

Custom of Singing Christmas Carols Is Being Revived

The old custom of Christmas carol sings, so popular in European countries in the Middle Ages, is being revived by music-loving Americans. And what nicer way to mark the holiday than by gathering a few friends for group singing of the beloved old carols, with eggnog and fruit cake to follow? In olden times people sang to the accompaniment of flutes and fiddles, but today the LP record has become a favored accompaniment.

Yuletide observance. Religious folk songs were interpolated in the plays and songs of wassailing and feasting vied with those about shepherds, angels and the Magi at Christmas. Translations of Latin songs that had come down from pagan times were put into the vernacular and little by little the Christmas carol as we know it today evolved from these songs.

Recognizing this trend, RCA Victor has introduced a "Victrola" with a "Sing Along" microphone for just such occasions. This is a deluxe portable model for stereo as well as mono, and could be used for carol singing in the schools and for other large groups as well as for home use.

Old Dance Tunes
Did you know the Christmas carol grew out of old dance tunes? Centuries ago a round dance known as the "choreas," the Latin word for "round," or "charalues," the French word for "flutist," was the most popular form of entertainment with the light-hearted people of France, especially on holidays and feast days. Later the "chorea" became popular in England as well and the music was always an important part of the dance.

Other forms of dancing and entertainment replaced the round dance but the music gained rather than lost in popularity. Even today French music is still rich in refrains of these old songs, which gradually became a special part of the Christmas observance. Meanwhile, the French word "charalues" had become the Good English word, "carol" and the English had adopted the round dance and the music with it. In England as in France, the round dance was replaced by other forms of dancing but the old tunes remained popular and were adapted to new verses and sung at Christmas time.

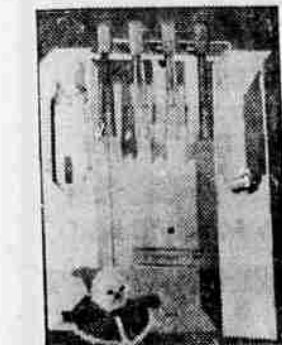
Featured Part
Christmas hymns had been sung in the churches of England since the Fourth Century and later the religious play became a featured part of the

Albany Files Suit For City Property

ALBANY (UPI) — A suit on file in Linn County Circuit Court by the City of Albany names the Federal government, the State Tax Commission, James P. Howard, J. Francyl Howard and others as defendants. The city claimed it has sole ownership to about 150 lots in the Rogersdale Addition because of unpaid improvement liens. The city asked to be adjudged the lawful owner of the premises. Rogersdale Addition is being sought by Corvallis real estate men who plan to erect a subdivision, including shopping centers, parks and other improvements. J. Francyl Howard is the weekly newspaper publisher who led the successful fight for referral of the legislature's income tax bill.



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Simple Tips Given For Care of Plants

The millions of house plants that will be sent and received this Christmas will live longer, healthier lives if a few simple tips on house plant care are observed.

- Make sure gift plants are professionally grown and kept in porous red clay flower pots. Most top growers provide your local florists with holiday plants in clay containers to insure quality plants. Clay pots dissipate excess water and leach out harmful salts in the soil.
- Don't over-water. Horticultural experts say that over-watering is a leading reason for premature fading of holiday gift plants. One simple rule of green thumb gardening is to give your Christmas plant the "thumb test." Simply touch the top soil of the plant and if it's dry, water it.
- Use Warm Water
- Use warm water. The more delicate Christmas plants react poorly to the shock of cold water.
- Over-heating is a hazard. Keep plants away from radiators and other heat sources. Porous clay containers will help your plants tolerate the heat by keeping root structures 10 to 15 degrees cooler than non-porous containers.
- Professional care instructions are important. Ask your florist for detailed watering and lighting instructions. When you give a holiday plant send along a personalized note suggesting the proper care for each type of Christmas plant.

The popular poinsettia, for instance, will probably have to be watered from the surface, since they're usually bedecked with foil paper and ribbons. If your plant is clay-potted, excess moisture will be absorbed through the porous walls of the clay container. This is especially important in caring for poinsettias as they like to be kept on the dry side and drainage must be adequate.

These brilliant Christmas plants thrive on warm and humidity and should be kept away from extremes of temperature — cold drafts, hot radiators, etc. Azaleas too, are always appropriate for Christmas giving. They will blossom longer if kept out of direct sunlight in a cool room and away from radiators and other direct heat. A bright and festive Christmas plant, whether a kalanchoe or a Jerusalem cherry, a compact chrysanthemum or begonia, an azalea or traditional poinsettia, will make a lasting gift or a welcomed addition to your own home, if you have a little thought for its care.



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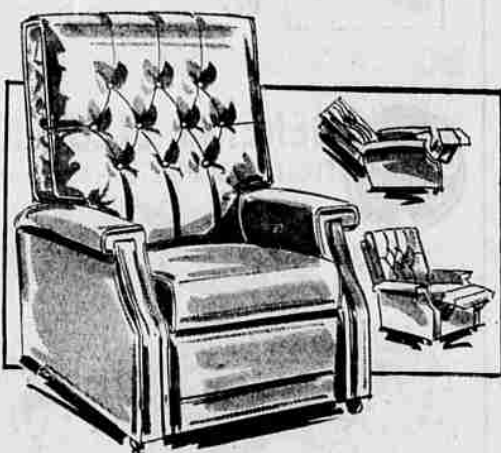
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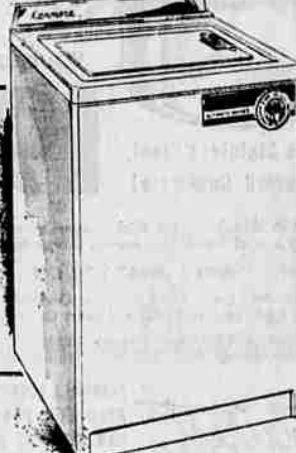
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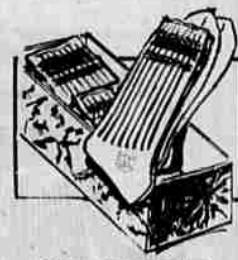
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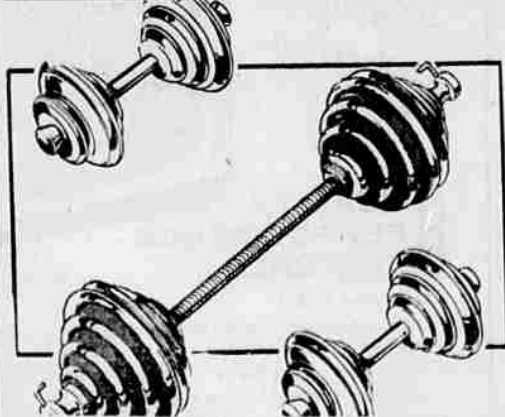
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