellicchia, Paul Williard, Steve Agrippino, and Nicky Lepore.

TOWNIES, FRESHMEN SHINE AS COLUMBUS ROLLS PAST POPE JOHN

In the hockey finale of the week Columbus took an easy 12-2 win from a very young Pope John team, and you definitely could use a computer for the scoring stats.

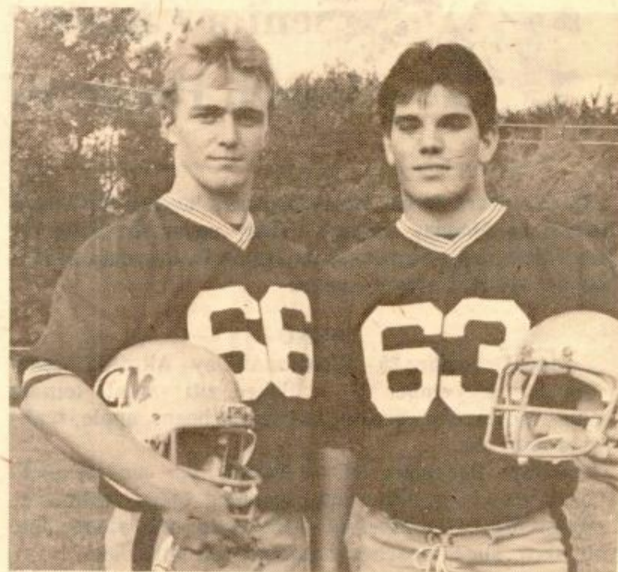
Highlights include Hat Tricks by senior Captain Sean McGonagle, and Freshmen Allan Caparella. Other three point performers included Charlestown's Chris Page, Gerard McLaughlin, Darryl Locke, and Freshmen Billy

Nolan.

Freshmen Caparella received the game puck for his all around performance and Bobby McCormick picked up his second win in the nets.

Bob DeCristoforo

Varsity Players At Catholic Memorial



VARSITY PLAYERS at Catholic Memorial. Shown (l. to r.) Mike Brynes and Bob Fratalia.

(photo by Fr. Fred Ryan)

The Catholic Memorial High School Football team ended their season with a 5-4-1 record, with tough losses to teams like Malden Catholic, New Bedford, St. John's Prep and B.C. High on Turkey Day. The Knights also came up with key wins all season long starting with a strong Scituate team at the opener, the other teams defeated by the Knights, were Xaverian, Don Bosco, East Cranston, R.I. and a tough North Quincy Squad.

Two proud "Townies" on C.M. Squad were Bob Fratalia, a starting guard and nose guard, who was selected to the Catholic Conference All Star Team at the Nose Guard Position. Mike Brynes, a starting guard and inside linebacker who had a great season for the Knights and who contributed to their key victories.

Swiftly Pens Santa A Note

On Dasher, On Dancer, On Prancer and Vixen. On Comet, on Cupid, off the 24th and 25th. Merry Christmas from all of us at Wonderland.

Dear Santa:

Hope you don't forget to drop by Swiftly's pad on Christmas Eve.

If you didn't receive my letter from weeks ago, I'll go over what I'd like for Christmas:

One of those paw massages. You know, St. Nick, the kind on TV. Ah, I can feel those vibrations right now. After close to 300 nights of racing, excluding schoolings, my little paws are practically falling off.

A pass to Blazing Salads for me and my loved ones. We just love lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, etc.

An electronic computerized game where eight rabbits chase a greyhound. That should be a load of fun, but don't forget to leave batteries for me.

A lifetime worth of fur trims from Bunny's Salon with manicures included, of course.

Oh, is there anything in your bag of tricks that could protect me from the dogs? Say, for example, a force field surrounding my cute, bushy tail.

There's one other small request, Santa. Please, under no circumstances, don't leave anybody a lucky rabbit's foot in their Christmas stocking!

