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Thought for the Week: *Have a safe and Very Merry Christmas.*

CONFUSED BY MEDICARE PART D?

On Friday, December 23rd, someone will be at the Warren Pharmacy to help answer questions about enrollment in a Medicare Part D plan. Appointments are available between the hours of 9AM & 5PM. Call the Warren Pharmacy at 375-2135.

PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE

Plat books of Wells County are available at the Wells County office of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service according to publisher Great Mid-Western Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio. The 2003 directory is the most recent and up-to-date book for Wells County.

The 50 page spiral bound directory includes maps of Wells County, township maps including landowners within each township and maps of Bluffton, Ossian, Liberty Center, Petroleum, Zanesville, Poneto, and Uniondale.

The directory also includes an alphabetical listing of Wells County landowners. It also indicates advertising spots of nearly 25 outstanding businesses in the Wells County area.

The cover of the book includes a photograph of the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park. 4-H serves as the main distributor of the plat directory for Wells County. Proceeds from sales go to the 4-H program and 4-H Park improvements.

The directory is now available for a purchase price of \$12.00 at the Wells County office of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, located in the Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.



CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Warren Church of Christ at the corner of 3rd and Wayne St. in Warren, IN is having a Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 P.M. entitled "A Christmas Eve Story". It will feature Carols, Special Music, Communion Service, Candle-light Service, Prayer and a narration about Christmas. We'd love to have you join us.

The Warren Church of Christ at 302 N. Wayne St. in Warren, IN will be having a Christmas Day Service, December 25 at 10:00 A.M. There will be congregational singing, special music, communion, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus portrayed live and a time of celebrating the birth of Christ. The theme of the day will be "My Gift to Jesus" and your presence will be the best present of all to Him. Gerald Moreland and Todd Winkler are the ministers and all members in-vite you to come join us as we worship the Lord. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

We will also have services on New Year's Day, January 1st, 2006 at our regular time of 9:30 AM Worship and 10:45 AM Sunday School to begin the new year with the Lord. Hope to see some of you there.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Warren Public Library will be closed December 24, 25, 25 and January 1 & 2.

Beginning January 3, 2006 library hours will be Mon thru Thurs. 1-6 and Fri & Sat 10-3.

SWEEPSTAKES CALENDARS

The Warren Pharmacy of Warren, IN is pleased to announce that the 2006 Pharmacy Sweepstakes Calendar's are here! These calendars are given away FREE by your local independent Pharmacy. They include manufacturer's coupons & a sweepstakes coupon. There is one sweepstakes entry to fill out, so that you will be eligible for

four quarterly drawings! Every month winners are chosen from Independent Pharmacy entries' across the country to receive a 20 inch Flat Screen TV w/DVD player. Stop by now to visit the Warren Pharmacy and pick up a FREE calendar for the year 2006! The Warren Pharmacy has had multiple winners over the past nine years in this national sweepstakes!

FAFSA CLASS

Do You Have a Graduating Senior Headed to College?

Wonder How to Apply for Financial Aid?

The Guidance Department at Huntington North High School is sponsoring a college financial aid night. This session will provide information about the application process, important deadlines, and financial aid. Parents and students are encouraged to attend together.

Mark your calendar now to attend this informative event of Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Huntington North Cafeteria.

March 10, 2006 - Apply on time for State Financial Aid for College.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Van Buren Public Library will be closed for the holidays on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Monday, December 26. For New Year's we will be closed on December 30 and 31. We will reopen with regular hours on Monday, Jan. 2, 2006.

The library has the Van Buren Popcorn Festival Cookbooks for sale. The cost is \$7.00 each and these make great Holiday gifts. The Van Buren High School Alumni book is also for sale at the library. The cost is \$30.00 with this also being a great gift. These items can be purchased at the library. If questions, please call 934-2171.

The library is having a special program during the Christmas school break. On Wednesday,

December 28, student library assistant Katie Beck, is planning a Spanish Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome from 10:30-noon at this event. There will be games, food, and learning of some Spanish words. Please call the library at 934-2171 to register. HOLA!!

The Van Buren Library has C.S. Lewis Narnia books and videos available. The new release in theaters has increased the interests in these books. So if you have been meaning to read the Narnia books, remember you can borrow them at the Van Buren library.

THE WEEKLY SPECIAL

by Helen @ Natalie Jeanne's Miracle dough, part two. In case you were wondering, I am going to tell you what to do with the rest of the miracle dough from last week's recipe. You make peanut butter logs! These are the best peanut butter cookie you'll ever taste.

With the rest of the miracle dough (left over from the nutmeg dainties), add and mix well:

- 1 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 ½ tsp baking soda

With your hands, roll a small ball (1 tsp) and then lengthen it into a cylinder. Place on ungreased cookie sheet about 1 inch apart. Flatten slight with a

fork. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt 12 ounce package of chocolate chips on a double boiler. I add a little margarine to thin it out. Coarsely chop up 1 cup of peanuts. When cookies are done, dip half of each cookie into the chocolate, then into the peanuts. Place on paper towel to firm.

And there you have it, Christmas cookies galore!!! I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. I'll see you next year!

CHECK OUT DNR'S LAST-MINUTE HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Give friends and family the gift of outdoor experiences and entertainment during this holiday season, and wrap up your holiday shopping at the same time through the Department of Natural Resources.

