

WEATHER

WEST TEXAS — Partly cloudy through Saturday. Turning colder. Panhandle and upper South Plains Saturday.

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Happiness is like a sunbeam, which the least shadow intercepts, while adversity is often as the rain of spring.

— Chinese Proverb

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Do You Agree With Sheppard Verdict?

By T. D. ELLIS
Quizzing Cameraman

"If it had been your job, as a juror, to judge Dr. Samuel Sheppard, who was tried and convicted for the bludgeoned murder of his wife, what would your verdict have been — guilty or not guilty?"

After one of the longest deliberations in American history Dr. Sheppard was found guilty of second degree murder and sentenced to a life term in prison. Seven persons on Pampa streets disagreed with the jury while three of 10 persons questioned thought the evidence was enough to convict Dr. Sheppard.

The opinions:
Mrs. Patsy Terry, 1117 Varnon Dr., housewife: "I didn't think he was guilty. I still feel like the prosecution didn't have enough evidence to convict him and if he had been guilty I think he would have broken down after the many weeks in the courtroom."

Joe Jessie, 834 S. Gray, truck driver: "I don't think he did it;

however there was probably a lot of evidence that I didn't hear, but from the evidence that reached the public I don't think there was enough to convict him."

Mrs. Bert Arney, 1124 N. Russell, Mgr. Sears: "If there was no evidence stronger than that published I would have voted not guilty."

Harlan Boyle, 321 N. Gray, high school student: "I don't have all the evidence but from what I have read and heard I would have voted not guilty. He may have killed her but I don't think there was enough evidence to prove he did."

A. J. Tomlinson, Rock Port, Calif. planer operator: "I don't hardly see how the jury could have convicted him. All the evidence I know about is strictly circumstantial and not enough of that to make me believe he is guilty. I don't think they proved he did it and all men are innocent until proven guilty."

Mrs. C. H. Weaver, Hotel Pampa, co-mgr. hotel: "I don't know what I would have done had I been on that jury. As far as I can see the evidence was all circumstantial and it didn't prove that he did or didn't kill her. I didn't think the evidence proved a thing."

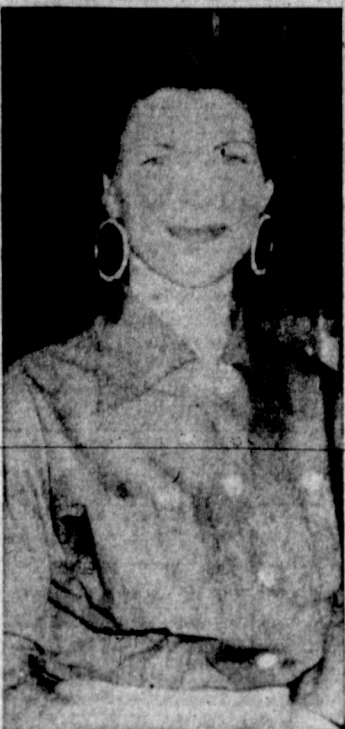
Clois Lyon, fire sta., appliance salesman: "I think the evidence that was presented to the public through the newspapers, radio and TV was enough to prove beyond a doubt that he was guilty."

Ed Dudley, 700 N. Somerville, college student: "I haven't heard enough evidence to voice an opinion but from what I have heard it seems like he might have a motive. All I can say is I will go along with the jury. The men and women must have been certain or they would have never voted guilty."

Miss Christine Pierce, southwest of Pampa, college student: "From what evidence I have seen on television and heard on the radio I would think he is guilty. There

was plenty of evidence to convince me he was the killer."

Mrs. Leon Crump, 1154 Neel Rd., school teacher: "Although Dr. Sheppard appears guilty and may have killed his wife I don't think the evidence presented to the public is strong enough to prove his guilt. We are all innocent until proven guilty under the laws of the land and I think he should have been set free."



MRS. LEON CRUMP
"Should free him."

Vote Hits Arms For Germany

French Deputies
Rule Out Plan

PARIS, Dec. 24 — UP — French deputies rejected German rearmament Friday at a preliminary test vote in the national assembly but approved bills on internationalizing the Saar and granting Germany sovereignty.

The stunning upset decision against German rearmament by the same deputies who killed the European Defense Community only four months ago forced Premier Pierre Mendes-France to stake his government on a reversal in a confidence vote next Monday.

Deputies rebuffed an article which would put 500,000 armed Germans in a Western European Union (WEU) by a 280 to 259 vote on the first of three ratification bills.

After a brief recess in the all-night session, the deputies then approved articles recommending Europeanization of the Saar borderland and ending the occupation by giving Germany sovereignty.

The vote on the Saar article was 368 to 145. The sovereignty issue carried by a 380 to 180 vote. A third agreement which would permit Allied troops to remain in Germany at the Germans' request was approved by a show of hands.

But the endorsement of the Saar and sovereignty recommendations was overclouded by the unexpected defeat of the article calling for rearmament of West Germany and admitting it to WEU.

In a move to reverse the assembly's action and save WEU, Mendes-France called for confidence votes starting Monday afternoon on these issues:

1. West German entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and rearmament.
2. Additional protocols on German participation in NATO.
3. A reversal of the assembly's vote on WEU.

Four Held In Plot On Union Chief

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 24 — UP — Police held four men — one of them a Florida gunman who said he was hired to kill for \$15,000 — Friday in an investigation of an alleged plot to murder Paul Hall, leader of the powerful AFL Seafarers International Union.

Two were held here, one in New York and one in Florida.

Bergen County Prosecutor Guy Callisti said five others, all named by the Florida gunman, are being sought in connection with the alleged plot on Hall's life.

The gunman, James E. Cobb, 33, of Tampa, told police he had been hired for the slaying by Ray White, SIU port agent in Tampa and a contender for Hall's \$28,000-a-year job as secretary-treasurer of the union.

Held on Open Charge
Tampa authorities immediately arrested White and held him on an open charge at the request of Bergen county police. White denied any knowledge of the plot, Tampa police said.

Cobb, an ex-convict, was arrested on a tip Thursday as he prepared to ambush Hall at his Montvale, N. J. home. Police said he had brought a double-barreled shotgun from Florida for the slaying.

Cobb implicated the others in his confession, police said.

He told Callisti that he met in New York about Dec. 6 with White, White's brother, known as "Steady," and two other men — Edward Taff, alias Edward Thompson, 55, of West Milford, N. J., and Carmen J. Pioro, alias Tommy Hodges, of New York.

Taff was arrested at his home early Friday and Pioro was taken into custody in New York. Extraordinary proceedings were begun to bring Pioro to New Jersey.



CLOIS LYON
"Guilty."

Chuckie Corner

By HAL COCHRAN

From now on until the end of the year, if all the wishes come true we'll all have a merry Christmas.

Lots of divorce result because a girl loves a man just for the time being, says a judge. Another way of saying, just for the present.

It isn't so dumb for a man to

agree with his wife so long as he is smart enough not to let her find it out.

No matter what the season, it always comes at the wrong time of the year — if you're a pessimist.

Earmuffs are especially valuable this time of year — if you use them to keep from hearing what people say about TV commercials.



Christmas Rush Jams Highways

Oh, These Seers Are Going Now

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 — UP — Mrs. Dorothy Martin, whose predicted tidal wave didn't come off last Tuesday, said Friday she and Dr. Charles Laughhead will depart this world Friday night.

She said she's received word from her "space brothers" that she, Laughhead, and other fellow believers will be "lifted up" from the earth at exactly 6 p.m. (CST) Friday night.

The lifting process will take place on the front lawn of her home in suburban Oak Park, the 53-year-old grandmother said.

"We have been instructed to sing Christmas carols while we wait to be lifted up," she said.

Dr. Laughhead, 44-year-old ousted Michigan State College physician, made no immediate comment on whether he thinks he'll celebrate Christmas in outer space.

Laughhead, meanwhile, returned with his wife and three children from Lansing, Mich., where his sister had started court action to get him committed to a mental institution.

370 Auto Deaths Is Holiday 'Quota'

By UNITED PRESS

Highways, railroads and airlines were jammed Friday with happy holiday travelers hurrying to celebrate Christmas with their loved ones.

Temperatures were generally mild across the nation, raising hopes that a predicted toll of 370 traffic deaths from 6 p. m. Friday night to midnight Sunday would not be reached.

The warming weather spoiled hopes for a white Christmas in many parts of the country, however. Forecasts for the holiday included:

New England — a white Christmas in the north, where a storm earlier this week covered the countryside with snow. Warmer to the south.

The Atlantic Seaboard — milder temperatures, probably melting snow that fell earlier this week. Fair and colder in New York city.

The Southeast — mild temperatures, although a little lower than average in some areas.

Some Areas Get Snow
The Midwest — a probable white Christmas in northern Indiana, western Illinois, and northern Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. Possible snow Christmas Day in the Chicago area.

The Southwest — a mild cool front moving south through Texas, but not strong enough to bring snow of bitter temperatures.

The Mountain states — slim chances for a white Christmas in Colorado, Wyoming or New Mexico. Scattered snow flurries in the Wyoming mountains.

The Pacific Coast — some smog at Los Angeles, slowly rising temperatures except along the coast. Snow in the higher elevations. Rail and air terminals across the nation reported a land office business as the last minute holiday rush began.

Add Special Trains
The Pennsylvania railroad added 700 special trains, and 15 special trains, many of them hauling soldiers home for the holidays, were added to the Santa Fe System.

At Dallas, Tex., a ticket agent said he was getting requests for tickets to places he hadn't heard of since last Christmas.

United Airlines reported its Christmas traffic the "heaviest in history" and added 50 extra flights for the holiday week. Extra flights were also added by American, Braniff, Eastern, Northwest, Trans World, Capital and other airlines.

If it comes from a hardware store we have it, Lewis Hardware. Adv.

Pope Sends Greetings At Christmas

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 — UP — Pope Pius XII extended his Christmas greetings to the world Friday and prayed with a "bleeding heart" for those imprisoned because of their faith in God.

The pope's message was broadcast over the Vatican radio. It was recorded in advance because of the pontiff's illness. His voice sounded weak at the beginning but grew in strength.

"With the simplicity of children, so dear to Jesus, we are preparing to welcome into our heart the charm of Christmas and to savor the pure joy, encouraged by the apostles' invitation: 'Rejoice in the Lord always... the Lord is near' (Phil. 4:4-5)."

"The Lord is near." Already their timid lights gleaming, thousands and thousands of cribs, prepared by pious and loving hands, await him in churches or in the warm intimacy of homes.

"He is born" will within a few hours, in midnight's mystic silence, be the proclamation of the sacred liturgy, resounding on earth the angels' message of peace.

"And you also, beloved sons and daughters of the Christian world, welcome this serene and intimate joy of Christmas, abounding in holy thoughts, sweet ecstasies and tender hopes. Oh, if only men knew how to live out their whole lives in that atmosphere of joy, with those feelings of goodness and peace, which Christmas pours forth on all sides, how different, how happier the earth would be.

"Divine providence has not permitted us to broadcast this year our usual Christmas message, although we are preparing it insofar as the condition of our health permits, but in order not to interrupt the long series already given, we intend to publish it as soon as, God willing, it is completed.

Pampan Killed In Auto Mishap

Christmas in the Pampa area at \$1,000. Martin suffered minor bruises, and complained of a severe headache.

Services for Burt are pending at the Duengel-Carmichael Funeral Home. He is survived by his wife Lorette, and a son Carlton.

Dead is James Harvey Burt, 42, of 1342 Coffee. He died in the emergency room at Highland General Hospital about 11:30 p.m., following a two-car accident on U.S. Hwy. 60, three miles west of Pampa, according to Monty Cotter, of the State Highway Patrol.

Cotter said Burt's car was hit from the rear by a car driven by Marvin Odell Burrese of White Deer. Burt's car turned over several times and Burrese's wife received minor cuts and bruises about the head and was treated at Highland General Hospital and released.

Christmas for Billie Lee Martin, 20, came close to being spent in the hospital, but he was able to walk away from his car when it turned over three or four times on the Bowers City Road nine miles south of Pampa after hitting some loose dirt, or stones according to Deputy Sheriff Buck Haggard. The road is presently under construction.

Martin, who was driving a 1954 Mercury just recently returned from Los Angeles, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Martin, 401 S. Ballard.

Damage to the car is estimated

Meet Queenie

Queenie was the toast of the men who sailed steamboats up and down the Colorado River in the gold rush days. And without intending to do so, she added to the flames of the struggle between Capt. Irving and a powerful combine that sought to bring about his ruin. Read the exciting western story "Fight the Wild River" by Edmunds Clausen starting Sunday in The Pampa Daily News.

Reds Plan Appeal On 'Outlaw' Rule

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 — UP — Communist party lawyers planned Friday to appeal to the Supreme Court a ruling which upheld the constitutionality of the anti-Communist internal security act.

Justice Department sources predicted the high court will agree to hear pleas from the party's attorneys to reverse a 2-to-1 ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals upholding the law, better known as the McCarran Communist control act.

The appeals court ruled Thursday that the Communist party in this country is controlled by Moscow and should be required to register with the government as required by the McCarran act and as ordered by the subversive activities control board. It was the first court test of the act's validity.

Joseph Forer, one of the attorneys for the Communist party in this case, called the appeals court's decision "completely wrong" and said the party would appeal it to the Supreme Court.

Such a move would delay any government action to compel the party to register.

It was emphasized that the ruling applied only to those sections of the law which pertained to the Communist party itself and did not involve the law's sections applying to so-called Communist fronts.

But Thomas J. Herbert, chairman of the BACB, said the ruling would enable the board to "dispose with all possible dispatch" of the some dozen "front" cases it has pending.

He said the ruling also would put the board "in a position to expedite further the processing of new cases" filed by the Justice Department.



TREES GET CLIPPED

Trees along Somerville last summer spread out across the street like shade umbrellas, sometimes hitting those automobile radio antennae. Well, now they've been trimmed back, a far cry from the leafy greenery of summer. The work was completed by city workmen Thursday afternoon. This is Somerville, looking south from Cook Street.

(News Photo)



WHAT MAKES IT TICK?—A camel gets a metabolism check at portable laboratory in a Sahara Desert oasis. Two scientists from Duke University, at Durham, N. C., spent more than a year in the desert trying to dig up new information on the animal, which can go for months without water.

On The Record

HIGHLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL NOTES

Admitted

Mrs. Zephia Ragdale, 429 Doyle
James Lancaster, 528 N. Doyle
Mrs. Oma Pearce, White Deer
Baby Ricky Switzer, Pampa
Gaytha & Clinton Martin, 521
Montagu

Mrs. Florence Ford, Lefors
Mrs. Alice Cline, 707 N. Banks
Karen Stanley, 605 N. Dwight
Dismissed

Henry Collier, 1025 Farley
E. M. Culbertson, 828 E. Malone
Mrs. Thelma Jones, 601 N.
Gray

Mrs. Sally Parker, 856 E. Locust
Clyde Dwight, Sr., McLean
Tom Hathaway, Mobeetie
Mrs. Amanda McQuigg, 904 Fin-
ley

Miss Adelaide Williams, 712 N.
Frost
Mrs. Alice Lee, 208 Tignor
Mrs. Zetha Daugherty, 530 N.
Perry

Mrs. Lois Lewis, 411 N. Frost
Mrs. Judith Cole, Borger
Bill Lowther, Pampa
CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Young be-
came the parents of a daughter at
8:35 a.m. Thursday in Highland
General Hospital. Weight: 8 lbs.
7 1/2 oz.

WATER CONNECTIONS
L. A. Pinkham, 708 N. Wells.
C. C. Davis, 201 N. Sumner.
Kenneth B. Pierson, 828 N. Nel-
son.

Jeff Lard, 2100 Christine.
E. D. Taylor, 316 W. Tuke.

William J. Craig, 3001 N. Rus-
sell.
Holmes Conoco Service Station,
845 W. Wilks.

D. L. Mackie, 2227 Christine.
WARRANTY DEEDS
Christine Schneider and husband
to George L. Casey and wife; part
of Blk. 1; Buckler Add.

Northern Natural Gas Co. to
Foster M. White and wife; all L. 4
and easterly 25 feet of L. 4, 5 in
Blk. 2, Alexander Add.

Osborne Construction Co. to Ron-
ald Grover Foster and wife; all
L. 1, 3, Schneider-Herliacher Addi-
tion.

NEW CAR REGISTRATIONS
John R. Peterson, 317 E. Fran-
cis, Chevrolet.
J. C. Oakley, 401 N. Dwight,
Chevrolet.

Marie Thornburg, 1433 Charles,
Mercury.
Ronald Guffey, Clay Trailer
Courts, Chevrolet.

S. E. Howe, 314 W. Francis,
Chevrolet.
George L. Nelson, 811 E. Kings-
mill, Oldsmobile.

C. B. Homer, 1327 Charles, Chev-
rolet.
Homer D. Johnson, Box 1101,
Pontiac.

J. W. Wallis, Lefors, Pontiac.
J. W. Phillips, Box 838, Ply-
mouth.

M. C. Overton, Jr., Hughes Build-
ing, Mercury.
Culbertson Chevrolet, Inc., Pam-
pa, Chevrolet.

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Reds Claim Fields Ask, Get Asylum

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 24.—UP—Americans Noel and Herta Field have asked for and been granted political asylum in Communist Hungary, a government communique announced Friday.

The brief statement released by the Hungarian news agency MTI said:

"Noel H. Field and his wife Herta A. Field, American citizens, asked for political asylum to the government of the Hungarian People's Republic. The government has granted the asylum."

The U.S. legation in Budapest said it had not been informed of the dramatic new development in the Field mystery until foreign correspondents telephoned.

"I really cannot comment," a legation spokesman said. "What could I say?"

The Fields had been missing and feared dead from the time of their mysterious disappearance in the summer of 1949 until they were freed from prison last Nov. 16.

Noel had been in Czechoslovakia collecting book material when he vanished after wiring his hotel to hold his baggage because he was going to Budapest.

Herta disappeared a few days later in Prague. In 1950, their step-daughter, Mrs. Erika Wallach, was reported missing from Berlin.

Last reports received by her husband in Washington earlier this year placed Mrs. Wallach in the infamous Vorkuta slave labor camp near the Arctic circle.

(Noel and his brother Hermann were repeatedly denounced by Communists as "spies" during the spectacular show trials of former Hungarian Foreign Minister Laszlo Rakai and Czech Communist party Secretary Rudolf Slansky.)

Release of the Fields from prison was announced by the Hunga-
rian government last Nov. 16. They entered a Budapest hospital for "rest and treatment" two days later.

Gyps Work Overtime For Christmas

By GEORGE J. MARDER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—UP—That luminous necktie or card-board wallet you find in your Christmas stocking may be a holiday memento of how to get clipped for Christmas.

The Washington Better Business Bureau says the unorderly-mail racketeers are busier this time of year than Santa's elves. They work year-round, but reach their full flower in the open-handed yuletide season.

Bureau Manager Leland S. McCarthy said their gimmick is the package of merchandise you did not order and do not want. With the package, or sometimes later, comes a dunning letter insisting that you pay up or return the merchandise.

McCarthy said there is no way to tabulate how much money this dodge milks from the public. But he figured it easily amounts to millions of dollars a year, country-wide.

In the first place, McCarthy said, the goods are invariably overpriced. They have to be, for the shipper must charge enough to cover the packages which are neither bought nor returned.

Because—though you may not know it—you don't have to do either.

Few persons have time, in the midst of wrapping their gifts for Aunt Minnie, to re-wrap the unwanted package and send it back. And so when they are dunned by

Alert Cop Averts Holiday Tragedy

GLENDALE, Ariz., Dec. 24.—UP—Officer Harold Shull, of the Beaumont, Calif., police department, was credited Friday with averting a Christmas tragedy of a Glendale couple whose two-year-old boy refused to take his medicine.

Shull, after receiving an "all points bulletin" from Arizona po-

lice, accosted the car carrying Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Tucker and their son Thursday night through Banning, Calif.

The medicine, Shull told the perplexed Tuckers, was the wrong prescription and could have caused the child serious illness or death if taken in sufficient quantities.

The relieved couple said they had given their son one of the pills, but that it apparently was too large or bitter, and he had spit it out. They said they had not tried to give him another.

Shull, equally relieved, waved to the family as they resumed their journey to enjoy Christmas in Los Angeles.

A Glendale druggist had alerted police at 5 p.m. Thursday, saying he had given an adult prescription to the Tuckers for the infant and that it should not be given to the child under any circumstances.

The disclosure touched off a chase by Arizona and California police. The family's relatives told police the Tuckers had left for Los Angeles and gave them a description of their car.

Five hours later, the Beaumont officer stopped the Tucker car.

ADDRESS OK, WRONG WINNER

A winner in the Christmas decorating contest in District 3 was listed incorrectly, Mrs. George Reed, chairman of the Jaycee-Ettes committee sponsors, said.

The district 3 winner named for the doorway classification was the residence of Pete Graham, 428 Graham. It was previously reported as the residence of E. E. McDowell.

SHENANDOAH, Iowa, Dec. 24.—UP—A wandering mother who was feared dead for five years answered the prayers of her four young sons Friday and came home for Christmas.

Mrs. Elsie Mae Rhoades Hill, 29, arrived by plane from New York with her new husband and kissed each of her grinning boys, calling each of them by name.