Your friend,
Swiftly

Pop Warner

There will be an open meeting on the banquet on Wednesday, December 30, 1981, at 8:00 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street. We urge all parents that want to help to come down.

If the kids have any chance money, they can send it in to their coach or mail it into Lester Boyce, 43 Mystic Street, Charlestown.

We would like to wish everybody in Charlestown and anybody who had anything to do with Pop Warner Football this year, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thanks
The Board

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St. Catherine's Gym Hockey

St. Catherine's Gym Hockey League began its fourth season on Saturday, December 12, 1981, after the first day of play. The standings are as follows:

	W	L	T	PTS	GOALS
Nuggets	1	0	0	2	9
Townies	1	0	0	2	8
Canadians	0	1	0	0	6
Clovers	0	1	0	0	4

The league is open to girls and boys in grade one through four. These kids put out their best effort and we appreciate the encouragement of the coaches, referees and spectators (especially parents). Because of the upcoming holidays and school vacation, there will be a break in play for several weeks. The season will go into high gear when we resume play on January 9, 1982. The games that Saturday will begin at 10:00 a.m. (If you have an application and didn't register, don't delay any longer because the team shirts will be ordered very soon).

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Gym Hockey Committee

C.Y.H.A.

Schedule

Mite A	Sat., Dec. 26	7:00 a.m. at Danvers
Mite B	Sun., Dec. 27	12:50 a.m. at Beverly
Squirt A.	Thurs., Jan. 7	7:20 p.m. at Danvers
Squirt B	Sat., Dec. 26	2:00 p.m. at Danvers
Pee Wee A	Sun., Dec. 27	2:50 p.m. at Danvers
Pee Wee B	Wed., Dec. 30	7:20 p.m. at Danvers
Pee Wee C	Sat., Jan. 2	6:30 p.m. at Danvers
Bantam A	Sun., Dec. 27	8:00 a.m. at Danvers
Bantam B	Mon., Dec. 28	8:20 p.m. at Danvers

Any boys wanting to play hockey for CYHA, please contact the coaches listed below:

Mite B (age 6-8)	Lou Marino 241-9010
Squirt B (age 9-10)	Jim Tucker 242-0979
Pee Wee C (age 11-12)	Buddy Goodwin 389-2132
Bantam B (age 13-14)	Mark Urquhart 242-3852

There will be a skating clinic Saturday, December 26, at 12:00 noon for Boys and on Sunday, December 27, at 12:00 noon for Girls.

The Board of Directors and all the Coaches wish all the boys and their parents and relatives a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Decorate Old Ironsides

"Old Ironsides" has a Christmas tree on deck — and help is needed to decorate it. From now through Christmas Day, kids of all ages are invited to visit Constitution at her Charlestown, MA. berth and bring along an ornament for her tree.

Tree ornaments can be

homemade — but should be able to withstand the weather. They can be brought to the Constitution between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Constitution's Christmas tree — a 20-foot blue spruce — was donated to the ship by the state of New Hampshire.

Cedar Sports Club

Christmas Party

Two hundred people attended the annual Christmas Party at the Cedar Sports Club this past Sunday evening, enjoying a catered roast-beef dinner. Many "Townies" were on hand, including several ladies, led by Helen Lawler, wearing "pixie" hats and looking very much like Santa's helpers!

President Maureen Moriarty of Parker Street, Charlestown told about her recent trip to Ireland,

along with her Club Trustee husband, "Paddy." The flight was sponsored by Round Tower Travel of Norwood. In Ireland, there were several sponsoring agents, who provided transportation, hotels and meals to some thirty-seven persons involved in local Irish Clubs.

New membership to the Club is now open. Interested "Townies" may call the President at 242-4328.

