

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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Christmas cards are the merriest of holiday greetings, especially when they come from old friends heard from only once each year, or when they express the real spirit of this most sacred festival. Sometimes the artistic talents of the sender of a Christmas card will be cherished for many years by the recipient, and very often the card contains the likeness of mother, father, the children and may times the pets. All of them are welcomed eagerly by the receiver and sent with enthusiastic well wishes by the originator.

One of the most welcome greetings received in Monterey was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Armin Hansen announcing the birth of a granddaughter in Berkeley on December 4. Mr. and Mrs. Motji Hansen are the proud parents. The little miss will be called Karyl, a Norwegian favorite girl's name. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClure of Marshall, Missouri, are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen will spend Christmas in Berkeley and visit with their new grandchild.

One of the outstanding cards this year is the one Mr. and Mrs. James Hatlo have sent to their friends. It is a photograph of the young son of the family, James Bradley Hatlo, sitting before a typewriter and discussing with the parents the type of greeting they should send. Finally the decision is in favor of Sanskrit. When it is translated it is a greeting from James Jr., president of the company; Eleanor Hatlo, treasurer, and James C., janitor and night watchman.

The Hatlo's have also brought a great deal of joy to the entire Peninsula with their colorful and cheering Christmas decorations on their home on Monte Verde Street in Carmel.

The Joseph Fratessas have a deep blue card on which they have printed an original poem with the first letter in each line spelling their name in capitals and wishing their friends everything nice for Christmas and the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark Shepard Jr. have sent cards which picture a black and white sketch of a row of Monterey pines with hills in the background, the whole representing the artistic work of Mr. Shepard himself.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Morse have used the view of the Carmel Beach from their home as background for a photograph of themselves and their two growing sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dougherty want their friends to work in order to know that they are wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. The whole family sign a greeting card, which when the jig-saw puzzle is completed tells the story.

Irene and Leo Ross on the Mesa in Monterey have a picture of the corner of their old adobe and a heart warning poem. Bess and Noel Arnold at Covedge, Pebble Beach, picture themselves in the process of making a snow man.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Williams and Mrs. Vera Millis, up the Carmel Valley, have sent bright red postals with drawings of the family and pets in the garden with the house in the distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanton and their three husky and interesting children, Shannah, Mike and Susie, and the dog and cat, Maybe and Chessie, are all pictured on their cards. The family with a Della Robia wreath and the pets curled up together on an inside page are all the clever work of Virginia Stanton, who by the way, has another article in the January issue of House Beautiful.

Jack and Nina Peat have a deep blue card with all the greetings spelled out in yarn – a new twist for a Christmas card.

The George Ganns have gone foreign and their card first displays Egyptian symbols, but when translated on an inner page, brings the same old merry greetings to their friends on the Peninsula and abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tevis, as usual, feature the very clever work of Lee Tevis on their Christmas cards – a reproduction of a painting of their home adjacent to the Carmel Mission. The Edward Cochranes have a drawing of their living room, which overlooks the Carmel Valley and Point Lobos. Mr. and Mrs. John Marble have reproduced a likeness of themselves on horseback on their ranch up the Carmel Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe's friends are delighted to have a photograph of them taken with their two sons, Bill and John, in the garden at their Hatton Fields home. Mr. and Mrs. Al Castle have sent cards which picture a beautiful outline of Monterey cypress on the beach, obviously the camera work of Mr. Castle.

Each year Dr. and Mrs. Chester Hare think of the most clever ideas to extend Christmas greetings from all their children and themselves to their many friends – and this year is no exception.