Then she threw her arms around the neck of her mother, who had cared for the children, and said "oh, mother, I am so sorry."

It was the first time the family has been reunited since Mrs. Hill, then a widow of three months, became lost after a dance and was too ashamed afterwards to come home.

the shipper, they pay up. But the Better Business Bureau said you have practically no obligation toward the shipper of unorderly merchandise. You do not have to:

1. Acknowledge its receipt.
2. Return it.
3. Pay—unless you use it.

4. Give it particular care so it won't be ruined.
5. Keep it beyond a reasonable length of time.

The only thing you must do is surrender it to the shipper or his agent, if either calls for it in person within a reasonable time. Even then, if you want to make trouble for them, you can insist on storage charges.

You may not want to haggle over the warehousing cost of one frowzy necktie, but you're entitled to it. And it doesn't matter if you unwrapped it before inspecting it and deciding no sale. You don't have to wrap it again, and you certainly don't have to pay the cost of returning it.

Violence in Casablanca
CASABLANCA, French Morocco, Dec. 24.—UP—Terrorist violence broke out Thursday in Casablanca for the second straight day, and police reported five persons were killed and 11 wounded in the series of bombings, shootings and fire raids.

Speakers Set For Baptist Texas Meet

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—UP—Rep. Walter Judd of Minnesota and Dr. Frank Laubach, director of World Literacy Inc., in New York, have accepted invitations to speak at the first world missions conference of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The conference, to be held March 20-23 at Fort Worth, will be the first of its type sponsored by a state Baptist convention. There will be 82 speakers and conference leaders, including 55 speakers from foreign mission fields.

More than 12,000 pastors and laymen are expected to attend the conference. Texas Baptist headquarters at Dallas said.

Judd, a Republican congressman and former medical missionary, and Laubach are recognized as authorities on Christian mission needs throughout the world.

Dallas OKs Hospital

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—UP—Some 5,000 Dallas voters turned out Thursday and approved, by a 4 to 1 margin, creation of a county-wide hospital district.

The vote was held under a constitutional amendment approved in the Nov. 2 general election.

Returns from 149 of the 164 precincts gave 3,705 vote of approval, 862 against. Election officials said the remaining 15 precincts would not report until next week, because county offices will be closed Friday through Sunday. They did not contain enough votes to change the result.

Not even the election judge voted in the 33rd precinct, and there was a 7-7 tie in the 40th. The others returned majorities against the hospital district, but the remainder were overwhelmingly in favor of it.

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THE PEOPLE OF SHENANDOAH had already taken steps to make sure it would be a happy, merry Christmas at the Woods home.

Edward May, president of the broadcasting company which financed the trip home, bought presents for all the boys and slipped them to Mrs. Hill so she could put them around the Christmas tree Saturday.

Other local organizations purchased presents for the family and the Shenandoah Women's Club promised a turkey with all the trimmings for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Hill was so eager to greet her mother that she walked out on the wing of the plane to kneel and embrace her.

Mrs. Woods, on crutches with a sprained ankle, said "I hope you're here to stay," and her daughter repeated over and over, "It's been a long time, mother."

Midnight Rites Scheduled Here

A candlelight Christmas service of scripture, prayer, carols and meditation will be held at midnight tonight in the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Ronald Hubbard has announced. Theme of the ceremony will be "Who Is Blessed At Christmas."

Mrs. Sam Pruitt will be soprano soloist and Larry Jarrett will be baritone soloist. Guest organist will be Mrs. J. S. Skelly.

Mainly About People

Mrs. Minnie Fischer of Big Spring is visiting with her children, Mrs. O. G. Powell, Mrs. Bill Fricke, and Doyle Ward, over the Christmas holidays. Joining with their family from Dallas will be Mrs. and Mrs. Houston, and from Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Dean of Rowell, N. M., and Mrs. Alpha Dean of Amarillo are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dean, 716 Bradley Dr. Hear Willis Stark Band and dance at Blue Bonnet Christmas eve, Christmas night and New Years night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Caldwell and family, 422 N. Somerville, plan to leave today to spend Christmas Eve with relatives in Abilene. They expect to return Saturday.

Bill Kerr, 714 W. Francis, left at noon today for Oklahoma City, Okla., to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. William H. Smiley Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lacy, 1328 Coffee, left Thursday for Kansas City, Mo., to spend Christmas with relatives.

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halfback, who is attending Texas A&M, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dudley, 700 N. Somerville, over the holiday season.

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What is "the spirit of Christmas?" It cannot be, as we believe, the season. It is the spirit of a peace, joy, contentment, of the world, of ways of love and will over the e-makes even for children. It is our sorrow with shall see our And it is his carols and words has kept alive mas — the sp birth we celebr

So once again the Church and as a holy season Let us renew Him who is o Let us come a forgiveness and that Christ ma us — and tha Him the joy a which is the r mas.

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THE Season's Good Wishes

May all the good cheer and joys of this happy holiday season stay with you and your dear ones throughout the coming year.

W. M. LANE REALTY

715 West Foster Dial 4-3641

Every Good Wish for Christmas!

BARBER'S Decorating Shoppe 124 Osage — Dial 7-541

Thank Goodness...

the gift came from ZALES!

A gift from Zale's is meant to bring pleasure and happiness . . . and we feel our job isn't complete unless it does just that! So if it doesn't fit, if you have another like it, or if it isn't your type . . . bring it back and we'll gladly exchange it for the thing you wanted in the first place. We won't be satisfied until you are!

EXCHANGE DAYS December 27th through December 31st

ZALES Jewelers

Two 12-oz. oysters, mi rated milk ped onion, garine, 1½ spoon pepp ram" (opti thyme (opt parsley.

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Peace and Happiness for Christmas

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June Talk

By JANE KADINGO

Pampa News Women's Editor

MERRY CHRISTMAS, everyone! There is such an air of expectancy today, especially among the younger generation. And we adults are not exactly immune to Christmas. Someone was telling me the other day that we never outgrow Christmas... it sort of grows up with us.

OTHER THAN THE GIFT side of Christmas, most of us are aware of the season's real meaning. The First Christmas minister from my hometown of Mcminn, Minn., wrote a message on the "spirit of Christmas" which I think is very inspiring. Here is a portion of that message.

What is "the Christmas spirit"? It cannot be, as some would have us believe, merely the spirit of the season. It is, however, the spirit of a person in whom all our joy centers. It is He, the Light of the world, who sheds the bright rays of love and kindness and good will over the earth. It is He who makes us understand that God cares even for the least of His children. It is He who lightens our sorrows with the faith that we shall see our loved ones again. And it is His Church, with its carols and worship and faith that has kept alive the spirit of Christmas — the spirit of Him whose birth we celebrate.

So once again let us come to the Church and keep Christmas as a holy season and a holy day. Let us renew our allegiance to Him who is our Incarnate Lord. Let us come with humility, with forgiveness and love in our hearts, that Christ may truly be born in us — and that we may find in Him the joy and hope and peace which is the real spirit of Christmas.

AND TO CLOSE, a poem:
The sky can still remember the earliest Christmas morn,

Service Guild Has Christmas Meeting

Mrs. J. M. Turner and Mrs. Diana Wood were hostesses to Wesleyan Service Guild Christmas party in the parlor of the First Methodist Church recently.

Miss Alma Wilson gave the devotion on the proper use of time and gifts during the Christmas season, and Miss Inez Club told the Christmas story. Games were under the direction of Miss Lillian Mullinax and Mrs. J. B. Austin. The usual gift exchange was replaced by the contributing by each member of \$1 to be sent to the Wesleyan Community Center in Amarillo. The study, "Within These Borders" was completed.

Attending were Misses Minnie Allen, Ila Pool, Alma Wilson, Inez Clubb and Lillian Mullinax; and Misses J. M. Turner, Diana Wood, J. B. Austin, J. A. Knox, Roy Kilgore, Lee Harrah, Bonnie Hutchinson, Frank Shotwell, Aubrey Jones and Malcolm Denson.



A LARGE TUREN OF OYSTER STEW is just the dish for your late New Year's Eve buffet party.

Cook's Nook

Creamy Oyster Stew Is Hearty Late-Party Dish

By GAYNOR MADDOX
NEA Food and Markets Editor

After celebrating the birth of 1955, there could be nothing more welcome than a great tureen of oyster stew.

No matter how far from the sea you live, oysters are available, either fresh from your dealer or fresh frozen.

Carolyn Coggins, noted for her gracious approach to giving parties, tells in her new "Company Cookbook" how to make oyster stew for a crowd.

Oyster Stew
(Makes 12 cups)

Two 12-ounce packages frozen oysters, milk, cream or evaporated milk undiluted; 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup butter or margarine, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/4 teaspoon marjoram (optional), 1 1/2 teaspoons thyme (optional), 2 tablespoons parsley.

Place frozen oysters in 4-quart or larger saucepan. Cover; place over high heat until blocks can be broken apart with a fork or until edges of oysters begin to curl. Remove from heat, because oysters must be heated but not over-

When in the cold December the Savior Christ was born. No star unfolds its glory, no trumpet at wind is blown. But tells the Christmas story in music of its own.

O never-failing splendor! O never-silent song!

Still keep the green earth tender, still keep the gray earth strong. Still keep the brave earth dreaming of deeds that shall be done. While childrens lives come streaming like sunbeams from the sun.

O angels sweet and splendid, throng in our hearts and sing The wonders which attended, the coming of the King; Till we, too, boldly pressing where once the shepherds trod, Climb Bethlehem's Hill of Blessing and find the Son of God.

Phillips Brooks



A terrible yowl from Baby's room at about ten months. He hasn't hurt himself, he's standing up, his feet twisted, his hands clutching the crib railing. Lower him gently to the mattress and he's up again in a minute. It'll take about a week for him to learn to sit down by himself. Just be patient.

He's much more sloppy in feeding himself than you are in feeding him, but Baby has to learn. Just resign yourself to a big bib, a little more laundry and let him experiment. Don't spoil his initiative by feeding him speedily and neatly.

Crib pads shrink wildly the first few times they're washed. If they don't cover a reasonable amount of the waterproof mattress covering, Baby will be overwarm. So get them big enough to start and let them shrink to size.

If your husband hates shaved legs, there's still no excuse for fuzziness. Try a depilatory, a pumice stone or a wax treatment and see if he doesn't approve the results. A careful bleach job will keep the fussiest man quiet.

For ache in the middle of the back after long standing: crouch on all fours, push the small of your back up as far as possible, drop your head. Then press your back down and lift your head 'way up. After practice, it can be done standing.



A very young lady is delighted to wear suitable jewelry when it comes in this enjoyable combination of a recorded song and a charm bracelet. The charm bracelet has the figures on it whose stories are told on the song record.

Compromise Key To Sub-Teen Dress

By ALICIA HART

NEA Beauty Editor

If her mother has an iron hand and an unyielding will, a young lady will look quaint and sweet. If daughter has the firm will and mother gives in, a little girl will look like a shrunken siren, complete with painted nails and unbecoming clothes.

Somewhere in between is the happy compromise in beauty for the sub-teen. A young lady needs to be dressed like her friends, not like a turn of the century picture book. But she should start early learning the elements of taste — appropriateness, line, emphasis and subtlety.

The child psychologist's many-syllabled refrain — discipline through motivation — is the way to this end. It means that the child will do most willingly what she really wants to do.

A choice among a parent-select-

ed batch of dresses will give a girl a chance to exercise her own preference without allowing her to go haywire in the slinky clothes. A present of some clear nail polish will encourage pretty nails and grown-up habits without producing the bloody-fingered look. This is the essence of the method: offer her what she wants in an appropriate style and forestall horrible experiments.

A new packaging of sub-teen jewelry and a record amply fills these requirements. A little girl needs no enticement to wear jewelry and will wear styles specially made for her just as willingly. The record, which has a song about a little girl and her adventures with her jewelry, will give her added fun.

GRACE FRIEND

Dear Grace Friend
Why all this fuss about Christmas?

It means nothing at all to me and I would be happy to get through the month with no mention of the season. I am not merry and I can't see why others think they are.

No one ever does anything for me at Christmas so why should I ever do anything for anyone else?

Nadine
Dear Nadine
Why not reverse the above sentence? Perhaps it should read "no one does anything for me because I never do anything for them."

However neither is the right attitude if you want to have fun. Try doing something for someone who needs help and do it with no expectation of receiving a reward in return.

Ask at the Salvation Army if there is a family you can send toys to during Christmas. Or a needy old person who could use a basket of food.

In doing something for someone else you will discover the real reason for being merry and your reward will be in your heart.

CHRISTMAS CARD

Dear Grace Friend
I read and enjoy your column and wonder if you could give me some advice.

My brother-in-law passed away in September and I was wondering if it would be in good taste to send his widow a card at Christmas. We have always exchanged cards at holiday time.

Mrs. J.

By all means send a card to the widow who will need reassuring messages from her friends this Christmas more than ever before. Don't just mail a card but send a message also. The loving thoughts of her friends will do much to help her get through a trying period when memories will be apt to sadden her.

If you have a chance, do even more and if she lives in your town, drop in for a few minutes' visit with her.

MANNERS MAKE FRIENDS



When you go to call on a patient in a hospital and you have reason to believe he has already received flowers from a number of friends, don't feel you HAVE to take flowers.

Some other gift — such as magazines or a book — may be more appreciated.



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White Deer SS Class Has Christmas Party

WHITE DEER — (Special) —

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McBrayer, south of White Deer, were hosts recently to the Homemakers' Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church for a Christmas dinner and social hour. Gifts were exchanged.

Those attending were Misses and Misses Sterling Bearden, Rick Ramming, Buck Lavake, Roy B. Hodges, Willis Fallows, Bob Oglesby, R. A. Williams, Bob Allen, Jack Puckett, L. V. Ratliff Jr., Leon Nicholson and McBrayer.

Send The News Classified Ads



By GAYNOR MADDOX

NEA Food and Markets Editor

During this season of special parties, recipes for ways to cook chicken are important. Here are two from our well-used files.

To cook stewing chicken to obtain meat for slicing, salads, creaming, etc: place whole or cut-up chicken in kettle. Add salt, pepper, celery leaves, onion and carrot. Add 1/2 to 1 cup water and 1/2 to 1 teaspoon salt for each pound. (Quantity of water used depends on amount of broth desired.)

Simmer until thickest portions are just fork-tender, 2 1/2 to 4 hours. Remove chicken. Cook chicken and broth promptly. Cover and refrigerate unless served immediately.

Baked Chicken Salad
(4 servings)

Two cups cooked chicken, 1/2 inch dice, 1 1/2 cups celery, 1/4 inch dice, 1/2 cup chopped toasted almonds, 2 teaspoons finely chopped onion, grated rind of 1/2 lemon, 1 spoon pepper, 1/2 to 2-3 cup salad dressing, salt and pepper, 1 cup (1/2 pound) grated Cheddar cheese, 1 cup crushed potato chips (4 oz.). Measure chicken, celery, almonds, onion, lemon rind and juice, and pepper into mixing bowl. Add salad dressing. Toss lightly to blend ingredients.

If desired, add additional salt and pepper. Divide into 4 individual shallow casseroles or a 1-quart casserole. Sprinkle cheese over top. Top with the potato chips. Place casseroles on baking sheet and bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees F.) 25 minutes, or until cheese begins to bubble. Cranberry sauce is a good accompaniment.

Skelly Schafer Club Gives Dinner Party

SKELLYTOWN — (Special) —

Skelly Schafer Club members held their annual Christmas dinner for their families in the club house at the Schafer camp recently.

The serving table was covered with a white cloth, decorated in the traditional red and green colors. Individual tables were placed around the serving table and decorated the same.

Attending were the families of Messrs. and Misses L. F. Karlin, Merle Kramer, R. E. McAllister, Charles Slavens, J. M. Chapin, T. A. Ingram, and Miss Lavelle Vaughn.

Harrah WSCS Has Christmas Program

The Women's Society of Christian Service, Harrah Methodist Church, held a Christmas party recently in Fellowship Hall.

A vocal duet was sung by Paul Sackett and Rev. Raymond Dyess, and the devotional was given by Mrs. D. S. Buckner. A Christmas story was also told.

Following the program refreshments of hot chocolate, whipped cream, nuts, mints and cookies were served. Decorations followed a yuletide theme.

Feminine feet are more comfortable as well as more beautiful. Once every two weeks soak them in a pan of very hot water and liquid detergent. Scrub the heels and toes with a stiff brush to remove the coarse skin; cut toenails straight across.



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Methodist Families Presented Program

Families of the First Methodist Church were entertained with a covered-dish dinner, followed by a Christmas tree program, recently in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. John Hessey was in charge of the arrangements.

Following the meal, a Christmas comedy, "The Christmas That Bounced," was presented by the Wesley Drama Club of the church. Leading roles were played by Nancy Coley, Larry Cox, Eileen More, Keith Benny, Sylvia Grider, Carolyn Ford and Ruth Adcock. Mrs. W. W. Adcock and Mrs. Otis Nace directed the one-act production.

A humorous reading was given by Miss Wanda Cook. The primary "Cherub Choir" presented four seasonal songs, including "Silent Night," "O Splendid Pine," "Cradled Upon A Bed of Hay," and "Play Sweet Music." Choir members are Tommy Bryant, Ann Donaldson, Roberta Knott, J. T. Winters, Cheryl Dosier, Kenneth McWilliams, Tommy Thompson, Ronnie Oler, Ralph Bradford, Natalie Skelly, Leslie Watkins, Susan Seitz, Randy Offord, Rodney and Ronnie Bray, Beverly Langley, Susan Ince, Ronnie Huey, Paula Sealey, John Curry, Mike and Diana Malloy and Daryl Nenstiel.

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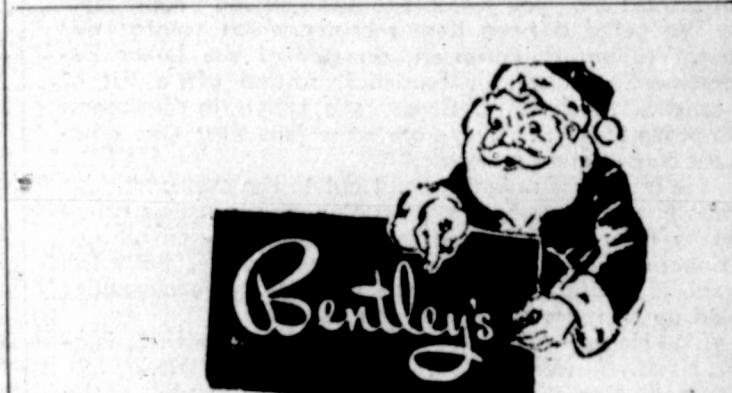


Evening wear for men and women looks alike because of matching bow ties and pleated cummerbunds designed by Countess Mara. Both are in black-and-gray imported silk. Girl's skirt is black, is red-slim. — By Galle Dugas, NEA Women's Editor.

Canadian Couples Club Plays Bridge

CANADIAN — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deaton won second high, and Mrs. Raymond Newell entertained the Couples Bridge Club recently.

A covered dish dinner was held. Guests were Messrs. and Misses. Bob Ward, Georges Tubbs, Bill Jackson, Roy Deaton, Lawrence Charles Wright won high score, Teague, and Charles Wright.



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Press Box Views

By BUCK FRANCIS
Pampa News Sports Editor

Dear Santa:

Thanks a million for filling our request in last year's letter to you -- "be good to Pampa athletes and sports fans in 1954."

By giving us a state champion in basketball and a pennant winning professional baseball club the past year, guess we couldn't ask for more.

We have a special request to make this year. Please help us save the Pampa Oiler franchise which is in serious danger of going on the rocks.

And while you're at it, you could bring us another state champion or two during the coming year.

Here's wishing you and Mrs. Santa a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Pampa News Sports Department

In Class AA, A

Phillips, Albany Favored In Finals

By UNITED PRESS

The Texas schoolboy football season rolls to a close Christmas Day and night with Phillips and Albany, a couple of high-geared West Texas offensive machines favored to cop the Class AA and A state championships.

The four clubs involved in the finals have lost only one game and tied another between them in the 56 games played since the grueling campaign started last September.

Phillips, unbeaten, untied and seldom pushed while piling up 14 victories and 567 points to 111 by its opposition, plays defense-minded Killen in the AA finals Saturday afternoon at Wichita Falls.

Albany, outscored 40-19 by powerful Stamford of Class AA for its only loss against 13 victories, plays undefeated and untied Deer Park in the Class A title contest at Breckenridge Saturday night.

If the games follow the form charts, it will mean a clean sweep for West Texas in the matter of state schoolboy championships since Abilene and Breckenridge carried the Class AAAA and AAA titles to that region last week end with respective victories over Houston S. F. Austin and Port Neches.

Phillips has averaged 40.5 points per game, Albany 39.9, Killen 21.1 and Deer Park 29.1 in advancing to the finals matches—a point of advance reached only by Deer Park in previous years.

Killen, a dark horse contender who turned in upset after upset as the Kangaroos moved through the playoffs, is the team with a tie on its record. The Roos were held to a scoreless draw by Lampasas in their own district final.

Since then, they beat Cameron 27 to 7, Lockhart 13 to 6, Waxahachie 20 to 14 and Freer 14 to 7.

Phillips opened its playoff drive with a 32 to 13 victory over Floydada, bounced Colorado City 34 to 21, Littlefield 33 to 9 and Terrell 26 to 7.

