What Are the Facts HENRY says: About Christmas?

Everybody thinks that pace travel is something ery new, but an elderly gendeman in a rather unique space-suit" set the pace ears ago. His name: Santa (a) Kris Kringle (B) Clement C, Moore (C) St. Nicholas

Now is the season when e's taking off again, for it's aristmas.

How much do you know bout Christmas and Santa claus? Here are some questions, developed with the help of the editors of the Encyclopedia International, to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom.

- The first known Christ-mas card was designed in 1843 by an Englishman
- (A) Charles Dickens (B) Sir Henry Cole
- (C) John Calcott Horsley The first Christian Nativ-
- ity feast, celebrating the birth of Christ, occurred in the fourth century on:
- (A) January 6 (B) July 4
- (C) December 25 Christmas did not become a legal holiday in the U.S.
- (A) The Puritans arrived in New England (B) 1856
- (C) Santa's Helpers Un-ion went on strike.

Manger Is Theme Of Latin Yule

Though Santa and gaily decked trees often appear nowadays in Central and South America, Christmas is

traditionally a time for reli-gious observances.

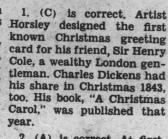
Mass, at midnight on Christmas Eve or early Christmas Day, forms the heart of the holiday in Latin America, and the creche or manger scene marks the sea-Encyclopedia Americana.

Bountiful feasts, proces- organist, Franz Gruber. may provide a festive note, church organ was out of but custom says that gift- order — damaged by mice — giving time is Three Kings' and so "Silent Night" was Day — Twelfth Night, Janufirst sung to a guitar accompany of the when the Wise Men paniment. ght their gifts to Jesus

Children put their shoes under the bed or in the window, hoping to have them filled with toys and gifts. Water and hay are set out for the Three Kings' horses or gin.

Christmas in similar ways, milk, nutmeg and sugar. each country also has its own special festivities.

(C) St. Nicholas



2. (A) is correct. At first, January 6, the Epiphany, was observed as the feast of Jesus' baptism, with a secondary emphasis on His birth. It was not until the 5th century A.D. that Christmas was generally celebrated on December 25.

3. (B) is correct. New England states outlawed the celebration of Christmas until the middle of the 19th cen-

4. (C) is correct. Kris Kringle is the German name for Santa, while Clement C. Moore contributed to the image of Santa Claus with his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," in 1823. St. Nich-olas was a real person, a fourth century bishop, and the first Santa Claus.

Legend, Lore Of **Holiday Takes** Varied Forms

The belief that Santa has a reindeer-drawn sleigh and enters homes through the chimney may have come from Scandinavia. An old Norse legend about the goddess Hertha said that she rode on a reindeer's back.

Her appearance in the fireplace in mid-winter was thought to bring good luck to the home.

"Silent Night, Holy Night" was written in 1818 by a vilmanger scene marks the sea-son throughout churches and tria. Father Joseph Mohr homes, say the editors of the wrote the words, to an accompaniment created by his

Who invented that popular

One possibility is that egg-While many Latin Amering came from the Old Eng-can countries share these lish hot drink, sack-posset, traditions and celebrate which was also made of eggs,



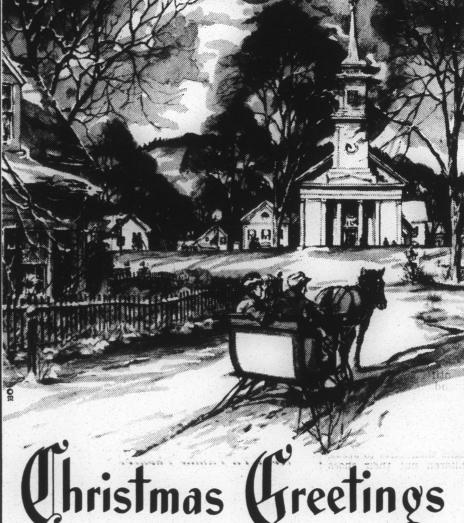


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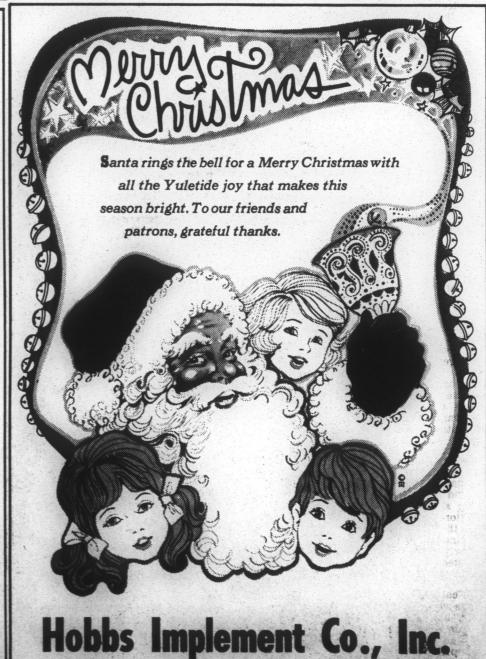


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