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PERMANENT CHRISTMAS TREE SYMBOL OF LOVE

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CHRISTMAS --- Santa Claus has a real helper in the lovely lady who attends to the chores of postmistress at this Florida village with the holiday name.

Mrs. Juanita Tucker not only sees that the floodtide of cards and packages that come to her post office each Christmas for postmarking are sent on their way promptly. But she also carries on a continuous promotion of the Christmas spirit in many ways.

She sparked a community drive to plant and decorate year round a colorful Christmas tree on the village green across from the famous little post office. It bears the inscription: "The permanent Christmas tree at Christmas, Fla., is the symbol of love and good will---the Christmas spirit every day of the year."

Mrs. Tucker wrote a little booklet called Christmas Every Day in which she describes the feeling in her community:

"At Christmas the nations of the earth meet in the spirit of love for God and man. The world is full of warm-hearted, kind people like those who visit Christmas. They come from all over the United States and many foreign countries. Every day it is Christmas for someone because of their love and thoughtfulness. Friend remembers friend. . . For a fleeting moment the spirit of Christmas is recaptured with all its elusive joy and expectancy; and the heart is warm and young again.

"This is Christmas, a simple little country village, typical of America."

