Christmas Lights And Lore



at dazzles our eyes every Christmas has a history that bes back to the earliest Chrisan times. Each light, however, was added one by one through the centuries, and each has a story of its own.

Did you know, for inince, that Christmas trees re not enhanced with canuntil Martin Luther, under of the Lutheran urch, put them there for very first time? Or that Boniface can be credited th the additional inspiration of brightly topping the e with a shiny star?

And, though the lovely

ritual of burning candles in the window on Christmas Ere, borrowed from ancient In-land, is intended to light the Holy Family on it way - it also commemorates a fact of which many people are unaware: that on the night Jesus was born, candles burned in the Holy Land in celebration of Chanukah, the Jewish Feetival of Light.

We can thank the lights of Christmas for another seasonal bright spot, the singing of Silent Night. It's said that the stars and candlelight of a Christmas midnight inspired Austrian minister Joseph Mohr to write the words of

An old-fashioned

wish for health,

wealth, happiness!

the carol in 1818. His country-man and fellow cleric, Franz Gruber, set them to music.

Today, of course, safe electric candles have replaced the tapers of yesteryear and favored gift items like color TV sets are lighting up the Yuletide scene more brightly and brilliantly than ever before.

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With 100% solid state circuitry and a completely new design, for example, General Electric's 10" (diagonal) Porta Color (R) II TV has a color picture three times as bright as ever before. And the lightweight tote-about quality which made Porta Color (R) TV a best seller is still there.

And for those who want a bigger package there are 16", 19" and 25" (diagonal) 100% solid state color TVs too. Two of the benefits of all these properly designed sets are

properly designed sets are longer-life and fewer service calls. Many also have features like advanced One Touch TM color taking the guesswork out of getting the best color TV picture and Spectra-Brite TM III, a black matrix

picture tube for even more brightness and clarity. All of which would prob-ably have infuriated England's Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers. One of the first things they did when they came to power in 1844 was to ban the Christmas celebration

altogether.
Why?Because they believed the whole thing smacked of "immoral sun-worshippe."

The Board

One of the great flimflams of American life is the rating of films by a group in Los Angeles called the Rating Board. The board is better than nothing, but only slightly better.

It has no power to enforce its rulings. It is controlled by the Motion Picture Association, is the creature of the film industry, and as such could hardly be totally objective. It does not rate all films-producers are not required to submit their films and many seek an automatic X rating by not submitting them. Etc.

The deluge of trash, filth and ignorance which has continued to engulf American screens in recent years has been degrading and harmful. Few favor film censorship but the interests of all Americans would be best served if an impartial rating board, government appoint-ed, rated every film.

The board need not be given power to ban films; its impartial ratings.



Wine Glass Guide How large should a wine is absolute clarity-no colored glass be? One size wine glass glass, and preferably no etched pattern. This is to let you enjoy is enough, say experts. The Wine Growers of California have indicated their preference enjoyment. for an all-purpose, tulip-shaped glass that holds about nine

HOLIDAY HORS d'OEUVRES

Mayonnaise is a basic in-

gredient in making hors

d'oeuvres, and nothing quite

equals mayonnaise made at

home in a blender or with a

mixer. The very special flavor

comes from the olive oil used.

Spanish recipe for mayon-

TRUE SPANISH MAYONNAISE

1 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoon dry mustard
1 cup Spanish olive oil

1 tablespoon vinegar or 1/4 tablespoon lemon juice

Place egg yolks, salt and mustard in small bowl of electric mixer or in blender. Set in motion at low speed.

Add olive oil drop by drop

at first; then in a very slow stream, pausing now and then to allow mixture to blend thoroughly and thicken. Add vinegar after most of the oil

has been incorporated. Makes

somehow it seems to taste much better in a stemmed glass. This

is more than the beauty of that

glass on your table; it's also be-

cause a stem keeps your hand from warming the wine.

In search for wine glasses, - so that the glass may be poured only about half-full. A light tulip shape, with the top of the glass a little narrower than the widest part of the bowl, helps to hold the wine's aroma and bouquet in the empty space

The next thing to look for

above the wine.

Spanish olive oil is in a traditional

ounces. It's appropriate for any type of wine, say the experts. wine glasses, and information on types of wine and their good Wine may be served in any food partners. glass, even a tumbler - but

the clarity and color of the wine itself, another part of its full For a free chart showing sizes and shapes of traditional

Here are some special holi-

day hors d'oeuvres, . .simple.

too. . . for special entertaining.

Red Caviar Fingers. Generous-

ly spread strips of fresh white bread with True Spanish

Mayonnaise. Then top with red caviar and garnish with

Tomato-Cucumber Special. Cut thick slices of fresh to-

matoes. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Top with thin cucum-ber slices, a spoonful of True

Spanish Mayonnaise, and a slice of hard cooked egg. Gar-

Crab Salad Canapes. Mix True

Spanish Mayonnaise with crab-

meat until proper spreading consistency. Season to taste

with salt and pepper. Spread on strips of white bread and garnish with bits of pimiento.

Shrimp in Artichoke Hearts

Place a generous spoonful of True Spanish, Mayonnaise in

each artichoke heart. Top

each with two cooked shrimp

nish with parsley.

slices of pitted ripe olives.

HOSIERY The Christmas Spirit **GUIDE**

Hosiery has been around for a long time, but its origins and its care have long been shrouded in mystery. A new pamphlet by The Gillette Company, Personal Care Division, traces hosiery back to its humble beginnings as woolen leggings for shepherds and up to its modern role as an important fashion accessory.

The pamphlet, featuring Phyllis George, Miss America of 1971, tells of the latest looks in hosiery and how the looks are worn. Finally, the pamphlet deals with the proper care of hosiery and gives practical tips on prolonging hosiery's brief life span.

The pamphlet is available free to everyone. To get your copy and copies for your readers, direct your request to Box PT, The Gillette Company, Personal Care Division, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill. 60654.

The Christmas Spirit

December is the most exciting (and tiring) month of the year in many American homes because of the approach of Christmas and all associated with it. In the commercial scramble which Christmas has become for many the meaning of the day is lost to many of us.

Christmas gets its name from the mass for Christ and it is, of course, the birth of Jesus that we commemorate the 25th. At one time it was more a religious observance. than a general holiday with Sante Claus, mile, family re-unions, etc. In broadening the abservance score have increasingly minimized the returned a party which is their

And while many feel this is unfortaged and be remembered by all that about one in ties a vicens belong a to no church. Millions of others and the of Jewish faith, do not believe ansure we do to be admiring. him as a mae. In additeur, and Japanese, Middle itast orusto

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