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A Christmas Prayer

May the spirit of Christmas remain in all men's hearts so that hope and peace and love shall prevail over our land and all other lands on earth.

The Shepherds Visit to The Manger

There is no record in Scripture of the shepherds bringing gifts when they came to the manger. We can let our imagination play happily with the thought that they had something with them to offer the Child, or that they came again bringing some present out of the love of their hearts. In one of the old English Nativity plays they brought cherries, a bird, a ball.

What we do know about the shepherds is that they brought themselves to the manger—and with haste. The moment the angels left them,

they went straight to Bethlehem to look for their newborn Saviour.

There are twentieth-century folk who are not so simply wise as the shepherds. They become bemused by the angels' song, they stand a round dreaming under the Christmas stars, and somehow they never go to the manger at all. Oh, they may send a gift to show their interest, to mark their celebration of the child's birthday—and it may be a substantial gift, perhaps even a sacrifice. But

these givers have forgotten—or perhaps they never knew—that we cannot send gifts to the manger, we have to take them. For the first gift must be ourselves. No amount of philanthropy can be a substitute for that.

They are forgetting too, that important as "Christmas giving" may be, Christmas receiving must come first. God is the Christmas Giver. His gift is Himself.

If we were not so used to the story if we were hearing for the first time, it would seem incredible. But it is true. What now seems incredible is that we could refuse the Christmas Gift—could know about it, sing about it, even imagine that we rejoice because of it, and yet refuse from Christmas to Christmas to accept it for our own. This Christmas, let it be different. Let us come to the manger, humbly and with haste, and ask for the Gift that waits to be given:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in: Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

NUCLEAR TEST BAN TALKS ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME

After a delay of two months, the quarrelsome nuclear-test ban talks were scheduled to resume in Geneva this week. In response to a U. S.-British invitation, the Soviet Union last week agreed to pick up the discussions where they left off at the end of the 340th session.

Although the Soviet Union warned that it would resume its own atomic explosions if the West were to carry out any tests during the talks,

the U. S. made it clear that it would not agree to any unilateral test moratorium until agreement was reached. Said the State Department: "The U. S. will continue to take such actions as it deems necessary to safeguard its national security until a controlled test-ban agreement is achieved." Thus, the Atomic Energy Commission will go ahead with the fifth in its current series of underground blasts, scheduled for Dec. 10.

Barbados and Bahia Now On Ship List

Itineraries of the liners Argentina and Brazil, operated by Moore-McCormack Lines from New York to the east coast of South America, henceforth will include regular calls at Barbados and Bahia. In the past, these two ports have been included on occasions but not on a regular basis.

Barbados was originally a regular port of call of the Good Neighbor Fleet when the service was started in 1938. It is an island of sugar cane plantations and sugar mills, with Bridgetown its port and with its Cathedral and its bathing beach and its quiet fishing village, once the principal community of the island.

Bahia, which lies south of the bulge of Brazil, is the oldest of that nation's cities, and was once the centre of its government. Bahia originally developed along its waterfront; the transition to present day is noted in that the

city now lies on two levels, the original and the so-called modern. Bahia, an important port of export for Brazilian iron ore, also has important fishing industry.

RULES CHARGES NOT SPECIFIC

Jackson, Miss. — The first round was won by Mississippi in a voting rights suit being heard in Federal District Court before District Judge Harold Cox who held that the Government's charges should be made more specific.

The Government's complaint charged that at least 10 Negroes had been denied application to register in Clarke County, solely because of their race. Cox said the complaint failed to outline a single case.

He asked for names, dates and circumstances. U. S. Atty. Robert Owen held that the complaint in itself was enough. Judge Cox's ruling applied also to cases involving registrars in Jefferson Davis and Walthall counties.

Further hearing are scheduled.

1961 HEISMAN CHAMPION

Ernie Davis of Syracuse University is the first Negro to receive the Heisman Memorial Trophy. It was presented to him in New York City.



Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and his wife, Mrs. Jackson, left Chicago, Ill., via Pan American Air Lines, O'Hara Field, 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, October 25, 1961, for San Francisco, where they were met at the Airport by Dr. F. D. Haynes and other Baptists of California, to spend a two hour lay over, before leaving for Honolulu. Leaving Honolulu, they will visit Tokio, Japan, Hong Kong, China, New Delhi, India, where they will spend three weeks, attending the World Council of Churches meeting; then on to Pakistan, Caro, Egypt and Italy. They will be gone about 2½ months, returning to the States the last of December.

Dr. Jackson was elected to the presidency of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., with a total of 2732 votes.

The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., plans to set up an Educational Program to aid Educational Institutions in each State (State Schools).

A request from the Arkansas Baptist College for a loan of \$25,000.00, from the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., approved.

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LONDON NOTES

Mrs. Gladys Coursey is confined in St. Joseph's Hospital, we wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. James Hill has been quite ill in his home during the past week.

Mrs. Laura Vant from Detroit, Mich., is looking after her aunt, Mrs. Minnie Harris who has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Alvin Hill reports her brother Willis Hackett in quite ill in the Hospital in Vancouver.

Mrs. Elsie Bowls has returned home from Detroit, Mich. having spent the American Thanksgiving with her son and family.

The London Masons journeyed to Chatham, Ont., to their Yuletide advent.

Mr. Larry Prior from Chatham is undergoing treatment in Victoria Hospital. His nephew, Gilbert Jenkins from Chatham visited with his on Saturday.

Mr. Andrew Harris a patient in Beck Memorial Hospital wishes his friends The Season's Greetings.

A New Year's Message

A new year is about to dawn and as we look about us, we see that this great country of ours needs a number of improvements for the future. Some of us say we must do one thing, others say another, but the truth is, the only thing we really need in Canada is the art of right living. Goodness is a greater protection, more necessary to us, than our armed forces. The Ten commandments and the Sermon on the Mount are our best reading material. Finding what is true and lovely and of good report, living up to the best of motives, being animated by the spirit of love and service will constitute the greatest security we could possibly have.

And what is right living? It is the gentleness that makes for greatness. It is human pity and sympathy. It is giving others the benefit of every reasonable doubt. It is listening to the still, small voice of Conscience, then going forth to obey that voice with gladness in our hearts. It is trust in the love and wisdom of God. Right living is the mightiest force for good in the world. It protects virtue, enhances courage, and augments all personal qualities where God is present. But the goodness of which we speak is not merely a negative thing. It is character, expressing itself in deeds. Says a noted writer: "It is not enough to be good; we must be good for something." This is right living, the finest of the fine arts. It is strength of character for good—Greater than one's possessions, than one's knowledge, than one's achievements. God does not ask great things of us, but simply asks that we use what we have, start from where we are, do the best we can. We cannot do more than that, and surely we should not do less.

This year, let us place manhood and womanhood above the dollar, principle above

policy, public good above partisanship, and—like our Saviour—lose our lives in the life of humanity.

To walk aright we need divine guidance for ourselves and for our beloved nation. With that, we can win life's victory, we can hold fast to what is good, we can retain in our daily lives the forces that build character.

By faith, not fear, through effort, coupled with prayer, never failing, never faltering, we must walk with Him Who leads us to the heights. Let us live right with Him, through faith.

Redwood U.S. Tree

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the giant redwood tree that is now the U.S. National Christmas Tree had already been growing for 2,000 years.

Located in King's Canyon National Park, Calif., the tree is a "Sequoia gigantea"—a coniferous, evergreen tree—and its age is estimated, from its annual rings of growth, at 4,000 years. Its majestic redwood trunk rises 267 feet.

The U.S. Department of the Interior officially designated this redwood as the National Christmas Tree on April 28, 1926. Earlier, it had been named the General Grant Tree, for the 18th President.

In December, Christmas services are held annually at the base of the tree, climaxing a month-long Christmas Festival celebration by the citizens of Sanger and neighboring communities of Fresno County, Calif. Members of the National Park Service place a wreath at the base of the tree.

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Legends Tell About Hymn

Stories and legends surround most of the modern ways of celebrating Christmas — and sometimes there is more than one version of a story — such as the story of "Silent Night" and how the song came to be written.

Joseph Mohr, village priest of Hallein, Austria, wrote the words, and his organist wrote the music, probably adapted from a melody by Michael Haydn. On this point, most sources seem to be agreed.

