

OUR Merry Christmas CALL TO YOU!



This Christmas, more folks than ever before will be telephoning Christmas greetings by long distance. We will make every effort to speedily complete your calls, but telephone traffic will be heavy. So will you please place your calls early, and should you have a short wait, please be patient.

Thank you and

Merry Christmas

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Have Tree Base Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible. Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

December Dates

There aren't very many famous birthdays during December—too near Christmas! However, a few of history's prominent people were born in December and here they are:

- Dec. 8, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.
Dec. 16, Ludwig von Beethoven.
Dec. 17, John Greenleaf Whittier.
Dec. 24, Christopher (Kit) Carson.
Dec. 27, Louis Pasteur.
Dec. 28, Woodrow Wilson.
Dec. 31, Rudyard Kipling.

Christmas Menu

Mothers, who are the official cooks of the family, will reap added praise this holiday season if they plan a special Christmas menu for every meal on Christmas day. While "something special" is expected for dinner, a minimum of attention will make the other two meals a pleasant surprise.

Here is a menu for the day which will prove popular.

- BREAKFAST: Orange juice, Waffles, Grilled Sausage Cakes, Coffee, Honey, Milk.
CHRISTMAS DINNER: Clam and Tomato Juice Cocktail, Roast Turkey, Giblet Gravy, Celery Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans, Calavo and Grapefruit Salad, Assorted Relishes, Cranberry Sauce, Hot Rolls, Fruit Cake, Pie, Coffee, Milk.
SUPPER: Nutbread Sandwiches, Mixed Vegetable Salad, Fruit Gelatin Dessert, Tea, Milk.

It's a good idea, too, to crowd a small cutting board with assorted cheeses and crackers. Place it in the living room for those who may not be able to eat candy or who don't care for nuts.

Flowers Are Part Of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history. Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid went at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had bidden them.

Farmers' cash receipts from marketings during 1948 will total slightly larger than last year, according to present estimates.

Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here is a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck."

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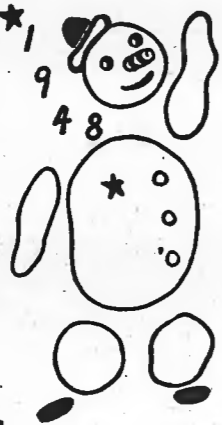
The old message of "Peace on earth; good will to men" echoes again over the entire Christian world in this happy holiday season. Harking back to the spirit of the first Christmas, we wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season.

Carl Morris



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