* Purchase an annual entrance pass or lake permit for 2006. These are available at many state property offices, in the Indiana Government Center Customer Service Center, or online at www.innsgifts.com. You can also shop for unique gifts, such as an Indiana-shaped cutting board, online at Mother Nature's Mercantile.

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Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop or mail to P O Box 695, Warren. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

WARREN WEEKLY will make every effort to see that all advertising copy is correctly printed. The firm assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertising, but will gladly reprint without charge that part in which an error may occur, provided that it is reported within five days of publication.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

SANTA'S PRAYER ON CHRISTMAS EVE

by Warren D. Jennings

The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed,
 But Santa still knelt by the side of the bed.

"Dear Father," he prayed "Be with me tonight.
 There's much work to do and my schedule is tight.

I must jump in my sleigh and streak through the sky,
 Knowing full well that a reindeer can't fly.

I will visit each household before the first light;
 I'll cover the world and all in one night.

With sleigh bells a-ringing, I'll land on each roof,
 Amid the soft clatter of each little hoof.

To get in the house is the difficult part,
 So I'll slide down the chimney of each child's heart.

My sack will hold toys to grant all their wishes.
 The supply will be endless like the loaves and the fishes.

I will fill all the stockings and not leave a track.
 I'll eat every cookie that is left for my snack.

I can do all these things Lord, only through You,
 I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do.

All this is to honor the birth of the One,
 That was sent to redeem us, Your most Holy Son.

So to all of my friends, lest Your glory I rob,
 Please Lord, remind them who gave me this job."



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 Youth Hours 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00 p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00 p.m.
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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 765-934-2199
Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship Sun 6:00 p.m.
THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica
Rev. Gus Hacker
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.
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 Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.
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Kathie Jones, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
WARREN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery
WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
Gerald O. Moreland, Minister
Todd Winkler, Youth Minister
Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
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375-2779
Dick Case, Pastor
 Sun - 1st Worship Service 8:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30 p.m.
 Wed - Circle of Friends
 (3yrs old - 5th grade) .. 6:30-8p.m.
McNATT UNITED METHODIST
375-4359
Bill VanHaften, Pastor
Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330
 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor
Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
694-6622
Pastor Dan Sommer
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45 a.m.
BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
758-2085
Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Gary Riley, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Bard, Pastor
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
375-2510
Bill Keen, Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2102
Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00 p.m.
THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship
Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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Pastor Blake J. Neff
 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun) 6-7:30 p.m.
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Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.
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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship 8:20 a.m.
 2nd Worship 9:45 a.m.
 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.
 Sunday School Children & Youth Programs
PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2691
Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
LANCASTER WESLEYAN
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Doug Sharrard, Pastor
Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME
 SUNDAY:
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.
ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
Rev. John Wallace, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

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AREA NEWS

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* Purchase a gift certificate to be used at an Indiana State Park inn. Gift certificates can be used for lodging, restaurant meals, golfing and gift shop purchases in any of the seven inn locations. To purchase a gift certificate, call 1-877-LODGES1.

* Make a donation in someone's name to the C52 raptor fund at Patoka Lake. Gifts to this fund support the care of C52, the non-releasable bald eagle used in programming at this site. Visit www.dnr.IN.gov/C52 for more information, or call the Patoka Visitor Center at 812-685-2447.

* Donate to your favorite state park or reservoir in honor of a friend or family member. Donate at individual properties near you, or contact Ginger Murphy, assistant director for stewardship in the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs at 317-232-4143 or write her at State Parks and Reservoirs, 402 W. Washington Room W298, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

* Give a membership to one of our local "friends" groups. These are available at McCormick's Creek, Spring Mill, Lincoln, Falls of the Ohio, Indiana Dunes, Turkey Run/Shades and Brown County State Parks, and at Lieber SRA and Hardy Lake. For more information, contact the assistant director for stewardship at the phone number or address above.

* Support the Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Rehabilitation Center at Hardy Lake. Injured hawks and owls receive care and are released when possible. Permanently injured birds are used in programming for schools and families. The center has an

adopt-a-bird program. Contact Terry Davis at Hardy Lake at 812-794-3800.

* Contribute to the Indiana Heritage Trust or Indiana Natural Resources Foundation. Funds are used to support land acquisition and a variety of other projects throughout the DNR. For more information, call 317-233-1002, csponsel@dnr.in.gov, or write to: The Indiana Heritage Trust or Indiana Natural Resources Foundation, 402 W. Washington, W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204

* Give your child or grandchild the gift of a winter hike on a state park, reservoir or state forest trail in January.

* Order Outdoor Indiana magazine. A one-year subscription is only \$12. Visit www.OutdoorIndiana.IN.gov or call 317-233-3046 to order.

Written acknowledgements for donations can be provided, but may not be available until after Christmas. For up-to-date information about happenings in the Department of Natural Resources, visit: www.dnr.IN.gov.

BAYVIEW READING CLUB

The Bayview Reading Club met on December 13, 2005 for luncheon in the Calico Room of the United Methodist Memorial

Home. Table decorations using a Christmas theme were furnished by the hostesses, Helen Stokes, Donna Deemer and Velma Lindstrom. There were twelve members present and our guest was Maro Walland.

Lilly Nutter, vice president, led the group in our Collect.

The business meeting was opened by Lilly Nutter. A motion was made to donate \$50 to the Bread of Life Food Pantry. The motion carried.

The club sent a floral gift to Lavona Myers and Iva Mae Wygant, who have been ill.

