

Antique Christmas Cards In Historical Collection

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Kansas City, Mo.—One woman's home will be decorated with Christmas cards this holiday season, even though she deals with thousands of Yuletide greetings every workday.

Mrs. LaVaughn Wangler saves and decorates her home with cards she receives, just as you do. Her interest in them is heightened, rather than diminished, by the fact she is curator of the world's largest collection of greeting cards.

Some 10,000 to 15,000 Christmas cards are included in the Hallmark Historical Collection, which Mrs. Wangler supervises. Many thousands of more modern greetings also are filed in the firm's vaults.

The ancient cards show both similarities and differences when compared with current greeting cards, Mrs. Wangler said.

The first New Year's card, for example, pictured a cherub emerging from a flower and was inscribed, "A Good New Year." The first Christmas card, printed in London, showed the needy being fed and clothed, along with a larger panel of a friendly family dinner in progress. The card wished "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

An unusual card designed by an English artist of the last century, W. S. Coleman, often has intrigued Mrs. Wangler, who has devoted the past six years to studying the origin of greeting cards and cataloging the collection. Coleman angels were brunettes, instead of blonde.

Besides the English cards, the collection includes a large selection of cards created by Louis Prang of Boston, known as the father of the American greeting card. Prang's works

appeared mostly before 1900 and included reproductions of prize-winning paintings from art competitions he sponsored.

An interest in antiques, especially china and glassware, led Mrs. Wangler into the antique vault after she had been with the company several years.

Why not mount the cards for display and let others see the romance of greeting cards as they evolved through the years? she thought.

She also lectures throughout the country on the origin of holiday customs. Annually, she sends hundreds of antique cards out for exhibition at museums, schools, libraries and department stores.

The president of the group discussed the mid-winter retreat which will be held January 1 and 2 at Dead Indian Soda Springs.

A recreation period was held prior to the business meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griggs are supervisors for this group of young people.

"Striving for Christian Perfection" will be the topic for talks that will be given by several of these young people for the public speaking run-off at the local church some time in January, and the sub-district set for January 31.

All eighth grade and high school students who are interested in the senior MYF are invited to attend the meetings whether or not they attend the Gold Hill Community Methodist church. All denominations are welcome to participate.

Mr. Griggs expressed his thanks to Tom Huntington, Bill Stanton and Miss Marie Jones for their interest and attendance at a recent FFA initiation held at Crater.

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Tongs for turning steak, chicken and other foods when a fork would pierce the surface and release juices.

Roller-type knife sharpener; mesh basket for washing salad greens, fruit and vegetables. Folds flat when not in use, or stands on its handles to drain contents. It also doubles as a french-fry basket.

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Large spool of dental floss, the cleanest, handiest product for trussing fowl or tying bundles of vegetables for cooking.

Plastic clipboard, 5x7 inches, available at dime store stationery counters, to hang on the wall above cook's favorite work-space for keeping recipes at eye level.

A pencil cup, also from stationery supplies, handy for holding skewers and other small, sharp-pointed kitchen utensils within easy, safe reach on counter tops.

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New York — Lights aplenty illuminate light-tipped antlers make up the traditional Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. A yule display. (UPI Telephoto)

Kitchen Gadgets Make Useful Gifts

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New York — Gifts for the kitchen have two major advantages for last-minute shoppers. Both the choice and the price are wonderfully elastic, with the latter ranging upwards from a few cents to many dollars.

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round metal device that divides fruit quickly into eight uniform segments; plastic or metal and plastic shrimp cleaner, which shells and deveins raw shrimp quickly and easily.

Lid Flipper
Jar and bottle lid flipper; expandable file for recipes. If you can't find one made especially for this purpose, buy a standard office-size file and decorate it yourself.

Gold Hill Juniors Elect New Officers

Gold Hill-The Junior Girls' Sunday school class of the Gold Hill Christian church recently elected officers for the ensuing year at a meeting held at the home of their Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Leonard Andrews.

Elected were Jackie Straus, president; Linda Arasmit, vice-president and Janice Straus, secretary. Others attending the meeting were Joan Hilkey, Alana Hilkey and Kathy Volmert.

These girls have been meeting each week to work on Christmas gifts that they are making for their parents.

Luncheon Honors Miss Anna Streed

Miss Anna Streed was honored at a luncheon December 12 which observed her birthday anniversary. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Verne Shangle.

Kings highway, with a group of Miss Streed's close friends attending. Guests numbered 18.

Christmas decorations provided a holiday setting for the event.

Many Names
Christmas is celebrated around the world in various ways under the names of El Natal in Spain, Weihnachten in Germany, Il Natale in Italy, Noel in France and Kerst-Misje in The Netherlands.

Seal Chairman For Gold Hill Presents Report

Gold Hill — Tuberculosis Christmas seals and letters were mailed to 506 residents in this community by the Gold Hill health unit according to a report given at the December meeting held at the home of Mrs. Melvin Burnett. Mrs. Delos Walker, seal sale chairman for the unit was in charge of this project.