News From The Mount

The Basketball season is underway at Mount St. Joseph Academy in Brighton with a Sunday game on December 27 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Columbkille High School, and a home game during Christmas vacation week, Tuesday, December 29 at 1:00 p.m. vs. North Quincy High School, two unprecedented innovations for the Mount Team. Marianne Regan of Charlestown is a member of the Junior Varsity team. Ms. Ellie Petrovick, Physical Education Instructor at MSJA is Basketball Coach.

Basketball games in January on the 4th, 6th and 11th, all at 3:30 p.m. will be played away at Matignon,

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Shown for the first time are a selection of Christmas tree ornaments used by President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy, along with toys received by Caroline and John, Jr.

from people all over the world. The exhibit captures the spirit of youth and celebration which characterized the Kennedy years. The display was created by Peter Colerico of the Museum Staff.

Admission to the special exhibit is included in the museum entry fee of \$1.50. Children under 16 are admitted free.



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GOVERNOR KING signs the bill prohibiting Boston Gas from passing on \$46 million dollars to its customers. Looking on from left to right are: Senator Francis D. Doris, Rep. James Brett, Rep. Al Saggese, Rep. Steve Angelo and Rep. Robert Ambler.

Senator Francis D. Doris (D) Revere, Charlestown, announced today that legislation he filed prohibiting Boston Gas from billing customers \$46.5 million spent by the utility for emergency supplies during last winter's fuel shortage, was signed into law on December 8, 1981.

In late August, Boston Gas started billing customers for their so called undercollections. Senator Doris immediately moved to prohibit this unfair collection against the people of his district. On the floor of the Senate, Senator Doris argued, "why should the people of my district as well as all

the customers of Boston Gas, be forced to pay for a 'mistake' by Boston Gas."

The Senator led the fight for this bill in the Senate and kept a watchful eye as it traveled through the House of Representatives.

On December 8, 1981, after much debate and hard work, the bill was signed into law. As soon as the bill became law, it was immediately challenged by Boston Gas as being unconstitutional. The utility claimed that "it was not unfairly charging its customers and was being singled out."

On December 11, the issue went to court and Supreme Judicial Court Justice Ruth Abrams up-

held the legislation, ruling the bill constitutional. This decision was hailed by many. Senator Doris stated, "This decision is a true victory for the people. I am very pleased with the decision."

To add more justification to this ruling was the recent disclosure that several of the state's major utilities, including Boston Gas, exceeded by millions of dollars, the amount that state regulators had authorized them to earn during 1979 and 1980. Also it was revealed that there were numerous improprieties and instances of mismanagement during the alleged fuel shortage of 1981.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1981, the state's chief law enforcement officer, Attorney

General Francis X. Bellotti, stated in a brief submitted to the Department of Public Utilities, that Boston Gas should pay all of the estimated \$46.5 million. Bellotti also stated that the gas shortage could have been avoided through better planning and management. Senator Doris also stated that he lauded the findings of Attorney General Bellotti and called the finding "further justification for our legislation."

Senator Doris concluded, "I felt strongly that this attempt to pass on charges at the expense of the people, was unfair. My feelings and my legislation was upheld by the courts as well as by our very competent Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti. I am very satisfied with the outcome."

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Co-presented with the Wilbur Theatre, the delightful children's tale is choreographed by Toby Armour in close collaboration with author Maurice Sendak. First created

for the New England Dinosaur Company in 1973, it has not been seen in Boston since the 1974-75 season. Scenic design is by Anton Nelesen, costumes are by the late Lois Ginandes, and were adapted directly from the book illustrations. They are being re-created by James Wilcox. Musical score and narration are by noted composer Ezra Sims.

The Narrator is well-known WGBH radio announcer Robert J. Lurtsema. "The Wild Things" will be played by Nancy Compton, Sharon Montella, Donald Mouton, Long Nguyen, Charles Paquette and Clark Phipps. Little Max in this wonderful adventure, will be played by Ronald Soucy.

Dinosaur General Manager, Louise M. Kenngott, said of the special holiday presentation: "We are pleased to enter into a co-production with the Wilbur Theatre of such a happy family show."