The treasurer report and the November minutes were read and approved. The business meeting was then adjourned.

Our program was given by Helen Stokes. She presented a very interesting review of some activities in which Louise Mae Allcot was involved in her career as well as the review of her book, *Quiet Little Woman*. This was the story of an orphan girl who struggled to find love and joy with her adopted family.

The family finally realized how much they loved and needed the orphan girl and fulfilled her dreams by giving her a wonderful Christmas.

GET WITH THE GUIDELINES SM – TO IMPROVE STROKE CARE


BLUFFTON, Ind. – Bluffton Regional Medical Center is participating in the American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines – Stroke initiative. The goal of the program is to improve the overall quality of care for stroke patients by improving acute stroke treatment and preventing future strokes and cardiovascular events.

Get With The Guidelines – Stroke was developed to help hospitals employ proven science-based treatment guidelines, including those developed by the American Stroke Association, American Heart Association and Brain Attack Coalition. These guidelines address acute stroke management, primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases, secondary prevention of strokes and the establishment of primary stroke


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Dec 21 Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.
Dec 23 Warren Recycle Day
Dec 25 Merry Christmas to All
Mar 24 Salamonie School Carnival, Food-Games-Fun
Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **Walking in the Gym** at KBC 7-11 a.m. Mon-Fri **After School Adventure** - Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school till 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene

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centers.

As a Get With The Guidelines – Stroke participating hospital, Bluffton Regional Medical Center has been encouraged to develop a comprehensive system for providing rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke when patients are admitted to the emergency department. This includes being equipped 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide brain imaging scans, making neurologists available to conduct patient evaluations and using clot-busting medications when appropriate.

Bluffton Regional Medical Center is also increasing its efforts to prevent secondary strokes through the aggressive use of medications such as statins and anti-platelets as indicated in the secondary stroke prevention guidelines. Other methods include the treatment of atrial fibrillation and atherosclerosis and management of smoking cessation, weight, exercise, diabetes and cholesterol.

Through Get With The Guidelines – Stroke, the American Stroke Association provides Bluffton Regional Medical Center training and staffing recommendations, care maps, discharge protocols, standing orders, data-collection and measurement tools. The program also facilitates creating and sharing best practices among participating hospitals.

The time is right for Bluffton Regional Medical Center to implement Get With The Guidelines – Stroke. The number of acute ischemic stroke patients eligible for treatment is expected to grow over the next decade due to increasing stroke incidence and a large aging population. Each year, about 700,000 people suffer a stroke—500,000 are first attacks and 200,000 are recurrent. Of stroke survivors,

22 percent of men and 25 percent of women die within a year, and for those aged 65 and older, the percentage is even higher. In 1999, \$3.4 billion was paid to Medicare beneficiaries discharged from short-stay hospitals for stroke. Americans paid about \$51 billion in 2003 for stroke-related medical costs and disability.

The American Stroke Association offers a wide array of programs, products and services, from patient education materials to scientific statements with cutting-edge information for healthcare professionals. The organization is committed to remaining the leader in providing credible stroke information to individuals and healthcare providers. For more information about the American Stroke Association or its initiatives, visit strokeassociation.org or call toll free (888) 4-STROKE. For more information about Get With The Guidelines – Stroke, e-mail guidelinesinfo@heart.org or visit www.strokeassociation.org/getwiththeguidelines.

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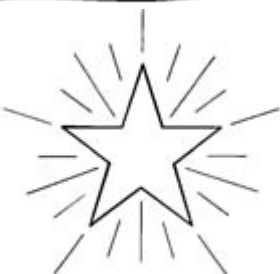
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The Handbook features general advice on steps to take when shopping for goods or services, along with warnings on what to watch out for when shopping for cars, credit and home improvements. The Handbook also includes information on how to solve consumer problems, as well as addresses, telephone numbers, and websites where you can file consumer complaints with consumer organizations, corporations, trade associations, BBBs and government agencies at the city, county, state and Federal level.

Order Your 2005 Consumer Action Handbook Today!

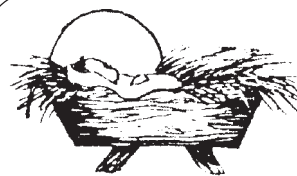


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CHRISTMAS STORIES, POEMS & TRIVIA FOR YOUR HOLIDAY ENJOYMENT

THE SANDS OF CHRISTMAS

by Michael Marks

I had no Christmas spirit when I breathed a weary sigh,
And looked across the table where the bills were piled too high.
The laundry wasn't finished and the car I had to fix,
My stocks were down another point, the Chargers lost by six.
And so with only minutes till my son got home from school
I gave up on the drudgery and grabbed a wooden stool.
The burdens that I carried were about all I could take,
And so I flipped the TV on to catch a little break.

I came upon a desert scene in shades of tan and rust,
No snowflakes hung upon the wind, just clouds of swirling dust.
And where the reindeer should have stood before a laden sleigh,
Eight Humvees ran a column right behind an M1A.
A group of boys walked past the tank, not one was past his teens
Their eyes were hard as polished flint, their faces drawn and lean.

They walked the street in armor with their rifles shouldered tight,
Their dearest wish for Christmas, just to have a silent night.
Other soldiers gathered, hunkered down against the wind,
To share a scrap of mail and dreams of going home again.
There wasn't much at all to put their lonely hearts at ease,
They had no Christmas turkey, just a pack of MREs.