Mrs. Ted Schoenemann, president of the group, conducted the business session prior to the annual Christmas gift exchange and party.

Mrs. C. Norman Gail, leader of a recent cancer research program sponsored by the American Cancer society, reported that 20 families of this area filled in questionnaires that were sent to the ACS in New York. This type of survey was conducted in all walks of life throughout the United States to promote cancer research. Everyone participating did so on a volunteer basis.

Members of the unit have contributed \$23 to meet the budget.

Mrs. Wilmer Bailey, March of Dimes chairman for the unit, reported that she and her co-chairman, Mrs. Clarence Parsley, planned to attend a meeting in regard to the polio campaign.

Refreshments and decorations were in the Christmas theme. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Delos Walker, Mrs. Dale Smith and Mrs. Estelle Pitts.

The January meeting of the group will be held at the home of Mrs. Wilmer Bailey.

Santa Is Dutch
Santa Claus, as he is known in the United States today, evolved from the "Saint Nikolaus" custom brought to this country by the Dutch who settled New York.

Engineers Give Tips On Lighting

Chicago —(UPI)—Lighting engineers (eGeneral Electric) have come up with suggestions for safer outdoor Christmas lighting.

Use a weatherproof plug-in outlet placed outside the house to supply current to outdoor lighting displays. Existing outdoor outlets, such as porch fixtures, yard lights, entrance lights and post lanterns also are suitable. It is dangerous to connect outdoor lights to indoor outlets by running wires through doors and windows.

Flexible extension cords used outdoors should be suitable for use in wet locations and should be large enough to carry the load without overheating. Plugs, current-taps, and other attachments should be weather-resistant. Non-weatherproofed plugs and connectors should be protected by wrapping rubber sheathing around them.

Inspect all equipment before use, and repair or replace if damaged.

Before putting up lights, stretch them on the ground and connect to an outlet to spot burned-out lamps before they are installed. Use only new lamps in sockets that are to be mounted in hard-to-reach places.

Cords and wires likely to be rained on should be arranged so that water running down their drip loops will be diverted away from sockets and other attachments.

After the lights are operating smoothly, make a drawing of how the wires run, the connections, the number of lamps, etc. The drawing, plus color photos, will come in handy next year.

New Twist
For a different, but familiar sandwich with a new twist, add chilled slices of Calavo avocado to bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches. The rich, full flavor of this fruit makes this favorite a real taste treat.

Peanuts 'n' Waffles
Chicago —(UPI)—Dessert waffles are extra good made with peanuts. Prepare batter from your favorite mix. Add 1/4 cup of chopped unsalted peanuts to mix, shake well and bake to a golden brown. Serve with vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce.

Children's Party Planned by Lodge

Noble Grand Ronald Atkins announced yesterday that Medford lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will hold the annual Christmas party for children Tuesday, December 22 at the lodge hall.

The lodge will hold a brief session at 7:30 a.m. and the party will begin at about 8 p.m.

Noble Grand Atkins states that all children are welcome to attend. Santa Claus will arrive with Christmas treats for the youngsters.

Commissioner Names Administrative Head

Washington — The appointment of Mrs. Carla S. Williams as administrative officer for consumer programming in the Food and Drug administration was announced today by Commissioner George P. Larrick. It is a civil service appointment to FDA's career service.

Mrs. Williams will be assigned to the bureau of program planning and appraisal. She will plan and coordinate activities of the consumer consultants in FDA's 17 field districts, to see that consumer interests are reflected in FDA's regulatory programs.

Tree Lights
New Christmas tree lights can serve as ornaments. The bulbs are designed with a swirling pattern in five color combinations—red on white, green on white, red on yellow, orange on white, and blue on white. They fit any string of lights or ready-made Christmas decorations equipped for the multiple-burning, seven-watt tree bulb with candelabra base.

Regular Treat
New York —(UPI)—Ice cream is served by two out of three American families during a typical two-week period, the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers reports.

Auxiliary Plans Meeting Tonight

A meeting of the Carpenters' auxiliary is scheduled for 8 o'clock tonight in Carpenters' hall, 123 1/2 West Main street.

The group held its annual Christmas party December 11 at the home of Mrs. Fred Meadows. Christmas selections were played by Douglas Mann and Roger and Randy Wiley, accordion students of Mrs. Meadows.

Games, with prizes for the winners, were played and gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served.

CALENDAR

Friday:
7 p.m.—Steelhead post and auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Shady Cove, at VFW hall.

8 p.m.—Ladies auxiliary, Medford Carpenters' Union, Carpenters' hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.

8 p.m.—Winter concert, music department of Crater High school, high school auditorium.

Saturday:
2 p.m.—Daughters of the American Revolution, Girls Community club.
8 p.m.—Idella Rogue santha, Nomads of Avruddia, Pythian building.

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