

**DEC. ANNIVERSARIES**

**FOUR YEARS**

Jean Curnutte      Print Shop  
 June Harris      Dealer Sales

**THREE YEARS**

Margaret Babcock      Kit Packing  
 Mackie Young      Shipping

**TWO YEARS**

Bob Daniels      Engine Mfg.  
 Shari Green      Mail Room  
 Letha Ham      Shipping  
 Bud Houston      Machine Shop  
 Violet Long      Kit Packing  
 Viola Martin      Wood Shop  
 Bob Redington      Contr. Liaison  
 Hellen Steffenson      Wood Shop

**ONE YEAR**

Eldridge Haynie      Engine Mfg.  
 Dorothea Holmes      Engine Mfg.  
 Lee Rodarmel      Wood Shop  
 Sharon Yelton      Wood Shop

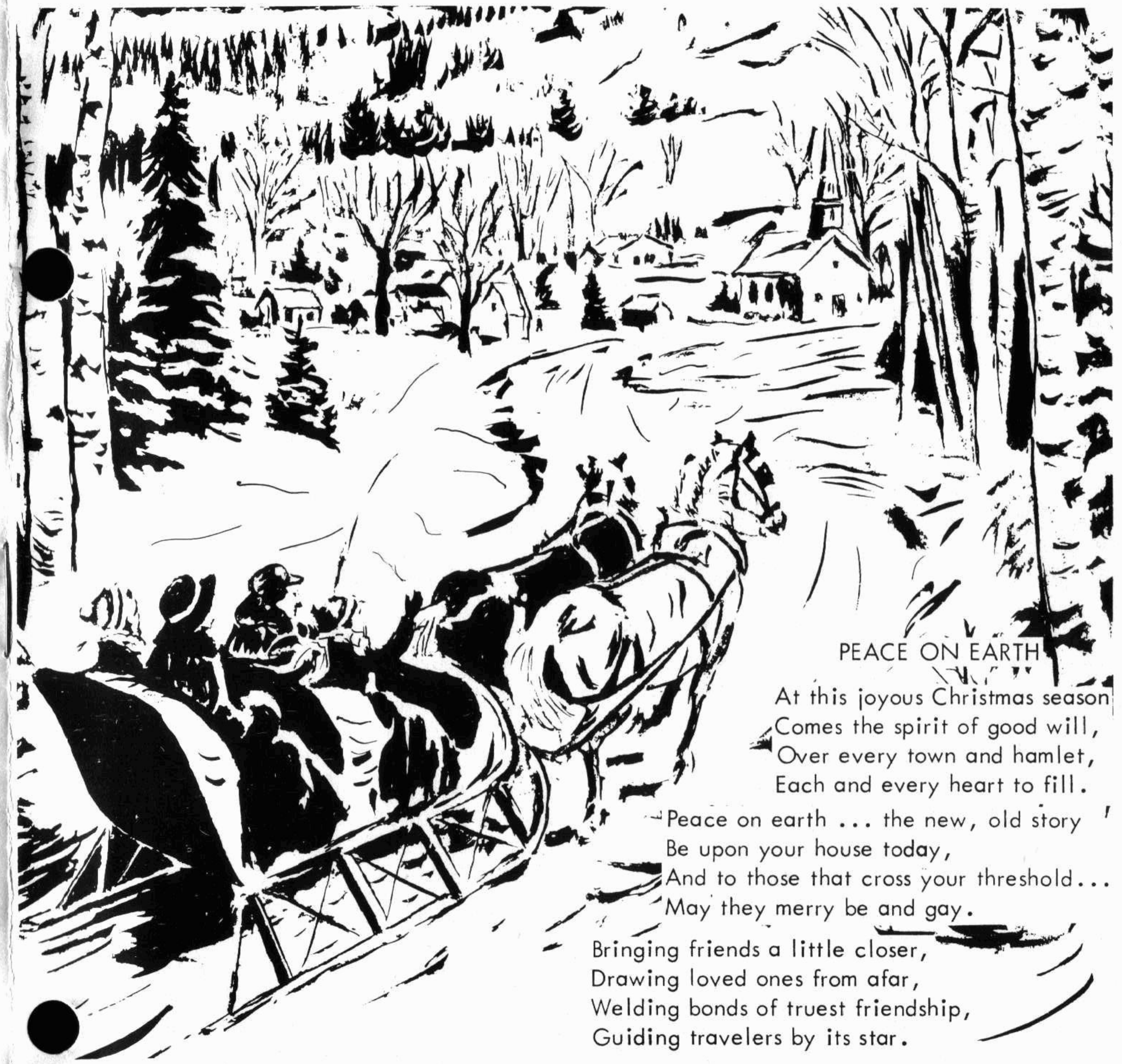
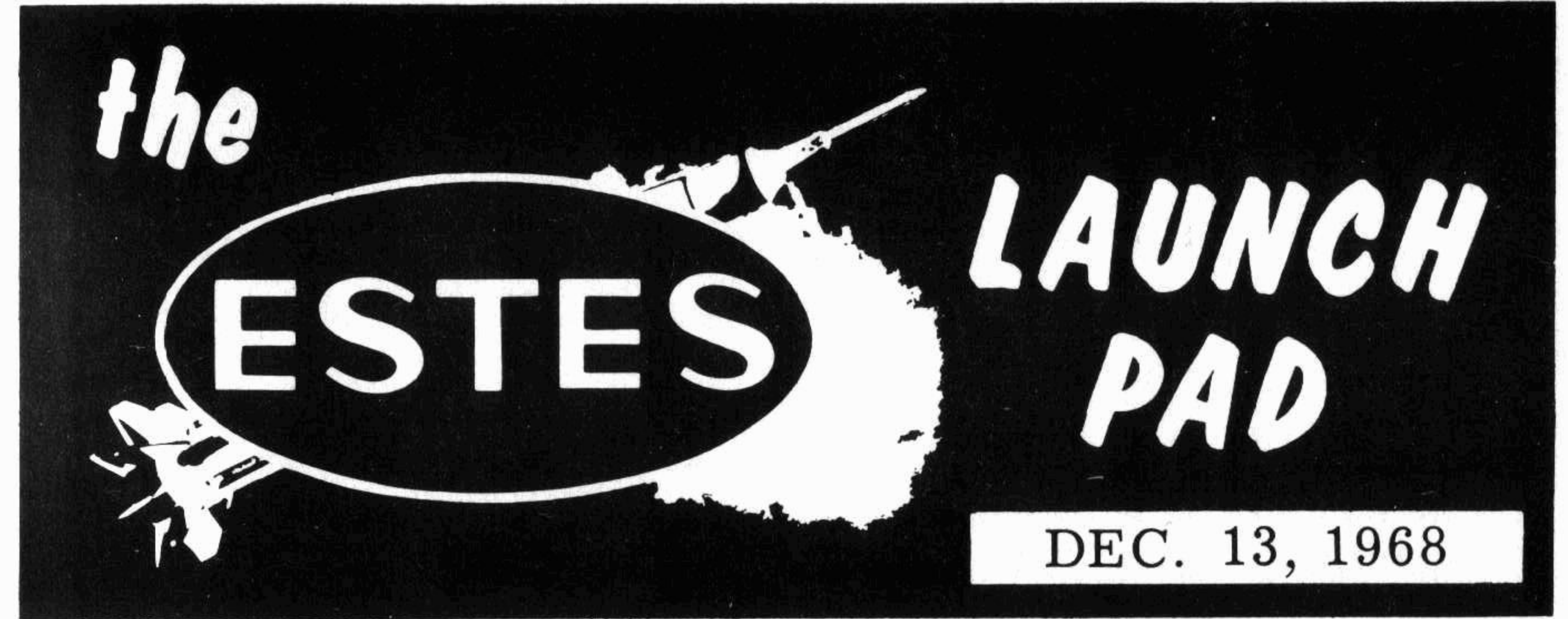
**DECISION DELAYED**

The Wood Shop crews are now deciding on a name for the machines which treat our "bathroom stationery" to make it flame resistant. The flu bug has interfered causing a delay in reaching the final verdict.