They didn't have a garland or a stocking I could see,
They didn't need an ornament—they lacked a Christmas tree.

They didn't have a present even though it was tradition,
The only boxes I could see were labeled "ammunition."
I felt a little tug and found my son now by my side,

He asked me what it was I feared, and why it was I cried.
I swept him up into my arms and held him oh so near

And kissed him on the forehead as I whispered in his ear.
"There's nothing wrong, my little son, for safe we sleep tonight

Our heroes stand on foreign land to give us all the right,
To worry on the things in life that mean nothing at all,
Instead of wondering if we will be the next to fall."

He looked at me as children do and said, "It's always right,
To thank the ones who help us and perhaps that we should write."

And so we pushed aside the bills and sat to draft a note,

To thank the many far from home and this is what we wrote:
"God bless you all and keep you safe and speed your way back home.

Remember that we love you so, and that you're not alone.
The gift you give you share with all, a present every day,
You give the gift of liberty and that we can't repay."

(Michael Marks: "I freely submit this poem for reprint without reservation—this is an open and grateful tribute to the men and women who serve every day to keep our nation safe.")

In this troubled time - let us not forget those who are fighting for our right to defend our freedom.

A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS POEM

Author Unknown

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.

My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,

My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,

Transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,

Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,

Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.

In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,

So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,

But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.

Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,

Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,

And I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,

A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled there in the cold.

Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,

Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,

"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!

Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,

You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,

Away from the cold and the snow blown adrift..

To the window that danced with a warm fire's light

Then he sighed and he said "It's really all right,

I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."

"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,

That separates you from the darkest of times.

No one had to ask or beg or implore me,

I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.

My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,"

Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas my 'Gram will always remember."

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam',

And now it is my turn and so, here I am.

I've not seen my own son in more than a while,

But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,

The red, white, and blue... an American Flag.

"I can live through the cold and the being alone,

Away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,

I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.

I can carry the weight of killing another,

Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..

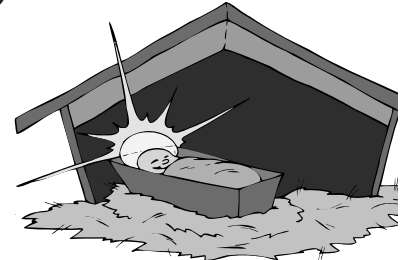
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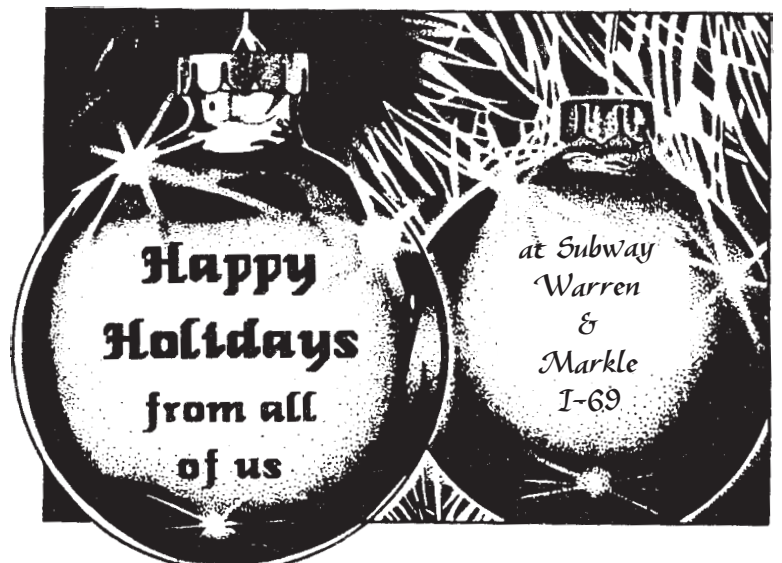
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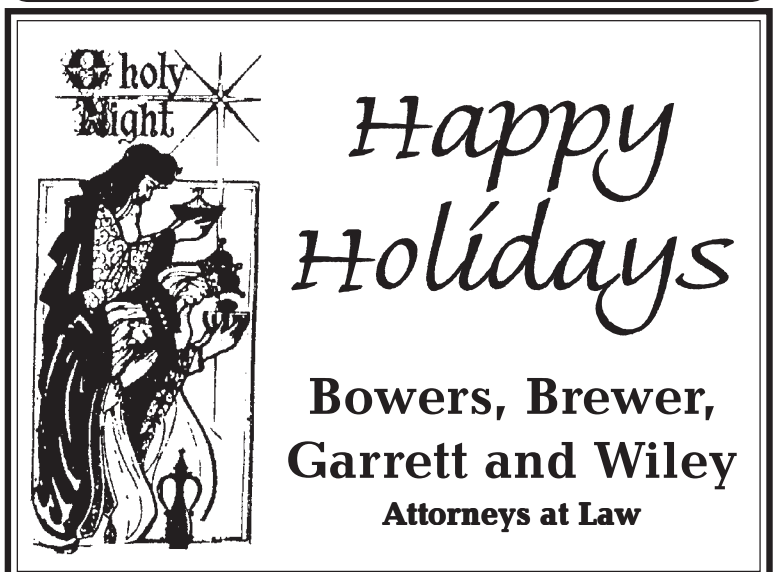


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Who stand at the front against any and all,

To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,

Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."

"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,

"Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?

It seems all too little for all that you've done,

For being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,

"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.