Special prices are available for groups. Tickets are priced at \$5.50, \$8.00 and \$12.50. Children under 12 will be admitted at half price. For other information, call or write the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston 423-4008.

"A Christmas Carol: Scrooge And Marley"



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Auditions

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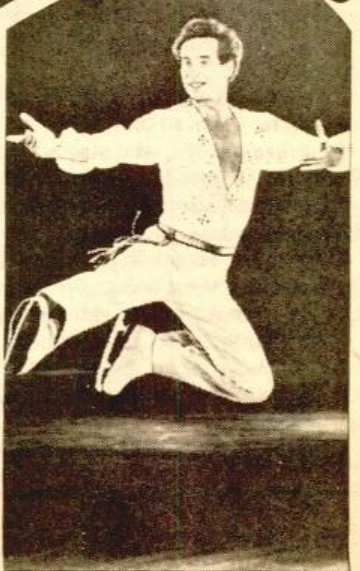
Under the artistic direction of David Wheeler and starring TV film actor, Richard Jordan (soon to be seen in the "explosive" CBS made for TV movie, "Washington Mistress"), this duel-of-the-sexes comedy was first presented in 1905 at the Court Theater in London. In "Man and Superman," Shaw's concept of "life force;" society; universal themes of theology and political philosophy, are all defined, for one, in terms of the external struggle between male and female and the female's creation of the "new Superman."

Previews: December 30 - January 5 (no Monday performance). All previews at half price! Press Opening: Wednesday, January 6 at 7 p.m.; Regular Schedule: Tuesday - Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 & 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Through February 7. Prices: \$9.95-\$12.95 (except for half-price previews). Phone: 426-6912. Teletron Charge: 426-8383.

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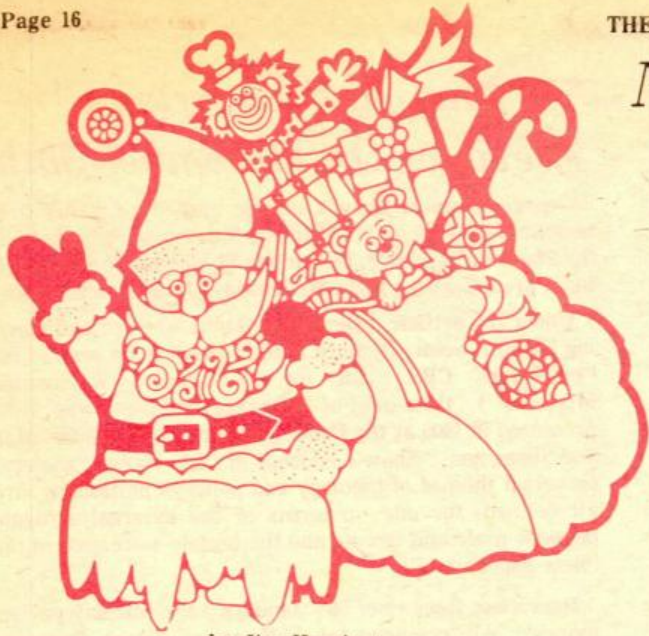
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Navy Yard Santa Claus Still Remembered



by Jim Harrington

"God wanted another Santa Claus up in Heaven so He took George M. Buswell away from us."

This is not an easy story to tell for it is about a Navy Yard boilermaker, George M. Buswell, who donned the role of a white-bearded, jovial gentleman often called "Saint Nicholas" — a boilermaker who first wore the familiar red suit, white mustache and black boots in a French orphanage somewhere away from a World War Two battlefield and a man who returned home and made his Santa role a "labor of love".

I know the true story as I had a sideline pass in December of 1946 when the late boilermaker Bill McNabb and George M. Buswell teamed together to entertain 32 youngsters in the Boiler Shop three days before Christmas — aided and abetted by craftsmen "who sent ships down to the sea".

