

Old Man 1961 Gives Advice for 1962

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My favorite experience
I'll relate to you
Old Man "1961"
Advising "1962"

The first thing he said
In his wise old way
Just try to live from
Day to day

Plan each day
As it appears
But plan ahead too
To save extra tears

About the world situation
I know not what to do

As you see fit
Is my advice to you
New Year resolutions
Are made to be broken
But that's all right
The thoughts are good tokens
Don't expect much
Attention from people down
there
Except for special dates
They don't much care
Your year passes quickly
I now hand you time
Take as good care
As I did with mine.



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Walt and the Boys

Yuletide Happenings Of Twentieth Century

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It is Dec. 23, 2000, in the big suburb of Nyssa and everyone is buzzing around in their helicopters, doing their last minute Christmas shopping.

In their letters to Santa the boys are asking for Cadillacs, so they won't have to start up the helicopter just to visit a friend. When we steamed open a girl's letter to Santa, we found an order for her husband-to-be.

All the little boys and girls are spending the day clearing the runway, so Santa and his jet will make a safe landing. No one wants damaged Christmas presents, so, with this in mind, all rocks are being removed from the landing strip.

At nightfall, instead of closing the day by going to bed, everyone just takes a "keep awake" pill and continues to rush around in the dark.

Rudolph Concerned Over Being Replaced By Explorer Satellite

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Up at the North Pole, Rudolph was worried. He had noticed the fact that all human beings seemed to be interested in was rockets and satellites.

"Santa wouldn't dare turn me and the other reindeer in on the 1962 Explorer. A satellite could never take my place," announced Rudolph.

"I can remember when you took our place leading the sleigh," exclaimed Dasher and Dancer together.

"Yes, just because of the red light bulb you have for a nose," replied Comet.

"I see your point. If Rudolph goes, that means all of us are out of a job," remarked Vixen.

"It's all because of those human beings. It would serve them right if Santa didn't come at all," declared Prancer.

"I've been around longer than any of you," stated Father Time. "You reindeer don't have to worry about being replaced by a satellite. You are as much a part of Christmas as presents, holly and even Santa."

"That's right," agreed Rudolph. "Isn't it?"

Classifieds Get Quick Results!

Now Prescribed for Kissing, Mistletoe Once Was Thought to Cure Illnesses

An ancient custom, which "prescribed" mistletoe for the prevention and cure of a wide variety of illnesses—epilepsy, for instance—has given way to the happier idea that mistletoe is the right prescription to assure opportunities for exchanging kisses during the holiday season.

Naturally, this makes mistletoe an object of interest—as it has been for centuries.

Druid priests in early Britain cut mistletoe at the winter solstice and gave sprigs of it to the people. The sprigs were hung above doorways of homes and stables. The Druids taught, and the people believed, that this vine had great power to ward off evil and protect against illnesses.

Despite the early interest in mistletoe for its supposed medicinal qualities, its use as a "prescription for kissing" had a place in the ancient world, too.

Considered Emblem of Peace

Romans and other early peoples considered mistletoe as an emblem of peace. Meeting under it, enemies kissed each other and made a truce until the next day.

Scandinavian myths tell the story of the death of Balder, the sun god who was, so mythology says, killed by an arrow of mistletoe wood. His mother, the goddess Freya, had asked all living things to pledge not to harm her son, but she neglected to ask the lowly mistletoe.

Balder's enemy, the lame god Loki, took advantage of this to make the arrow, which he persuaded Hodur, the blind God of winter to shoot. Balder died, but through the efforts of all the other gods, he came back to life after three days, and the sun's light shone at the winter solstice.

Freya cried for joy and her tears became mistletoe berries. She kissed everyone who passed under the mistletoe and ordained that this same sign of affection should always be exchanged when people met beneath the mistletoe.

LIGHTS FOR YULE TREE TRACED TO MARTIN LUTHER

Decorating the Christmas tree with lights is a custom that some historians trace back to Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, according to Encyclopedia Americana researchers.

After a walk one Christmas Eve under a brilliant starlight sky, Luther returned home and tried to reproduce the scene for his family by lighting candles on the Christmas tree.

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