What inspired Father Mohr to write the words is another story — or another two stories.

One version, say researchers for The Book of Knowledge, is that Father Mohr was called out into the snow on Christmas Eve of 1818, to bless a newly born baby in the home of one of his poorest parishioners.

He was so filled with the spirit of the season and the simple beauty of the mother and infant that when he returned to his study he wrote the poem, "Silent Night." Before Christmas Day was over, his organist had written the music.

Other versions have it that the church organ had broken down (impaired by mice, one story says), and the people were saddened because there would be no music for Christmas Day. Shortly before Christmas, Father Mohr wrote his poem and Organist Gruber the music.

At midnight mass, the people sang "Silent Night" — with a guitar accompaniment.

WHAT STAR IS THIS?

What star is this, with beams so bright,
Which shames the sun's less radiant light?
It shines to announce a new-born King,
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled with God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed."
And lo! the Eastern sages stand,
To head in heaven the Lord's command.

While outward signs the star displays,
And inward light the Lord conveys,
And urges them, with forces benign,
To seek the giver of the sign.

True love can brook no dull delay,
Nor toil, nor dangers stop their way:
Home, kindred, fatherland, and all,
They leave at once, at God's high call.

O Jesus, while the Star of Grace
Invites us now to seek Thy face,
May we no more that grace repel,
Or quench that light that shines so well!

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On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Missionaries of Bethemanual Church held their 56th annual Service. Mrs. Evelyn Johnson read the scripture lesson 5th chapter of Mathew 1-16 verse.

Prayer was led by Chaplain Mrs. Mary Drake.

Mr. Norman Drake and his trio rendered some very outstanding music.

Miss Hatie Chapman gave an interesting talk on International House and their assistance offered to students from various countries.

Mrs. Myrtle Mollot thanked Miss Chapman on behalf of the Missionary.

Mrs. Aleine Hill gave a reading on what it means to be a Missionary.

Mrs. Kathleen Livingstone a guest speaker from Toronto, Ont., who just recently returned home from the women's United Nations Council held in New York City, told of how they worked among groups always keeping foremost the United Nation. The speaker said "That as long as we could feel and know we had a United Nation we shall have better feeling and different Nationalities could work together better because through this great unity what affected one affected us all and to work together we could help straighten our difficulties out."

Mrs. Livingstone, later on delivered a wonderful reading she had given on TV last Christmas. "The Creator" which both young and old enjoyed greatly.

Dr. S. Blizzard recently from Trinidad gave an interesting talk on "The Federation of the West Indies." He promised to show pictures and give a lecture some time in January.

Yule Ends In Safe Blaze

Christmas can come to an end in a blaze of glory — and a safe one, too. Custom sets a date for the disposal of the tree by burning. It's January 6, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, or Epiphany — traditionally the night when the Three Wise Men, or Magi, made their visit to the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

The modern world, reviving the Twelfth Night custom of bonfires for disposing of the tree and other greenery, combines the safety factor with community spirit and fun.

Twelfth Night celebrations are planned in many communities in public parks for neighborhood groups. It's a great night for the kids and their parents.

Children bring the trees to the park, or the town collects them. On Twelfth Night everyone gathers around the bonfire of trees and greenery to sing carols.

KING ARTHUR'S YULE

According to story, the first Christmas in England was celebrated at the famous Round Table of King Arthur.

Mrs. M. Mollot and Mrs. Doris Kennedy collected the offering.

The president, Mrs. C. E. Howson gave a short prelude of the history of the founding of the Missionary Society and its progress.

Mr. Stanley Drake from Detroit, Mich., assisted at the piano.

A presentation was made to Mrs. S. Smith's 83rd birthday.

Lunch was served at the close.

BETHEMANUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Dec. 9, The Missionary Ladies held their Xmas party at the home of Mrs. E. Johnson where gifts were exchanged.

Money was sent to the Parent Body of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Also a gift was made to the local church to assist with the fuel for winter.

A purse was given the pastor, Rev. E. Richardson.

Mrs. Helen Thompson who is in her 91st year was presented with a basket of fruit.

