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## **Everyone Wants** To See Just One 'Good Ole' Yule

mas."

glish delicacy traditionally served "How I would long to see just with Christmas feasts-has come one more 'old-fashioned Christ- a long way since it entered the culinary lists hundreds of years

**Plum Pudding** 

These are familiar words at this ago as Yule-dough. time of the year. Before the Yule- Yule-dough was composed of tide season is over, some member chupped meat paste, spices, to of the family, grandfather or symbolize the gifts of the Magi, grandmother, probably, is certain and flour, regarded as embodying to pass that remark, as they have and flour, regarded as encoded at the wheat.

And yet, if we search back into has been greatly "commercialized" the records . . . to the turn of the since the days of early America. century, say ... we find that, even Yet, so has the entire nation. In then, someone was wishing for the days of our ancestors there "an old-fashioned Christmas." It were none of the vast trading cenis then that we realize that the ters and commercial marts that celebration of the birth of Christ we know today. Our very way of has not changed greatly with the life has been greatly changed with passage of centuries. Basically, 'modernization. Our holidays, and Christmas is the same, year after Christmas is the principal one, year. It is only the world and the have managed to keep abreast. people who are not the same. Still, without reservation,

He may not admit it, but when Christmas is basically unchanged grandfather first began to raise in its true meaning as a celebraa family, he overheard his elders tion of the birth of the Christmusing over the changing Christ- Child redeemer, come to save the mas customs and beralding the world. No matter how great or approach to "complete commer- how small the presents piled becialism" of the Yuletide celebra- neath the tree, each Christian tion. Even then they were worried, heart never ceases to remember No one can deny that Christmas that Christmas is Christ's day.



To the casual observer, it is just another typical night in Bethlehem sleepy town of many generations. Excepting, of course, that the popuation is more than double, for all the descendants of David have come to register as ordered by Herod. For many, there is no room.

And yet, there is more about this night! And there are some whose faith and wisdom give them eyes to see. Near the hour of midnight, a darkened sky suddenly shimmers with a light of ethereal beauty, and angels appear to sing a great psalm:

#### "Glory in the highest, And on earth, peace to men of good will."

A new star fires itself to brilliance near the edge of town, bathing in its light the stable where a Galilean carpenter named Joseph has taken refuge with his bride, a queenly young girl named Mary. For them, there had been no room.

The star rests above the humble shelter, sending down golden rays that illuminate the area in a strange, unearthly manner.

In the distance appear a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the now resting star and are heavily laden with gifts of gold-presents for a new-born king. Along the roads hear the shouts of the citizens, led by angels, who come to adore.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, the Christ-child awaits.



The Christmas tree, now almost

Jesus' Birthplace In Old Bethlehem

**Still Worship Site** scene of the Redeemer' birth at Bethlehem is the site of a touched full day's worship and prayer each children of the North believed Christmas Eve. The faithful come that a little elf from all parts of the world to to see the solemn reenactment of food and that the the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Discontinued for six years during World War II, the pontificial Christianized, little Jule became mass and ceremony was renewed the giver of presents-just as Sanin 1945. As the stars on the hill- ta today. It side and the pale moon wrapped children to leave a bowl of porthe town of Bethlehem in an aura ridge on the kitchen table for the of holiness the voices of the hum- little elf, who would leave preble echoed in prayer from the sents in exchange.

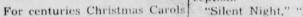
little Church of St. Catherine, World.

ringing out over the surrounding hills. At the stroke of 12 the great bells of the tower of the nativity

rang out, loud and clear. The vicar, holding an image of the Christ Child, joined a procession of priests, acolytes and choirboys. By flickering candlelight the ed by a written history

procession filed over the stone nativity. The vicar placed the tiny representation of Christ on the fore, the Redeemer came.

**Christmas Carols** Are Centuries Old





MASS

o us from Scandanavia. Many years before Leif Eriksen

American shores, the

adoration and the earth was abundant with good hirds word taken care of

After the pagan Vikings were became a custom for

Travelers picked up built on the hallowed rock of the of Jul Tomten and carried it mest sacred spot of the Christian around the world. To us, he is the busy, jolly, good little elf who The mass was celebrated at 10 works happily in Santa's work p. m., the voices of the choir-boys shop.

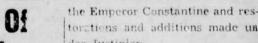
> ing times and customs, have been handed down from one generation to another.

A great number probably were lost because they were popular in generations not adequately cover-

Christmas Carols are of two steps leading to the grotto of the main types-religious and convivial. The religious offer praise to the newborn and celebrate the sacred spot where, many years be- birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth and the traditional feast-

The latter is almost an invention of our modern civilization, and few "popular" Yuletide songs manage to return year after year. 'Jingle Bells" is one notable exception.

"Silent Night," "It Came Upon



der Justinian. It is surrounded vents of separate faiths, Greek

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FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEL

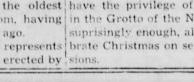
ESTABLISHED 1899

The Basilica of the Nativity at Latin and Armenian. All three Bethlehem is one of the oldest have the privilege of worshiping churches in Christendom, having in the Grotto of the Nativity, and

been built 1.620 years ago. suprisingly enough, all three cele As it stands today it represents brate Christmas on separate occa the original building as erected by sions









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a tree for his daughter.



### YEAR-AROUND GIFT

Those who have had trouble shopping and would save the day atl the last minute will find The Enterprise a suitable and acceptable gift for relatives and friends.

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German writers mention the Christmas Holiday prince Albert, consort of Queen **Once Moved From** Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had Date To Date

> Christmas was once a movable feast. The eastern branches of the Christian church usually celebrated it in April or May, Western Europe sometime in January. In 337 A. D., St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated. Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century observed the date of January 7.

have heralded the Yuletide season the Midnight Clear", and "O comaround the Christian world. Many All Ye Faithful" seem destined to of them, slightly altered by chang- last forever.

