

## The Years Are Rolled

**A** frost of stars across the night,  
And one star glittering with light  
Above the rest. A song that yields  
Its swelling beauty in the fields  
Where shepherds watch their flocks, and see  
The wonder of a mystery.

**W**ithin a stable's rock-hewn walls  
The flickering lamplight softly falls  
Upon a mother, young and fair,  
Upon a Babe with shining hair.

**A**nd still the star points out the way  
That leads into the Christmas Day.  
Above the hideous shriek of bombs  
The song the Angels sang still comes,  
Rising in soaring beauty far  
Beyond the evil sounds of war.

**T**he years are rolled up, one by one,  
And Mary holds her little Son  
Against her heart. Each new-born cry  
Lifts like a prayer towards the sky,  
While countless Marys smile through tears,  
Forgetting for a time, their fears  
In joy that a child is born  
Upon another Christmas Morn.

Mary Willis Shelburne  
in "The Once Over" of H. J. Phillips

### KNIT FOR DEFENSE



THE National Defense Program isn't all tanks, airplanes and battleships. Women play their part, too, in providing comforts for the men in the service. Warm, hand-knit sweaters will be urgently needed, this winter, by men in our armed forces, and here's one which you can knit yourself, very quickly. The V-neck, sleeveless pullover is always first choice among most men, and this one is patterned after regulation specifications. The American Red Cross needs 100,000 sweaters for the men in America's defense army. They will accept this one as your gift to a soldier, if you would like to knit it and take it to your nearest Red Cross chapter. Size 38 requires six two-ounce skeins of knitting worsted, and those knit for Red Cross distribution through the Army must be in olive drab. Directions for knitting this sweater may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of this paper, specifying Ass'n #8-104.

## Season's Greetings



STARTS SUNDAY—"Sergeant York," starring Gary Cooper, with Joan Leslie and Walter Brennan in featured supporting roles, will open at the Rialto Sunday.

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### Every Child Likes To Decorate Tree

Child development experts say that children will enjoy Christmas more if they help in getting the house ready for the coming of old Saint Nick. One of the most important duties, especially to a child, is that of decorating the tree.

A little boy or girl will love the opportunity to cut out cardboard stars, then dip them into a thick mixture of water and laundry starch



Even the united efforts of these children couldn't budge the huge Christmas tree selected for their schoolyard — but they had a good time trying to help.

and finally, sprinkle them with artificial snow. Small gourds, seed pods and pine cones can be treated in a like manner, after they've been painted with quick-drying enamel, or with aluminum paint.

Much pleasure will be derived by a child if he or she is allowed to make strings of cranberries, popcorn or small pieces of stale bread to hang on a special Christmas tree for the birds. Later children can bring them about a shrub or tree in the front yard, and watch the birds enjoy Christmas, too.

### Huge Christmas Feasts

Served in Old Castles

Christmas dinners served in medieval castles were in reality "feasts." The meal lasted usually from three in the afternoon until midnight.

One of the dishes always on the table was meat pie. In delving into history we find that Sir Henry Grey in England ordered one baked that was nine feet in circumference. It weighed 165 pounds and was served from a four-wheel cart built for the purpose.

Here's the recipe.

2 bushels flour	6 snipes
20 pounds butter	4 partridges
4 geese	2 neat's tongues
2 rabbits	2 curlews
4 wild ducks	6 pigeons and
2 woodcocks	7 blackbirds

Making a Doll Buggy

The amateur carpenter of the family can make a doll carriage easily and cheaply. A jumbo grape basket may be fastened on wooden axles for wooden wheels. Handles can be made from discarded yardsticks or window-shade sticks, with a piece of broomstick for a hand rest. Paint any desired color, and mother, aunt or sister will be glad to make a pad for the inside. It makes a dandy Christmas gift for any little girl.

Quite a number of the students are home to spend the holidays with relatives.

Remember to renew your daily papers before Jan. 1.

## The Meadow Star

A. E. Richards . . . Editor  
Mrs A. E. Richards, Ast. Ed.

Entered as Second Class  
at the Postoffice at Meadow,  
Texas.

## Modern Toys Offer Children Varied Appeal

Gather in the parlor, folks, and have a skeet shoot.

Or, if you're militarily inclined, become a chair strategist with new games "suggested by air and naval warfare and army maneuvers."

You can do either or both and much else, too, according to Santa Claus, whose bag contents reveal just such a variety of toys for Christmas, 1941.

"The desire of adults to forget wartime jitters in relaxing fun at home is reflected in an increased demand for easy-to-play games," say toy manufacturers. "Parlor versions of bowling, skeet shooting and skeeball are being featured on Christmas toy lists everywhere."

You also can shoot darts with rubber-band guns, build model airplanes, or, if you're the kind that would swipe junior's miniature submarines and watch them dive in the

the main point, says Santa Claus, is that "the American toy industry is geared to give children their full quota of happy play hours in 1941, unshadowed by war."

That wasn't so in 1914 when Germany was the world's greatest toy-producing country. American-made toys were a poor substitute. But all that is changed. For the past 20 years virtually all new designs and improvements have been initiated in the United States' toy shops.