The table and decorations

were arrayed in the Yuletide colors.

Mrs. E. Johnson assisted by Mrs. A. Hill and Miss O. Cameron officiated.

Mrs. H. Scollick from St. George's Presbyterian Church, read a Christmas Story on "How Christmas is enjoyed in various countries".

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chanted glimpse of the spark-
ling evergreen tree, hung
with delicate ornaments of
every shape and colour, twink-
ling with fairy lights and
charming us with the sweet
fragrance of Christmas—this
delightful vision convinces us
every year that Christmas
trees must surely have come
from heaven.

Bringing evergreens into
our homes in December is a
very old custom indeed. It
goes back even beyond "once
upon a time." So far back
that people have forgotten
who first started the custom.
Evergreen branches and
plants remind us that in spite
of ice and gray skies and the
cold of winter that the days
will grow long again, that
spring will come again, that
trees will be green again,
that birds will sing again. So
what could be more delight-
ful than to decorate an ever-
green tree with glass balls of
many colours to remind us of
fruit, with stars and animals
and well-beloved things? Tiny
electric lights make us think
of snow sparkling in the
moonlight, of icicles that flash
tiny rainbows in the sunlight.
In grandmother's day wax
candles were used but they
had to be watched so very
carefully to prevent dreadful
fires.

The decorated Christmas
tree came to Canada and the
United States from Germany
and Central Europe. Queen
Victoria's husband, Prince Al-
bert, charmed the English
Court in 1841 with a Christ-
mas Tree and the idea spread
rapidly throughout England
and America.

But the custom of having a
Christmas tree or "Christ-

baum" as it is called in Ger-
many, goes back to the old
miracle plays about Bible
Stories that used to be acted
in front of the churches in
the Middle Ages.

One play about Adam and
Eve was very popular at
Christmas time. To indicate
the Garden of Eden there was
always a fir tree hung with
apples and this was called the
"Paradeisbaum" or Tree of
Paradise. The play ended with
the story of Bethlehem and
the coming of Christ to save
men from sin which had caused
Adam and Eve to be driven
from the Garden of Eden.

The custom developed of
having Paradise trees in the
homes and of decorating them
not only with apples but cak-

es and cookies in the shape
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Mistletoe, Prescribed Now for Kissing, Once was Thought to Cure Illness

An ancient custom, which 'prescribed' mistletoe for the prevention of cure of a wide variety of illnesses—epilepsy for instance—has given way to the happier idea that mis-

tletoe is the right prescription to assure opportunities for exchanging kisses during the holiday season.

Naturally, this makes mistletoe an object of interest—

as it has been for centuries.

Druid priests in early Britain cut mistletoe at the winter solstice and gave springs of it to the people. The sprigs were hung above doorways of homes and stables. The Druids taught, and the people believed, that this vine had great power to ward off evil and protect against illness.

Despite the early interest in mistletoe for its supposed medicinal qualities, its use as a 'prescription for kissing' had a place in the ancient world, too.

Romans and other early peoples considered mistletoe as an emblem of peace. Meeting under it, enemies kissed each other and made a truce until the next day.

Scandinavian myths tell the story of the death of Balder, the sun god, who was, so mythology says, killed by an arrow of mistletoe wood. His mother the goddess Freya, had asked all living things to pledge not to harm her son, but she neglected to ask the lowly mistletoe.

Balder's enemy, the blame god Loki, took advantage of this to make the arrow, which he persuaded Hoder, the blind god of winter, to shoot. Balder died, but through the efforts of all the other gods, he came back to life after three days, and the sun's light shone at the winter solstice.

Freya cried for joy, and her tears became mistletoe berries. She kissed everyone who passed under the mistletoe, and ordained that this same sign of affection should always be exchanged when people met beneath the mistletoe.

Poinsettia Puzzle Is Christmas Fun

A fun-maker at Christmas is to ask family or friends this question: 'What color is the blossom of the Poinsettia plant?' Chances are, the answer will be, 'Red, of course.'

Actually, the red 'blossoms' of the poinsettia are not the flower of the plant—they are leaves. The real blossoms are the tiny yellow flowers in the centre of the red clusters.