Albany walloped Dublin 53 to 26, powered past Sonora 61 to 22, Sundown 19 to 6 and Paducah's 55-point per game Dragons 26 to 21.

Deer Park downed Sealy 12 to 6 in its first playoff game, then romped over Tidehaven 35 to 6, Hondo 28 to 12 and Mason 24 to 7.

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The veteran mentor this week was presented with a new 1955 automobile by appreciative fans in recognition of his service to the community.

Kickoff time is 2:30 p.m.

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Coach Leo Buckley has only three seniors in his starting lineup, and only eight on the squad. Tackle Bobby Turner, center Pat Kern and halfback Al Kirchoff, the seniors, are key cogs in a stalwart line, but they have had plenty of assistance. Fullback Jack Redding, leading scorer with 126 points, quarterback Don Armstrong and end Paul Peebles are among the team's outstanding stars.

The scoring potency of Phillips hasn't caused dismay on the Killen squad. The Roos have met high-scorers before, and held them to 85 points for the season, with an average of only 95 yards on the ground and 54 yards through the air. Killen has scored 296 points this season.

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Fraley Gives Out From The 'Fir' Tree

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—UP—Fearless Fraley's facts and figures from under the fir tree:

Everybody is strictly guessing as to whether Ted Williams will play baseball next season because the fact is that the great outfielder of the Boston Red Sox still hasn't made up his mind himself.

Tall Ted, recently back from catching a 1,298-pound black marlin at Cabo Blanco, Peru, is just "fishing and relaxing." But friends are betting that come springtime he'll give it "one more year."

Frank McGuire, the North Carolina basketball coach, is cautious about assaying another coach's team for fear of putting a fellow workman "on the spot." But he got around it rather nicely when asked about rival North Carolina State.

"I won't say it's the tallest team in the country," Frank said. "But I went to watch them the other night and had a seat right in back of their bench. I had to sit on three coats to see over the 'small' boys who weren't playing."

Happy Birthday: Friday, Bill Dudley 33 and Tony De Spirito 20; Saturday, Nellie Fox 27, Ned Garver 29, Ben Chapman 46 and Billy Grant 41; Monday, Jim Tobin 42; Tuesday, Don Thompson 30; Tommy Bridges 48, Ted Lyons 54, Al Weill 61 and Terry Sawchuk 25; Wednesday, Jess Willard 71 and Jimmy Hines 49.

Ohio State apparently is looking forward to a highly offensive afternoon in the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day. Before heading West, the Buckeyes bought 24 new footballs, which makes it possible, at long last, to "fill the air with footballs."

Seldom being able to pick a winner, I'm one of those turf fans who has to be content with getting a kick out of unique names. One such is a colt at Hialeah by Eternal Reward out of Chaltump. Owner R. A. Cuddahy aptly named the colt: Blow Gabriel.

Clarence (Biggie) Munn, Michigan State's athletic director, has made quite a career out of football as both a player and coach but he never saw a college game until he started for Minnesota as a sophomore fullback.

The reason was that he spent his freshman year parking cars in the stadium lot, and, after looking at my fingers, I'm certain most parking lot attendants are frustrated football players.

National Hockey League rosters indicate fully that the ice sport is virtually a Canadian monopoly when it comes to talent. Out of 105 players in the league, only two are "foreigners"—and it is significant in the standings that both play for the lowly Rangers. They are Weismann Jack Evans and Ivan Irwin of Chicago.

With all the interest in mile runners due to the feats of Roger Bannister and John Landy, maybe you'd like to know that Gene Venke of the old heroes still is active.

He paced the Central Pennsylvania high school cross-country championships this year—in a jeep.

Stan Musial of the Cardinals, an old hand at winning distinction Thursday, won a fielding distinction Thursday when official National League averages revealed that he led all outfielders on defense in 1954.

Musial committed only three errors while handling 287 total chances for a .990 percentage. Closest outfielders to him were Frank Thomas of the Pirates with .989 and Gus Bell of the Redlegs with .986.

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From The Sports Department To —



All Pampa Sports Fans

In Sugar Bowl

Ole Miss Players Confident Of Win

OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 24—UP—

Ole Miss can't miss.

That was the confident attitude Friday of Coach Johnny Vaughn's Mississippi Rebels who are convinced they will beat Navy's nifty Midshipmen in the Sugar Bowl.

Clarence (Biggie) Munn, Michigan State's athletic director, has made quite a career out of football as both a player and coach but he never saw a college game until he started for Minnesota as a sophomore fullback.

The reason was that he spent his freshman year parking cars in the stadium lot, and, after looking at my fingers, I'm certain most parking lot attendants are frustrated football players.

National Hockey League rosters indicate fully that the ice sport is virtually a Canadian monopoly when it comes to talent. Out of 105 players in the league, only two are "foreigners"—and it is significant in the standings that both play for the lowly Rangers. They are Weismann Jack Evans and Ivan Irwin of Chicago.

With all the interest in mile runners due to the feats of Roger Bannister and John Landy, maybe you'd like to know that Gene Venke of the old heroes still is active.

He paced the Central Pennsylvania high school cross-country championships this year—in a jeep.

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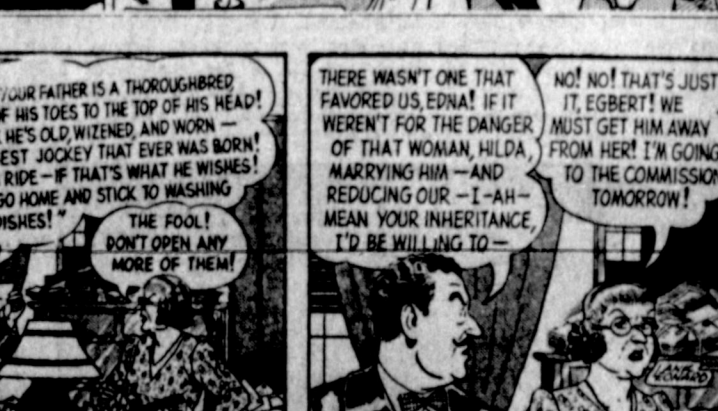
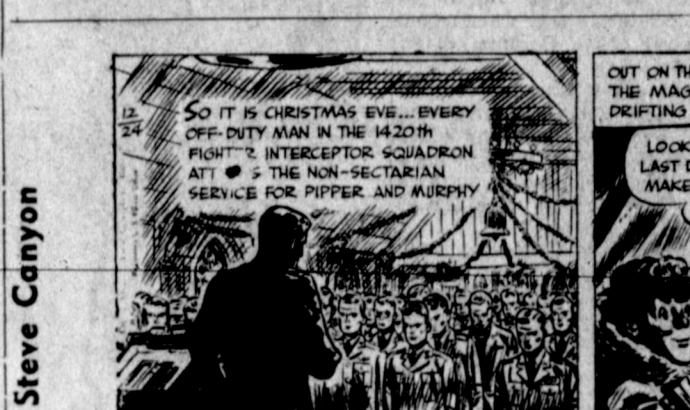
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To Our Employees -- Employees'
Families--Friends and Neighbors
We Send Our Sincerest Holiday
Greetings!



'Joy To The World'

One December day as a woman and poised were in the minority. Suddenly the great organ of the store pealed forth in the melody of a well-loved carol, and a chorus of voices took up the refrain:

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing."

Instantly the change in the appearance and manner of the shoppers was marked. They paused in their hurry, and an inner joy seemed to shine in their countenances. The woman thought, "Why, all of these people are hungry and thirsting after righteousness, for a way of peace and joy, and they can be filled and blessed, because the Christ, Truth, is here now for all to understand and possess."

Through his knowledge of his true selfhood as inseparable from the Christ, Jesus was able to bring to mankind the consciousness of God's presence, the proof of His love for His idea, man, expressed in terms of health, peace, harmony, gratitude, and a sense of life eternal. He came to free the human race from the bondage of gross materiality which finds its expression in hate, strife, poverty, sin, sickness, and death.

In "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mary Baker Eddy writes (p. 73): "God is everywhere, and nothing apart from Him is present or has power. Christ is the ideal Truth, that comes to heal sickness and sin through Christian Science, and attributes all power to God. Jesus is the name of the man who, more than all other men, has presented Christ, the true idea of God, healing the sick and the sinning and destroying the power of death."

Christ Jesus knew and understood more of the Christ, the perfect expression of God, than any other before or since his nativity. He knew that he had been appointed and anointed to demonstrate the Christ in a way that humanity could see, hear, understand, and prove, as he had proved it. We read in the Bible (John 1:14): "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

... We might ask ourselves: Is there one near and dear to us burdened with a sense of helplessness and ill-health? Is there one bowed down with a feeling of hopelessness and inadequacy? Is there one grieving over past failures and shame? Is there one whose heart is aching for companionship, for love that he is not wanted and is in the way? Is there a stranger at our gates? We can tell them of the eternal Christmas and of the Christ, Truth.

There is no past experience or present fear that cannot be corrected by divine Truth. We must produce the proofs of our correct thinking in kindness, gentleness, humility, and strength. Thus it will be evident that the Christ-idea is transforming and reconstructing our lives.

The world is speedily if not frantically rearming in fear of universal violence and destruction. What can we do about it? We can maintain the facts of the kingdom of heaven in thought and conduct. All who love God are citizens of that kingdom, where all is controlled and governed by God's law in universal harmony; where there is only one language, the language of Love, which includes no word that can provoke ill feeling or cause dissension. There is peace, progress, justice, and righteousness abundant. There God is the only ruler, the supreme Judge, the beneficent Father of all, who is understood by all, worshipped by all, and known by all. —The Christian Science Monitor.

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Many Picturesque Tales Are Told Of Christmas Flowers

Many unusual and picturesque tales have been told about the modern usage of Christmas flowers. Although they are legendary, the carefully spun bits of folklore provide a colorful background for the present day flower decorations which are used during the Christmas season.

Holly, with its red berries, dark green leaves and needle-like spikes is a light-hearted symbol of friendship and good will. The December arrives. According to legend, though, holly originally was used as an instrument of cruelty. The crown of thorns which Christ wore was fashioned from holly. Prior to the Crucifixion the plant bore white berries but after the Crucifixion the berries turned a bloody crimson. Mistake, a close associate of holly, is said to have been the wood from which Christ's cross was made.

One of the most beautiful legends woven around Christmas flowers concerns the Christmas rose. While en route to Bethlehem the Wise Men crossed the path of a little shepherdess named Madelon. Enraptured at the wondrous tale about the birth of Christ which they related, she was heartbroken because she had no gift to offer.

While she was crying she detected a sweet-smelling aroma and looked up. Standing next to her was an angel who inquired the reason for her sadness. Madelon explained that while she wanted to pay homage to the newly-born Babe, she didn't even have a single, beautiful flower such as grew in the field in the summer to give Him. The angel waved her arm and a stunning bunch of gorgeous, snowy white Christmas roses appeared.

Madelon gathered her precious gift in her arms and hurried off to Bethlehem where the Wise Men had gone. After the Wise Men's offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh, she humbly proffered her flowers to the tiny infant, who stretched out a hand to touch the roses. His fingers lightly brushed the immaculate petals and, immediately they changed to a delicate pink.

Poinsettias which head the popularity list of Christmas flowers, ironically enough do not have any legends attached to them because

Pine Cone Legend

Once upon a time — according to Harz mountain legend — a poor miner's wife was gathering pine cones in the forest. It was just before Christmas, her husband was ill, and there was no money in the house for food. So she gathered the cones and sold them to the villagers for kindling — obtaining enough for the day's necessities.

One morning while she was looking for such cones, a little imp jumped out of a huge fir tree.

"Here, here are the biggest, driest cones of all! Take these," he shrieked, jumping up and down excitedly.

Suddenly, there was such a shower of cones that the poor woman was frightened. She tried to run away, but could not move until the little imp had filled her basket. And, having started home, the basket grew heavier and heavier — she wished the elf hadn't disappeared, he might have helped her.

When she finally reached her hut, she called the children to help carry the basket, they found that every cone was made of solid silver.

Commemorating these legendary silver cones, gilded pine cones are sold in modern stores, to decorate our homes — to burn and crackle gaily in our Christmas fires.

Christmas Charity

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, Please put a penny in the old man's hat;

If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do — If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God Bless You!

The above is a beggar's rhyme from Old England. It started with the ancient custom of giving alms at Christmas time.

The origin of this goes back to the belief that the Christ came to earth in various disguises in search of those who were kind and deserving, during the holiday season. It was feared that He might be unrecognized and ignored.

An old legend tells of the Christ Child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in His search of good Christians. His test was to plead for aid, and He was often turned away.

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Our wishes ring out for a season filled with joy...with love...with peace.

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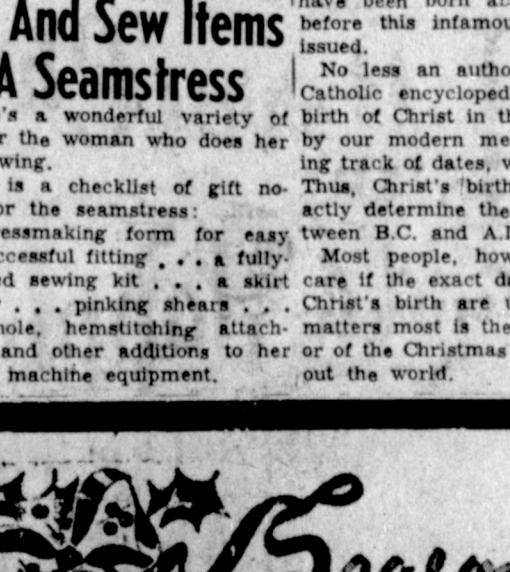


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St. Nicholas One Of Most Famed Saints

One of the most popular saints in Christendom, especially throughout the Eastern World is Saint Nicholas, patron saint of old Russia, of Aberdeen, of parish clerks and of scholars (who used to be called clerks). He is the original of our Santa Claus.

Little is known of his life but he is said to have been the Bishop of Myra in the early part of the fourth century.

Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of pawnbrokers because of the three bags of gold (later transformed to three balls of gold) that he gave to the daughters of a poor man to save them from

the necessity of earning their dowries in a disreputable way. He is also the patron saint of little boys. Legend has it that Saint Nicholas restored the lives of three little boys who had been cut up and pickled in a salting-tub to be served as bacon.

Saint Nicholas is invoked by sailors, because he allayed a storm during a voyage to the Holy Land.

He is said to have originated the Christmas stocking custom. According to this legend, he once climbed to a roof top to avoid being seen and dropped a purse of gold down the chimney of a needy

family. The money instead of falling into the fire, is supposed to have lodged in a child's stocking hanging on the mantelpiece to dry.

Saint Nicholas' act became known, and thereafter when unexpected gifts appeared, they were attributed to Saint Nicholas.

His day is December 6th, and is represented in episcopal robes with three bags of gold, three gold balls, or three small boys — in allusion to one of the above legends.

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Holy Land Catholics Rites At Nazareth

NAZARETH — (UP) — The fervent activity that has been gripping the people of this town where the Savior grew to manhood comes to a peaceful climax at the close of Dec. 24 with the celebration of Midnight Mass in the Church of the Annunciation.

For weeks, the 12,000 Christians of this town of more than 20,000 persons have been preparing to send off the 800 fortunate ones going to Bethlehem in Jordan to celebrate Christmas at the Church of the Nativity. The thousands unable to go themselves (either because Israel or Jordan, or both have refused to authorize their crossing the border), will take part in the bustle surrounding the lucky ones.

Chartered buses and cars packed with pilgrims to the birthplace of Christ will leave Dec. 24 in a long caravan winding its way up the road leading out of Nazareth into the low hills to the west.

On one of these hills, Jesus addressed the multitudes following Him from far and wide (Matthew 5), immersing them in the glory emanating from His words. Speeding along the highway, the pilgrims will easily be able to see some of the physical splendor serving as a backdrop for the Sermon on the Mount.

Jordan Territory
Before them the bright green Plain of Esdraelon will stretch out in a breathtaking panorama which Jesus, too, must have looked at with the same awe. Farther to the west, the deep blue curve of Acra Bay embraces the Mediterranean with fingers of scintillating gold. Far off to the north, snow-capped Mt. Hermon seems to be washing itself in the clear azure sky and becoming whiter with each passing moment.

Before the Holy Land was rent in two by Arab-Jewish enmity, pilgrims used to travel due south for a distance of 87 miles to Jerusalem by way of biblical Shechem — now Nablus. Since 1948, most of this road is in Jordan territory, so they must travel twice that distance in order to reach the Holy City in a roundabout way.

Many talk of some bright day in the obscure future when Israel and Jordan will have buried the hatchet and Nazareth Christians once more will be able to make the pilgrimage to Bethlehem without special authorizations along the road Jesus must have followed from His home in Galilee.

At the entrances to Nazareth, police checkpoints have been re-established to keep non-Christians from overflowing the town. Restaurants and cafes — even those belonging to avowed Communists — take pride in gaily decorated Christmas trees prominently displayed.

Greek And Catholic
Promptly at midnight, Dec. 24, Father Jean Joseph Alliot, guardian

of the Franciscan monastery, will begin the Mass in the Church of the Annunciation built on the foundations of a 12th century Crusaders' church as a priest in a black gown embroidered with gold taps three times on the floor.

At the eastern end of the town stands the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation — both the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches bear the same name. Nearby is a spring flowing into what is known as Mary's Well. The people of Nazareth are sure this is where the Virgin came to draw water.

At 10:30 p.m. Dec. 24, Father Basilio Samman, head of the Greek Catholic Community, will celebrate Mass in his church. Near this church is a chapel said to be on the site of the synagogue where Jesus preached. Not far off is a domed chapel containing the Table of Christ, a huge stone around which Jesus, according to tradition, sat with His disciples.

The Anglican and Baptist Churches also will conduct services which they close with carol singing.

A little after 2 a.m. Dec. 25, visitors leaving the town nestling among hills sacred to all Christendom, will drive slowly so they can take in more of the flickering lights and illuminated crosses adorning church spires.

Nut Bowl Filled From Many Lands

Nuts from all over the world go into your nut-bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut for instance is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods." The round little filbert and the almond came from the old world. Other nuts so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut to say nothing of the pecan are strictly American. The pecan is native to American and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

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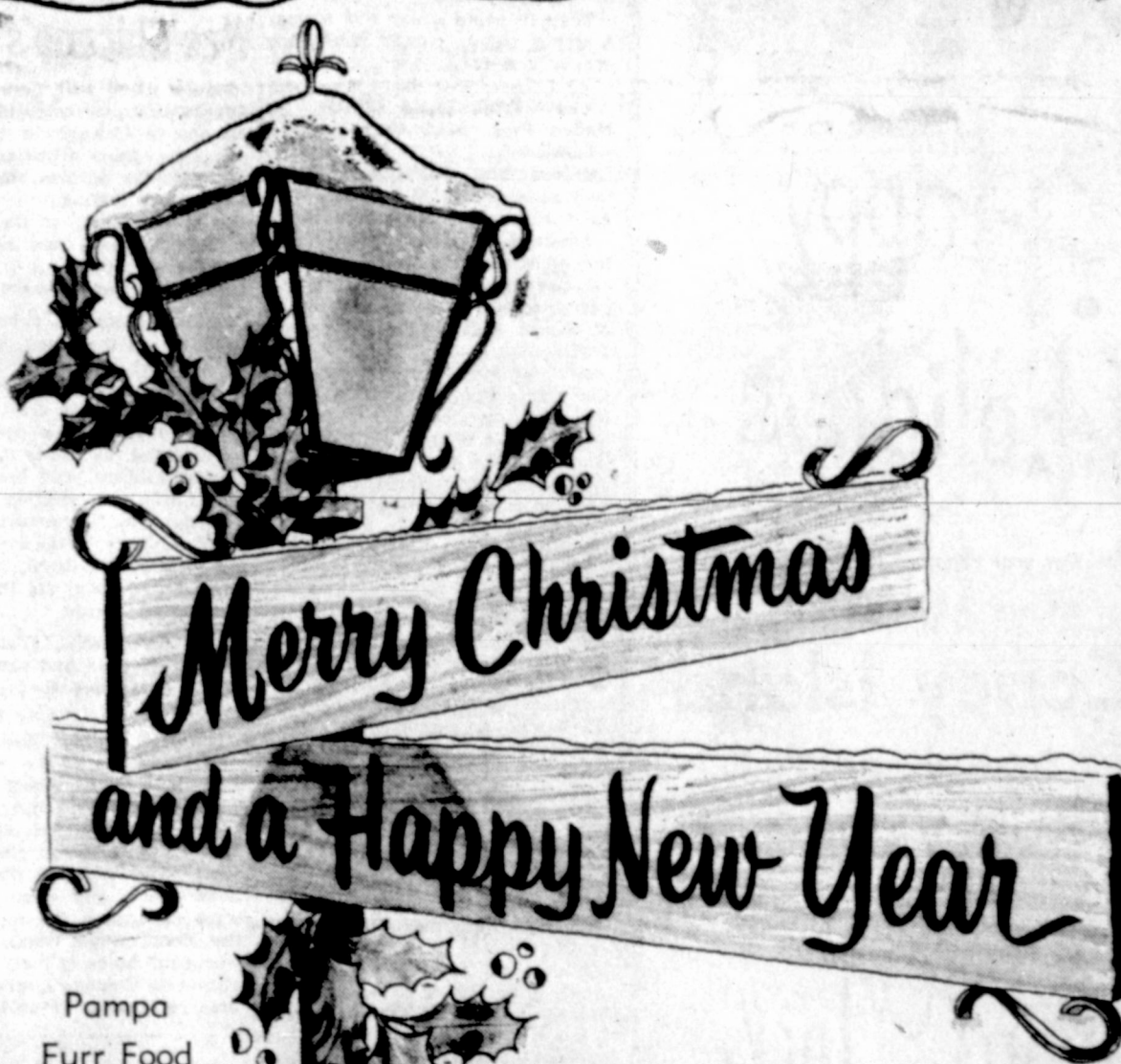
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European Families Splurge On Food For Christmas

By THOMAS WEYER
United Press Staff Correspondent

VIENNA — (UP) — Big carp from the Danube River is fattening in tanks, ponds and riverside pens all over Austria for the Christmas eve feast — the biggest eating treat of the year.

