


Legends Of Christmas Americans' Moral Fiber Is Breaking, Tucker Says

There are almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the



"O come, all ye faithful"

Let us glory in God's promise of Joy and Peace on Earth, Good Will to all men. May the many blessings of Christmas be with you throughout this Holiday Season.

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BUSIEST MEN IN TOWN Tuesday afternoon were these clerks at the Waynesville postoffice, sorting through an avalanche of parcels which had just arrived here from Asheville. Left to right are Chan Burress, Hardy Noland, Howard Bryson, and Hub Tate. (Mountaineer Photo).

Long-Distance Calls Here May Set Christmas Record

The Christmas rush is expected to be felt in more places than the downtown stores.

According to C. T. McCuiston, manager of the Haywood County offices of Southern Bell Telephone Company, long-distance telephone traffic is already showing signs of being extremely heavy.

While some delays in completing

calls will be inevitable, service will be comparatively normal with the exception of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. These will be the biggest rush days of the season, he said.

Those who find it convenient to make their holiday calls on other days may get their calls through

To The Rescue

NORTH SACRAMENTO, AP—A city fire drill realistic that an employee back into her office to see pet corner.

The business office of Southern Bell will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve as the two holidays. A full complement of operators, however, will be on hand to handle the heavy load of calls.



Good wishes...

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bees express veneration for the nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wind during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.

A footcandle of light is the amount measured one foot way from the flame of a standard candle.

A Joy No Earthly Wealth Can Give

There is an old tale which becomes apropos chiefly at the Christmas time.

An agnostic—a disbeliever in God—made this offer to a nine-year old:

"I will give you an orange if you will tell me where God is."

The youngster was equal to the challenge. "I will give you two oranges," he said, "if you will tell me where He is not."

Many great men have always felt the spirituality of Christmas, and some have managed to put it into words. For instance, when Woodrow Wilson was asked to prove the greatness of Christianity, whose founder was the Christ-child, he said simply, "Try it."

Cardinal Spellman had a Christmas gift for the mind when he said:

"The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is a joy of the soul, and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is a union with Him who has overcome the world."

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt once illustrated the spirit of Christmas with this story:

"A thief broke into the home of a priest and stole his purse. That night the priest wrote in his diary: 'Let me be thankful, First because I was never robbed before, Second because although he took my purse, he never took my life. Third because although he took all I had it was not much. And fourth because it was he who stole, and not I.'"

Glib Talker

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