A comparative newcomer to the traditional Yule greenery the tropical poinsettia was

discovered in Mexico in 1828, by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, first U.S. minister to Mexico. He aroused interest in its beauty and the plant is named for him.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1960.

Yule Burns Bright

The French traditionally exchange gifts on New Year's Day, but the burning of the Yule log at Christmas is an honored custom in many parts of the country. After carols are sung, wine is poured on the log by the youngest child.

Of the \$12.1 billion spent by all governments in Canada last year, federal spending accounted for 55 per cent and spending by provincial and municipal governments combined for 45 per cent.

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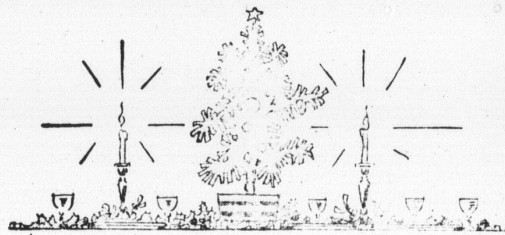
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Day of Glory Given Trees

Even trees have a space problem — and for the evergreens, it is alleviated at Christmas time, say forestry experts. The big trees get room to grow, and the small trees get their day of glory.

Conservation-minded President Theodore Roosevelt, objecting to the cutting down of millions of evergreens, once adamantly refused to have a Christmas tree in the White House.

His son, Archie, smuggled in a tree and set it up in his room. The deed was discovered and Archie was about to be punished when Gifford Pinchot, the President's conservation adviser, intervened.

Pinchot explained that the cutting of trees, properly supervised, is a good conserva-

Make the Gift Fit Choose the Person

"Never give a gift to a person—always give a person a gift." That's the advice of June Nick, a young lady who has met department store buyers in all parts of the country. The important thing to remember when shopping for a gift, she suggests, is that you don't give an item you give a happy effect.

With Christmas on its way this is an especially important thing to know what comprises the art of giving. The tradition of exchanging gifts on the anniversary of Christ's

birth, began with the Three Wise Men who rode to Bethlehem to see the newborn Jesus, God's gift to mankind.

Christmas nowadays is a pretty hectic time and we're apt to forget that giving gifts, and buying them, can be fun. If you keep these eight tips in mind while doing your holiday shopping, you'll find it a pleasing, and ultimately rewarding, venture.

1. Buy for the person you're giving to—not for yourself. How often, when gift hunting, have your eyes lit on an article which you would adore to own. Perhaps it is something that would go beautifully in your French Provincial bedroom. So you have the salesgirl send it to your newlywed niece — but her little nest, you recall too late, is strictly modern! Most of us have had this experience at one time or another—for we can only choose for others something that we genuinely admire. But there's a simple solution; if you're purchasing for someone whose tastes are either different from yours or are unknown to you, buy something you can be sure of.

2. Make it exciting. Why not make purchases you can drop tantalizing hints about. Like a vacation, the anticipation may be as enjoyable as the event. If you know that Aunt May has been yearning for a chaffing dish, but hasn't bought one because they're a bother to keep clean, surprise her with a beautiful stainless one, and keep her guessing, about "something beautiful and easy to care for."

3. Practical presents are the biggest luxury. It's true! Has a young man in the family recently begun improving his old jalopy? Surprise him with a stainless steel horn, or a stainless frame for his licence plate; both unlike chrome accessories, need no polishing. Thinking of a gift of flatware — perhaps handsome serving utensils? Tarnishing is never a problem when they're made of stainless steel.

4. Quality is more appreciated than "quantity." If your budget is limited (and whose isn't) you will get more value for your dollar if you purchase a gift that is the finest in its class, rather than a so-called "bargain." Your teenage baby sitter would feel absolutely glamorous with a silk chiffon scarf to compliment her new suit; much more fun than a blouse costing the same but not supplying half the excitement.

5. Make it long-lasting. We all want to be remembered by the gift we give—and in any price range, you can give a present which will be enjoyed for the years to come.

6. Give something they wouldn't buy for themselves. Sportsman friend? Give him a sturdy, fisherman's knife. Lady of leisure? She'd adore that serving cart, which makes dining in front of the TV or brunch on the terrace, hers for the asking!

