



## Woman's World



Becky Campbell



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While we celebrate

# *They'll be 'on duty' Christmas Eve*



Today is the day when families will settle down to the true warmth, excitement and joys of the season.

The tree has been trimmed to perfection. The packages have been wrapped with the greatest of care. Favorite things are polished to a charming glow and an assortment of foods is standing ready for a magnificent spread.

Families, having put it all together during the rituals of holiday fussing, will begin to assemble today, Christmas Eve, for traditional festivities. Each family will enjoy a unique Christmas in its own way.

For some families it will mean rearranging their quiet get-togethers and repasts, their final taking stock to see that everything is in perfect order. For a few, it is "business as usual" Christmas Eve.

vance of our most celebrated of holidays. Certain essential and pivotal positions must still be filled, so that the rest of the work may pause.

The hospitals must still be staffed for its patients and emergency care. The obstetrics units must be in operation for the inevitable births. The fire and police departments must carry on with the usual shift changes to protect the city around the clock. Pharmaceutical prescriptions must be filled for those in need.

For Mrs. Mabel Stotts, registered nurse on the staff of Blessing Hospital, tonight will mark the 20th year she has worked either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. A Blessing graduate of 1944 and a former Red Cross Army nurse, Mrs. Stotts took off 11 years to raise six boys before resuming a

career in nursing. She spent five years on the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift at Blessing and the past 15 years has worked the 3 to 11:30 p.m. time slot, always in obstetrics.

"I'm used to it," admitted Mrs. Stotts. "I think I would kind of miss it. It never really bothers me. We work it out to have Christmas Eve or Christmas Day with the family."

And what is the mood of the staff, patients and visitors this time of year?

"They're a little happier," believes Mrs. Stotts.

The prospect of working Christmas Eve doesn't seem as thrilling for Mrs. Becky Campbell of Lima, also a registered nurse at Blessing Hospital. But then she has yet to experience it. Mrs. Campbell, 21 and a 1978 graduate of Bless-

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