The Austrian counterpart of the traditional Christmas turkey in America is a plump carp — fried to a sizzling golden brown.

Mrs. Leisl Fuchs, a typical Viennese wife, has ordered a four-and-one-half pound carp for her husband, two children and herself on Christmas Eve. A careful budget planner, she works in a lawyer's office to supplement her husband's slim civil service income. But she

says there'll be no stinting on the holiday. She expects to spend between 200 and 300 schillings — \$8 to \$12 — for the dinner.

After the children have opened their presents beneath a tinselled

tree laced with candy, the grown-ups will drink a holiday toast of plum brandy. Then the family will sit down to dinner.

Liesel says the first course will be "fischbeuscheluppe," old-fashioned Austrian fish soup which includes roe and liver.

Then comes the carp. Austrian wives prepare it many ways, but Mrs. Fuchs' recipe is typical:

Cut the fish into medium-thick slices, dust lightly with flour, dip each slice in beaten eggs, sprinkle with fine bread crumbs and fry in butter to golden tenderness. Serve smoking hot with lemon wedges.

As a side dish Liesl will serve potato salad.

The grown-ups will drink a light dry white wine from Burgenland province, near the Hungarian border, where husband Tony has friends among the wine growers.

For dessert the family will have their presents beneath a tinselled

honey. This Viennese delicacy, a sort of super-doughnut, is made by rolling fat curls of sweet dough, trying, and then adding the poppy-seeds and honey.

And with the dessert, there'll be another wine — a heavier, more aromatic product from the Krems district of the Danube valley. To finish the meal, the children will have candy and the parents will have Turkish coffee and — a special luxury — American cigarettes.

By PRISCILLA BUCKLEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS — (UP) — Early Christmas eve, all of Paris begins to smell good — just like roast turkey.

Lines form in front of bakeries and from the ovens, which 364 days a year make mile on mile of string-like loaves of bread, the baker will bring out roast turkeys ranging from the modest six and eight-pounders to the 24-pound king-size model.

Most French homemakers find their ovens too small to bake a turkey, so they turn the job over to a baker, who charges from 70 to 200 francs — 20 to 37 cents — for the job.

Not all French families will serve turkey. Chicken takes over in cases where the family is small, or finances are tight.

Typical of the small family meal on Christmas will be that served by Madame Emile Desprays, the concierge of the Villa Suchet, in a residential section of Paris.

She will cook for six — her husband, a postal clerk, their daughter, Madame Desprays' mother, and her married sister and brother-in-law. Her only son is in the French army in Germany and won't get home for Christmas.

Altogether, she figures the dinner plus the wines and champagnes traditional of the holiday will cost about \$20.

The menu she has planned: To start: hors d'oeuvres — sardines, cold cuts, tomatoes, radishes, hard boiled eggs with mayonnaise, pate, and shredded celery — all served with a bottle of good white wine.

Next: a good fish. Mme. Desprays says it will be a channel sole. Some oysters. More white wine.

Then comes the roast chicken served with straw potatoes — french fries cut thin.

"We won't have any vegetable," said Madame Desprays. "Just a touch of watercress for color. Because we will eat so much that Christmas night."

A good bottle of burgundy will be opened with the chicken. Wine of a better quality than the "vin ordinaire" the Desprays drink the rest of the year.

Then in rapid order will appear a green salad, cheese, fruit, ice cream and champagne.

By DOROTHEA WOOD
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON — (UP) — This will be Britain's first Christmas without food rationing in 15 years — and as a result, the most sumptuous.

Housewives happily are preparing holiday meals from the greatest assortment of foods and delicacies seen in shops since the start of World War II in September, 1939.

And for the children born since the outbreak of the war, this will be their merriest Christmas, not only because of the goodies to eat. There will be more too.

Even the traditional Christmas pudding will be more of the home-made variety. London shops report the ready-made variety is a slow seller. No trouble finding the makings, they say.

London already is decorated for the Yuletide, and trees with colored lights and decorations will deck most homes.

The royal family plans to spend Christmas at Sandringham — in much the same fashion as the rest of Britain. Carolers with their traditional lanterns on poles will sing the favorite carols of Queen Elizabeth II and her family, and an excited Prince Charles and Princess Anne will go to bed wondering what Santa will bring them.

Early Christmas morning, the young prince and princess like children all over the country will open gifts, and after breakfast the family will walk to the old parish church for services. Then, back home for the traditional Christmas gifts.

All over Britain, the Christmas dinner is served at mid-day.

Typical menu is that planned by Mrs. Norman White, wife of a London engineer, who will feature roast turkey. Mrs. White said the Christmas day meal for herself, her husband, their two children, her mother and sister will cost about 10 pounds — \$28.

The menu: Chilled grapefruit, roast stuffed turkey, boiled ham, giblet gravy, bread sauce, potatoes, brussels sprouts, green salad, Christmas pudding with rum butter, mince pies with brandy sauce, fruit salad and cream, nuts, and wine.

By ERNEST SAKLER
United Press Staff Correspondent

ROME — (UP) — The Italian housewife ignores the family budget when the Christmas season arrives.

No matter what her husband's income, high, medium or low, the holiday plan of each homemaker includes plenty of food on the table, presents for the family, and the traditional pine tree and-or presepe, a miniature reproduction of the crib in which Christ was born.

The crib, a typical Christmas feature was invented by St. Francis of Assisi seven centuries ago. The holiday fixin's are far more elaborate than most American homemakers will prepare. The



A CHRISTMAS PLAY

Players in a Christmas play at Sam Houston School this year were, left to right, Bryan Perkins, Sharon James, Gordon Balch, Travis Tucker and Randy Matson. (News Photo)

Christmas menus of Mrs. Antonietta Lo Curzio, the wife of a car dealer, are typical. Mrs. Lo Curzio, an excellent cook, said Christmas lunch and dinner would cost about \$19.20.

Her menu for the Christmas eve dinner: assorted hors-d'oeuvres, including eggs, tuna fish; sardines; a kind of big eel called capitone, a fish which is a traditional Christmas dish; a mixed salad of cauliflower, fennel and apples; tortone, a marble-like candy made of sugar, almonds and pistachies that makes American rock candy seem as soft as marshmallow; fruit; coffee.

Christmas day lunch, which ac-

ording to the best Roman tradition is continued through the afternoon and until night to include hare, rabbit, or deer. We serve potato balls and lettuce with the meat, and, of course, a heavy gravy.

"After dinner we just have a sweet pudding or fruits."

"Now Daddy comes in with the wine — and let me assure you, this is wine!"

"Grandfather is manager in a big wine cellar, and from the owner he always gets selected vintages for Christmas — as a gift."

Christmas day lunch, which ac-

By ARNO KRETSCHMER
United Press Staff Correspondent

BAD NAUHEIM, Germany — (UP) — The Karl Langsdorf family, like thousands of Germans, will feast on pork and wild game come Christmas.

"No turkey for us," said handsome Elly Langsdorf. "Turkey is too scarce and expensive."

The Langsdorfs and their three boys live in nearby Friedberg but always come to Bad Neuheim to celebrate with grandma, who has a comfortable flat in the resort town's residential section. In all, four generations are represented at the Langsdorfs' family Christmas.

Said Mrs. Langsdorf: "Grandma takes over, we all must leave for a while, and she gets the Christmas tree lighted up — we use genuine candles — and all the gifts beneath it."

"In Germany, we present our gifts on Christmas eve, so that the children have all Christmas Day to play."

"When everything is in its place, grandma rings a little bell, and in we march, the children first, of course, because they are the most impatient."

"Christmas is a day mostly for kids," she said, "so most of the money spent is spent on them. They get useful things like shoes and shirts, but there must also be toys, of course."

Mrs. Langsdorf, whose husband is a mechanic, said she spends 100 to 150 Deutschmarks — between \$24 and \$36 — on Christmas gifts alone, most of them for the children.

"While the boys get ready to take their toys apart, grandma and I go into the kitchen to prepare

Christmas Of 1804 Was Chicago's Best

Surely there will never be another Christmas celebration like the one in Chicago in 1804.

Captain John Whistler (grandfather of the painter who painted the famous "Whistler's Mother") was in command of the garrison at Fort Dearborn and he decided that there should be a great feast and a splendid Christmas tree.

Soldiers from the garrison went hunting in the woods just north of the river and came back with a fat buck deer, some rabbits, a raccoon or two, a few wild turkeys. Added to the roasted pig (contributed by some festive-minded citizen) and the magnificent Christmas pudding, these morsels provided abundance for all. Everybody — the civilians and the military — drank a toast to Thomas Jefferson, the President of the United States.

The punch was "Dizzy" and there were "fives and drums and a couple of fiddles to play for the dancing."

It was getting late when a watcher in one of the blockhouses gave a warning shout that Indians were approaching; but they turned out to be friendly Indians who came bearing gifts to the feast. They watched the white folks dance, and when the whites were exhausted, the redskins took the floor and began a wild, whooping dance of their own which climaxed Chicago's unique Christmas celebration in 1804.

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The Wise Men and The Angel

Evergreens Are A Symbol Of Mourning To The Finlanders

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room or dining room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the altars are banked and the windows are filled with them, so that in the pre-dawn darkness (Christmas morning services begin at 6 a.m.) the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

After the early church services, the gayly decorated sleds race for home, bright robes flying and sleigh bells a jingling. Breakfast is festive, and then everyone takes a long nap. Christmas Day is not devoted to play or gift-giving; it is religiously observed, with intervals of carol singing and Bible readings.

The day after Christmas is St. Stephen's day, and from then until New Year's parties and general festivity are in order. Although gift-giving is not an integral part of the observance, in

some part of Finland trinkets and useful gifts of wearing apparel are presented to children by Wainamoinen, the Kalevala hero of Finnish legend.

Scientific Facts Of Christ's Birth

The authenticity of the story of Christ has been further established over a period of years through archaeological findings in the Jerusalem area.

A group of scientists recently discovered the name of Jesus carved before 70 A.D. among inscriptions on 11 early-Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem road.

These findings may prove to be one of the oldest archaeological records of Christianity, to give fact and substance to the Biblical stories of the trial and crucifixion of Christ.

It is believed that these writings were left by a sect of Hebrews who were followers of Christ and who had denounced Pontius Pilate.

There were Hebrew and Arabic inscriptions and symbols with references to Christianity. Other archaeological expeditions have disclosed the presence of the Greek letter "X" . . . symbol used to represent Christ, found on the walls of early-Christian period catacombs.

St. Nicholas' Secret Gift Famed Story

The story of St. Nicholas came and even today comes covertly, as associated with secret gift-giving, at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had seen the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"

Use Common Sense Diet To Retain That Yule Sparkle

The woman who allows a little common sense to shine through during the tinsel season will be happier for it when the glitter is gone.

It's particularly important that you continue eating sensibly during all the rush and hurly-burly.

It's a mistake to allow yourself to become so busy that you skip meals except for snacks munched as you stand beside the refrigerator. Not only will your health suffer, but your disposition as well. Mealtime should be an oasis of quiet in the midst of your hurried

days of special housecleaning, party planning and shopping.

Refrain from making holiday sweets and note the backbone of your diet during this season. Before Yuletide is over, your complexion or figure is likely to show how often you've yielded to temptation.

It's wise to approach holiday meals with temperance, also. Even if you escape extra pounds as a result of your overstuffing, it's almost impossible to avoid the dull look and glazed eye that usually follows a session of gorging. And the holiday season is no time to be losing your personal sparkle!

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Yuletide tradition since the 15th century has been the melodic themes that appear in Christmas carols.

Since the first angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest" carols have taken over during the long season of praise.

Probably the most outstanding of all carols is "O, Come All Ye Faithful," written in Latin and now sung in 16 languages. Origin of both the tune and words is obscure, but most believers think the carol was written in the 13th century.

"Joy to the World," written in 1710 of English origin, is based on the 97th Psalm with Handel's Messiah as the familiar tune.

Written in Austria during a Christmas season in 1818, "Silent Night" has long been one of the favorite carols. A young parish priest, Joseph Mohr, composed verses. Franz Gruber, a school master, composed the organ music.

Bishop Phillips Brooks was accredited with writing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," while he was a rector at the Philadelphia church in 1868. He had just returned from the Holy Land and Lewis H. Redner, church organist, composed the music. The first time it was sung in a Sunday school class on Christmas morn.

Martin Luther was said to have written the beautiful "Away in a Manger," for his own children, who formed a choir. "O Holy Night" was the composition of a Frenchman who wrote more than 50 operas. Adolphe Adam is remembered more for the carol than his other compositions. A medieval shepherd's tune "The First Noel" was printed in English before French, even though it was written by a resident of France.

An old Welsh tune, "Deck the Halls," was used widely by Mozart for a piano-violin duet. Charles Wesley composed words for "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing," as one of 6000 poems. He got his idea for the carol in 1780 when listening to the peal of the church bells. The melody is from Mendelssohn's cantata.

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1 cup sugar 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
1/2 cup chopped walnut

Pour Certo into 2-quart saucepan. Stir in soda. (Pectin will foam as soda is added.) Mix sugar and corn syrup in another saucepan. Place both saucepans over highest heat. Cook both mixtures, stirring alternately, until foam has disappeared from pectin mixture and sugar mixture is boiling rapidly. (This takes about 3 to 5 minutes.)

Pour pectin mixture in a slow steady stream into boiling sugar mixture, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute longer. Remove from heat. Stir in orange rind, extract and chopped walnuts. Pour immediately into 8x8-inch pan. (Or use 8-inch pie pan or round layer pan, or 9 1/2 x 5 1/2 or 10x6-inch loaf pan.) Let stand at room temperature until mixture is firm and cool (about 3 hours). Cut into 3/4-inch squares and roll in confectioners' sugar.

Note: If gumdrops are to be stored or packaged, let stand overnight at room temperature before storing, to prevent weeping.

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said Christ's birth. According to Herodotus, the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors. This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night thru and yearns for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

Dominicans Have A Gay, Warm Holiday

CIUDAD TRUJILLO — (UP) — Gay Christmas parties called "aguinaldos" characterize the holiday season in the tropical Dominican Republic where there are palm trees instead of evergreens.

U.S. tourists in this Caribbean country at this season of the year will witness a blend of traditional Spanish observance of Christianity's greatest holiday as well as Dominican celebrations which are unduplicated anywhere else in the Spanish-speaking world.

Three Saturdays before Christmas Eve, every Dominican club and social center organizes its own Christmas parties. Groups of young men and women perfect grand marches and parade dances for the holiday season.

Participants and guests sing traditional folk songs known as aguinaldos, a term applied to the parties in general. These songs, sparkling with humor and gaiety may, perhaps, be compared with "Good Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," or "Jingle Bells."

Fun and Food

On the evening of Dec. 23, small groups of the "younger set" take to the streets in party clothes for midnight calls at friends' houses. One of the favorite songs for this occasion, "Abreme la puerta" (Open the Door), stems, of course, from the Biblical story of the search by Mary and Joseph for shelter on the eve of the birth of Jesus.

Dominican youth, however, saving its religious fervor for the Nochebuena or Christmas Eve religious observance, uses the night of Dec. 23 for merry-making. Dance music is usually provided by a trio of accordion, drum and guira (dried, notched gourd scratched with a piece of wire). Everyone dances the infectious merengue, the hitting Dominican dance that rivals the mambo in the West Indies.

At the aguinaldos there is always plenty of exotic Spanish and Dominican food, including fruits, hot dishes, and Dominican coffee and rum.

Religious Observances
A week before Christmas Eve, religious observances begin in Dominican churches, which are headed by the oldest cathedral in the New World, the Cathedral of Santo Domingo in the capital. In it are the remains of Christopher Columbus.

Daily masses offer Dominican expressions of thanks for the birth of the Savior before magnificently decorated altars. These special masses are embellished further with massed choral singing and playing of musical instruments such as small bells, tamborines and the blowing of whistles. Working up to a climax on Christmas Eve, these religious celebrations terminate with the traditional Spanish misa de gallo, or Midnight Mass.

Unlike the custom in non-Latin Christian countries, Dominicans wait for Jan. 6 to give their Christmas gifts. This holiday, Epiphany, or the Day of the Wise Men, commemorates the day on which Baltazar, Gaspar and Melchior arrived at the Manger in Bethlehem with their rich gifts from the East.

Dominican churches, like those of other Spanish-speaking countries, are ablaze with light from Christmas Eve through Epiphany.

Holly Superstition Will Determine The Ruler Of Household

Husbands and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The berries of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

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The Spirit Of Santa Claus

Santa Claus is one of the most precious wonders of childhood. American mothers overwhelmingly agree that he should be portrayed as the spirit of generosity, kindness, and gift-giving.

Although the modern conception of Santa Claus is American, the Spirit of Santa Claus is neither modern nor American. The real Saint Nicholas lived in Asia Minor and ever since his death in 343 stories concerning him have been repeated around the firesides of Europe.

The children of Lapland and northern climates naturally picture Santa dressed in fur and dashing through the snow in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. But in central Europe, St. Nicholas first appeared on his liturgical feast day, December 6, and he was a thin, austere churchman who rode a mule and carried gifts for good children and a bundle of birch rods with which to switch the naughty.

Under Dutch influence St. Nicholas lost his solemnity. The Dutch colonists who brought him to America were very practical people and they decided against two gift-giving days in the same month. Thus, Sinter Klash started coming round only at Christmas time.

Eventually, the ancient legends were woven into American Christmas traditions. Washington Irving sent St. Nicholas flying through Christmas skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh in 1809; Dr. Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822, gave Santa "... a little round belly that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly;" and a series

Much Family Fun In Group Games

"Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together." This suggestion comes from E. H. Regnier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making — airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population. Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellcraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble games are excellent. "Christmas is a time of 'togetherness,'" says Regnier. "Let's capitalize on the situation by starting a game or hobby that will encourage the same type of companionship the year around."



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Carol Perhaps First Song Known To Mankind

Carols, known to everyone at Christmas time because of the simple emotions they evoke, are among the oldest forms of music. The first of them was the carol of the Heavenly Host over the plains of Bethlehem (Luke 11:13-14) but the earliest manuscript of a carol is found in the British Museum in London executed in the thirteenth century.

The carol is perhaps the earliest form of the song and dance known to man, the derivation of the word itself being somewhat uncertain.

The more accepted derivatives are cantare, the Latin word for "to sing," and rola which is a joyous interjection. Some musicologists, however, find a different interpretation and contend that the word stems from the early word for chorus. Even more intriguing is the belief by some students that there is a relationship between druidical rites at Stonehenge in England and the mystic ring of monoliths. Carol is seen to be a vulgarization of Koroll, a circle, which came to mean a ring dance. Early records contain references to Stonehenge as "the carol."

The first book of carols was "authorised by my lord of London" in 1562 and bore the title page "Christenmasse Carolles."

Some of these were legendary and were drawn from the country mystery play "Joseph Was an Old Man," also from some of the English folk tunes, used as the vehicle for words relating to the Christ Child.

There seems little doubt that there is a pagan throwback to the carols carried into the Christian church. Religious dances were of record in Spain in the fifth century when the choir boys equipped with castanets capered, singing, around the lectern.

Caroling reached its musical height during the days of the Tudors, although there is an historic reference in 1528 to the fact that when Henry VII lay very ill he forbade "carols, bells and merry-making."

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," is another story which has become a Christmas classic.

The Puritans endeavored to do away with carols, holding that they had no religious significance and the Scottish people at an even earlier date had tried to suppress the lighter carols considering them "popish" and "pernicious."

As time went along, there was a tendency to widen the horizon of the carol and some of the good old drinking tunes were employed for the sacred words denoting the birth of Christ — no irreverence being intended, since carols were usually regarded as festive music.

The custom of singing carols from door to door is almost as old as the carols themselves. The first form was that of the watch maintained in nearly all English mediaeval cities. The men of the watch would sing carols accompanied by a flageolet and they would collect pence from the gentry. In the West Riding of Yorkshire to this day children parade from house to house with "milly" boxes (mildy boxes) in which there is a crib and a recumbent babe and into which the money offered them is placed.

Rated among the most famous Christmas carols is "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," written by Nahum Tate in 1703.

Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century wrote "Hark, How All the Welkin Rings," later paraphrased to "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." "Good King Wenceslas" which denotes the Christmas charity of the Bohemian monarch, also ranks high. The repertoire increased as the carol custom spread through Europe to become known as Noels in France, and Weigenlied in Germany.