7. Make it personal. Have monogram placed in the centre of a gleaming stainless steel tray, or on a simple shirt-

Stuffing for Poultry

Choose the stuffing that will complement the flavor of the type of poultry you have chosen to serve at Christmas. Bread crumbs combined with either cooked sausage, oysters, or cooked chestnuts are ideal, advises the Food Department of Macdonald Institute, Guelph.

Since duck and geese are naturally fat, they do not require a rich stuffing. They tend to soak up fat and moisture during roasting. Fairly highly seasoned crumbs or fruit dressings are suitable. Instead of dressing, a couple of apples cut in half may be placed in the cavity.

Use 1 cup of bread dressing per pound of ready-to-cook bird. A 1-pound loaf of bread makes 8 cups of dressing; day-old bread is best. To measure bread crumbs, pack lightly into a measuring cup.

In case you are buying your bird early, remember not to stuff one to be frozen. Either completely thaw and then stuff just before placing in the oven, or bake the stuffing separately in a pan during the last hour of roasting, to reduce the danger of bacterial poisoning.

Before filling with dressing, sprinkle the inside of the bird with a little salt.

Do not pack the cavity too tightly; the stuffing absorbs juices and expands during roasting.

After stuffing and trussing, place the bird on a rack in a roasting pan. Cover loosely with a tent of aluminum foil open at the ends, and bake at 320° F., allowing 35 minutes per pound dressed weight (including stuffing). To brown the bird, remove the aluminum foil ½ hour before the required time is up. A bird closely wrapped in foil for cooking gives a product a stewed rather than roasted flavor. When done, the leg moves easily when you "shake hands" with it.

To make meat easier to carve, wear a small, buttoned waist blouse. Personalizing makes the smallest gift more precious.

8. Wrap it up. That's all there's left to do. Either "do it yourself" with the many attractive wrapping materials now available, or have it wrapped "professionally" in the store where you made your purchase.

ve and to allow the juices to be absorbed, allow the bird to stand in a warm place 20 minutes after coming out of the oven.

Do not leave the leftover turkey at room temperature for any length of time. Remove the dressing. Then refrigerate or freeze both the dressing and the meat. Dressing does not retain a good flavor when frozen.

Basic Recipe for Stuffing

½ cup butter (to add flavor, bacon drippings may be used for part of this amount)
2 medium cooking onions, minced.
1 tablespoon poultry seasoning or Sage, thyme, etc. to taste.
1½ teaspoon salt.
¾ teaspoon pepper.
10 cups soft 'stale' bread crumbs.

Cook all ingredients except crumbs in a skillet for 5 minutes. Toss with crumbs.

This makes enough for a 10 pound ready-to-cook bird.

Saint Is Reality

Swedish Yuletide ceremonies begin officially on December 13, St. Lucy's Day. According to legend, St. Lucy went about carrying food and drink to the needy. The Swedes give the legend reality by choosing one of the girls in the family to represent St. Lucy. St. Lucy rises early and wakes each member of the family, serves them coffee and bakes buns.

ON STAGE FOR YULE

Theatre in England began with Christmas plays. The first British comedy was written for a Yule celebration, and the earliest tragedy, "Gorbuduc," was performed at Christmas, 1561.

WHAT WISE MEN DID

Tradition says that the Three Wise Men, after returning to their kingdoms from Bethlehem, gave up their high positions, gave their property to the poor, and went out to preach the gospel of Christianity.

Although Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the roots of the observance go deeply into the folklore of the Druids, Scandinavians, Romans and Egyptians.

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Origin of Santa Claus

The origin of Santa Claus can be traced back approximately 1,600 years to the City of Lycia, in Asia Minor.

In the latter part of the third century, a boy called Nicholas, was born in that city to wealthy parents. Orphaned young and left a considerable fortune, Nicholas was imbued with two great interests—a deep admiration for Jesus Christ and a desire to imitate Him in deeds of kindness and charity.

Nicholas was to be so respected by his fellow-citizens that, at the age of 19, he was elected Bishop of Myra. Persecuted by the Emperor Diocletian, Nicholas was thrown into prison and released shortly before his death in 343 A. D.

