

Christmas Fixin's in Italy More Elaborate than America

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Rome—(U.P.)—The Italian housewife ignores the family budget when the Christmas season arrives.
No matter what her husband's income, high, medium or low, the holiday plan for each homemaker includes plenty of food on the table, presents for the family, and the traditional pine tree and/or presepe, a miniature reproduction of the crib in which Christ was born.

The crib, a typical Christmas feature was invented by St. Francis of Assisi seven centuries ago.

The holiday fixin's are far more elaborate than most American homemakers will prepare. The Christmas menus of Mrs. Antonietta Lo Curzio, the wife of a car dealer, are typical. Mrs. Lo Curzio, an excellent cook, said Christmas lunch and dinner would cost about 12,000 lire—\$19.20.

Student Dance Planned at Club

Rogue Valley Country club has planned the annual students' holiday dance for Monday, December 27, it was announced today.

The dance, for all college students here for the holidays, and for high school seniors, will be from 8:30 o'clock until midnight. Dinner, dancing, a "Coke" bar and special music are planned for the evening.

Students are asked to make reservations by calling the club.

Shrine Chanters Sing in Hospitals

The Shrine Chanters of Medford, directed by John Lusk, sang Christmas carols for patients in Medford hospitals Monday night. Following the caroling, the men held a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Taylor, Pacific Highway south.

Mr. Taylor is a past poet laureate of Hillah temple of the Shrine.

Program
A Christmas program and gift exchange are planned for a meeting of the Oregon Licensed Practical Nurses association at Sacred Heart hospital Monday, Dec. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

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GOOD RECORD
Providence, R.I.—(U.P.)—The judge discontinued speeding charge against Carl A. Larson. The 76-year-old motorist had never been charged with speeding in 40 years of driving.

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Visitors Here For Holidays

Holiday visitors continue to arrive in Medford each day. Some will make brief visits, while others will remain until after the New Year's weekend.

Mr. Louis Mlynar and son, Jack, arrived in Medford today from Ellsworth, Kan., to visit Mrs. Mlynar's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Bryant and children, Craig and Diana, 917 Jasper street. They plan to be here two weeks.

Arriving December 23 will be Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stimpson, Burbank, Cal., for the Christmas holidays with the guests of Mrs. Stimpson's father, A. N. Jones, 309 East Jackson street, and her sister, Mrs. Ethel Stewart. Mr. Stimpson is public relations director for United Airlines at Burbank, and Mrs. Stimpson, a public health nurse, is supervisor in charge of the Burbank health department.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gray, Cherry lane, for the Christmas holidays will be their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Gray and small son, Michael, who will come from Salem. The Gray's younger son, Bob, has arrived from the University of Oregon to spend the vacation here. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Earhart will arrive in Medford December 26 to spend a week with Mr. Earhart's parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Earhart, 11 North Peach street. They will spend Christmas in McMinnville with Mrs. Earhart's mother, Mrs. J. Blaine Adams. Mr. Earhart is student at the University of Oregon dental school in Portland.

Mrs. Herbert Herbert, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Earhart, and her son are expected to arrive in Salzburg, Austria, in time to spend Christmas with Mr. Herbert. He was recently assigned to Army duty in Austria, and the family expects to spend the next three years in Europe.

Donald Wilkinson, airman second class with the Air Force, stationed with the 497th interceptor squadron at the Portland International airport, is expected to arrive here December 24 to visit for the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. John Wilkinson, 726 South Keeneway. Miss Dolores Wilkinson, a service club director at Ft. Lawton, Wash., is to arrive on December 31, to visit at the Wilkinson home.

Mrs. Wilkinson's daughter, Mrs. J. P. Hargrave, Mr. Hargrave and their children, Kathie and Johnnie, left last Sunday to live in Portland.

Mrs. R. W. Swartsley, Salem, arrived in Medford yesterday to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joye Swartsley, James road, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Brainerd, East Main street.

Queen Elizabeth Signs Own Cards


London—(U.P.)—Britain's Queen Elizabeth II prefers personalized Christmas cards. She also likes to sign them herself.

The young queen ordered several hundred cards and they are in her desk at Buckingham Palace so she can sign a few at a time between official duties. This year's card going to relatives and close friends has a mounted copy of a family photograph.

Gold Hill Couple Hosts for Dinner

Gold Hill—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Soljeburg entertained at a barbecue dinner at their home on the Old Stage road Saturday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Les Graffis, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carlton, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Neece, Gold Hill; Mrs. Catherine Rockford, Mrs. Nettie Wheeler and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Weiss, Medford.