Reading Yuletide Stories Adds To Family Christmas

The reading of literature's most loved Christmas stories, including the Gospels, is one of the best ways for a family to prepare for the day itself.

A family reading session will make it easier for the children to stand the tension of waiting and will add meaning and happy family memories to the occasion.

Christmas is, first of all, religious, and the New Testament accounts of the birth of Jesus ought always to be read first. Both the Christmas tales of Matthew and Luke are beautiful poetry and literature.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas book in the world, after the Gospels, is Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843. It is a tale which will be told and retold as long as there is Christmas. It is profound enough for the most adult taste and it is still a children's classic.

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," is another story which has become a Christmas classic. It tells of a fourth wise man who saw the star rising and set out to follow it. The great desire of this pilgrim was denied, yet fulfilled in the denial.

For a good, unoffensive funny story about Christmas try "How Come Christmas?" by Roark Bradford. It concerns the efforts of a group of Negroes to decide which came first, Santa Claus or the little Lord Jesus.

Probably the most famous American Christmas tale is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol." There are other American Christmas stories well worth reading, though, such as Louisa May Alcott's "Christmas Orchard House" and Vincent Starrett's "Snow for Christmas."

Christopher Morley's "The Worst Christmas Story" happens to be almost one of the best. These are just a few of the possibilities for a literary Christmas menu. When it is selected and served to the family circle, have the fireplace going and the tree lights on.

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Mail Greetings Originated In England In 1846

Look at the paintings on the Christmas cards you send and receive — you'll find famous names and some of the best contemporary art. Here is how it all began.

On a December day in 1846, a middleclass Englishman, Henry Cole, sat at the library desk of his London home addressing to his friends what were probably the first Christmas cards ever printed. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas customs of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Cole, in a historic move, two months before had commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal Academy artist, to paint the illustration for the card and had struck off a thousand lithographed copies. He dispatched them that December. This was such a markedly successful stroke of good will that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

Horsley's art was a far cry from today's Christmas greetings.

Here's A Way To Trim Tree

Nothing lends quite the air of excitement to the celebration of Christmas as the gaily-wrapped gifts under the tree. They symbolize the holiday cheer and are filled with joyous surprises.

It's more fun to put a little extra thought and effort into the wrapping of your packages to make them gay and distinctive. You can let your imagination soar when it comes to novel ideas.

You may want to capture your "different" effect through the use of unusual wrapping papers. Store counters are just brimming over with new designs and unusual colors. Gold or silver papers make rich-looking packages when tied with lacy metallic ribbons to match.

Many of the newer papers are designed in fuchsia, purple, deep greens, brown, and other shades not usually associated with Christmas. Many of these papers are available with stickers and ribbons to match exactly.

For those who prefer the traditional Christmas look to their wrappings, the gay assortment of papers, gift stickers and ribbons will give you dozens of ideas for your packages.

If you use Christmas ribbon of bright red on your packages, try slipping a gay, little candy cane through the bow. Or tie a cluster of miniature pine cones, Christmas ornaments, or bells to your bow. Another lovely Yuletide touch is a sprig of holly tucked into the bow.

Another way to distinctive looking packages, is to paste on cut-out figures: Santa Claus, candy canes, Christmas trees, angels or candles. Or, cut a lovely scene from a last year's Christmas card and tape it on, making a frame effect with the tape. Use a big ribbon bow to complete the gift wrap.

Gummed tape in gay holiday designs or Christmas colors can be used to achieve many unusual effects on your gift packages. Fashion a Christmas tree by pasting horizontal strips of tape in decreasing widths along the length of the package with a vertical narrow strip for the trunk. Finish this package with matching ribbon around the box edge with bows tied in opposite corners.

Highlight your package with a candle cut from tape and placed in one corner. Place the tape on a glass and cut with a razor. Cut a tiny flame and two or three pieces of tape to look like dripping wax to complete the effect.

If your gift is yarn for a knitting-enthusiast, criss-cross knitting needles through the center of your bow. Giving a man a tie? For wrapping it, use wide ribbon, bring it around the box on one end, and fasten it in knot like men use in their ties. Then cut the two long ribbon ends to look like a tie and fasten them down flat on the box with transparent tape!

Do your Christmas wrapping early! Your packages will hit a new note in sparkle and ingenuity and will look twice as exciting! Allow time enough to work out your own unusual ideas. You'll find gift-giving twice the fun when your wrappings are gay... holiday-bright... novel!

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Postmarked Santa Claus

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. — UP — This sleepy southern Indiana village — what little there is of it — is in the midst of its annual chore of being the Christmas mail capital of the nation.

Elbert Reinke, who heads up the 98-year-old Santa Claus postoffice, brushed the dust off his mail-cancelling machines late in November and got ready for the rush that comes as regular as clockwork.

Each year hundreds of thousands of bundles of Yule greeting cards are hauled into this tiny community by truck from the nearest railroads 10 miles away. Reinke and his staff of Christmas-rush extras work far into the night throughout December, cancelling the mail with the "Santa Claus, Ind." postmark.

In addition, Reinke's staff weighs, stamps and cancels hundreds of parcels containing toys bought in a big commercial shop shared by the postoffice in a resort area that plays host to thousands of children each year.

Across the hills in a nearby town, members of an American Legion post work long hours, too, sorting through thousands of letters dropped into the nation's mailboxes for Santa by hopeful youngsters.

Commercial Battle
Many postmasters shuttle all the mail addressed to "Santa Claus, North Pole," to the Hoosier town. Jim Yellig and a crowd of Legionnaires send form replies of acknowledgement to all children whose letters bear return addresses.

The village of Santa Claus was founded in 1852 and its name was chosen at a town meeting held on Christmas Eve. A postoffice was established in 1856, and mail was brought from and taken to the outside world by horseback and in ox carts for years.

Santa Claus today consists largely of a commercial venture laid out a few years ago on a wooded acreage a quarter of a mile from the old village. Tourists from all over the country bring their youngsters here to ride a miniature railroad train, visit Santa's toy shop, see a flock of reindeer, and chat with Santa himself even on the hottest August day.

Nearby, the old village is deep in weeds. A handful of families live there, but efforts to keep the historic town itself failed during a battle in the 40's between two groups of commercial interests capitalizing on the town's name.

A huge statue of Santa was built in a small park, and a rival group established a commercial fair-land. But the group located outside the town at a crossroads intersection won the fight for the tourist trade, and eventually the postoffice was moved there.

From the crossroads and the postoffice, a tourist cannot see the old Santa Claus as it falls into decay.

pitality without damaging your budget or your leisure. The trick lies in stocking your refrigerator with "hurry up" party staples, such as assorted cheeses, relishes and beer that are easy to prepare and serve as needed. A supply of fruit cake is another good hospitality investment for the holiday season.

When the festive occasion calls for more substantial fare, plan on a savory chafing dish delicacy made with left over turkey and seasoned with beer or ale as a savory touch of distinction. Or take your cue from the East Indians and try a bit of curry magic to give a second spotlight of festive glory for what remains of the noble holiday bird.

Curried Turkey
1/4 cup salad oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped apple
3 tablespoons flour
2 teaspoons curry powder
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1 1/2 cups left-over gravy
1 cup beer
Salt and pepper to taste
2 to 3 cups diced turkey
Heat salad oil; add onion and apple; cook 5 minutes. Combine flour, curry powder and ginger; add and blend. Add gravy and beer.

Legends Identify Three Wise Men

The Three Wise Men of the East who brought gifts to the infant Saviour have been identified over the centuries as Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar.

Melchior means "king of light" ... Gaspar or Caspar ... "the white one," and Balthazar, "the lord of treasures."

The first of the magi offered gold — the emblem of royalty; the second offered frankincense in token of divinity, and the third, myrrh — the prophetic allusion to the persecution unto death which awaited the "Man of Sorrows." Medieval legend calls them the Three Kings of Cologne, and the Cathedral there, claims their relics. They are commemorated on January 2, 3 and 4th, and particularly on the Feast of Epiphany.

Among the ancient Medes and Persians, the Magi were members of a priestly caste considered to have great occult powers. According to popular legend, these Magi were reported to have come from the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia.



The air is filled with the magical spirit of Yuletide. And our hearts are filled with sincere good wishes for all of our friends and neighbors!

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Christmas Helps World's Economy

Many people with the total expectation of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense, this is true to some extent.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an overstatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme of one giving, rather than of receiving? Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of Childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain, the Christmas story.

Nations' Customs Widely Varied On Christmas Day

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old-fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas, complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers.

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Christmas



O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.



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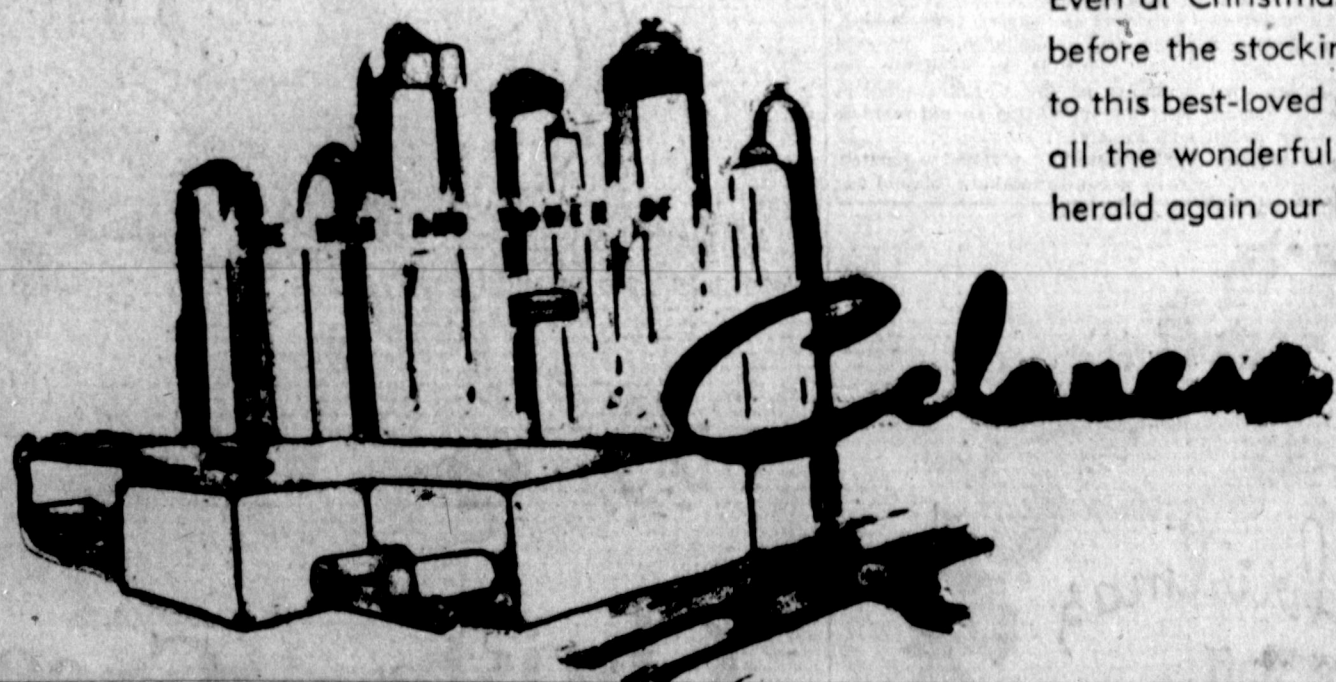
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Three Islands Are Named Christmas

Although Santa Claus doesn't live on any of them, there are three islands in the world named Christmas.

One is the largest atoll in the Pacific ocean. It was discovered in 1777 by Cook, and annexed by Great Britain in 1888. The island is about 100 miles round and less than 100 people live on it.

They earn their livelihood by cultivating the island's coconut groves.

Another Christmas island is located in the Indian ocean, 200 miles south of Java. It is 12 miles long by nine miles wide. Surrounded by ocean depths of 14,000 feet, its own highest ground reaches more than 1,000 feet above sea level. It also belongs to Great Britain and a few hundred Chinese, Malays, Javanese, and a few Europeans are engaged in the shipping of phosphate of lime.

Christmas island in the Little Bras d'or, Nova Scotia, 30 miles southwest of Sydney, is a tiny fishing island of 1,400 population.

Yuletide Thoughts

Heywood Brown once said "Christmas is not a date. It is a state of mind."

No man lives today who does not seek, in some way, to follow a guiding star.

When we celebrate the birthday of Christ we ought not to think of Him only as a child. Those who think Christmas is only a festival about a child, for children, veer away from facing Him as an adult.

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'Silent Night' Is Most Beloved Carol

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth to the Yuletide season, no carol is so universally known as "Silent Night." Certain 'y' no other is as loved and sung as this simple German song.

For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

Both the poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar; for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818.

It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.

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Phone Company Helps Out Santa

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VI. (UP)—Santa Claus will receive a helping hand from the telephone company this year.

Joseph F. Schambler, who annually plays the telephone role of St. Nick, expects 10,000 phone calls during the Yuletide season. Recalling last year's record total of 3,500 calls, the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. installed a special set of phones at Schambler's nearby Lest Lebanon, N.H., home.

Schambler began his Santa Claus role six years ago as a practical joke. That year he made 10 calls.

The following year, he received 30 calls from friends and neighbors, and the third year, 70 calls.

A year later, youngsters in New Hampshire and Vermont made 1,500 calls to the Schambler home. Last year they poured in from New England, New York and New Jersey, with one call from a youngster in Canada.

This year, the youngsters not only will talk to Santa but during their conversation will hear sleigh bells; Rudolph, the reindeer; and Mrs. Santa.

Yule Greetings In Other Languages

It's easy to say "Merry Christmas" in many languages with this check-list of greetings in other tongues!

Say "Joyeux Noel" — In French; "Froeliche Weihnachten" in German; "Buon Natale" in Italian.

The Spanish have the words for it with "Felices Pascuas" or "Feliz Navidad" . . . in Holland they say "Een Vrolijk Kerstfeest," the Danes greet each other with "En Glædelig Jule," or as the Norwegians would say: "Gledelig Jule."

In Czechoslovakia, they greet one another with "Vesele Vanoce" . . . in Swedish, "God Jule!"

Christmas Is A Time To Forgive

Charles Dickens once referred to Christmas as "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old-fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great timetakers, should not

be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour" why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

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Christmas Greetings

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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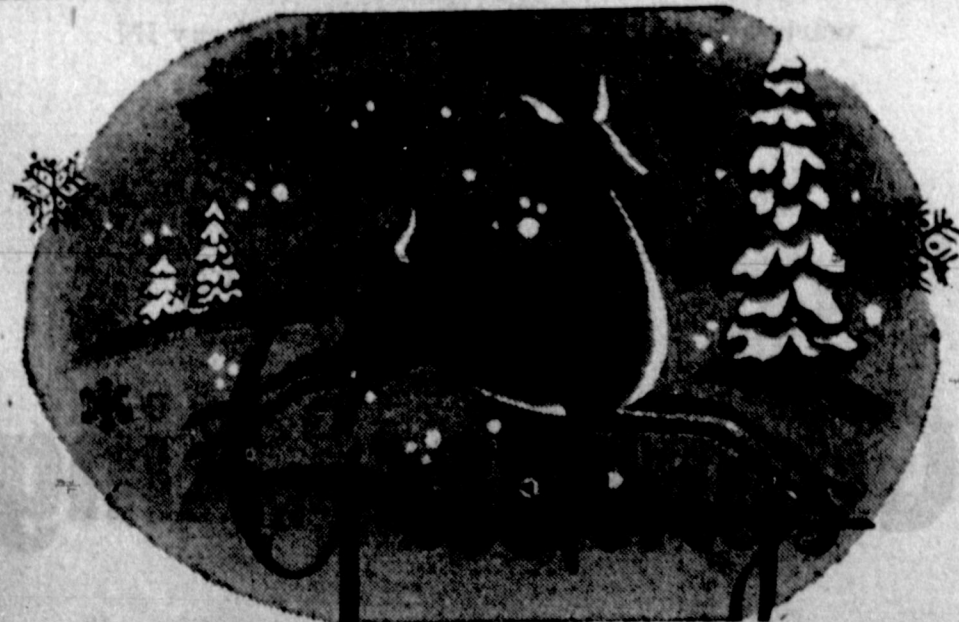
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BAKER SCHOOL PLAY

The Christmas play at Baker School brought a full house at the all school assembly. After the assembly, parties and plays were held in each home room before the school children were dismissed for the holidays.

(News Photo)

Smaller Towns Put Lights On Outdoor Trees

Although the White House and Rockefeller Center outdoor tree decorations have become famous in recent years, the practice of lighting outdoor trees began in smaller towns and cities long before these two displays became an annual affair.

Four widely separated communities light up as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first National Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. For the past two years the lighting of the White House has been televised.

United States Top Buyer And Supplier In Tree Industry

The United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as the top buyer in the Christmas tree industry — a better than \$50,000,000 business.

The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Midwest, and the North in recent years, the practice of lighting outdoor trees began in smaller towns and cities long before these two displays became an annual affair.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

Custom Of 'Pinata' Spreading In U. S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States. Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time.

The pinata is made of thin, fragile clay, and is filled with sweets, meats and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling.

Each of the guests, not always only just children — is blindfolded and given a stick. The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children.

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May the shining decorations of Christmas...

adorn your home — reflect all the happiness we wish you at this time!

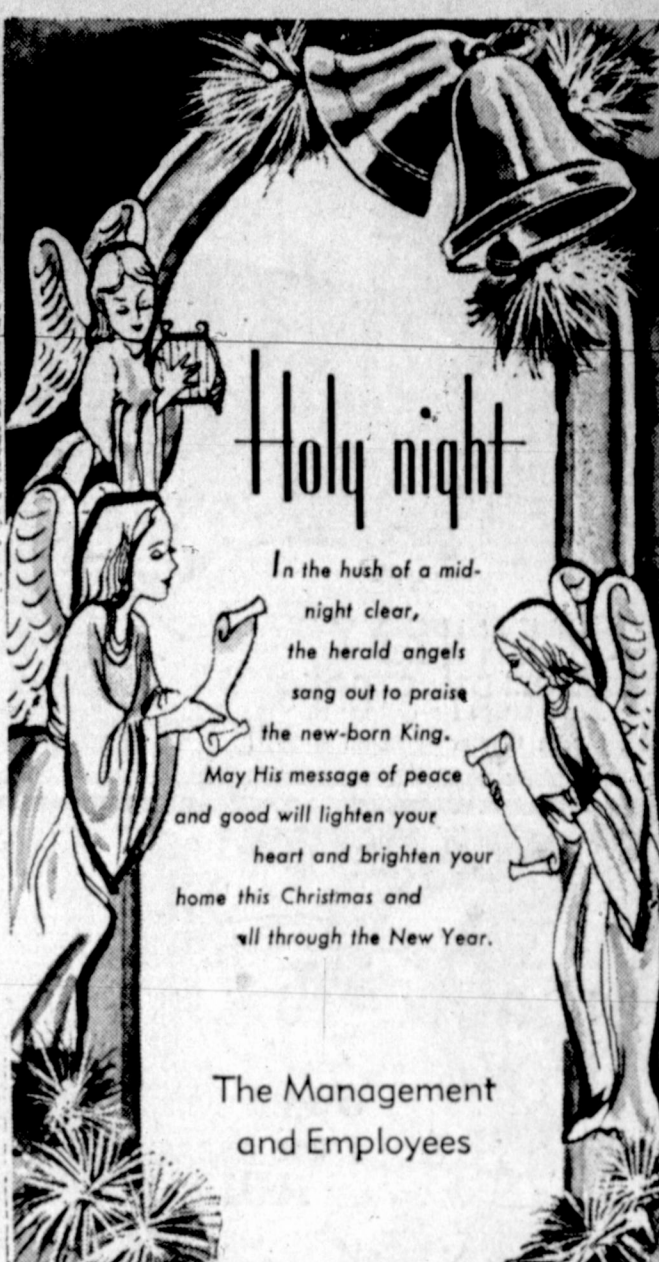
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May the heart-warming spirit of Christmas shine upon you throughout the year.

KOEN STUDIO

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Holy night

In the hush of a mid-night clear, the herald angels sang out to praise the new-born King. May His message of peace and good will lighten your heart and brighten your home this Christmas and all through the New Year.

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ALWAYS FIRST QUALITY!



HOPE FOR CHILDREN — Screen actress Greer Garson and 6-year-old Polly O'Neal of Post, Texas, will appear on motion picture screens in 600 Texas theatres during Christmas Week, December 23-31, in "Victory Springs." The film, designed to give hope and courage to the crippled children of Texas, is a feature of the 1954 Texas Theatres Crippled Children's Fund for Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation. Produced by Warner Bros. on the set of Miss Garson's forthcoming "Strange Lady in Town," the film is a joint effort of all phases of the motion picture industry for the Texas non-profit specialty hospital treating neuromuscular diseases and musculo skeletal disorders.



To all our friends and neighbors, we extend our heartiest good wishes for a merry Holiday Season and a bountiful year to come.

THE HAND OF SERVICE
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Christmas Greetings

Our sincere wishes come in a big package...big enough to contain loads of cheer and good will for all our friends and neighbors. Happy Holiday to all!

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"Exclusive But Not Expensive"

Flowers Are Part Of The Yule Legend

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history.

Saintoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no

gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had bidden them.

Let the children help trim the tree. The old standbys, strings of popcorn and cranberries, give as much thrill now to the juvenile workers as they did in grandmother's day.