A special thanks to everyone who participated in the contest. Here are a few of the entries: Fanny, Poofy -the Magic Dragon, Bonnie & Clyde, Litt'l Foop, "Mr. Whipple," Twiggy, Mis-fit, and Charmin. The winning name and the winner submitting that name will be announced in the next Launch Pad.



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**PEACE ON EARTH**

At this joyous Christmas season  
 Comes the spirit of good will,  
 Over every town and hamlet,  
 Each and every heart to fill.

Peace on earth ... the new, old story  
 Be upon your house today,  
 And to those that cross your threshold...  
 May they merry be and gay.

Bringing friends a little closer,  
 Drawing loved ones from afar,  
 Welding bonds of truest friendship,  
 Guiding travelers by its star.



## A NOTE FROM VERN

Christmas, 1968

Chuck keeps buggin' me! He says the deadline for the Launch Pad is here (and past) and I've been trying for hours to think of a unique way to say "Merry Christmas."

I'd like to say something about rockets, and how I hope Santa will be bringing you everything you want in a big, beautiful red and white

rocket built special by Estes Industries' Machine Shop (or somethin' like that).

But I can't seem to get the words to fit right, and to heck with tryin' to be fancy. So here it comes, plain and simple . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

*Vern*

## BEST WISHES

Best wishes to Sharon Cook of Kit Packing department. She became Mrs. Carl Toothaker on November 30. Her husband, who grew up in Cedaredge, Colorado, is employed by the Tasty Pastry Shop. Sharon and Carl will be making their home in Canon City.



The first thing a child learns when he gets a drum is that he's never going to get another one.

## EXPANSION

For a number of years the staff handling rocketeer mail also performed the duties of reception center, telephone office and information bureau. However, the rising number of inquiries from our customers created the need for a separate department. Private quarters were provided in the new building.

The day after Thanksgiving, this year, the department took another step forward. Arrangements were made for a swing shift. Space is now available for additional per-

sonnel "as needed" to answer the correspondence from Estes model rocketeers.

*Dolly Baker* has been promoted to the position of assistant supervisor of Rocketeer Mail's new swing shift. The mother of two children, she enjoys activities which take her into the hills, such as hunting arrowheads and rocks. Dolly came to the company thirteen months ago, transferring from the Wood Shop to Rocketeer Mail in February of this year.

## WHO'S WHO

Wedding bells rang, November 30, for Kathy Grisenti. She became the bride of Jim Carochi. Just three years and six days prior to this event Kathy began her work with Estes Industries in the Mail Processing department. She was promoted to supervisor of the swing shift on February 9, 1967, continuing in this position until she transferred to days.

Kathy and her three brothers grew up on a dairy farm east of Florence near the river. She indicates that she didn't escape the every-day chores involved in the dairy business. However, it was here on the farm that she developed

her love for horses and for camping out.

Kathy and her husband, Jim, graduated from Florence high school with the class of '65. Although Jim lived for a number of years in Wyoming, he considers Florence his home town. After graduation he served as an apprentice machinist at the Fox Machine Shop of Florence, continued learning the trade during his two-year Army stint, then returned to Fox's where is now employed.

Kathy and Jim went to Cheyenne for their honeymoon. Following this they returned to live in Penrose. Kathy expects to continue to enjoy country living in her new home.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Neva Buchanan	Dec. 14
Oakie Six	Dec. 16
Mike Murphy	Dec. 18
Sandi White	Dec. 18
Anna Campbell	Dec. 20
Judy Swift	Dec. 21
Rose Kerrigan	Dec. 21
Phyllis Allen	Dec. 24
Mark Gilbert	Dec. 27



## DECEMBER DAZE

The busy days are on us and they really keep us hopping; For weeks, ads have been prodding us to start the Christmas shopping, Address the cards, trim the tree, bake the tasty goodies early-- If we had, we wouldn't be in this frenzied hurly-burly.



## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY POLICY

Estes hourly employees have the option of working on Tuesday, December 24th, or taking the day off without pay. There will be no loss of holiday pay for eligible employees if they elect to take this day off and if they worked *their last scheduled* work-day. However, for those employees who would like to have the 24th off, but do not want to lose any work time, arrangements can be made to make up this time by working their last regularly scheduled day off *prior* to the Christmas Holiday.

This special policy does not affect the New Year's Day Holiday or any other paid holidays. It pertains to Christmas, 1968, only.





# Estes Holiday Party

CLUB BELVEDERE

Canon City

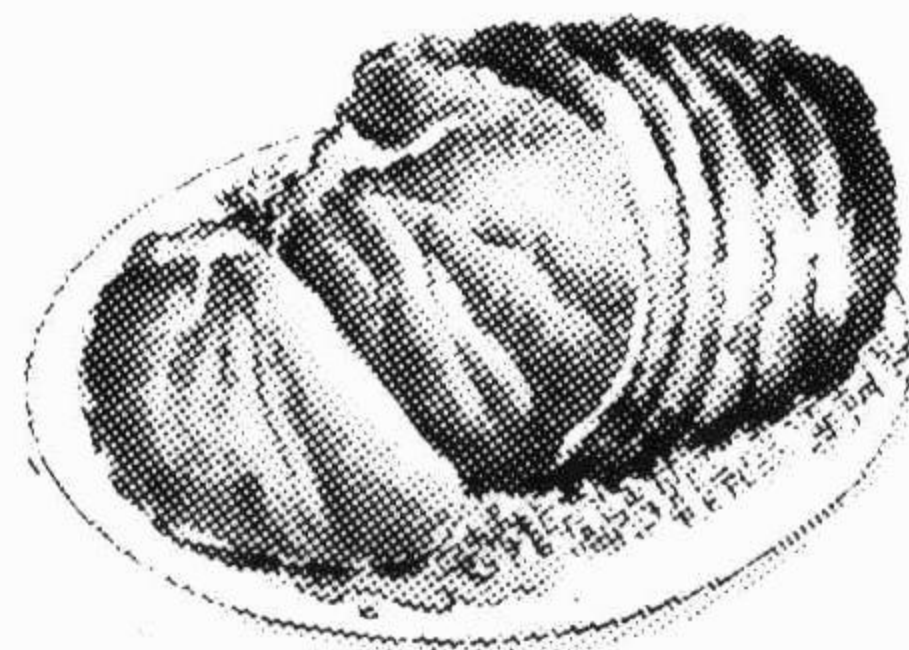
December 28 - 7:30 P.M.

provided by the company for its employees



STEAK

or



HAM



BRING YOUR  
"MATE or DATE"



THE TRIMMINGS

Work schedules will be arranged so that everyone can attend.



GIFT EXCHANGE

Any department wishing to exchange gifts at the party may do so. Gifts also may be given to others not in the department.



DINING-DANCING-GAMES

Those wishing to play the game, Dice Roulette, bring a wrapped "white elephant".



Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!  
List yourself and your guest on the sheet in your department. Within a few days you will be given the opportunity to choose your dining spot. Early signers will get first choice.

and



## A CHRISTMAS POEM

Adapted by Mary Corff  
Free Press Staff Writer



'Twas the night before Christmas  
And all through the ship,  
The computers were whirring  
And directing our trip.  
The spacesuits were hung  
In the capsule with care,  
In hopes that Saint Nicholas  
Could find them up there.

Anders and Lovell were strapped in  
their beds  
While visions of earth food danced  
through their heads..  
Snuggled in jumpsuit and custom  
space cap,  
I strapped myself in for an orbital  
nap,  
When out in the galaxy there rose  
such a clatter,  
I drifted from bed to see what was  
the matter.

To the control board I flew in weight-  
less manner,  
And turned all the dials to open the  
scanner.  
The moon looming ahead with silvery  
glow  
Cast rays of moon light on earth far  
below.  
When what to my wondering eyes did  
appear  
But a silver ship shaped like a  
reindeer.

