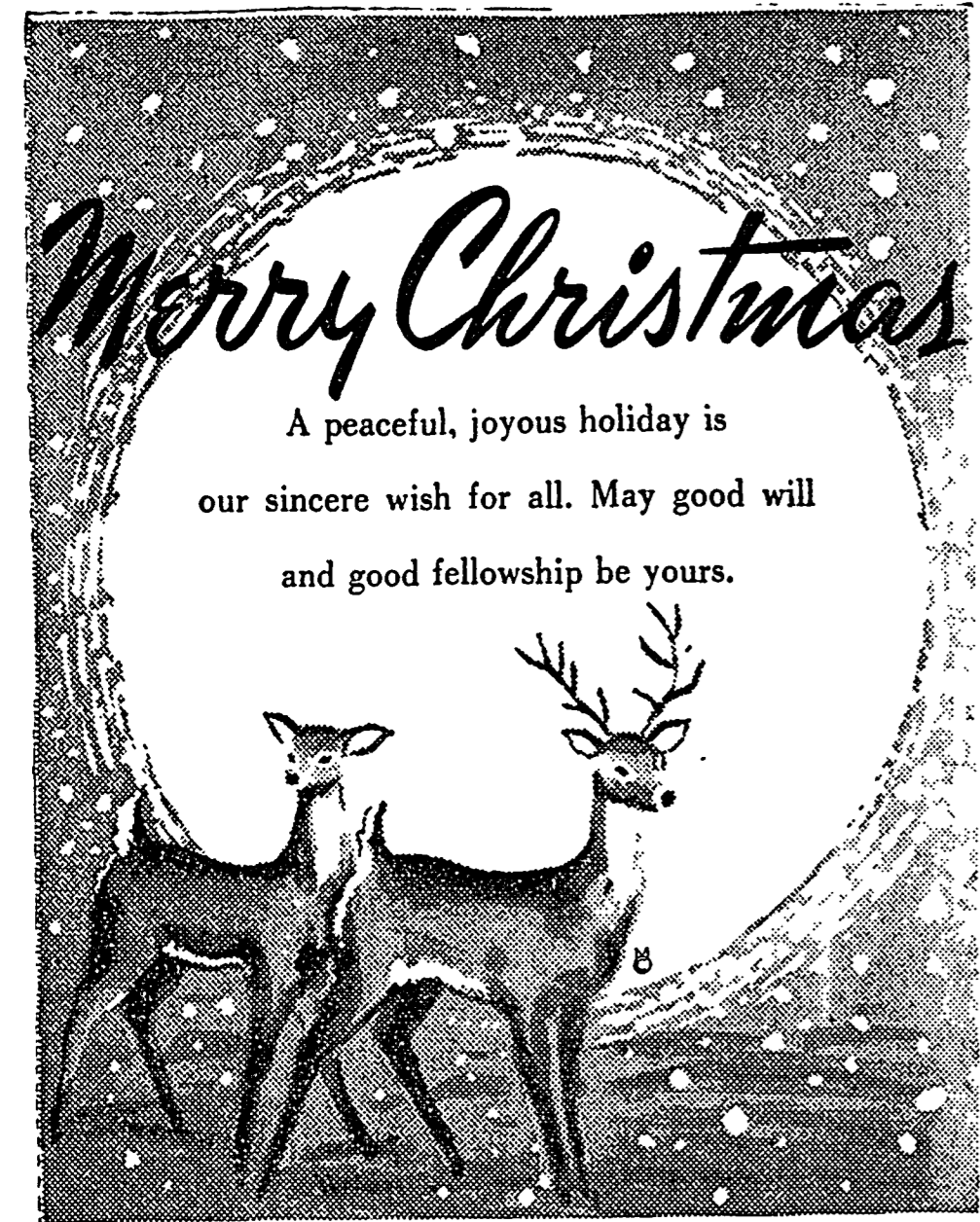


**COUNTRY SKATING NOTE**

**CROTON-ON-HUDSON** — Croton firemen flooded the village duck pond Dec. 18, to provide a new surface of ice before heavy skating starts during the Christmas vacation.



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**More Foster Homes Needed to Aid Children Who Lack Love and Care**

By MAURINE McKEENAN

With more than half the adults of Westchester preoccupied just now with buying Christmas presents for their own children, for children in institutions and for the children of their friends, it might be well to make a plea for a type of forgotten child.

And there are plenty of them in Westchester. They are children who have to leave home; have to leave their own homes and people who are their own flesh and blood.

Why should a child have to leave home? How does he feel if he is a baby just beginning to walk, or a first grader just beginning to know the world outside his own front door?

Where Parents Fail These are the children whose own parents have failed them so

badly that they must be placed in foster homes. And foster homes, it is sad to say, are hard to find in this county today.

According to Miss Edith Parker, director of the department of Family and Child Welfare of Westchester County, at least 60 requests are received each month from parents, schools, the courts and social agencies for foster homes for youngsters who are not getting love and care in their own homes.

"It's not just little ones," said Miss Parker. "The problem covers children up to the age of eighteen. Some of the older ones have seen troubles at home and learn that grownups are not always grown up."

"Reserve" Needed "We have 425 foster homes," Miss Parker said, "but we need

more. It is important to have a reserve of a variety of homes ready and available to children of any age, type or religion.

"Today we care for about 1,000 children in foster homes, nearly

**DOMESTIC BURNED**  
**NEW ROCHELLE** — Kathleen Connell, twenty-one, a domestic in the home of Mrs. John Bennett of 100 Wellington Ave., was admitted to New Rochelle Hospital Dec. 17 with first, second and third degree burns of the back, sustained when her apron caught fire as she stood in front of an oven door, police report. Virginia De Lucca, a nurse in the Bennett home, beat out the flames, and summoned police and an ambulance.

900 of them in homes of people who were total strangers when the child entered the foster family circle."

Foster parents must be carefully selected and they must be people with a full understanding of the nature of children, according to Miss Ruth Kenworthy, home finding supervisor.

**'Lots of Love'**

"They are people who realize that it may take months of patience and lots of love, to help heal the scars made upon the child by neglect, abuse or desertion. Such parents have the patience to give time for behavior to improve, attitudes to change," she said.

Greatly desired are those families where the children have grown and left home or are less

dependent on their parents so that the parents have time to give of their love and understanding to other people's children. Parents who enjoy raising children, will open their hearts to others when their own children are grown, make the best foster parents. Such parents have good children and their experience in raising their own children successfully enables them to contribute greatly to the well being of other people's children.

The Welfare Department pays the costs of food, shelter, clothing and food but there is no wage rate for love and parental responsibility. This the foster parent pours out upon the foster child because he or she loves and respects children, even the ones who at first do not know the meaning of love and respect.

It's so much fun to do things for children at Christmas time. It would be a better world if there were more families where the love of children did not wait for Christmas to come into full flower.



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