FIFTH GRADE PARTY

These fifth grade students in Mrs. Mary Call's class at Horace Mann School enjoy refreshments during their Christmas Party. Left to right are Kenneth Ray, Billy Fletcher, Wanda Sue Furner, Elizabeth Anderson and Sharon Vineyard. (News Photo)

Season's Greetings

Our Holiday wish...
may Santa Claus
shower you and yours
with everything
your hearts desire.

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Joy to All!

May all the pleasures of
CHRISTMAS last you
through the entire year!

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Gilbert's

Junior Trainmen Have Big Variety

Come Christmas morning, more model electric trains will be high-balling through American living rooms than real trains on actual railroads. Junior will be the engineer, Pop the conductor, and Mom — well, Mom will be the maintenance crew in charge of worry and cleanup.

The tiny roads will be more realistic than ever before in model-world history. You probably heard that last year, too, and may be the year before. For the trend to miniature realism has been going on since 1900, when Joshua Lionel Cowen came up with his first toy train.

But each year the trend gets stronger, and this one is no exception. Every type of railroad equipment, from rolling stock down through trestles, has been copied and then refined for new degrees of modeling pleasure.

For the boy or girl who already has plenty of cars and track,

there are such things as scale-sized trestles, with simulated girder construction. Or fancy remote control devices which switch cars, lower gates and regulate traffic signals.

A railroad, of course, needs a passenger depot, and one new device is a triumph of imitation. If you want the train to stop at the station, you press a remote control. When the train arrives, the conductor's train calls, the whistles, hisses, chugs and other sounds of arrival and departure are heard from within the station. When sounds cease, the train resumes its trip automatically.

There also are stations for freight. One type, by Lionel, has two tiny redcaps who run in and out of a lighted station on tiny baggage cars. Another, by American Flyer, has two miniature workmen who feed small crates into a boxcar. The trainman lowers a chute into the boxcar's door, and the crates move one at a time, as fast as you press the button.

Realistic, too, are the water towers. Some have movable spouts which lower over the engine tender. Others have rising bubbles to simulate flowing water, and are painted in green-and-white check-board patterns.

One new operating barrel car has barrels which move up the car to the feet of a tiny trainman, then roll out to a roadside bin — all by remote control. Then there's the popular log car, which tilts up to roll off logs.

A two-unit Diesel engine, new to this year's market, has a powerful worm-drive motor which starts instantly and stops the engine on a dime. This is a blue-print replica of an actual full-sized switcher, even complete with air chime horn. And just the thing for night operation is an operating searchlight car. The searchlight revolves continuously, picking up current from tracks.

Also new this year is a "Silver Dawn" observation car, with tiny passengers and illumination. This, like each of the other cars, is adorned with authentic color heralds of the nation's leading railroads.

Pack Up Day Sad For Tots

For millions of youngsters with model trains the saddest day of the year comes roughly one week after Christmas. That's the time when the tree comes down and Mom says the living room floor no longer can serve as a track-bed.

The trains and tracks go back in their boxes to wait for another Christmas — and it's nothing short of a shame.

When trains are received as Yuletide gifts, they are set up for quick operation. But afterward the tracks should be mounted, so the child can use them whenever he wishes. The effort required is small, and so is the usual cost.

The best permanent location will, of course, depend on your home — the playroom, attic, basement, garage, or wherever there's extra space. And to help you design the layout, equipment firms, such as Lionel, offer handy trackplanning kits.

An excellent mounting surface is any large table, especially a ping-pong table. Or you may wish to build special platforms in custom-made sizes and shapes. These can be built out of scrap lumber in such a way they are easily stored.

Renters of small apartments can mount their platform on casters for storage beneath a bed. Or build it in three or four sections to be stowed in a back of a closet. Or purchase a "corkscrew" layout, with 180 feet of track spiraled into four square feet.

Christmas Turkey A Pampered Bird

WEST NEWBURGH, Me. —UP —Almost to the time that big, fat turkey reaches your holiday table, he is one of the most pampered birds around.

Millard Smith, a turkey raiser, revealed these highlights of the domestic life of turkeys from the time they are purchased for 90 cents each at the age of one day: They must be kept happy and well-fed.

You have to keep strangers away because that upsets them — and their feeding.

Their pens are raised above ground to keep them from running around too much and working off weight.

Humans take off their shoes on entering pens to prevent the turkeys from contracting ailments that might be tracked in.

Homesick Tailor Cut First Tree

To August Ingard, a home-sick immigrant tailor, goes the credit for introducing the Christmas tree to America.

Ingard came to this country in 1847 to visit his brother in Wooster, Ohio. With the prospects of a dismal Christmas for the first time away from his native land, August decided to bring to his newly adopted home all the Christmas spirit and festivities he had loved so much in Wetzlar, Hessa. To his young nephew and niece he would show how Christmas was celebrated in the old country.

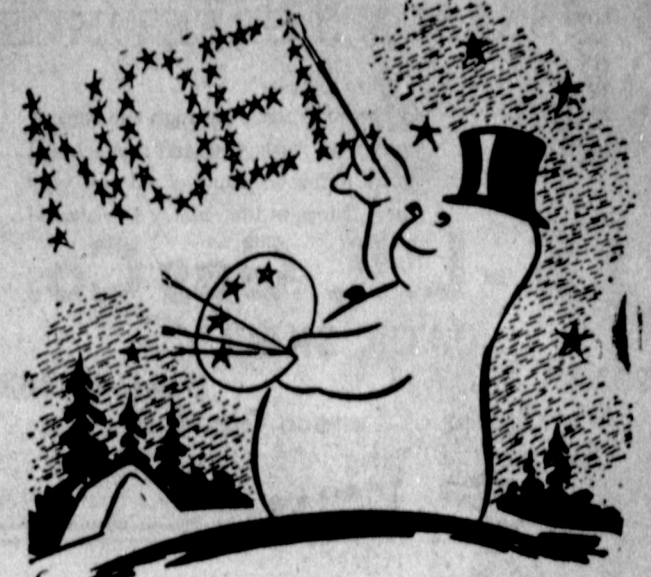
First, he needed a Christmas tree. This is the way he described how he got it: "I walked up Apple creek . . . When I got to where the trees were I found the water so high I could not get across. So I walked along until I found a tree fallen from bank to bank and crossed on that. I cut a tree and carried it to the fallen log. But to get across this time I had to tie the tree to my neck and crawl on hands and feet. People looked at me with considerable curiosity when I walked through town with my tree."

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Greetings of the SEASON

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Legend Shrouds Christmas Tree

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift-giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the 16th or 17th centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into northern Eu-

ropes and from there to America. Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known outdoor displays in America are on the White House lawn and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.

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No words express more sincerely at this time of year all that is in our hearts for our many friends than the good old fashioned "Merry, Merry Christmas"

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HOLIDAY HISTORY



By Robert C. Preble

The exact day and year of the birth of Christ has never been settled, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. As missionaries moved into those Northern lands that depend upon the sun for their very existence, they encountered "festivals of light" marking the "return" of the sun at the winter solstice. Tradition had held that Christ was born at about this time of year, and the pagan festivals came to mark the Nativity of Christ as the light of the world.

From the pagan accent on light can be traced the Christmas lights and the Yule log. The evergreen decorations recall the green boughs with which Romans decorated their temples for the Saturnalia, as well as the sacred mistletoe of the Druids and the Holly of the Saxons—all symbolically altered into Christian terms.

Boniface, English missionary to Germany, is said to have cut up the Christmas tree, a fir, to replace the sacred oak of Odin, and Martin Luther, tradition holds, first introduced a tree lighted with candles.

The Christmas carol apparently derives from "corolla" meaning a garland or ring, and originally meant a tune written for a

ring dance. Some of the most famous Latin Christmas hymns were written to dance tunes. Carolling, the combined exercise of dance and song, found its way from pagan ritual into early Christian use, though eventually the practice was banned by the church. In certain parts of England carollers still carry "milly-boxes," or My Lady boxes, showing figures of the Virgin and Child, to solicit donations.

In England Christmas became increasingly the great festival of the year, with observance from Christmas Eve to Twelfth Night. In holly-decked great halls of the feudal lords their friends, tenants and household engaged in feasting, singing and games, dancing, masquerading and pantomimes. A lord of misrule directed the revels, and headed the minstrels who paraded for the Christmas feast.

It was the wild license of these celebrations with no hint of the true meaning of Christmas, that caused the parliament under the Puritans to forbid Christmas festivities after 1644. England, and simultaneously the American colonies, gradually found Christmas again, and made it what it is today—the most beloved Church ceremonial and home festival of the year.

Americans Did Great Deal For St. Nick

It's little wonder that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick.

According to Mabel Johnson, research expert with the World Book Encyclopedia, the Americans have given Saint Nick a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall, angular man who rode on a bony, gray mare. But the horse and Saint Nick looked like they hadn't had a good meal in some time. The Saint had deep sunken eyes, and wore a flowing, threadbare cloak, and a black skullcap.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nick his "new look." The English children had trouble pronouncing

Saint Nicholas." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Klouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon that floated over New York house-tops.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transformation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of Divinity in a New York Theological Seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

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At Christmas

Our wishes go out to all our friends and patrons for a bright and cheerful Holiday Season.

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Turkey Is Keystone Of Holiday Meal

Two marvelous thoughts hover in the kitchen air as mother drags out her bespattered cookbook and her lists for Christmas Day: one, a turkey, crisp, shiny and brown, the moist meat falling away under father's knife as the family munches celery impatiently; two, a remnant whose bones look like the naked structure of a building, the last piece of meat gone from the platter, the last scrap of stuffing sought from its now-revealed hiding place.

The promise and happy fulfillment are both in her mind as she marshals forces for the big job. And, no matter how many times she's prepared a Christmas dinner, she wants to know and use the newest and best ideas and techniques.

In answer to a popular question, both the Poultry and Egg National Board and Frigidaire people agree that freezing a stuffed turkey, either cooked or uncooked, is not good.

If advance preparation is desired, these authorities suggest preparing the dry ingredients for stuffing the day before and storing them on the shelf.

As for the stuffing itself, the Poultry and Egg people concede that there is much variation in what goes into a stuffing — in the South, it's crumbled cornbread and pecans, almonds and hickory nuts; in the West, it's Oregon filberts; in Massachusetts, it's

cranberries and in the upper Midwest, it's walnuts and raisins.

For a good compromise — a recipe from the heart of the country — they offer Mrs. Harry Truman's recipe. This recipe will do for an eight to 10-pound bird.

All-American Stuffing

12 slices dry bread
1/2 pound butter
1 cup diced onions
1 cup diced celery
1 cup giblet stock
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning

Dry out bread in slow oven. Cut into half-inch cubes. Put butter into frying pan, add onions and celery. Sauté until light brown. Add giblet stock and let simmer for five minutes. Add bread cubes, mix and season with salt, pepper and poultry seasoning. The dressing should be somewhat moist so that it will be light and fluffy when done.

For the last word in turkey preparation, they offer these suggestions: After bird is eviscerated and cleaned, remove pinfeathers, singe if necessary, wash outside thoroughly, rinse cavity with cold water and wipe dry. Then make stuffing; rub cavity with salt just before roasting and stuff lightly by hand.

Truss legs, even if bird is not stuffed. Grease skin with fat. Cover top and sides with fat-moistened cloth. Place in preheated 325-degree oven. When turkey is two-thirds done, cut trussing string. One more caution — do not sear, cover or add salt to the turkey, beside using your cookbook's timetable, test to see if the drumstick moves readily or twists out of joint. Meat thermometer in center of thigh muscle should register 190-195 degrees when done.

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Christmas Wishes

Fun and Good Cheer

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An abundance of these

Is our Yule wish for you!

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We're used to being Santa Claus, for we play the role for many of our friends and neighbors throughout the year. But in this holiday season we truly wish we could be three Santas at once...to wish everybody a Christmas blessed threefold in Happiness, Health and Prosperity!

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Happy Christmas

To our many friends we wish all the pleasures that a joyous Holiday Season can bring.



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As the Wise Men followed the Star to the scene of our Savior's birth, may all of us be guided by the light of His spirit through all the day of our years. Let us gather to sing His praises in joyous carols and to bow our heads humbly in a prayer of thanks for the eternal glory of His message.

PAMPA LUMBER CO.

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We extend our sincere good wishes to all of our neighbors. May ever candle on your tree illuminate a holiday rich in contentment & fellowship.

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Seasons Greetings

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CHRISTMAS TRAIN CAKE



THIS COLORFUL CHRISTMAS TRAIN CAKE with Santa as the engineer makes a gay centerpiece for your holiday table. It's the December Woman's Home Companion cover cake and is easy to make with cakes and candies you can buy. Three plain pound cakes from the grocery store are used for the engine, cab and coal car which are decorated with red, green and white frosting. Tracks are licorice sticks, railroad ties and cowcatcher are peppermint sticks, smokestack is marzipan. Peppermint candies and gumdrops make the wheels. The December Companion gives complete instructions for making this Christmas choo-choo. (ANS)

Bach, Handel Music Favored At Christmas

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening — until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratorios and carols came from Bach and Handel.

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Germans Give US Kids Tons Of Toys

NURNBERG, Germany — (UP) — Santa Claus is coming from Germany this year.

At least this will be true for thousands of orphans in the United States who will receive 10 tons of toys from German makers.

For the third consecutive year, manufacturers in this toy capital of Europe donated a wide variety of items ranging from teddy bears to miniature steam shovels.

The collective gift expresses the gratitude of 82 German firms for American kindness to German orphans immediately after World War II.

This year the gift was accepted by Maj. Gen. Claude B. Ferenbaugh, chief of staff of the United States Army in Europe. It was accepted on behalf of the Quartermaster Association of the U. S. Army which arranges for Yuletide delivery to orphanages in the United States.

'Snapdragon' Popular

A game called "snapdragon" was very popular at Christmas time in England more than 200 years ago. To a limited extent it is still played in some parts of England, as well as in America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants attempt to snatch a raisin from the blazing bowl.

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Make merry, be happy, I
have run for
this is Holiday time!
There's joy in the air,
warmth in our hearts—
and a very Merry
Christmas on our lips.

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BLESSINGS at CHRISTMAS

May this Holiday Season mark a blessed
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just at this Christmas time, but for . . . days!

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At this joyous Christmas
season . . . we extend to everybody
our heartfelt wishes for a
happy holiday, a prosperous New Year.

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Card Pile Staggers Postman

If the mailman staggers up to your house in the Christmas season, it's because of the cards. For, according to Stephen Q. Shannon, president of the National Association of Greeting Card Publishers, U. S. postmen totter under a mountain-high load of one and three-quarter billion cards every Christmas.

That means that the man who doesn't send or receive a Christmas card is either a troll who lives under a bridge or a bartender in a ghost town.

Among the kinds of cards that may catch your eye when you go out to select this winter, Mr. Shannon points out, are many cards that were considered odd items not long ago.

In this category are the de luxe cards — big things with pins or necklaces or real Christmas carols on them. These cards, which have to be mailed in a box, now sell from 20 to 50 thousand copies per card.

Religious cards now sell five times more than they did ten years ago, Mr. Shannon said. A lot coming up are the giant cards for kids and the studio cards — sophisticated line sketches with waggish greetings.

Ways of buying your cards are also increasing. You may pick them out one by one as always, but you can also buy inexpensive boxes of one design or boxes with twelve cards on one theme. Plus the possibility of ordering in advance from a catalog the exact number you wish, names printed on.

But, while the five most popular designs may switch positions with each other from year to year, they always remain the top five. This means that when you go to select, you'll probably be most charmed by: a floral design; candles, Santa Claus; a winter scene or bells. It's in the cards.

In some homes, the children prepare for Christmas in advance by making gift wrapping paper with fanciful designs of finger-paint.

Xmas Quiz

How much do you and your family really know about Christmas? Try this one on them when there's a lull in the fun. Both children and adults will enjoy matching wits and everybody will learn something more about Christmas.

1. The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe started in (a) Norway, (b) Russia, (c) Holland.

2. The story of the birth of Jesus is described in which two books of the new Testament (a) St. John, (b) St. Matthew, (c) St. Luke, (d) St. Mark?

3. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (1) Indiana, (b) New York, (c) Washington, D.C., (d) California?

4. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas?" (a) Longfellow, (b) Guest, (c) Moore?

5. There is only one town in the world named Santa Claus. It is located in (a) Holland, (b) England, (c) Indiana.

6. Tuberculosis Christmas seals originated in (a) America, (b) Germany, (c) Denmark.

7. The custom of hanging holly in the window on Christmas was originally started (a) to keep witches away, (b) to decorate the window (c) as an invitation to passers-by to come in.

8. Christmas boxes for the poor originated in (a) France in 1887, (b) ancient Rome, (c) America in 1763.

9. The children of what country get Christmas gifts from a kindly old witch by the name of Befano instead of from Santa Claus? (a) Russia, (b) China, (c) France, (d) Italy.

10. The word "Noel" means (a) new, (b) holiday, (c) born.

Christmas Quiz Answers:

1. a; 2. b-c; 3. d; 4. c; 5. c;

6. c; 7. a; 8. b; 9. d; 10. c.

If your turkey is large this year carve off a number of pieces and save in the freezer for a lunch someday. Just wrap in sandwich size portions using plastic or foil wrap material.

Mistletoe was thought to have had magic powers by the ancient Druids. Young men today probably believe the same thing when their ladies stand beneath the mistletoe waiting to be kissed.

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Greetings

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A trend in the observance of for the children and 1st mother Christmas involves the traditional relax. There will be many turkey Christmas feast. Many families dinners held over until Sunday this move the dinner to an adjacent year since the holiday comes on day to leave Christmas Day free the weekend.



We extend our warmest greetings to you and your family. May you spend the Yuletide in the merry atmosphere of fine old fashioned Christmas cheer.

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HOLY SOULS PAGEANT

Students at Holy Souls School are shown in their presentation of the Nativity play during the Christmas week. Left to right are Billy Neslage and David Wilson as shepherds; Stanley Micklo as Joseph; Peggy Schwind as Mary; and Sharron Maul, Toni Epps and Linda Hayes as angels.

(News Photo)

Columbus Was Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipango, that fabulous realm of the Orient Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and then turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the NINA.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and dispatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open

wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the

chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote. "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse, is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

For the gal who lives away from home, a hair drier is a helpful beauty aid and makes a gleaming gift. The drier does double duty on wet fingernail polish.

Many Versions Of Christmas Giving

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started. Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once the custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart. This started it all, Now gift giving is traditional.

We extend our warmest greetings to you and your family. May you spend the Yuletide season in the merry atmosphere of fine old fashioned Christmas cheer.



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Christmas Meditation



"What's the Christmas Spirit, Daddy?" The child
peered gravely over the magazine where she had found
these words, confidently awaiting an answer.

"Well, girl, it's... it's a lot of things, big and small. And hard as
you'll find it to believe, Santa Claus is part of the spirit. You see, the
Christmas Spirit isn't likely to visit you when you're knee-deep in your
own pleasure; you've got to be heart-deep in kindness."

"Remember how black and barren Main Street looked early this
month? And you know how it looks now, with the wintry harshness all
shut out by those evergreen arches, and strings of lights. Well, that's
sorta like the way the Christmas Spirit changes people... and towns...
and the world. It takes all the gray coldness out of streets, and human
hearts—and brings in something fine and fragrant like evergreen, some-
thing bright and sparkling like those streamer-lights of red and green
and frosty-blue. It stirs up the best part of human nature, that's usually
buried too far down. It turns on a long, warm, friendly smile inside of us."

"Remember the midnight service at church last year? There, more
than anywhere else, you'll feel the touch of the Christmas Spirit. See
how many things play a part in it—the crisp silence of the night... the
lights of the church, throwing long, golden patterns across the snow...
frosty breath in the twilight, and faces rosy-fresh in the cold... a cer-
tain closeness and warmth that you'll never find anywhere—except at a
Christmas midnight service."

"And then, girl, when you stand with the others and throw all your
being into one of those great Christmas Carols, and the organ has a
silver sound you never heard before, with your heart riding on its melody
—then the Christmas Spirit is all around you, like a gentle snowfall. And
your thoughts are soaring far, far above all the glitter and surface-shine
of Christmas, up and out through the midnight stretches searching the
skies for the Star of Bethlehem."

"It's—so much more than I can say, and what I've said is probably
hard for you to understand, but—"

She smiled across at him, her eyes shining in the lamp-glow. "I do
understand, sorta better, anyway... and it is even more wonderful
than Santa Claus, isn't it Daddy?"

And the winter wind whispered outside the window, envious of the
bright glory within—for the radiance of the Christmas Spirit was with
them, there in the room.

—Reprinted by Permission of *Employers National of Women* as a Yuletide Tribute

Christmas Went Underground When Banned By Puritans

There was a time when Christ-
mas went underground. People
who advocated Christmas were in
danger of arrest and imprisonment
and it looked as though Christmas
was on its way out.

It all happened around 1644
when the Puritans in England for-
bade any merriment or religious
services, by act of parliament, on
the ground that it was a heathen
festival. What resulted was much
grumbling, breaking of the law
and a Christmas underground

which wrote and distributed pam-
phlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was pub-
lished "Canterbury Christmas."
This pamphlet gives an account
of the subsequent proceedings after
the Cryer of Canterbury had
upon Wednesday, December 22,
"openly proclaimed that Christmas
day and all other superstitious fes-
tivals should be put downe, and
a market should be kept on Christ-
mas day. Which being not
observed, but very ill taken by the
country, the town was thereby un-
served with provision and trading
very much hindered; which oc-
casioned great discontent among
people, caused them to rise in a
rebellious way."