More rapid than rockets his capsule it  
came  
And he whistled and shouted and  
called it by name.  
"From Mars to Pluto, from earth to  
sun,  
Fire away, fire away, swift Santa I.  
Fly onward and upward to meet  
Apollo VIII  
Hurry! It's Christmas, we mustn't be  
late."

As dry leaves that before the wild  
hurricane fly  
When they meet with an obstacle  
mount to the sky.

With a life and a turn up Santa I  
flew---

A capsule of wonders and Saint  
Nicholas too.

In an instant I heard on the landing  
dock,  
Santa I connect and the engines stop.

As I drew in my head and was turning  
around,

Down the hatch he came with a  
weightless bound.

He was chubby and fat, a right jolly  
space elf

And I laughed when I saw him in  
spite of myself.

He was dressed in asbestos--red and  
white,

And his beard filled his helmet--what  
a comical sight!

On the sleeve of his suit was the  
Santa ship flag

Showing the jolly old elf and his  
bulging toy bag.

He had a kindly old face and a little  
round belly

Which shook when he laughed like a  
bowl of jelly.

A wink of his eye and a nod of his  
head

Soon gave me to know I had nothing  
to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went  
straight to his work

He filled all the space suits, then  
turned with a jerk.

Igniting the rockets on each of his  
toes,

And giving a nod, up through the  
hatch he rose.

He shot to his ship like a guided  
missile

And away he flew--as quick as a  
whistle.

But I heard him exclaim ere he flew  
out of sight,

Merry Christmas to all, and to you--  
a good flight!

## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

The Kit Packing department wel-  
comes five new employees. Susan  
Graves, Betty Minton and Ann  
Wilken join the day crew while Edna  
Garlets and Virginia Robush are new  
members of the graveyard team.

✦ Susan, a resident of Canon  
City, graduated in 1967 from Canon  
City High School. She grew up in a  
family of four girls. Susan espe-  
cially enjoys painting, sewing and  
making flower arrangements.

✦ Betty, the mother of three  
children, lives in Pueblo. Her  
husband is the manager of Colorado  
Bumper Exchange. Betty likes to  
sew and bowl in her spare time.

✦ Ann, having moved recently  
from Wisconsin to Penrose, has one  
son still at home. Her husband is  
an inspector with Perfect Circle in  
Pueblo. Ann delights in hunting and  
fishing.

✦ Edna Garlets lives with her  
daughter here in Penrose. Unable  
to hear, she has made a remarkable  
adjustment in her life. Horseback  
riding, bowling and stamp collecting  
are Edna's favorite spare time  
activities.

✦ Virginia Robush, the mother of  
three, resides with her family in  
Pueblo. She and her husband, who  
works at C.F. & I., have taken  
extensive training in the field of  
real estate. Virginia particularly  
enjoys the art of salesmanship.



Unemployed Santa Claus: HoHo-Hobo

Three new employees have joined the  
Mail Processing crew. Lenora  
Johnson and Elizabeth Shearer will  
be working on the swing shift.  
Ramona Pottenger will be on the  
graveyard team.

✦ Lenora moved to Canon City  
from Denver six years ago. She is  
a recent graduate of Canon City High  
School. Painting and collecting  
rocks are fascinating to Lenora.

✦ Carol Shearer, the mother of a  
six year-old daughter, makes her  
home in Canon City. She was born  
and raised in this area. Carol  
enjoys cooking, sewing and bowling.

✦ Ramona, Mona for short, grew  
up with one brother in Elbert,  
Colorado. She finds pleasure in  
horseback riding, swimming and  
skiing. Mona now lives in Canon  
City.



✦ Ruby Owens, Canon City, has  
joined the Custodial crew here at  
Estes. Her husband is a machine  
operator at C.F. & I. Ruby, the  
mother of three, spends much of her  
spare time sewing and knitting.

### CLASSIFIEDS

A Free Service  
For Employees

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Deadline: Tuesday  
Before Publication

### FOR SALE

CHROME DINETTE SET, table  
with leaf and four chairs. \$30.  
See Bill See, Coal Creek.