Patriotic and national defense themes are carried out in this year's toys. The latter includes coast defense guns and the like, all "scientifically tested," in the interests of society.

There will be the usual scientific toys, dolls, and things-on-wheels, but with improvements. In the first category is a microscope using a polaroid light; in the second, China maidens with "Hollywood glamour set-offure"; and in the third, motorized army equipment of the "latest designs."

Defense isn't the only government function reflected in toy designs. The FHA's influence is apparent in a new double-decker bunk calculated "to eliminate crowding in doll houses."

## St. Francis Started Use of Yule Crib

It was St. Francis of Assisi who gave the Crib the tangible form in which we know it today. In 1223 he visited Rome and told Pope Honorius III his plans of making a scenic representation of the place of the Nativity. The Pope gave his sanction and on Christmas eve, St. Francis constructed a crib and groped round it the figures of the blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, the ass and ox, and the shepherds. He used live animals in a real stable.

The custom spread from Italy to Spain, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and Germany, and from these countries it has spread to all corners of the earth.

Museums throughout the world possess very ancient cribs. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, has a group which dates from before 1478.

The custom of placing cribs out of doors as Christmas decorations in the yard has become popular the past few years.

## Simple Decorations Provide Originality To Christmas Table

To the homemaker who is worried about the expense of Christmas decorations, here are a few new and inexpensive ways of adding originality to the Christmas table:

Try red or blue cellophane over a white table cloth. Cellophane will not discolor the cloth as will some colored papers.

Paste various-sized stars to the white cloth. Or, paste cutouts of Santa, reindeer, candles, holly sprays, etc.

Use a ribbon of gold or silver paper down the center of the table.

When an uneven number of guests are to be seated at the table, you might confine the evergreen and floral arrangement to one end of the table, father at the other, with the guests seated at the sides.

Imagine the charm added by sewing a few tiny bells along the hem of the cloth so that when the guests move there is a sound of tinkling.

Down the center you might arrange a row of candles of different heights.

Various strange figures may be made from fruits, nuts and gum drops. A large prune stuffed with a marshmallow, with a raisin for a head and almonds for feet, makes a penguin.

An attractive Santa may be made from an apple. Use a big red apple for the body, a marshmallow for the head, and cloves for eyes and nose. Two skewers can be used for legs, which are covered with cotton batting. Cotton is also used for a belt, whiskers, hair and for covering short pieces of wire inserted as arms. A little red cap is made from pieces of tissue paper secured to the marshmallow with a pin. A third skewer is inserted at the rear to give Santa a three-point landing.

Amusing gumdrop trees may be made from wire or natural twigs.



*A gift is a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.*

—Prov. 17:8.

*He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.*

—Prov. 28:27.

*But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.*

—Luke 11:41.

*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

—I. Cor. 13:13.

*If thou hast but a little, be not afraid to give according to that little.*

—(Apoc.) Tobit 4:8.

*Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee.*

—Deut. 16:17.

*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

—I. Cor. 12:4.

*Freely ye have received, freely give.*

—Matt. 10:8.

### Pointsettia Lacks Yule Tradition

The poinsettia has no Christmas tradition. Possessing beautiful red and green leaves (the flowers themselves being the small yellow centers), and being available at this season, the brilliance and color of this plant add much to Christmas decorations. The plant is native to Central America and Mexico and was adapted some years ago to cultivation by Dr. Poinsett of Charleston, S. C. It is distinctly modern and American.

### Christmas Observance

At high noon on Christmas day in 1925, the famous General Grant tree, located in the General Grant National park, near Fresno, Calif., was designated as the Nation's Christmas Tree. According to the United States department of the interior, the tree is estimated to be 267 feet high and is one of the so-called Bigtrees.

## Bayberries Contain Good Candle Wax

Growing in the sandy soil from Alaska to Florida is a shrub known as the Bayberry. The branches are thickly beset with gray, wax-giving berries. In early Colonial days animal fats were rather scarce, so that the children gathered these berries for making candles. Today, the lighting of Bayberry candles on Christmas eve is a custom the country over.

These candles are more brittle and less greasy than those made from tallow. They are translucent green, and when the flame is extinguished, the resulting odor is as sweet and pungent as incense.

In the event that some may want to make their own candles, here are directions:

Cover the berries with water and boil for an hour. The oil comes to the top but it is often soiled with leaves and small twigs, so it should be strained through a cloth. When this wax becomes cold, it will form a cake at the top of the water. It should be heated again, preparatory to molding the candles. If you have candle molds you will, of course, use them, if not, you may fasten several wicks to a piece of wood, which can be dipped into the hot wax, using a tall container of small diameter. Each coat should chill and become hard before dipping again, and the dipping should continue until the desired diameter is obtained.

## Words of Bible Laud Virtues In 'Giving'

*A little research reveals that many of the familiar quotations on the virtues of "giving" have a sound basis in Holy Scripture. Though they were not all made in connection with "giving" at Christmas time, the verses below (all taken from the Bible) provide definite clues to the origin of the many more modern "give" slogans so often heard in the holiday season.*

*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

—Luke 6:38.

