

Rose Bowl Game Dates from 1902

Quick now, how many football bowl games will be played during the holiday season? Rose, Sugar, Orange, Cotton—can you name all of the post-season contests?

Probably not. Chances are someone is starting a new bowl game and the word hasn't gotten around yet.

You should know, however that the "daddy" of all bowl games is the fabulous Rose Bowl game, which started as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses, way back in 1902. On January 1 of that year, barnstorming Michigan overwhelmed Stanford 49 to 0.

This lopsided conquest of the west representative may or may not have had anything to do with it, but the following year chariot races were substituted for football and it was not until 1916 that collegiate football returned to the Tournament of Roses via a contest in which Washington State defeated Brown University.

Since that time, the Rose Bowl has gained in prestige and annually attracts crowds in excess of 100,000.

Eagle Want Ads Get Results—

Legend Says Apple Tree First Used at Yule Time

According to an early legend, the first Christmas tree was really an apple tree. And, although the fir tree has long since supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel baubles which bedeck modern Christmas trees represent the fruit which for early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

Mistletoe Liked by Birds for Winter Food

Boys are fond of mistletoe because of its power to invite a kiss from a pretty girl. Birds like mistletoe, too, for a different reason.

The white-berried plant serves as winter food for mockingbirds, robins and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the damaging parasite. After eating the berries, the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat.

The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves and translucent berries of the guest plant.

Swedish Custom Gets Observance

A Swedish custom of long-standing is the observance of Lucia Day on December 13. The celebration takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304 A.D.

Pretty blonde girls compete for the honor of being elected a "Lucia"—with fair hair, good disposition and high character being outstanding recommendations.

Wearing a traditional costume (long white robes and crowns of lighted candles) the "Lucia" visits the sick, leads carnivals, and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "handmaidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

Cranberries on Traditional List

Cranberries, so much a part of our holiday dining tradition, was i-bimini, or "bitter berry" to the Indians, who pounded the fruit with meat into a paste called pemmican; used cranberry poultices on wounds and used the juice as a red dye.

The Pilgrims, noting the berries were a favorite food of cranes, called them cranberries, and this eventually changed to cranberries.

Cranberries were harvested from wild vines until 1816, when Henry Hall, a veteran of the Revolution, transplanted wild vines to a swampy site near Dennis, Massachusetts. Hall had observed that the choicest wild berries were usually found in sandy areas, so he spread sand over his fields and produced an excellent crop.

Many other early plantings failed, in Massachusetts and New Jersey, before growers learned that the cranberry would thrive only under certain conditions. Cranberry fields today are located in bog areas with peat soil, the fields are well-drained and can be flooded to protect vines from cold and control insects; sand is plentiful and necessary to slow evaporation, provides a good medium for root growth, and keep down weeds.

Birds are welcome visitors to cranberry bogs. Some bogs are lined with birdhouses—homes for swallows, which eat destructive insects.

And with the birds, are the bees, who also perform an important service. Cranberry pollen is too heavy to be carried by wind, so bees are necessary to pollinate the flowers.

An ideal wife is one who has lamb chops in the broiler when you come in from fishing.

Hessian Soldiers Used Trees for Decorations

Undoubtedly, the Christmas tree, widely popular in Germany, was brought to this country by Hessian soldiers in the American Revolution. They decorated their Trenton, N.J., winter quarters with Christmas trees but the custom was slow in taking hold in this country. August Ingard of Wooster, Ohio, trimmed a small spruce for his nieces and nephews in 1847. Friends followed suit the next year, but the practice was for many years considered "pagan." As late as 1851, a Cleveland, Ohio minister almost lost his pulpit because he set up a tree in his church.

Decorations on Packages Add to Attractiveness

If you have a number of children on your Christmas list and consequently must settle for small-size toys, you can make each child's package more attractive by decorating the outside of the wrapped package with bright lollipops and other "treats."

A man can't be judged by what other people say about him, but he can be judged by what he says about others.

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