To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,

To stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead,

To know you remember we fought and we bled.

Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,

That we mattered to you as you mattered to us.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE LEGENDS

(from www.nicksspot.com/Christmas)

The custom of a Christmas tree, undecorated, is believed to have begun in Germany, in the first half of the 700s.

The earliest story relates how British monk and missionary St. Boniface was preaching a sermon on the Nativity to a tribe of Germanic Druids outside the town of Geismar. To convince the idolaters that the oak tree was not sacred and inviolable, the "Apostle of Germany" felled one on the spot. Toppling, it crushed every shrub in its path except for a small fir sapling. A chance event can lend itself to numerous interpretations, and legend has it that Boniface, attempting to win converts, interpreted the fir's survival as a miracle, concluding, "Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child." Subsequent Christmases in Germany were celebrated by planting fir saplings.

The history of the modern Christmas tree goes back to 16th century Germany. In Alsace (Elsass), dated 1561, states that "no burgher shall have for Christmas more than one bush of more than eight shoes' length." The decorations hung on a tree in that time, the earliest we have evidence of, were "roses cut of many-colored paper, apples, wafers, gilt, sugar." Around Strasbourg there was a widespread practice of bringing trees (evergreens, not necessarily a

fir-tree) into houses for decoration during Christmastide.

The modern custom is also connected with the Paradise tree hung with apples, present in the medieval religious plays. The decorations could symbolize the Christian Hosts. Instead of trees, various wooden pyramidal structures were also used. In 17th century the Christmas tree spread through Germany and Scandinavia. Eventually the tree was extensively decorated, first with candles and candies, then with apples and confections, later with anything glittering mass-produced paraphernalia.

The success of Christmas tree in Protestant countries was enhanced by the legend which attributed the tradition to Martin Luther himself. It is a widely held belief that Martin Luther first added lighted candles to a tree. Walking toward his home one winter evening, composing a sermon, he was awed by the brilliance of stars twinkling amidst evergreens. To recapture the scene for his family, he erected a tree in the main room and wired its branches with lighted candles. In England the tradition was made popular by the German Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. The German immigrants brought the Christmas tree to America in 17th century. Public outdoors Christmas trees with electric candles were introduced in Finland in 1906, and in USA (New York) in 1912. The claim of the Pennsylvania Germans to have initiated the Christmas tree custom in America is undisputed

today. And it's in the diary of Matthew Zahm of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, under the date December 20, 1821, that the Christmas tree and its myriad decorations received their first mention in the New World.

It is not surprising that, like many other festive Christmas customs, the tree was adopted so late in America. To the New England Puritans, Christmas was sacred. The Pilgrims' second governor, William Bradford, wrote that he tried hard to stamp out "pagan mockery" of the observance, penalizing any frivolity. The influential Oliver Cromwell preached against "the heathen traditions" of Christmas carols, decorated trees and any joyful expression that desecrated "that sacred event."

"THE" SANTA CLAUS

(from www.nicksspot.com/Christmas)

The original Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, was born in the ancient southeastern Turkish town of Lycia early in the fourth century. His generosity was legend, and he was particularly fond of children. We know this primarily through Roman accounts of his patronage of youth, which eventually led to his becoming the patron saint of children. Throughout the Middle Ages, and well beyond, he was referred to by many names none of them Santa Claus.

Children today would not at all recognize the St. Nick who brought gifts to European children hundreds of years ago ex-

cept perhaps for his cascading white beard. He made his rounds in full red-and-white bishop's robes, complete with twin-peaked miter and crooked crozier. He was pulled by no fleet-footed reindeer, but coaxed in indolent donkey. And he arrived not late on Christmas Eve, but on his Christian feast day, December 6. The gifts he left beside the hearth were usually small: fruit, nuts, hard candies, wood and clay figurines.

During the Protestant of the sixteenth century, St. Nicholas was banished from most European countries. Replacing him were more secular figures, who in general were not at center stage at that point in history.

The Dutch kept the St. Nicholas tradition alive. As the "protector of sailors," St. Nicholas graced the prow of the first Dutch ship that arrived in America. And the first church built in New York City was named after him. The Dutch brought with them to the New World two Christmas items that were quickly Americanized.

In sixteenth-century Holland,

children placed wooden shoes by the hearth the night of St. Nicholas's arrival. The shoes were filled with straw, a meal for the saint's gift-laden donkey. In return, Nicholas would insert a small treat into each clog. In America, the shoe was replaced with the stocking, hung by the chimney.

Sint Nikolaas's helper, Zwarte Piet (Black Pete) who on the night before Dec 6, would go around town opening doors and throwing handfuls of candy into the rooms. Also in Holland, Sint Nikolaas would arrive on a ship riding a large white horse.

The Dutch spelled St. Nicholas "Sint Nikolass," which in the New World became "Sinterklass", later changed to "Santa Claus".

Much of modern-day Santa Claus lore, including the reindeer-drawn sleigh, originated in America. Dr. Clement Clarke Moore composed "The Night Before Christmas" in 1822, to read to his children on Christmas Eve. The poem might have

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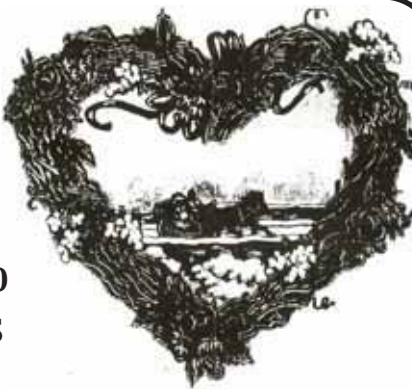
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remained privately in the Moore family if a friend had not mailed a copy of it (without authorial attribution) to a newspaper and became part of the Santa legend.