Among the rarest of the pam-
phlets issued at that time is one
entitled "The Examination and
Tryal of Old Father Christmas."
In this little volume, "one old
Christmas was commanded to be
brought to the Bar, then was a
jury for Life and Death to be
impaneled." The Judge was called
Judge Hatebate, "for avoiding
all such scandals as have been
cast upon your Office is not so
much to feast the Body, as to re-
fresh the Soul, by thankful and
pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christ-
mas in 1678 and "Jolly Old Fa-
ther Christmas" has never had to
stand trial since.

Be Sure Of Safe Holiday

NEW YORK — (UP) — The Na-
tional Board of Fire Underwriters
offers these recommendations to
guard against Christmas fire haz-
ards:

1. Choose a small tree rather
than a large one.
2. Store it outdoors until a day
or two before Christmas.
3. When you bring it in, stand
it in water and set it in a cool part
of the house, away from radiators,
heaters and fireplaces. Don't let
it block an exit.
4. Be sure every lighting set and
electric cord you use is in good
condition — no worn or frayed
wires, no loose sockets. (Naturally,
you never use candles.)
5. When you buy new sets or
cords, look for the UL label. The
ones that bear it have passed Un-
derwriters' Laboratories tests for
fire and shock hazards.
6. Provide a switch some dis-
tance from the tree for turning
tree lights on and off.
7. Ornaments should all be
made of fireproof materials like
metal or glass. Never decorate
with cotton or paper unless they
are labelled "fireproof" or "flame-
proof."
8. Never set up electric trains
under the tree.
9. Don't let gift wrappings pile
up under or near the tree.
10. Don't leave tree lights burn-
ing when no one is home.
11. From time to time, see
whether needles near the lights
have started to turn brown. If so,
change the position of the lights.
12. When needles start to fall,
take the tree down and discard it
— outdoors!

Greetings

Once again it's the time of the year for Joy and
Merriment, and we wish to take a moment to
extend to all our friends our very best wishes for a
Holiday Season full of good cheer and happy times.

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Outlets In Right Places Make Home Lighting More Effective

You can go "all out" on lighted
Christmas decorations, wiring speci-
alists advise, if your home has
enough electrical outlets in handy
spots. Properly located outlets not
only make it easy to place Yule-
tide decorations in appropriate
places, the experts claim, but
also provide greater convenience
and flexibility in lighting and ap-
pliance use throughout the year.

Floor Outlet — A sunken floor
outlet under the dining table that
can be connected by a cord to a
multiple plug-in receptacle at-
tached to the table itself. It provides
convenient use of small cooking
appliances and special centerpiece-
es. It also eliminates the unsafe
practice of trailing extension cords
over or under the rug.

Outlets Every 12 Ft. — when
convenience outlets are spaced
every twelve feet along the wall,
distinctive decorations can be set
up without limiting the use of
lamps and appliances in other
parts of the room. Outlets spaced

according to the twelve-foot rule
eliminate the need for unsightly
extension cords and make it pos-
sible to arrange furniture where
desired.

Outdoor Outlet — installed near
the front entrance and other ap-
propriate spots for outdoor dec-
orative lighting, garden or cooking
sets should be used for exterior
decorations.

Santa Claus, Indiana, Received Famous Name In 1882

Although many towns have
names directly or indirectly as-
sociated with Christmas, there is
but one town named Santa Claus,
in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the
town would have had another name
and hence would not have en-
joyed the annual fame that it gath-
ers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name
the town Santa Fe fell through
when the officials at Washington
suggested that the town be named
something else, since there was
already a Santa Fe in New Mex-
ico.

Christmas Big Season For Thieves

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (UP) —
Thousands of Christmas shoppers
will "invite" burglars to rob them
during the holiday season, and
thieves will take advantage of
their carelessness, warns Detective
Chief M. A. Hinds.

Every Christmas season homes
are burglarized and stripped of
gaily decorated gifts. Toys are
even filched from under lighted
Christmas trees, Hinds pointed out.

Housewives could stop many of
the marauders simply by drawing
the shades and by not leaving
packages out on beds, tables or
chairs where they can be seen
through uncovered windows, he
explained.

If you leave packages, coats or
other valuables in your parked car
you are inviting a prowler to take
them.

Women shoppers who put their
purses on store counters or show-
cases while picking out Christmas
gifts are only making it that much
easier for the purse-snatcher, says
Hinds.

When stores are jammed with
shoppers, he said, it isn't advisable
to wear costly jewelry that a "light
fingered" thief might covet.

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Late-December Celebrations Pre-Date The Observance Of Christmas Holiday

The Christmas season in Brazil begins on Christmas Eve and ends with the Feast of Epiphany on January 6. Christmas day falls in Brazil's mid-summer season and is observed with picnics, open-air fiestas and fireworks. New Year's day is the biggest day for celebration, feasting and exchange of gifts.

In China the Christmas season is known as the Holy Birth Festival. Homes and churches are decorated with evergreens and chains made of colored paper. Gifts of tangerines, peanuts, picture cards, candy and money are given to needy neighbors and to nearby provinces where there is famine or plague.

Svaty Mikulas is the children's patron saint of Czechoslovakia and is escorted to the earth by an angel. Mikulas leads an evil spirit, Cert, who punishes the children if they don't know their prayers. If they do know them, the angel gives them a gift.

The Christmas season in Denmark is one of feasting and visiting friends. Even the livestock is given the best of food during this season. On Christmas Eve the main holiday dinner is served. The first course is always rice pudding, which has a whole almond somewhere concealed in it. The person receiving the almond in his portion is given a prize. After dinner, guests go to a room which has been locked for days and which contains gifts left by the elf, Julenissen. Later in the evening cookies and wine are served — and it's an unpardonable breach of etiquette for a guest to refuse them.

At the time of the Celts, Christmas in England was entirely a religious celebration. It has retained this characteristic to this day, probably by a greater extent than in any other nation. The reason for this adherence to the original purpose of Christmas is that dur-

ing the Reformation, the celebration of Christ's birthday was banned in all but the Lutheran and Anglican churches. Then when Parliament abolished the celebration entirely in 1552, the time of festivity was switched to New Year's day.

Paris does not celebrate Christmas except in the churches; but for outlying provinces of France, this season is one of great festivity. Children gather laurel, holly and berries with which to decorate their homes, then on Christmas Eve they place their shoes on the hearth for the Christ child to fill with gifts.

Cold For Finns

In Finland, the floors of homes are covered with straw where the children must sleep, reminiscent of the Christ child. They then await the arrival of Wainemoinen and his companion, Ukko. On Christmas Eve, the entire family takes a bath, then rolls in the snow. This chilling but cleansing activity is followed by the visits to the homes of friends where gifts are exchanged.

The children of Hungary leave their boots in the window anticipating the arrival of St. Nicholas and his attendant dressed as the Devil. As in Belgium, good children receive presents, the bad get birch rods.

Christmas day in Holland is one of church-going. The Dutch celebrate December 6, much the same as we celebrate December 25. Like the Germans, they put many wrappings on their gifts. The longer it takes one to get the presents, the greater the surprise. In order to prolong the suspense, Hollanders often find their gifts baked in a loaf of bread or buried in the ground. Sometimes they struggle through a series of packages, each one containing directions as to where the actual gift might be. Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, pagan sun-wor-

shippers established the custom of a late-December celebration that today is observed in 37 different parts of the world as Christmas.

In this five-century period before Christ, Romans celebrated the Saturnalia, or the Feast of Saturn. Egyptians, Greeks, Persians, Chinese, Celts, Gauls, Scandinavians, Goths, Saxons and Teutons also made with the December festivities — all in honor of the sun that had ceased its movement away from the earth and was believed to be on its return. These celebrations were held on December 25.

The Christian religion was not strong enough in the beginning to combat these long-established customs, so the church accepted them. There are no records to show that Christ was born on December 25. Historians and astronomers agree His birth was near the shortest day in the year. But because most people of the world celebrated the winter solstice on December 25, the date was accepted by the Christian religion in the Fourth Century A.D. as Christ's birthday.

It was not until 98 years after the birth of Christ that His birthday was celebrated and another 40 years before it was adopted as a Christian festival. By the Fourth Century, the festivals were universally accepted.

Although originally observed exclusively as a religious holiday, Christmas is now universally recognized as the year's greatest holiday for children. The Christmas season might be very dull for children if it were not for gifts and Santa Claus. Santa Claus is of American origin; however, every nation has its giver of gifts who is known by different names in various parts of the world.

The best known of all European 'Santa Claus' is St. Nicholas. He actually existed and was the Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was the patron saint of poor maidens, sailors and children. Tradition has it that he once heard of a father with no dowry for his three marriageable daughters. St. Nicholas secretly dropped three bags of gold into their home and soon the daughters were happily married.

The modern custom of hanging up stockings on Christmas Eve can be traced to the days of St. Nicholas when maidens tacked their stockings to the wall hoping to receive their dowry. Three bags of gold, or three gold nuggets, were used to represent the generosity of St. Nicholas. Today, the pawnbroker's sign of three gold balls represents a more recent adaptation of this symbol.

Santa Claus to the children of Italy is La Befana, a woman. Many years ago, La Befana supposedly lost her child and husband and moved near the road to Bethlehem. When the Wise Men and shepherds asked her to accompany them to see Christ she refused, but started alone the following morning and lost her way. Since that time she has visited the sleeping children of Italy and leave gifts under their pillows, always hoping one of them might be the Christ child.

Kris Kringle gives the presents in Germany and is believed by the children of that country to be a child messenger from the Christ

child. Much emphasis is placed on giving to the poor. Christmas trees are everywhere and in some parts of Germany, the Yule Log is burned. The entire family attends church on Christmas Eve and when they return, find that Kris Kringle has visited and has placed gifts under the Christmas tree. Gifts are concealed in many wrappings, each of which bears the name of a different person. The name of the person on the last wrapper is the one who finally receives the present.

St. Nicholas visits the children of Belgium on Christmas Eve. He comes dressed in a Bishop's robe and gives praise to the good children, punishment to the bad. He then promises to return the following morning. The children place baskets, shoes and plates around the room and also set out water, hay, carrots and a potato for St. Nicholas' gray horse. The next morning they find the house in general disorder, proving that St. Nick has been there.

The Japanese are putting more and more emphasis on Christmas and have adopted the tradition of other nations. Christmas trees adorn department stores and although they have no carols of their own, most Japanese know "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night." In Mexico, Christmas celebrating begins on December 16. Instead

of a tree they have earthen jars elaborately decorated and filled with nuts and candy. A jar is broken and the contents distributed on each of the nine nights of celebration.

Norwegians start preparations for Christmas many days before its arrival by painting their houses, otherwise tidying up their places of residence. Gifts are distributed to children by Jule-nissen and consist for the most part of clothing and other practical items, with an occasional apple or piece of candy tossed in.

Poles Write Letters
Before Christmas each Polish child writes a letter telling what he wants for a present. He places the letter in the window or near the fireplace where the Wise Men who distribute the gifts, can get it. The Christmas dinner, which is served when the first star appears on Christmas Eve, always finds one vacant chair at the table for the Christ child.

In Palestine, three Christmases are celebrated. Roman Catholics observe December 25; Greek Orthodox, Syrians and Abyssinians, January 6; and Armenians, January 18. Less than one-sixth of the people of Jerusalem are Christians.

Since the revolution, the Russian Christmas has been radically changed and now falls on January 6, because the Julian calendar is used. The Christmas dinner consists of 12 courses, one for each of the Apostles. Presents are distributed to children by a woman, Babouska, who supposedly misdirected the Wise Men on the road to Bethlehem. In repentance, she searches for the Christ child and leaves a present under the pillow

of each child, hoping one of them will be Him.

Sweden has four holidays during the Christmas season: Christmas day and the first, 12th and 20th days following. These days are occasions for giving to the poor and, as in the majority of nations, St. Nicholas is the giver of gifts. In most countries he rides a gray horse, but in Sweden he finds it faster to travel by sleigh and pulled by reindeer.

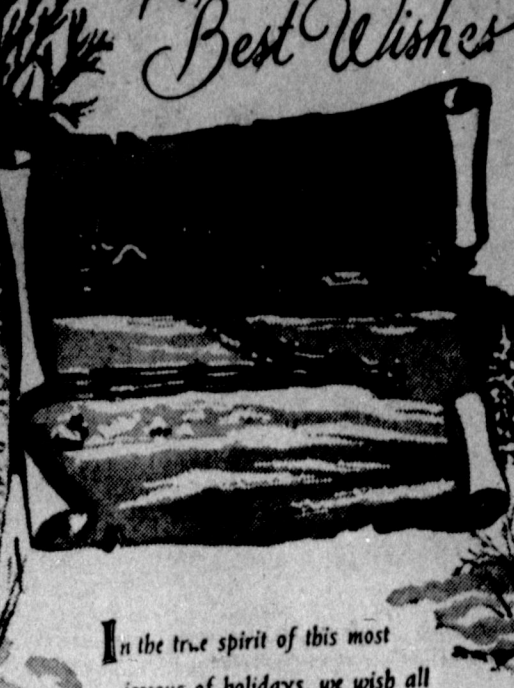
In Bulgaria, Grandfather Koleda is the gift giver. On New Year's day, however, the children give gifts to their parents. In Greece, St. Basil is the patron saint of children. Gifts in Poland and Spain come from the Wise Men. In Syria, the youngest camel which accompanied the Wise Men, called the Camel of Jesus, gives the presents. In Switzerland it is St. Lucy and Father Christmas.

There are many references to trees in ancient festivals, but they doubtless bear little connection with our modern Christmas tree custom. In the days of the pagan celebration of the winter solstice, evergreens were brought into homes to lend a touch of nature during the drab and dreary winter days.

Our Christmas tree probably originated in Alsace around 1605. For 200 years German children along the Rhine were the only ones to enjoy it. In 1800, the custom spread throughout Europe and then to the rest of the world. It was unknown in England until Queen Victoria married a German Prince. German and Dutch immigrants brought the custom to America.

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Protestant Yuletide Rites In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — (UP) — The focal point of Protestant Yuletide celebrations in the Israeli New City of Jerusalem is the YMCA's annual united choral service on Christmas Eve.

The speaker at this service will be the Rev. G. N. Hall, pastor of the Anglican Church of St. Andrews which stands opposite Mt. Zion and the walls of Jerusalem's walled Old City in Jordan. The service, held in the auditorium of the "Y," will be presided over by its director, J. Leslie Putnam of Milwaukee, Wis.

Between four and five hundred persons are expected to attend. The grounds before the white stone building erected in 1933 have been festooned with holiday decorations fluttering down from the 100-foot tower. Floodlights illuminate the entire area at night. The tower can be seen for miles around, and its chimes on Christmas will carry the messages of the birth of the Prince of Peace to villages beyond Bethany to the east.

Each of the city's Protestant ministers takes a leading part in the service. A Baptist minister, Dr. Robert Lindsey of Norman, Okla., leads the choral singing.

Christmas Trees
The Rev. J. W. Foster of the Assembly of God Church, a British denomination, and the Anglican Church's Canon H. R. A. Jones will read from the Scriptures along with the Rev. M. G. Geisbush, Minnesota pastor of the American Church sponsored by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. There will be eight Scripture readings in all, alternating with carol singing. In addition, to the Scripture readings in English, for the first time, passages from the Holy Writ will be read in Hebrew and Arabic.

Inside the YMCA building are three Christmas trees. The auditorium has chandeliers with shades cut out so that when the lights are on, silhouettes of the symbols of Christian, Jewish and Moslem denominations are thrown on the walls. The trees were decorated by the 50 permanent residents of the "Y."

The Protestant churches have no organized pilgrimage to Bethlehem as does the Roman Catholic Church for Christmas. A number of Protestants have gone as individuals — mostly visitors and members of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

Children's Party
Each of the Protestant Churches will conduct its own service Christmas morning. A Baptist conference for the spiritual uplifting of Israeli members of the church will be held in Dr. Lindsey's church the week ending with Christmas. About sixty persons will make the pilgrimage to the Holy City from other parts of the country.

On Christmas Day, the YMCA is conducting a party for about 400 children, with gifts to be distributed by Santa Claus.

Catholics unable to make the pilgrimage to Bethlehem will attend mass at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. After sunset Dec. 24 and throughout the morning of Christmas Day, the old traditional road followed by the Three Wise Men from Jerusalem to Bethlehem will be open for United Nations officials and foreign diplomats and consular officials. This road starts in Israel territory and enters Jordan near the Tomb of Rachel — Jacob's wife in the Scriptures. Except for Christmas, it is closed by barbed wire barriers and tank traps and guarded by Israeli troops and soldiers of the Jordanian Arab Legion — a sign of the times in the Holy Land.

Christmas Trees Of Egyptian Origin

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

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If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be At Fault

If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the ani-

mals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past. American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.

Special "Christmas Day Only" dishes can be created from paper plates decorated in water coloring. Designs of evergreens and other holiday symbols go on easily. Shellac covering will make them durable.



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Traditions And Customs Are Bequeathed By The Old World

Early Christians did not celebrate the birthday of Christ. It was not until the fourth century that December 25 came to be accepted as the presumed anniversary of the great event. In that year Pope Gregory V set his day officially. His intention was partly to absorb the old pagan festival of the returning sun (the winter solstice on December 22) in a Christian feast. A number of pagan celebrations were overlapped in this manner during the first centuries of Christianity.

In Great Britain, for instance, the 'Lord of Misrule' led the frolicking, parading and carol singing. This period of pranks and general foolishness is supposed to have descended from the Saturnalia of pagan Rome. Only a few Britons now follow this jolly old custom. The Santa Claus tradition represents the combining of a number of widely differing relics of old superstitions and beliefs. The northern Europeans in pre-Christian times believed in a spirit of

woods and fields who had to be placated now and then, or he would ruin the harvests. This being was known in Norway, as the 'Niasee,' and by various names in other Scandinavian countries. It is still a custom in rural regions for children to set out porridge and beer on Christmas Eve to please the Niasee. He is merging, however, with the popular figure of Santa Claus.

In Britain the character known as 'Father Christmas' is supposed to be a Christian version of this ancient spirit of the fields. The Dutch Sinter Klass, of St. Nicholas, is still recognizable as the good bishop of Myra in Dutch plays, but he too is being absorbed in the way. Costumes are remarkable. Young men and women wear headresses, representing houses, ships, mountains, and so forth. Huge sleigh bells tinkle from their waists and shoulders. These Swiss carolers also have a peculiar dance used only on Christmas Eve. In Switzerland as in other southern European countries, the gifts are brought to good children, not by Santa Claus, but by the Christ Child, who comes from the North Pole in a fairy sleigh.

In many German villages an old man with a small drum marches about the house after the Christmas dinner leading a procession. His drum is to frighten away any witches who might have come into the house during the year. He finally reaches the last room where the Christmas stands, laden with presents.

Mexican Christmas Eve is a pretty combination of the religious and the festive observance. There is a dance in every village until midnight. At the stroke of twelve the musicians play a mystical sacred melody, and everyone converges in front of the 'nacimientito,' of crib representation. Then the oldest woman present picks up the image of the Christ Child and marches slowly to the church for the midnight mass. When this is over, the dancing and revelry, complete with fireworks, recommences and lasts until dawn.

Members of the Orthodox Greek church who cling to the old style calendar, celebrate Christ's birthday on January 6. Many people in Greece, Serbia, Rumania and other Balkan states as well as many Russians, belong to the Orthodox church. Their Christmas feast traditionally begins with a bowl of 'kutya' which is a combination of wheat, honey, ground poppy seed and pecans. Mushroom soup, fruit, fish and nuts are also served. A small layer of hay is spread under the table cloth to show humility for Christ's birth in a stable. Polish people also follow this last custom.

So every country and every district often has its own special ways of keeping Christmas. The United States, being composed of people from everywhere, has received customs from every people, and has adopted those it liked, and altered them to fit the American style. So it has been with Santa Claus, the Christmas plays and carols, the luscious menus — everything has been gladly taken over with thanks to the many nations and peoples that have bequeathed them to us.

Dickens' Masterpiece

'A Christmas Carol' Will Live Forever

"Once upon a time — of all the good days in the year, on Christmas eve — old Scrooge sat busy in his counting-house. It was cold, biting weather; foggy withal; and he could hear the people in the court outside, go wheezing up and down, beating their hands upon their breasts, and stamping their feet upon the pavement stones to warm them. The city clocks had only just gone three, but it was quite dark already — it had not been light all day — and candles were flaring in the windows of the neighboring offices, like ruddy smears upon palpable brown air."

Thus is the scene set for one of the great Christmas classics of the English language, "A Christmas Carol." And Dickens proceeds in his inimitable prose to create for readers of all time an unforgettable story of Christmas. From his matchless pen steps the immortal Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim.

This was the first of a series of Christmas stories which include "The Chimes," "The Cricket on the Hearth," "The Battle of Life," and "The Haunted Man." But none had the instant popularity and continued appeal of the "Christmas Carol." Here is embodied the festivity, the good will, the true spirit of Christmas that few writers have been able to capture.

