



Modern day carolers (above), are photographed singing at the Tower of London, along with the famous Beefeaters. From the New Book of Knowledge; photo, by the British Travel Association.

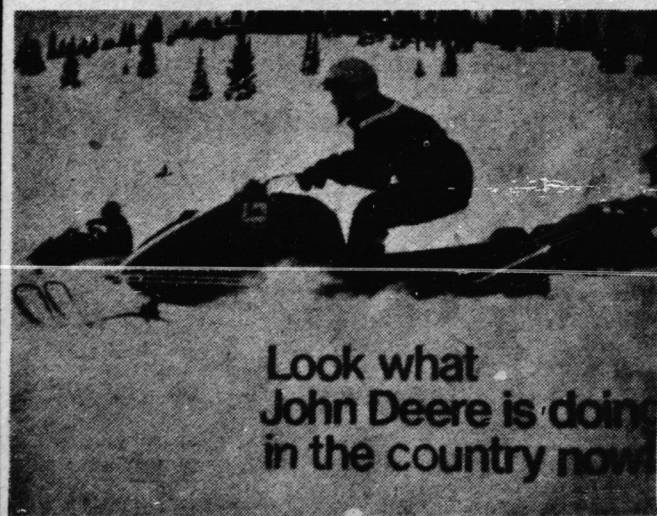
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Well-Loved Carols Ring Out Everywhere

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come!" "It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

"Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright."

"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant."

Throughout Christendom, the words of these well-loved carols are familiar even to little children, and they'll be heard this Christmas wherever carolers get together.

"Joy to the World" was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), English hymnist.

Watts, who is known as the creator of the modern hymn, wrote nearly 600 hymns. Many of these still appear in Protestant hymnals, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" is the work of Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister in

Massachusetts, more than a century ago.

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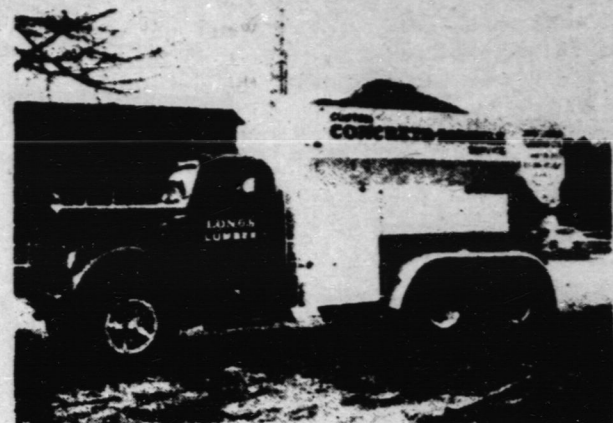
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at night.

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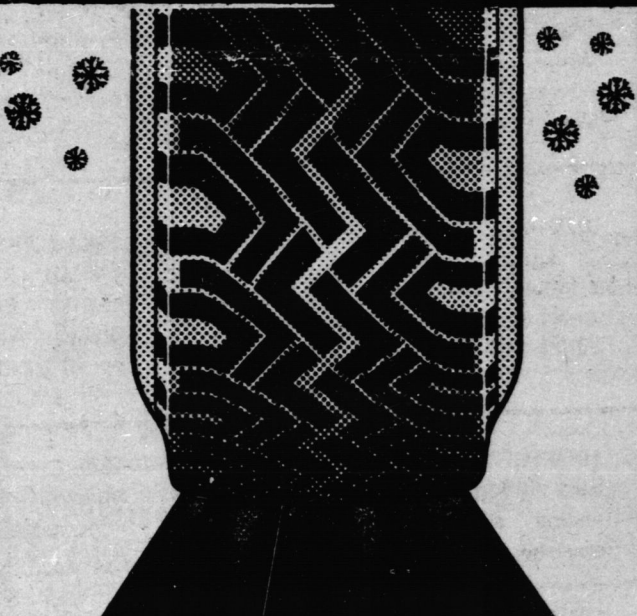
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