It was in America that Santa put on weight. The rosy-cheeked, roly-poly Santa is credited to the influential nineteenth-century cartoonist Thomas Nast. From 1863 until 1886, Nast created a series of Christmas drawings for Harper's Weekly. These drawings, executed over twenty years, exhibit a gradual evolution in Santa from the pudgy, diminutive, elf-like creature of Dr. Moore's immortal poem to the bearded, potbellied, life-size bell ringer familiar on street corners across America today. Nast's cartoons also showed the world how Santa spent his entire year constructing toys, checking on children's behavior, reading their requests for special gifts. His images were incorporated into the Santa lore.

Santa is known throughout the world in many different names, such as: Saint Nikolaas (Sinter Klaas), from the Dutch Father Christmas, from the English Kris Kringle, Christkind from the Germans, Befana from the Italians,

Bobouschka, from the Russians (a grand motherly figure instead of a male).

SANTA'S FAVORITES SAYINGS, SUPERSTITIONS AND QUOTES

(from www.santas.net)

"To have good health throughout the next year, eat an apple on Christmas Eve."

"Eat plum pudding on Christmas and avoid losing a friend before next Christmas."

"On Christmas Eve all animals can speak. However, it is bad luck to test this superstition."

"The child born on Christmas Day will have a special fortune."

"Snow on Christmas means Easter will be green."

"Good luck will come to the home where a fire is kept burning throughout the Christmas season."

"Place shoes side by side on Christmas Eve to prevent a quarrel family."

"A clear star-filled sky on Christmas Eve will bring good crops in the summer."

"A blowing wind on Christmas Day brings good luck."

In Greece, some people burn their old shoes during the Christmas season to prevent misfor-

tunes in the coming year.

"He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find Christmas under a tree." - Sunshine Magazine.

NAUGHTY OR NICE

There was the little boy who approached Santa in a department store with a long list of requests. He wanted a bicycle and a sled, a chemical set, a cowboy suit, a set of trains, a baseball glove and roller skates.

"That's a pretty long list," Santa said sternly. "I'll have to check in my book and see if you were a good boy."

"No, no," the youngster said quickly. "Never Mind checking, I'll just take the roller skates."

**At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.**

- Thomas Tusser 1524-80

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.—Burton Hillis (Better Homes and Gardens)

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Christmas gift suggestions from Oren Arnold: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

— Calvin Coolidge

Christmas, my child, is love in action. ... Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

—Dale Evans Rogers

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

—Norman Vincent Peale



**So remember while December
Brings the only Christmas day,
In the year let there be Christmas
In the things you do and say.**
—Anonymous

**May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;
The spirit of Christmas which is peace;
The heart of Christmas which is love.**
--- Ada V. Hendricks

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.
—Hamilton Wright Mabi

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.
—Agnes M. Pharo

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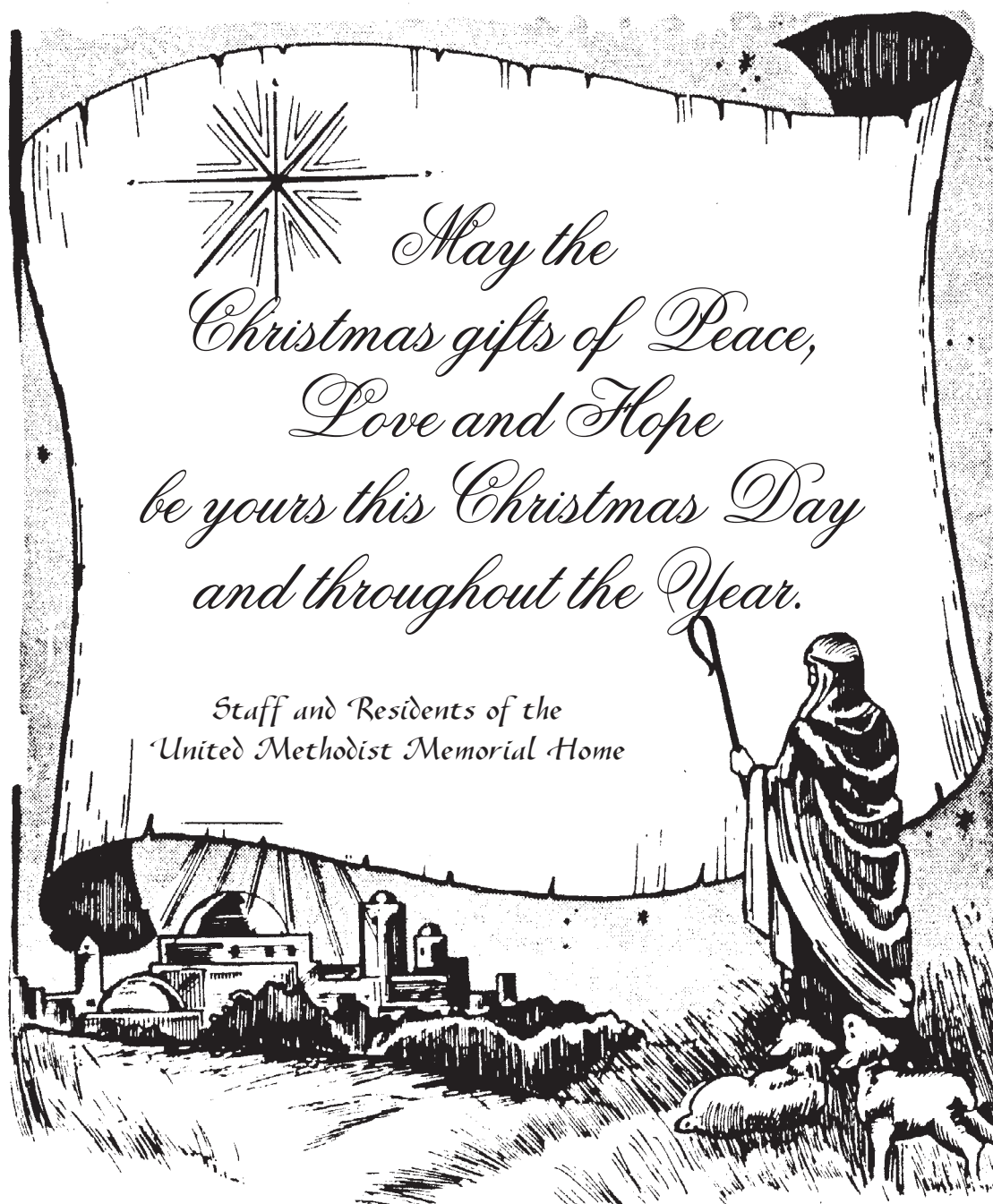
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I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month.
—Harlan Miller (Better Homes and Gardens)