Canonized by Church

Nicholas was later canonized by his church and eventually became the patron saint of children, sailors and bankers.

The many deeds of kindness and charity which St. Nicholas carried out during his lifetime have become legendary.

One story tells how he overheard a destitute merchant say that he planned to sell his three daughters because he had no money to provide suitable dowries for them.

Nicholas set out for the merchant's house and threw a purse of gold through the bedroom windows of the oldest and the second-oldest daughters. When he came to the window of the youngest daughter, however, he found that it was closed.

Refusing to admit defeat, Nicholas scaled the roof and dropped a purse of gold down the chimney. The purse fell into a stocking hung over the fireplace to dry, and it is from this action of Nicholas that the custom of hanging-up stockings on Christmas Eve is derived.

The legend of St. Nicholas gradually travelled northward, through Russia to Lapland. Not having any horses, the Laplanders transferred St. Nicholas from his traditional white horse to a reindeer-drawn sleigh. The Laplanders also furnished him with a fur coat to combat the excessively cold climate of his new surroundings.

From the Laplanders, the story of St. Nicholas was eventually passed on to the Scandinavians, who though Christianized, had not forgotten the tales of their traditional god, Thor.

According to legend, Thor, dressed in a red coat, is reputed to have ridden through the sky in a chariot drawn by two goats, in order to make an appearance at the traditional Feast of the Yule.

These goats subsequently gave way to reindeer, while Thor's red coat became trimmed with white fur.

Christmas Man Substituted
During the Reformation in Europe, the Feast of St. Nicholas was abolished in many countries. In place of the Saint, a "Christmas Man" was substituted.

Throughout this period of history, only a trace of the traditional Christmas Saint remained.

In England, for instance, the "Boy Bishop" was honoured.

During this ceremony, the outstanding boy of the local school was chosen and garbed in a bishop's robes. Wearing his miter and carrying a crozier, he would ride through town on a white horse and all were subject to his rule from December 5 to December 28.

This custom was abolished by Henry VIII in 1542, reinstated by Mary and finally ended by Elizabeth I.

In Holland, however, the people stubbornly clung to the tradition of St. Nicholas, although in that country he was known as Sinter Klaas.

Sinter Klaas, accompanied by his servant, Black Peter, usually rode into town on a white horse, visiting every house in much the same way as Santa Claus does today.

The character of Black Peter originated during the Spanish occupation of the Netherlands. At that time, gentlemen were invariably accompanied by Moorish or African servants wherever they went.

Similar practices were observed for a time in Germany. However, in that country, Black Peter was known as Knecht Rupert, who went from house to house prior to the visit of Santa Claus, scolding children for various mis-

deanours. He generally concluded his scoldings by intimating that Santa would be merciful this time, but might not be so lenient next Christmas.

When Martin Luther rose to prominence in Germany, however, he swung the Northern part of the country away from St. Nicholas and substituted Christkindlein, who brought gifts secretly to homes on Christmas Eve.

This custom crossed the Atlantic to North America when William Penn brought German settlers to his new colony of Pennsylvania. These settlers eventually became known as the Pennsylvania Dutch and the Christ Child as Kris Kringle.

Carried to North America

The story of St. Nicholas was carried to North America by the Dutch colonists, who bought Manhattan Island from the Indians in 1626 and founded New Amsterdam or, as it later became, New York.

As thousands of English settlers poured into North America, these newcomers found the kindly and generous character of Sinter Klaas more appealing than their "Christmas Man" and they adopted the former as their own.

Later, Swedish settlers added their traditions of the reindeer coming through the sky and of the red coat trimmed with fur.

In 1880, the respective celebrations were combined into one and observed on December 25.

The characters of "Black Peter" and the white horse, however, disappeared. Black Peter was abolished because

of the widespread disapproval of anything connected with slavery that existed in the northern American states at that time; in the case of the white horse, it was felt that reindeer added more of a magical touch to the Christmas tradition.

With the wide variations in the legend of Santa Claus, it became necessary for someone to co-ordinate them, and this was done in 1822 by Dr. Clement Moore, a professor of Divinity at the New York Theological Seminary.

