

## What's In A Name? Shakespeare Called Play "Twelfth Night"

"After dinner to the Duke's House, and there saw 'Twelfth Night' acted well, though it be but a silly play and not related at all to the name."

So wrote the English diarist, Samuel Pepys, in recording the events of January 6, 1663.

Later critics have taken a more enthusiastic view of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" than did Mr. Pepys, but they have to agree that the comic gambol bears no relationship to its title. Apparently, the play was so named because it had been written to be performed on Twelfth Night.

Had Shakespeare chosen to do it, he had ample materials at

hand to create a play that was really about "Twelfth Night"

Epiphany, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, traditionally the night when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child, was a most important festival in Shakespeare's time, and many customs surrounded it.

Characters ready for Shakespeare's pen were such traditional folk as "Patrick O'Tater," "Lady Bluestocking," and "Captain Blunderbuss," and others. At Twelfth Night frolics, the young people, especially, dressed themselves in costumes to suggest these characters.

Shakespeare, however, preferred to write of Sir Toby Belch,

## Rudolph Famed Santa Reindeer

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer, now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on Donner and Blitzen!"

Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer" who drew his "miniature sleigh," according to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem—the red-nosed Rudolph.

Malvolio, Olivia and others, and critics can only speculate upon what might have been if he had taken "Twelfth Night" for his theme as well as his title.

## White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished tradi-

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the team through a dark overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history, a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.

tions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old at Christmas Day. Frozen loes, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856. Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old

## Little Towns Of Bethlehem Celebrate

Several states, all over the United States, can boast of having their very own little town of

fashioned Christmas" in-cluding a Christmas tree, for his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

Bethlehem, Pa., is the scene of an impressive candlelight carol and communion service.

In New England, for example, there's a place named Bethlehem in New Hampshire, and another in Connecticut.

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