This first Navy Yard Christmas Party mushroomed through the years so that 30 Shops and Offices hosted over 1,000 girls and boys, who otherwise might have had a drab Christmas, enjoyed a Christmastide of joy, happiness, gifts, love and affection — and it all started with Bill McNabb and George M. Buswell.

Meanwhile, veterans returning from World War Two found out they were being given a raw deal by some naval officials when it came to veterans preference rights — and a welder named Ken Lyons formed the Federal Employees Veterans Association, composed of men who served this Nation on the sea, in the air, on the land and beneath the sea in wartime.

Lyons enjoyed a warm friendship with George M. "Santa

Claus" Buswell and the boilermaker played no small role in the birth of the Federal Employees Veterans Association, known today as the National Association of Government Employees. Battle after battle was won by NAGE through Lyons efforts and many veterans downgraded, despite their veterans preference, were upgraded and, in many cases, promoted to supervisory positions.

NAGE and the Christmas Parties grew bigger and better. And George M. Buswell, "Santa Claus", became a Santa throughout the year.

"George became a Santa," stated Lyons, "in 1944 while a Sergeant in the United States Army. It seems a French town that had an orphanage had been liberated and the children were awaiting a visit from Santa. Somehow Buswell found a French seamstress who pieced together a Santa Claus suit — but a wig and mustache was needed. The problem was solved by shearing a lamb and Buswell made an appearance at the orphanage — the lamb's wool was the wig and mustache.

"From that day until Buswell died last year, one week before Christmas, his Santa role became a 'labor of love'.

"Buswell was always ready when a Santa Claus was needed. I remember the late Photo Assignment Editor Johnnie Bishop of the Boston Daily Record called me and said he wanted to get a Santa in August.

"A six-year-old girl in Boston's historic North End was dying of leukemia and wanted to see Santa Claus and Bishop decided her Christmas was to be an early one — she was not expected to live another month.

"Buswell climbed three flights of stairs on Hanover Street. And mercury was hovering in the 90's.

"He gave her gifts, sang Christmas carols with her and departed crying like a new-born babe. When questioned, he answered:

"She told me she was going to Heaven where every day is Christmas.

"These actions were repeated from January through December until last year — George M. Buswell had visited the Seabrook Senior Citizens Christmas Party at Seabrook Greyhound Park — his schedule was to be a busy one at hospitals, homes, orphanages and institutions for the retarded. He often referred to the retarded as God's Innocents.

"One week before Christmas God needed another Santa Claus in Heaven so He took away George M. Buswell away from us.

"There are a lot of youngsters in Charlestown, other parts of Boston and Boston suburbia who met the Navy Yard Santa Claus. I don't think there's any need to pray for George M. Buswell for there was a special chimney above

waiting for him — if he was not met with reindeer there must have been an honor guard of angels to greet him.

"He's left thousands of capable Santa assistants to carry on his good works. And he must have been welcomed with a chorus of 'O, Come All Ye Faithful'.

"I'm sure that more than one parishioner of Saint Catherine's, Saint Mary's and Saint Francis de Sales Churches on this Christmas Eve will thank the Christchild that He sent them George M. Buswell, the man they called Santa Claus.

"Each year George M. Buswell, wearing his familiar gear, visited Seabrook Greyhound Park and spread joy and cheer to the less unfortunate. He sang and then danced the hully-gully with Senior Citizens.

"Many people will long remember George M. Buswell — a lot of them refer to him as Saint (Not Santa) George M. Buswell.

"George M. Buswell was not a Catholic but a true Christian who truly believed in the words of:

"God's works on earth must truly be our own.

"The Heavenly Father made a pattern, a mold and casting and then He cast away the pattern, the mold and casting for he only made one George M. Buswell.

"And when George died," closed Ken Lyons, "a little bit of all of us died with him. He now lies in the land he loved and served so well. You know I'll bet he's playing Santa Claus this Christmas Eve in Heaven."

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