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Yule Reunions Add to Home Fire Hazards

The "gathering of the clan" traditional at Christmas is a pleasant custom, but calls for special fire safety precautions, warns the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

For several days each year, this custom fills many homes with more people than normally live there. Some of them may have different fire safety habits. All are in a holiday mood, which may make them less careful than usual. Add to that the fact that the usual winter fire hazards are present—greater than at any other season.

If you are playing host this year the National Board suggests you take a few basic precautions before the first guest arrives:

1. Make sure there are plenty of ashtrays strategically located in every room in the house.
2. See that the stove is clean and ready for the big cooking job ahead.
3. If some of your guests will be children, put all matches, cigarette lighters and other dangerous objects safely out of their reach.
4. As long as your company stays, keep these safety tips in mind:
 1. If you're heating more rooms than usual, don't try to "force" your furnace if it won't take the added load. Call an experienced repairman instead.
 2. Keep portable heaters away from combustibles, and also out of people's way.
 3. Keep order in the kitchen. Several extra people all offering to help can cause a "traffic jam" in which someone may lean too far over a lighted burner, or tip over a pot of scalding liquid.
 4. If more electrical appliances than usual are being used—space heaters, for example—don't overload circuits. Fifteen ampere fuses are the safe size for most household circuits, and if a fuse blows some appliances should be switched to another outlet.

Guests have responsibilities, too. If you are going to be a guest instead of a host, see that you and your entire family are on your best fire-safety behavior. It is also wise to be prepared for an emergency. Just as you always note the location of the nearest fire escape in a hotel, when you are an overnight guest in someone's home figure out two ways of reaching the ground from the room in which you sleep.

Wishes Would Load Santa Claus Down

Toronto—(U.P.)—If the law of supply and demand works out this year, Santa may never make it past the Canadian border.

A department store Santa Claus reported today that in addition to the usual trains, bikes, wagons, etc., one three-year-old boy asked him for an elephant. A four-year-old wants an electric razor and an encyclopedia and a five-year-old demanded a sword, spurs and Buckingham palace.

CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Wednesday
6:30 p.m.—Order of DeMolay, Masonic temple.
Thursday
7 p.m. Talisman Rosebud Council, Pythian Sunshine Girls, Pythian building.
8 p.m.—Reames chapter, OES, Masonic temple.
The Sahara desert extends 3,000 miles from the Atlantic to the Red sea.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling
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Becoming a cigaret girl in a night club seems to afford an enterprising young woman an excellent opportunity to achieve fame and fortune. There should be a book titled "Cigaret Girls Who Became Famous." Anyway, Marjorie Steele, the cigaret girl who married a multimillionaire and became a theatrical star in record time, has with her husband, Huntington Hartford, taken a house on Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, London. That's a very historic neighborhood. Thomas Carlyle and his clever and charming spouse, Jane, lived there for over forty years. It was at Carlyle house on Cheyne Walk Mrs. Carlyle greeted Leigh Hunt with a very affectionate kiss and inspired him to write the classic poem titled "Jenny Kissed Me!"

Infants

It is said prematurely born infants, when they become adults, are much better looking than the average person. Also that their chances of success are better. As are their chances of living a long time. Winston Churchill, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, was a prematurely born baby. He weighed only three pounds at birth.

Passing By

Charles Correll, of that hardy perennial of airwave acts, Amos and Andy, Charlie, a native of Peoria, Ill., began his wage earning career as a bricklayer. Incidentally, another bricklayer who became a millionaire was "Chicago" O'Brien, the brilliant speculator who grew rich working on the solid horse for show.

Please Note

Reason so many women act so silly at parties and cocktail bars is because they don't know their capacity for strong drink. Females should be limited to three cocktails at one session. If they drink martinis the limit should be two. Incidentally, a friend of mine says his wife drank five martinis at a party and when she arrived home went right to bed without undressing and still with her hat on!

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. What team of ballroom dancers hold the record for a long run at the Palace, N.Y., for that type of act. A. Adelaide and Hughes who played the Palace for twelve consecutive weeks... Q. On which hand should a man wear his wedding ring? A. Etiquette experts say the left hand. However, history tells us a ring worn on the left hand indicates

submission. Worn on the right hand it indicates authority. Inasmuch as wives agree to obey their husbands at the time of the marriage ceremony, it seems fitting women should wear their wedding rings on their left hands and men wear theirs on their right hands. Keep this in mind, sir. Switch your wedding ring, from your left to your right hand and when your wife comments on the move, explain the situation to her as described above.

Sidelights

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