New Christmas More Delightful

No two Christmases are ever alike, comed than a deluge of precise factbut this one, surely, must be the ual detail, and one of the special most memorable of all. Each year charms of Christmas customs is the it's true. Every Christmas is more hint of mystery surrounding them. delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past.

Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

Happily, the wealth of legend and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be wel-

In England today an hour's wage buys 18 ounces of round steak; France, seven ounces; Russia, four

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Decorating of

Trees Devised

Candles, apples, colored papersthese were among the early tree orn-

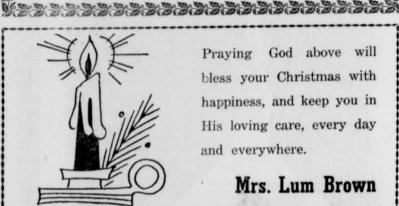
Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdcages appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons.

Tree decorations contributed by Scandinavian countries were as varicus as fish nets and miniature flags. The modern array of tree orna-

ments is vast and imaginative, but even so many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned" touch to the tree, with decorations such as strings of popcorn or cran-

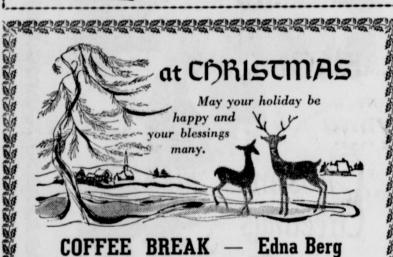
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of Yuletide! So, to these happy sights and sounds, we add our own best wishes that your holiday may be a truly

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joyous occasion.



Seeking Log **Family Ritual**

The traditional Yule log survives today more in art, song and story than as an actual "blazing Yule." After all, not every home has a fireplace nowadays, and even when a fireplace exists, its proportions are usually far from sufficient to accommodate the Yule logs of yesteryear.

During ancient times in England, however, it was a solemn family ritual to select the log, dry it and burn it according to custom. Logs from fruit bearing trees were preferred.

The whole family went along to select the log, as this was thought to bring good luck for the coming year, and to frighten away witches.

If the log burned out quickly, or did not burn brightly, it meant bad luck ahead.

On Christmas morning, the children of the house beat upon the log and called for gifts to come forth. They were scolded by their parents, sent outside and, after a time, called in to open the gifts, which had been set near the log.

TALLEST TREE

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U. S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Indiana, "tree" -- the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and

Few things are busier than idle minds and idle tongues.

Joy unconfined, hope

unrestrained . . . our Christmas wish for you.

Scriptures Tell Of Holy Night

"And lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was." Matthew 2:9.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manager." Luke 2:16. From two who became His disciples come the words that tell the

story of that Holy Night, the first Christmas. Matthew the tax collector wrote of the Star that shone in the east, and of the wise men who followed it to find and worship Him.

Luke the physician wrote of shepherds watching in the fields and herald angels singing in the heavens. At church services during this

Christmas season the words of the tax collector and the physician will be read and studied once again, with ever-deepening meaning.

And as the story is told anew, it is also reflected in the many observances of Christmas, both in churches

The joyful sound of carols harks back to the first of all carols, the words of the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The glow of candles symbolizes the birth of Christ as the Light of the world, and it also mirrors the eternal gleam of the Star of Bethlehem.

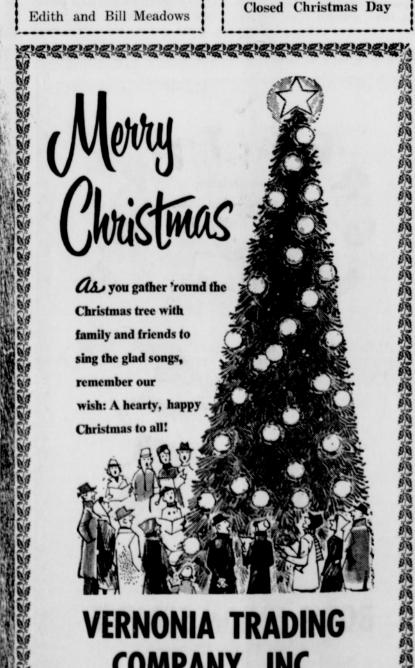
The spirit of giving takes guidance from the gifts of the Wise Men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him.

Above all, at Christmas, mankind experiences once again the reverence, wonder and rejoicing of the wise men, of whom Matthew says,

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."



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Boat Owners To Get Data

Oregon boat owners will soon be receiving notices that their annual boat registrations are due to expire. Also being sent are applications for renewing their annual boat numbers for 1965.

The Marine Board reports that the notices and application forms are ready for mailing but it has selected December 28 as the mailing date in order to avoid the heavy Christmas mail.

Also, the State Martne Board is reminding Oregon boat owners that, effective January 1, 1965, Federal regulations require the fibre filling in all life preservers, buoyant vests, and buoyant cushions to be enclosed in a heat-sealed plastic bag.

As the state boating laws require lifesaving equipment in boats to be Coast Guard approved, the regulation automatically applies to the equipment used in Oregon boats.

The forthcoming change in Federal specifications was first announced in 1958. All Coast Guard approved lifesaving equipment having fibre filling and manufactured since 1960 is protected by the plastic bag.

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas'

The great horse is named Sleipner, and the Dutch children fill their wooden -shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.

IT'S A HOLIDAY

First of the United States to give recognition to Christmas Day as a legal holiday was Alabama, in 1836.



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