YES VIRGINIA ...

From the Editorial Page of The New York Sun, written by Francis P. Church, September 21, 1897
We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The 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
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Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except 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 child-like 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 you 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 Claus. The most real things in the world are those that 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 there 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, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that 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 times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

THE ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition in the 16th century when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce.

The Christmas tree custom gradually became popular in other parts of Europe. In England Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria made Christmas trees fashionable by decorating the first English Christmas tree at Windsor castle with candles and a variety of sweets, fruits and gingerbread in 1841. Of course, soon other wealthy English families followed suit, using all kinds of extravagant items as decorations. Charles Dickens described such a tree as being

covered with dolls, miniature furniture, tiny musical instruments, costume jewelry, toy guns and swords, fruit and candy, in the 1850s.

Most of the 19th century Americans found Christmas trees an oddity. The first record of one being on display was in the 1830s by the German settlers of Pennsylvania. They put one on show to raise money for a local church. In 1851 a tree was set up outside of a church. The people of the parish thought it such an outrage and a return to paganism and asked the minister to take it down.

By the 1890s Christmas ornaments were arriving from Germany and Christmas tree popularity was on the rise around the U.S. It was noted that Europeans used small trees about four feet in height, while Americans liked their Christmas to reach from floor to ceiling.

The early 20th century saw Americans decorating their trees mainly with homemade ornaments, while the German-American sect continued to use apples, nuts, and marzipan cookies. Popcorn joined in after being dyed bright colors and interlaced with berries and nuts.

Electricity helped introduce Christmas lights making it possible for Christmas trees to glow for days on end. With this, Christmas trees began to appear in town squares across the country. All important buildings, private and public, signaled the beginning of the Christmas holiday with the tree ceremony.

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place of angels, figures of fairies - the good spirits, though horns and bells were once used to frighten off evil spirits.

In Poland, Christmas trees used to be decked with angels, peacocks and other birds as well as many, many stars. In Sweden, trees are decorated with brightly painted wooden ornaments and straw figures of animals and children. In Denmark, tiny Danish flags along with mobiles of bells stars, snowflakes and hearts are hung on Christmas trees. Japanese Christians prefer tiny fans and paper lanterns. Lithuanians cover their trees with straw bird cages, stars, and geometric shapes. The straw sends a wish for good crops in the coming year. Czechoslovakian trees display ornaments made from painted egg shells.

A Ukrainian Christmas tree has a spider and web for good luck. Legend has it that a poor woman with nothing to put on her children's tree woke on Christmas morning to find the branches covered with spider webs turned to silver by the rising sun.

THE STORY OF

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

There was a kindly nobleman whose wife had died of an illness leaving the nobleman and his three daughters in despair. After losing all his money in useless and bad inventions the family had to move into a peasant's cottage, where the daughters did their own cooking, sewing and cleaning.

When it came time for the daughters to marry, the father became even more depressed as his daughters could not marry without dowries, money and property given to the new husband's family.

One night after the daughters had washed out their clothing they hung their stockings over the fireplace to dry. That night Saint Nicholas, knowing the despair of the father, stopped by the nobleman's house. Looking in the window Saint Nicholas saw that the family had gone to bed. He also noticed the daughters stockings. Inspiration struck Saint Nicholas and he took three small bags of gold from his pouch and threw them one by one down the chimney and they landed in the stockings.

The next morning when the daughters awoke they found

their stockings contained enough gold for them to get married. The nobleman was able to see his three daughters marry and he lived a long and happy life.

Children all over the world continue the tradition of hanging Christmas stockings. In some countries children have similar customs, in France the children place their shoes by the fireplace, a tradition dating back to when children wore wooden peasant shoes.

In Holland the children fill their shoes with hay and a carrot for the horse of Sintirklass. In Hungary children shine their shoes before putting them near the door or a window sill.

