



GIFTS HE'LL TREASURE—Gifts for the man include leather brief case, kit for grooming aids, valet for necktie and jewelry, clothes brush and manicure kit, and wafer-thin underarm case for important meeting—all in the finest leather.

'Official Date' Of Christmas Was Set In The Fourth Century

The history of the Christmas observance is one that has intrigued clerical and lay scholars for countless years.

Researchers have found that as far back as the fourth century the Christmas festival was already an established custom dating back to earlier eras.

The word Christmas began as "Christ's Mass" or as in old English "Christes Masse" or the Mass of Christ, following the custom of the church in observing the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births.

It was not until St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, set out to affirm one day for a universal observance that Christ's Mass was changed from its previous celebration in the spring (as we

now observe Easter). The good Bishop was granted permission by Pope Julius I to appoint a group of theologians to determine as accurately as possible, the exact date of Christ's nativity.

Too many years had elapsed for absolute accuracy, and after discovering various contradictions of calendars, astrological and astronomical calculations, the date for the celebration of Christ's Mass was set by the Church for December 25th.

So it is that since the year 354 A.D., this date has been observed as the date of the Saviour's birth. Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches celebrate this on January 6th.

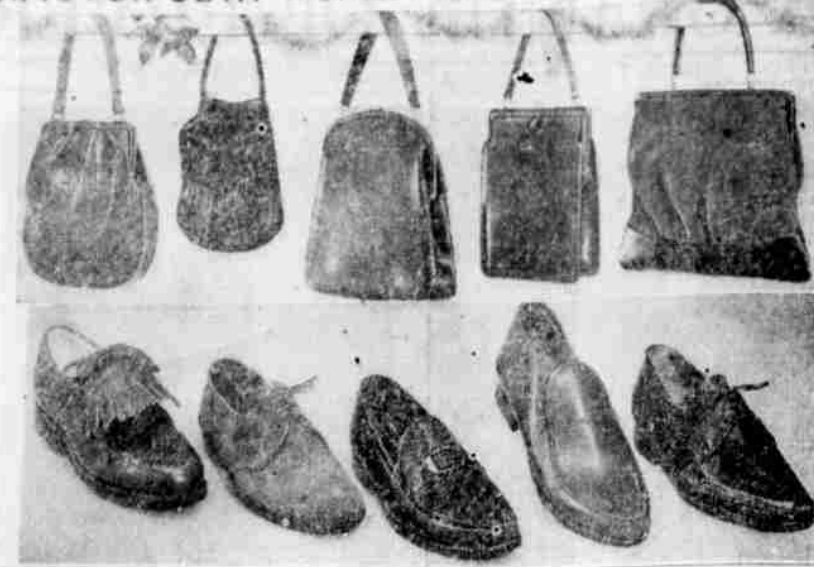
To this day, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates throughout the world.

December 25 is the day when Christmas is observed in most Western European countries and marks the beginning of a long, happy holiday season!

FIND PLANE WRECKAGE

GULFPORT, Miss. (UPI) — A Navy minesweeper has found wreckage at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico believed to be that of a National Airlines plane that crashed near here Nov. 16 killing 22 persons. Nine bodies have been recovered and the Civil Aeronautics Board said there may be recovered if the wreckage is that of the airliner.

GIFTS FOR BOTH WOMEN AND MEN



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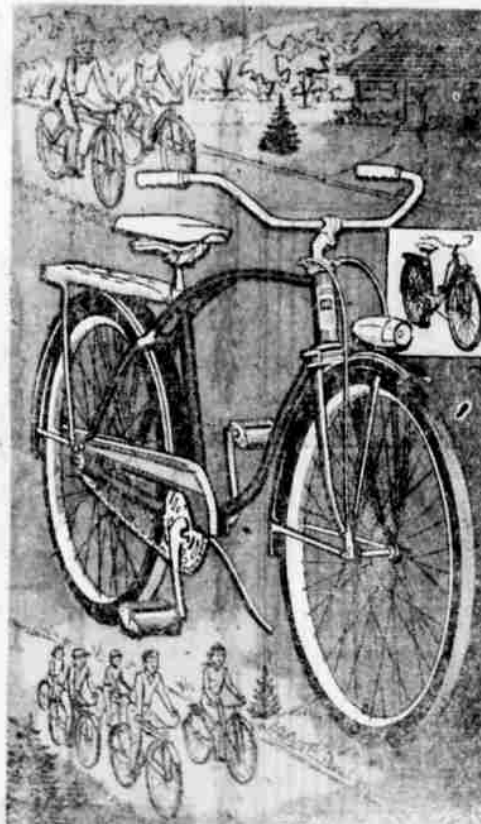


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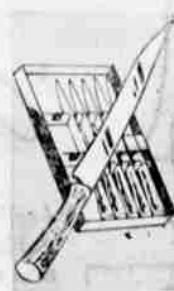
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Molded wood seat in gleaming white, blue, green, yellow and coral. Resists stains, chipping.



SALE! Chromed waffle-grill
GRIDS REVERSE 16⁸⁸

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- 5 ft. steel recessed tub
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Bring your own container and save on Wards heavy duty. Vitalized motor oil. 10-qt. can...2.48



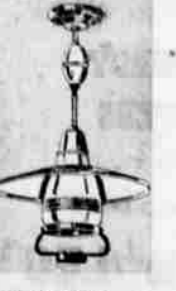
SALE! 26-pc. punch set
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Wonderful for holiday entertaining. Medallion design on clear glass. 6-qt. bowl, 24 cups, ladle.



Vikings shotgun & extra barrel
92⁴⁵ 12-GAUGE

FREE 7.95 gun cover. Weighs only 6 1/4 lbs. Barrel interchanges without factory fit.



SALE! Pull-down light fixture
REG. 12.98 9⁸⁸

Perfect in kitchen or dinette. 13 1/2" dia. black reflector, white glass shade, 150w bulb. Ext. 59°.



SALE! Gift automatic
YOUR CHOICE 9⁸⁸

Wards breakfast dual 10-cup percolator keeps coffee hot; pop-up toaster, color dial.



Wm. A. Rogers 71-pc. silverplate set for 8
39⁸⁸ \$4 DOWN

"Country Lane" even includes cocktail forks, iced-teas, 5 serving pieces. Chest FREE.



Fine gift automatic sale-priced this week
10⁸⁸ EACH



10-cup immersible aluminum percolator. 3-speed hand mixer—beaters detach. Steam-dry iron—17 jets cover sole.



SALE! 10-speed mixer use on or off stand
25⁸⁸ \$3 DOWN

Easy-set speeds for all mixing needs. Beaters pop out; portable head. 1 1/2, 3-qt. bowls.