*I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

—Acts 20:35.

*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

—II Cor. 9:7.

## 'Cookie Tree' Is Easy to Make



A Christmas tree that looks good enough to eat, and really is, is the novel cookie Christmas tree. It's an easy tree to make, and as a table centerpiece it is sure to delight the youngsters, as well as the most sophisticated holiday guests.

Necessary equipment includes a wooden stick 9½ inches tall, ½ inch in diameter, one end sharpened to a point; one round wooden base, 8 inches in diameter, with a ½-inch hole in the center; one 12-inch circle of colored transparent paper; nine cardboard patterns of six-point stars, ranging in size from 10 inches to 2 inches in diameter, with a difference of one inch between sizes, and one round cookie cutter, 1½ inches in diameter.

The recipe for the cookies is as follows:

1 cup shortening	3 tps. ginger
1 cup sugar	3 tps. cinnamon
1 cup molasses	Candied cherries
1 cup all-bran	Silver candies
4 cups flour	Green-colored sugar
3 tps. soda	Almond halves
½ tsp. salt	

Blend shortening and sugar thoroughly, add molasses and all-bran and mix well. Sift flour, soda, salt,

ginger and cinnamon together and work into creamed mixture a small amount at a time. Mix well and chill.

Roll dough on a well-greased baking sheet to one-fourth inch thickness. Place patterns on dough and cut out stars. Brush with egg whites. Cut out 16 small round cookies—do not decorate these. Decorate stars with almonds, candied cherries or silver candies. Sprinkle with green sugar. Cut small hole in center of each cookie to fit over standard. (This may be done after baking while cookie is hot.) Bake in moderate oven, 350 to 375 degrees F. for 15 minutes, or until done.

To assemble the tree place stick, pointed end up, in hole of base to make standard. Place transparent paper over standard so that it lies flat on base. Pile cookie stars on standard, starting with the largest size star at the bottom. Use one or two of the small round cookies between the stars to separate them.

Smaller trees may be made from smaller stars by using skewers stuck into halves of apples or round pieces of baked cookie dough for standards.

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**Celebrations Mark Christmas in China**

In China the Christmas festival among Christians is known as Sheng Dan Jieh, the Holy Birth festival. This celebration has gradually penetrated inland.

Various paper decorations and evergreens adorn the churches and homes. Paper chains are made of green, red, yellow and blue and are suspended in interlocking festoons from the ceiling. On the white walls, large posters are hung. On them are elaborate characters meaning peace and joy.

No candles are used, but the trees are decorated with paper flowers, colored paper chains and cotton snowflakes.

There is usually an early service. The church is kept dark except for lanterns carried by the worshippers. Carolers wend their way along the road before dawn, singing the Chinese words to such melodies as "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." The service consists of reading the Christmas message from the Bible, music, dramatization of the manger scene, and an offering for the poor.

Gifts are distributed to the children. The packages contain such things as tangerines, peanuts, pretty picture cards (sometimes used cards sent from America), candy and western lead pencils.

**Bethlehem, N. H., Is Like**

**Tiny Village of Nativity**

BETHLEHEM, N. H.—This peaceful little "Christmas town" nestled in the New Hampshire hills bears a striking resemblance to the Holy Village for which it was named. Its location is similar to that of Bethlehem in Judea, and, strangely enough it is a village of inns and Jewish people, just like the real Bethlehem in the beautiful story of the Christ Child. This similarity exists, however, only in summer when 32 magnificent hotels, taverns and inns, nine of which observe the Jewish dietary laws, are hosts to those who come, year after year, to enjoy the beauty of green fields and purple mountains. At Christmastide the population is less than a thousand souls and most of them are natives whose hardy ancestors built their log cabins along Bethlehem streets where the palatial hotels now stand.

**Men in Army, Navy Await Yule Season**

For men in the army and navy the Christmas holidays are gala days. Army furlough privileges permit many men to visit their homes while active field training is suspended. Railroads last year cut their rates drastically for the men in uniforms, and it is expected the same will hold true this Christmas season.

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In 1938 the name was changed to two words, Santa Claus. Since then letters from all over the world have come in, until now it takes a force of about eight people through November and December to handle the Christmas mail with a new electric canceling machine. About 60,000 pieces a day are dispatched around Christmas.

A Santa Claus headquarters is maintained, where thousands of tourists and visitors buy gifts and post cards. During the Christmas week, Santa Claus, in full uniform and long whiskers, presides. Although this is the only town in the world bearing this name, other places have names associated with the Yule holiday. Christmas island, in the Pacific ocean, is so named because Captain Cook landed there Christmas day 1777. Five communities in the United States are named for this holiday. There is a Christmas in Gila county, Arizona; Orange county, Florida; Lawrence county, Kentucky; Bolivar county, Mississippi; and Roane county, Tennessee. Minnesota boasts of a lake by the name of Christmas. It is located in Scott county.

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