Italian children leave their shoes out the night before Epiphany, January 5, for La Befana the good witch. And in Puerto Rico children put greens and flowers in small boxes and place them under their beds for the camels of the Three Kings.



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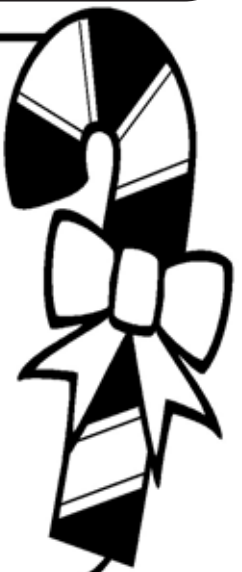
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A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS EVE DREAM

by Van Deusen Humiston,
Ethel

Last night I had a lovely dream,
But strange as it could be,
For on the hill beside our house
Stood a great Christmas tree.

It glowed with lighted candles,
High at the top, a star,
And 'round it, dancing in a ring,
Children from lands afar.

There were polite, little English girls,
Swiss boys with funny skis,
Dutch children in queer wooden shoes,
Joined hands with shy Chinese.

Turkish lads in tassled fez,
Tots from France and Greece and Poland,
Laughing as the children do
In the safety of a free land.

Perhaps my dream's a prophecy
Of Christmases to be,
When little children everywhere
Can sing because they're free.

I surely wish with all my heart,
This day of Jesus' birth,
That peace and love and happiness
Soon cover all the earth.

NUTCRACKERS

Nutcrackers have long been a symbol of Christmas. They stand along with bags of walnuts, pecans, and filberts waiting to be cracked.

Nutcracker historians say Aristotle possessed one around 330 B.C., but the wooden stand

ing-man versions were first seen in the Erzgebirge area of Germany during the 1700s. They were known as "nut-biters." Two moving arms on the back of the head allowed the lower jaw to push the nut against the upper jaw freeing the fruit inside.

According to German lore, nutcrackers were given as presents to bring good luck to a family and act as protectors throughout the year.

In 1872, Wilhelm Fuchtnr, known as the "father of the nutcracker," initiated the first mass production of nutcrackers using a lathe.

Nutcrackers were often dressed as soldiers and kings. Villagers were delighted to have these authoritative figures cracking the nuts that often acted as dessert in Europe. Imagine cracking your nuts with Napoleon!

Modern nutcrackers take on many shapes including birds, dogs, crocodiles, squirrels, and monks.

Traditional nutcrackers are often dressed in shades of red but

dark green and blue are also employed. While wood is still the most popular medium, versions have been produced in porcelain, silver, ivory, bone, and brass.

Nutcrackers became popular at Christmas during the Victorian era when children began to receive smaller versions of nutcrackers in their Christmas stockings.

Today, their popularity has been enhanced by the traditional performances of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" ballet during the Christmas season.

While nutcrackers can still crack nuts, most are decorative pieces brought out as the tree goes up and the wreath goes on the door.

BOXING DAY: TIME TO GIVE

GIFTS, GO TO THE RACES

Boxing Day is celebrated in Canada and Britain. It falls on December 26, which is also St. Stephens Day.

On Boxing Day, it is customary to give gifts to those who per-

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The seven principles that are the foundation of Kwanzaa promote spirituality, faith, goal setting, family values, and community values. They are principles

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One goal of Kwanzaa is to show African American children that their history did not begin with slavery. It begins far earlier and in a place and a culture that is specific and honorable.

Each day from December 26 to January 1, celebrants greet each other with "Habari gani" (What's the news?) The answer is the principle for that day.

The seven principles are "umoja: (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), "ujima" (collective work and responsibility), "ujamaa" (cooperative economics), "nia" (purpose), "kuumba" (creativity), and "imani" (faith).



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Helen Bentley
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Dr John Border
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Bonnie Boxell
Johnina Boxell
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Donnie Boxell
Barbara Brown
Thelma Brown
Biggie Brown
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Loren Craig
Wilma Crouch
Daddy
Shannon DeaKyne
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Jake Carl Douglas

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Lenora Freck
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Grandpa Preston
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Anna Haggerty
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Bruce Laymon
Ruskin Laymon
Brady Lloyd
Bo Lloyd
Wesley Lloyd
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Richard Maddock
Lloyd & Gwen Mains
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Roger & Rosene Meese
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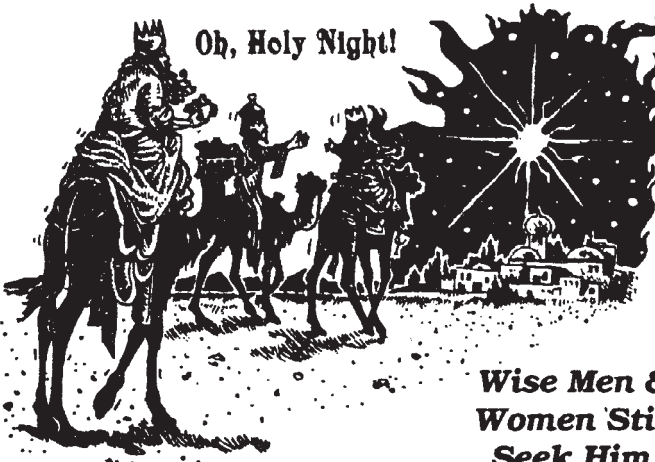
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