Dickens himself knew very little of the comfort and happiness in his early life. He was born in a sordid slum area in Portsmouth, England. His father was in a debtors prison most of Dickens' childhood. Dickens was a man acquainted with poverty and distress, but in his works is no mark of bitterness or self-pity.

Much criticism, however, has been directed at his note of reform through melodramatic pathos and excess sentimentality. Actually this does not affect his art, for his crusading motives are overshadowed by the enduring qualities of his genius.

Every character that Dickens touched became alive; from the gentleman who asked Scrooge for donation for the poor, to his little sister, Fran. His sense of words is exquisite, and his ability to coin names unsurpassed. Picture a "Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig," or for that matter, a "Tiny Tim." In an instant the character is drawn and colored.

But perhaps the most miraculous quality Dickens possessed was that of enveloping his characters, action, and plots with a cloak of fantasy, so that while you are reading about the kind of people who live next door, or who deliver your groceries, you can also find yourself in an aura of spiritual poetry.

So, as you read and hear again this ageless Christmas carol, and sit in once again at the Cratchit's Christmas dinner, you may pause to wonder about the magnificent Englishman who wrote it. Who was Charles Dickens? And a bi-

ographer has answered, "He was a banner in the sun, the wind his genius, his novels, the dancing shadows." So, for long years to come, as long indeed as anyone reads English, we will seek shelter in his books in time of our tribulation, in time of our prosperity. And there, in this deep shelter, waits for us the power that possessed Charles Dickens — his fiery indignation against wrong, his glowing faith in human freedom, his impassioned conviction that in the end good must conquer evil."

Games Make Christmas A Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting the puzzle together.

The Christmas Scramble Contest is good for group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following—astina, eritreden, ehsgil, dynca, goskinct, erte, trepsen, hupoc, alsore and niborb.

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"No Room at the Inn," the story of the Nativity as first presented over radio on "The Greatest Story Ever Told," will be heard again, for the ninth season, over the entire ABC radio network on the Sunday before Christmas, December 19th, 5:30 p.m. (EST). The story of the birth of the Christ Child, dramatically portrayed in this broadcast, is one of the outstanding performances of this weekly

series, which has won the reputation of radio's most honored program. Churches, civic groups, hospitals and institutions make listening to "No Room at the Inn" a part of their holiday festivities, building this traditional program to an essential part of the season. "The Greatest Story Ever Told" has always been offered as a public service program, with no commercial or institutional messages.

Cannon Fire Hails Christmas In Rome

A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastic dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight Mass.

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala affair and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables is gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire.

Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds — Pifferani — revisit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferani play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and receive gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their hosts.

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Fireworks On Christmas Eve Custom Of Early Settlers

To those who have sometimes asked why fireworks should be associated with the birth of Christ, the answer is that this was an imported custom which settlers brought from France to New Orleans.

Before it was introduced in this country, the Italians were using colored fire on December 25 and there was abundant evidence that the Spaniards also indulged in early pyrotechnics.

In the southern states, fireworks remain a Christmas "must" notwithstanding the fact that many cities and towns have enacted prohibitive ordinances because in so many instances Christmas joy was turned to Christmas grief in killings and maimings.

The paganistic motif bobs up again in the burning of the Yule Log which is certainly tied in inextricably with Christmas but which can be traced back to the work of the Goths' festival commemorating the winter solstice.

Mistletoe is another Christmas custom which goes back to the white robed Druids who revered it. They always cut it with a golden blade because they considered

it a symbol of peace. In the early ages if two women met underneath mistletoe, they dropped their arms and embraced — hence the modern practice of kissing under mistletoe.

The Christmas tree is entirely Germanic in origin and first made its appearance at Strasburg in 1605. It was not until 1840 that the Princess of Mecklenberg introduced it in England to become immediately a Christmas fixture.

But one little known fact is that the Christmas tree was a current Christian fixture in America before it was in England because immigrants to this country from the Black Forest brought the idea with them. Immigrants also introduced the story of Kris Kringle — a vulgarization of the German words Christ Kindlein (the little Christ child).

Where did Christmas presents originate? The Germans are totally responsible for the origination of Santa Claus though some profess to see again some analogy between gift-giving and the rich bestowal of gifts peculiar to the Roman Saturnalia.

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Mistletoe First Used By Druids

The greens which are used for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients, and many of them which adorned pagan seasonal rites were later taken over to grace the ceremonies and celebrations of Christmas Day.

In both England and America, the holly and the mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

It was the Druids who first used the mistletoe, "Heal-all" was their name for it. The plant was supposed to have curative values, and gradually they assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Their priests, each year around the time when we now celebrate Christmas, would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees which, in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments of white, they ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles especially made for the solemn occasion they cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the green came to be regarded as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over the entrance doors so that they who entered might be assured of friendship.

Christmas Once Moved In Calendar

Christmas was once a movable feast. The eastern branches of the Christian church usually celebrated it in April or May. Western Europe sometime in January.

In 337 A.D., St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century observed the date of January 7.

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May Christmas bring good cheer to you... that fills your heart the Season through.



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Young Austrian Priest Wrote Famed 'Silent Night' Carol

The night before Christmas in 1818, "Silent Night" — most beloved Christmas carol — had not yet been composed. But on Christmas Day it was sung for the first time by children in an Austrian village to the accompaniment of a guitar.

That Christmas Eve the village priest, young Josef Mohr, sat reading the story of the Nativity when a peasant woman knocked at the door. A child had been born in one of the humble homes in his parish in the Alps. He went to bless it and returned so filled with the meaning of the Christmas story that he sat down to write what he felt. The lines kept turning into verse: "Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright..."

A second knock at the door brought his friend, the organist, the schoolmaster, Franz Gruber, with word that the church organ had broken down. If there was to be music tomorrow it must be a very simple hymn since there was little time to rehearse the children. Gruber there and then composed the music for "Silent Night" later erroneously attributed to Hayden. Next morning, with only a guitar to guide them, the village children sang the song that was to become the carol of the world.

Nearly 20 years later four brothers and sisters were asked to sing it at the court of the king and queen of Saxony. The journey of "Silent Night" had begun. It was introduced to America by bands of Tyrolean singers and bell ringers who toured the German-American communities that spring from Boston to Milwaukee.

And yet "Silent Night" and most of the other Christmas songs America knows are not really carols at all. They are Christmas hymns set to solemn music by such famous composers as Bach, Handel and Mendelssohn.

Strictly speaking, carols are to be sung merrily and the term originally meant a dance. Perhaps the only real Christmas carol "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly." Other real carols that appear as favorites are "Boat's Head Carols," and "Cherry Carols" the "Hunting Carol," and "Good King Wenceslas."

America seems to be the one country in the world where the terms "carol" and "hymn" become interchangeable at Christmas time. But all the songs Americans have claimed as their favorite carols have one thing in common — extreme simplicity of the music. There is almost no choir or group

anywhere that can make "Silent Night" or "Little Town of Bethlehem" sound unattractive.

The origins of all these songs are obscure and varied. As in the case of "The First Noel" or "Nowell," books engage in a genteel battle as to whether its genesis is English or French. Thus the two different spellings. It was first printed in England, but perhaps even there few people realize that the complete text of all its stanzas tells the entire Nativity

story as told to the shepherds by an angel.

Another founded on Biblical text is "Joy to the World." Based on the ninety-seventh Psalm, it was written by an Englishman named Isaac Watts in 1719. Its tune is from Handel's "Messiah."

Charley Wesley, brother of the great John Wesley, wrote "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." The melody comes from the second chorus of a Mendelssohn cantata that was originally composed to celebrate the birthday of printing.

And Martin Luther wrote that children's favorite "Away in a Manger" for his own children, who formed a domestic choir. The origin of the music is in doubt.

Christmas Trees Change In Looks

This year Christmas trees are backyard procedure with hours whiter and safer, thanks to chemicals and experiments.

The chemicals treat trees to have fire-retarding properties. Some trees put on the market this year looked like Jack Frost had made his wintry visit with fluffy white plastic and rayon fibers. Tree coating has long been a

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Peace on earth

Joy to the world through a new spirit of Peace and Good Will... this was the message of the first Christmas.

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Want to make it a real old-fashioned Christmas when you play Santa for junior this year? All you have to do is go on diet — or leave the pillows out when you put on the red suit. You'll look like S. Claus, 100 years ago.

That was when Santa was an anemic bean-pole on the Christmas cards of the era, instead of the healthy, round fellow you see today on greeting cards, in newspapers, and in department stores.

A combination of artistic progress and public demand put the weight on Santa, according to Jeanette Lee, supervisor of creative art for Hall Brothers of Kansas City, greeting card publishers.

Miss Lee, whose artists are turning out many different paintings of Santa for this year's Christmas cards, is an authority on the artistic and corpulent growth of that jolly citizen.

When Santa made his bow as a magazine cover-boy in the 1840's he was a tiny, pixie-like figure. He had spindly legs, no shoulders and most important, no "little round belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly."

Artists of the mid-Nineteenth Century must have been rugged individuals, Miss Lee points out, because they refused to follow that wondrous description of Santa Claus in Clement Moore's Yuletide classic, "The Night Before Christmas."

Moore's poem, originally titled "A Visit From St. Nicholas," and published in 1823, described the real Santa Claus as "chubby and plump," with merry dimples, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, a nose like a cherry, and a beard white as snow.

America's artists didn't get the idea for years. As late as 1881 they were still painting a version of old St. Nick that looked more like an advance man for a famine.

"Possibly," Miss Lee explains, "the first painters of Santa Claus thought they had to make him literally thin enough to get down the chimney in order to preserve childhood faith."

At any rate, her research shows, Santa Claus didn't begin to gain weight and develop a rounded silhouette until the 1900's.

Nowadays, to picture Santa Claus as anything but huge, pink and happy would start a major uprising, Miss Lee says. And when you tell junior how St. Nick grew from an anemic three-foot elf to the large economy size man who brings all the presents, it may even help persuade junior to eat his cereal.

Post Office Cuts Extra Worker Pay

By PAUL SOUTHWICK

United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON — (UP) — The postman has been busy with the nation's biggest Christmas mail rush this month, and he has had fewer extra helpers to handle the mountains of parcels and cards.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield believes it's better and cheaper to pay overtime to more of the 500,000 regular postal workers than to hire more outside, inexperienced helpers.

Last year the department hired 275,000 extra workers — college boys, housewives, would-be postmen and unemployed. That was 111,000 fewer than the previous year. It meant that regular mailmen collected more overtime.

Summerfield said this system resulted in such a big saving that he issued orders for more overtime this year and even fewer outside helpers.

In 100 of the largest post offices last year, 67,000 fewer helpers were hired and 1,440,000 more hours of overtime were worked by regular mailmen at a net saving of \$4,800,000, Summerfield said.

Good For Morale

Postal authorities also feel that extra overtime pay will be a good morale-booster for postal workers this year, particularly in view of the fact that they lost a chance for a five per cent pay rise through a presidential veto.

Several hundred postal inspectors were on the job this month keeping a virtual hour-by-hour check on the flow of mail. Bottle necks are reported on a nationwide communications system and steps are taken immediately to overcome them.

Last year the reports were filed at Washington headquarters. This year, the reports go to nine regional headquarters for action.

Postmasters are given extra funds to handle the mail rush. It's pretty much up to them how they spend the money. Last year they paid an estimated \$64,000,000 in overtime and for extra hire.

Last year about 2,200,000,000 pieces of mail, an all-time record, were moved between Oct. 1 and Dec. 27. Summerfield said the load will be even larger this year.

Next Year

Postmasters may hire extras who can handle the job and who are between 18 and 65, don't have criminal records and aren't already drawing pay from another federal job. The pay is about \$1.50 an hour, with 10 per cent extra for night work.

Extra help is used to turn envelopes face up for cancelling, to run cancelling machines, to hand-stamp bulky pieces, door-to-door deliveries, and for loading and unloading mail.

There's no limit to how long the postmaster can keep his extra help on the job. Unlike regular postmen, extras get no overtime pay if they work more than eight hours a day or more than 40 hours a week.

The hiring generally starts about Dec. 13 and extra hands are added to the payroll up until nearly Christmas time.

After Christmas, postal authorities immediately start on preparations for next year's rush — while the problems are still fresh.

Cowboy's Party Is Real American Fete

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations is the Cowboy's Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 in the small town of Anson, Texas.

The celebration started as a wedding party in the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gray shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore." A cowboy band swung out and the dancers performed the heel and toe polka, the Varsouvienne, and other old folk dances.

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Christmas Tree Is Recognized As A Symbol Of Eternal Life

For centuries mankind had regarded the evergreen tree as a symbol of life eternal. When the icy winds of autumn the conifers stand, still fully dressed in living green, a mute promise that life has not fled but only lies dormant for a season.

So also has the evergreen tree been gradually accepted as a symbol of Christmas, of God's gifts to man, including the promise of eternal life. The custom was adopted in Europe as early as the 15th Century and allegedly reached America during the Revolutionary War, when the Hessian soldiers erected Christmas trees to soften their homesickness.

The evolution of a tradition so widely accepted as the Christmas Tree could not help but have many versions. It seems reasonable to accept the idea that the first trimmings used to decorate the trees were replicas of good-stuffs and small gifts. Later, candles were adopted to represent the stars of the wintry heavens which are so interwoven into the story of the Christ Child.

However, regardless of the origins of the custom it is so firmly imbedded in our holiday celebrations that few persons consider Christmas complete unless an evergreen tree stands guard in dressed up splendor over the children's gifts and sends its pungent odor through the house.

The commercial production of Christmas trees is big business, in excess of 21,000,000 trees each year. Nationally, Balsam-fir and Douglas-fir share almost equal honors in making up the first 60 per cent of the total, while Black Spruce and Red Cedar split the next 20 per cent. A long list, including almost every species of evergreen trees, fills out the total.

The states bordering Canada furnish most of our commercial

Christmas trees, although about 5 million are imported annually from Canada. Large operators usually begin work in October, cutting and bundling the trees, keeping them moist and cool or on cold storage preparatory to shipment. National and state forests furnish about 13 per cent of the annual cut. The rest comes from privately owned timberlands, generally from natural stands of conifers which nature has planted. However, some 100,000 acres of land are devoted to growing Christmas tree crops and farmers are finding that plantations bring good returns in a short period and can be harvested during a season when farm work is slack.

The growing of Christmas trees contributes a high rate of return from timbered lands and, when properly done, is not a threat to future forest resources. Forestry is concerned with wise use as well as perpetuation of woodlands. Trees can be raised either as a continuous crop from a plantation by replanting after each harvest, or they can be selected from a stand of trees, some of which are left to ultimately reach sawlog size. Correctly done, this latter practice can be quite beneficial to the forest.

This Christmas Eve, when the youngsters have gone in excited protest to their bed, when the fire burns low on the hearth and you think of other years, remember that the Christmas Tree is the symbol of many things to many people. It is also a visitor in your home, a delegate of the forests, bringing to you a breath of the out-of-doors, of living things which serve both the physical and spiritual needs of man.

Glue a paper plate to the bottom of a paint can to catch the drippings.

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Courtesy Is Important In Sending Cards

The exchange of cheerful Christmas cards between friends is one of our most delightful Yuletide customs — and like all other social relationships, it is governed by simple, common-sense rules of etiquette.

You may properly send your holiday greetings to almost everyone — business and professional associates, if you wish, as well as social acquaintances and relatives. Be sure to choose appropriate cards, however. If Aunt Jennie is a garden enthusiast, she'll probably appreciate a beautiful flower print more than a dozen Santa Claus designs.

Cards with special titles, such as Merry Christmas, Mother, are available for mothers, wives, sweethearts and practically all relatives, including the in-laws, and are a mark of individual thoughtfulness.

If you can spare a moment or two, pen a brief holiday note on each card. It adds a warm sincerity and a touch of your individual personality to your Yuletide greetings. Christmas time is a sentimental and nostalgic season for everyone, and many a friendship has been kept alive through the years by the annual exchange of holiday greetings.

Colored ink is entirely proper both for signing the card and addressing the envelope, provided it harmonizes with the color scheme of the card itself.

Signatures need not be formal, except on engraved Christmas cards. You may have your name neatly printed if you wish, or take your pen in hand and sign the greetings yourself with a holiday flourish.

Married couples may omit the "Mr. and Mrs." if they prefer and sign their cards simply "Paul and Jenny Wilson." Either the husband's name or the wife's may appear first. Children in the family rate a place in the signature, too.

Use three-cent stamps for your Christmas cards, following the rule of good taste which says that first-class friends deserve first-class mail. It is entirely proper to write your return address on the envelope, to help friends keep tabs on changes of address.

Selecting attractive Christmas cards for each of your friends is a delightful activity. Don't treat it as a sober social responsibility.

Poinsettias Are Native Americans

Few people realize that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant, the poinsettia. This plant is a native of tropical America. Since florists were able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, it makes its flaming red bracts or leaves.

Because of the sentiment attached to Christmas plants, people hate to throw them away and it isn't necessary to do so, with the poinsettia.

Simply give the plant a resting period about the middle of February in a cool place. Water it occasionally, just enough to keep the wood from wilting. Then, around the first of June, bring it out and cut it back severely.

Christmas Has Not Always Been So Merry In The U. S.

Merry Christmas has not always been merry in American history. The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth four days before Christmas 1620. Christmas day found them between the Mayflower and the cold, hostile shore. Most of them were still living on the ship. And they didn't believe in celebrating Christmas anyway.

Washington's ragged troops were crossing the icy Delaware in the dark early morning hours of Christmas 1776. They defeated the Hessians at Trenton next day. Christmas 1786 found unrest in New England. Shay's rebellion flared that day. The rebels had a rough time.

In 1837, Col. Zachary Taylor and his troops were down in Florida fighting the Seminole War. Christmas day found them fighting and defeating the Indians at Lake Okechobee.

The Mexican War also saw Christmas day action when Col. Doniphan and 450 volunteers defeated 1,100 Mexicans at Brazito in 1846.

The national Capital had trouble the Christmas of 1851 when the Library of Congress and part of the Capitol burned.

Nine years later on Christmas, 1860, South Carolina issued its declaration of independence, the spark that made the Civil War inevitable.

One of the early railroad strikes, that of 1887, started Christmas day. Some 20,000 employees of the Reading Railroad walked out.

The surrender of Hong Kong on Christmas 1941 was not part of American history, but Americans watched the event anxiously. It was one step in the advance of the Japanese which came after the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941.

One of the classic Christmas of the unmerry type will long be

remembered by the men defending Bastogne in 1944. The Battle of the Bulge and the fight for the defense of the little town were at a climax. It was just two days later that the isolated Bastogne garrison was relieved. That Christmas day found the boys deep in fighting.

Here Is Recipe For Traditional Yuletide Egg-Nog

The following recipe will serve about 25 persons.
6 eggs, 2-3 cup sugar, 1½ quarts milk, ½ teaspoon salt, 1½ quarts light cream, 2 tablespoon vanilla, 1 cup heavy cream, and grated nutmeg.

Beat eggs and sugar together until the sugar is all dissolved. Add milk, salt and then chill in the refrigerator overnight, or for a minimum of four hours. When ready to serve, add chilled light cream and then the vanilla. Pour into punch bowl. Beat cold heavy cream until real frothy, pour over eggnog; sprinkle with grated nutmeg.

Kris Kringle And Santa Not Alike

Contrary to popular belief, Kris Kringle is not a German term of endearment for Santa Claus. The name is actually a modification of "Kristkind," who according to German legend is a gift-giver, but does not resemble Santa Claus in the least.

Candlelight gleams from all of the quiet houses in the Bavarian countryside, lighting the way

and showing bright welcome to the "Kristkind" on her way from home to home. She is the messenger of the Infant Jesus, and Bavarian children believe that she is the one who brings them their gifts. According to legend, she wears a white robe with golden wings, carries a small Christmas tree in her hand and wears a crown.



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This is the time of year for counting blessings. Among ours, none is more dearly treasured than the friendship of those whom we are privileged to serve. Not to be measured in dollars and cents, this is by far our most precious possession. To continue to deserve it is our constant aim.

To all who have helped make this year a memorable one for us... our sincere thanks and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season... for a New Year richly rewarding in the best things of life.

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Yes, Virginia...

So often the newspaper must fill itself with news of unhappy events that it finds it more difficult day by day to retell the beautiful stories of faith which unfold each day the world over.

But the job of a newspaper is to deal realistically with the events of life and death and to report them without bias to its readers. Its job, further, is to provide, on that page reserved for its editorial comment, its support to the ideas and actions in which it believes.

We feel we have done our job for another year, and we come to that period of the year when we

all feel the urge to pause in grateful and humble observance of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ.

More than half a century ago, a newspaperman wrote a simple and beautiful story of Christmas faith. Though the name of Christ is not included in the wording, there is little doubt that He is included in this story.

It is a favorite story of newspapermen everywhere, and it is with pleasure that we reprint it here as part of our Christmas greeting to all our readers.

On Sept. 8, 1897, a little girl in New York City wrote a letter to the editor of The New York Sun:
"Dear Editor:
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth — is there a Santa Claus?"
Virginia O'Hanlon."

The letter prompted the following editorial by Francis B. Church which appeared in the top position on the editorial page of The Sun:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little.

"In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!



"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Clause — the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's

rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? — ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus; Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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