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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

Where were you on 12-7-41?

December 7, 1941 — a date few adult citizens of the United States will ever forget When a Japanese air amada, supported by submarines, attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

The Duffey family, there was only three of us then, was living in Spencer, Iowa Floyd had gone back to the store to work on a report he had to get into the office I was doing the dinner dishes and had the radio on. When I heard that Pearl Harbor had been bombed, I couldn't believe it I called Floyd at the store and told him to turn the radio on and what had happened. He didn't believe me. In about 10 minutes he was home I doubt if Bill remembers it as he was a small child at the time It was a day in our history which I hope is never repeated, as I am sure all those living in the United States would never want to happen again

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Many have asked me this year "What is the Advent Wreath and what is it's meaning?" Not being an authority on religious beliefs or traditions, I know what it means to me and why we have one in our home

However I can give you the history that came with our Advent Wreath when we purchased the kit. "Obscure in origin, it is believed that the Advent Wreath may have had its beginnings in the pagan fire wheel. In Christian symbolism the wheel or wreath stands for eternity. Its use is especially fitting during the Advent, the season of the anticipation of the coming of our Lord. The family custom of making an Advent Wreath was widely practiced in the north countries of Europe during the 19th century. In recent years a rebirth of the custom has taken place in America."

We began the custom at our house when the children were still at home. It was a time of devotion before the evening meal when we were all together. It was a time of preparation for the coming of Our Lord's birthday. For after all it is HIS birthday which we are going to celebrate on December 25.

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We Christians, or those who profess to be of the Christian faith, should remember this time of year is not only a special time for us but is also a special time of year for our Jewish friends. Beginning on December 5 for eight days the Jewish festival of Hanukkah (Chanukah) is being observed. This is in memory of the rededication of the temple of Jerusalem under the Maccabees in 165 BC. It is also called among the Christians the "Feast of the Dedication" according to the Reader's Digest. Great Encyclopedic Dictionary. More on Hannukkah may be found in the Encyclopedia Britannica

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A friend of mine and many others in Nebraska City, Mrs Morris (Fern) Mendelson, a former Citian, told me a great deal about the Jewish faith holidays and also showed me some of the items used in the home for each of these occasions, which includes Rosh-Hashana, the Jewish New Year, on September 13. Any of you who would like to send a card to Mrs Mendelson may address it to her at Dr Phillip Sher Home, 4801 North 52nd Street, Omaha I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from her friends in Nebraska City. Fern and her late husband, Morris, took a trip to Israel several years before he died. She gave several programs on the trip, which were very interesting.

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During the time I was in junior and senior high schools my lockermate and very good friend, was a girl, Georgia Davidson, who was of the Jewish faith. One year, on one of the Rosh-Hashana days she invited me to come to their home for dinner I was overwhelmed. I have to this day never seen a more beautifully set dinner table Among the guests were a Rabbi and a Cantor (the chief liturgical singer in a synagogue) To this day I can not remember anything about the food, just the beautifully set table, how there were certain dishes for certain foods and the beautiful music Most of the Rabbi's prayers and the music were in Hebrew, which I could not understand, but it was so beautiful, and I was so enthralled by the whole dinner. I'm sure I sat there with my mouth hanging open. When I returned home that evening my mother asked me what we had for dinner and I couldn't tell her about the food only the beauty.

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Georgia and I had a little secret, we exchanged sandwiches most every day at lunch. She liked the butter on my sandwiches beacuse it had salt in it. According to their faith they ate only sweet cream unsalted butter. Her grandmother would have skinned her alive if she had known I enjoyed the butter on her sandwiches.

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Congratulations to Liz McCord who recently played the lead in "Reynard The Fox" in the University Drama Department's production at the University of Nebraska Studio Theatre. Liz played many leading parts in productions at Nebraska City Senior High.

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Congratulations to Ree Miyoshi, who has passed her second test and received a second class rating in radio. Ree hopes to have her third class rating by the time she comes home for the Christmas break from Brown Institute in Minneaspolis. She has now begun her television classes.

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Congratulations to Laura Miyoshi, who will soon be installed as Honored Queen of Bethel 14 of Job's Daughters in Nebraska City. Ree is a past Honored Queen of the Bethel.

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Thought for the day — "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves," Sir James Barrie.

Here we go again....

IT'S CANDY TIME

Want to make a goodie for a Christmas candy treat? Well, pull up a pan and hop to it

CHERRY MASH CANDY

Combine in pan and melt
2 cups of sugar
16 reg marshmallows
1 small can (with two-thirds cup) evaporated milk

Bring to a boil and boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly Take off stove and add 1 tsp of vanilla and one 10-ounce package of cherry chips Mix well Pour in buttered 13 x 9 pan.

Melt one 12-ounce package of chocolate chips, ¾ cup of peanut butter, 1 lb salted peanuts that have been chopped 1 cup at a time Mix well and pat over cherry layer

If you want to triple deck it, pour a small amount of the chocolate mixture in the pan, then all of the cherry mixture and top it off with a final layer of the rest of the chocolate mixture Freezes well

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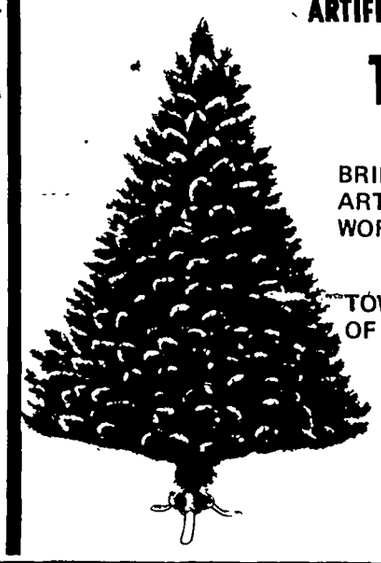
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