While on his way home one evening after having distributed gifts to poorer members of his congregation, Dr. Moore met an old, red-faced Dutchman, smoking a white clay pipe. During their subsequent conversation, this old man told Dr. Moore about some of the legends surrounding St. Nicholas.

As Dr. Moore hurried home, he thought to himself that the old man could well be Santa Claus himself.

While his children were eating supper, Dr. Moore sat down and wrote "The Night

Before Christmas." After having read the poem to them Dr. Moore threw it into a wastepaper basket.

Noticed Poem

The next day, however, a lady visitor to Dr. Moore's home noticed the poem in the wastepaper basket and was so intrigued by it that she sent a copy to the Troy, New York, Sentinel. The paper published the poem the following Christmas and it instantly became part of traditional Christmas folklore.

It remained only for somebody to draw a picture of Santa Claus, and this was done by Thomas Nast, the creator of the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey.

Prior to Nast's drawing, Santa Claus had been described as small and elf-like, and it was Nast who drew him into the familiar jolly figure we know today.

So popular did Santa Claus eventually become, that he returned across the Atlantic during the second-half of the 19th century and became known as Le Pere Noel in

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"Silent night, holy night."
"God rest you merry, gen-
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"It came upon the mid-
night clear, that glorious
song of old."
"Oh little town of Bethle-
hem."

"Deck the halls with
boughs of holly."
"On the first day of Christ-
mas."

Wherever people gather,
the glad sounds of hymns and
carols ring out at Christmas
time, as they have for centu-
ries.

Although the words and
music of favourite carols are
well known, the meaning of
the word "carol" itself is ob-
scure. One explanation holds
that it comes from the old
French word, 'Caroler,' mean-

ing 'to dance.' The first carols
were often sung by worship-
pers dancing in a circle.

There is also the belief that
'carol' comes from the Greek
word for flute player, in com-
pliment to the musicians who
played for the Christmas ring-
dancers. Still another thought
is that carols originated with
the songs of the Romans Sat-
urnalia.

The name, 'Father of the
Christmas Carol,' is often
given to St. Francis of Assisi.
At Greccio in 1224, he aranged
a Nativity scene and led
the singing of songs of praise
to the Christ Child. Although
carols had been sung earlier
this act by St. Francis gave
impetus to the idea of happy
singing at the Christmas sea-
son.

Early carols were in Latin.
As carols gained popularity
during the fourteenth and fif-
teenth centuries many people
preferred to sing in their own
languages, and new carols
were developed.

The growth of carols was
helped along by 'wassailing'
or 'gooding' expeditions.
Children went from house to
house, singing songs and re-
ceiving treats.

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1521.

Later, English people learned
carols from printed 'broad-
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in the seventeenth century,
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it was a case of carol singing
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end, bees used to gather on
Christmas eve to hum carols.

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In Italy the Presepio, or
crib, is as characteristic of
Christmas as is the tree in
other countries. To the Prese-
pio, people bring gifts of nuts
and apples, which they place
in the hands of life-sized fi-
gures.

In Norway preparations for
Christmas traditionally start
six months before December
24. The Christmas celebra-
tion itself lasts three weeks.
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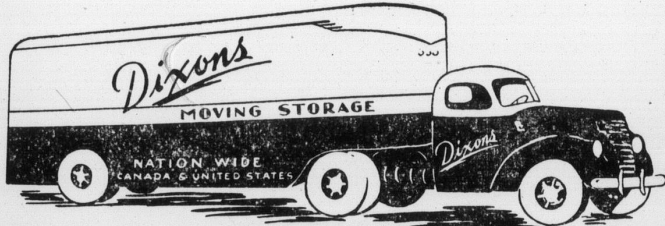
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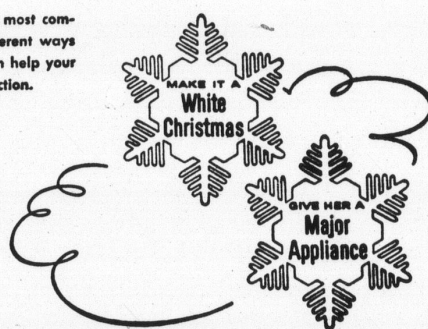


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