

Posters Feature Christmas Scenes

(From the Nyssa High Bulldog) Making Christmas posters is one of the two projects for the art class. Each student in art makes two posters. The posters will feature symbols of Christmas and are made of a variety of materials.

Some of the materials used are poster paints, pastels, cloth of any kind and glitter. The posters were put in the halls during the first week of December.

The second project is to paint winter scenes. Purpose of this project is to show shadows on the snow.

After the student finishes the required work, he may work on Christmas decorations for home.



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It's Merry Christmas Everywhere

From Tokyo to West Berlin, from Buenos Aires to Copenhagen—and even in the cities of Russia and the satellite countries—the glow of the Christmas spirit spreads around the world, for Christmas is truly a universal holiday.

The legends and traditions gathered about it are many and customs can, and do, vary from country to country. All nations, through their folklore, have made their special contributions to the traditional ways of celebrating the birthday of Christ.

When customs of one country are compared with another, it's sometimes hard to believe that the same holiday is being commemorated!

How to Say It

Along with the different ways of observing Christmas, there are, of course, different ways of extending greetings, according to the language of the country. To give just a few examples, in Sweden it's "God Jul," in French "Joyeux Noel" and in German "Froliche Weihnachten." In Russian it's "S Rozhdestvon Kristovym."

Whatever the language, the words mean "Merry Christmas"—and that's the key to the variety of Christmas customs. Though the peoples of many lands have unique Yule traditions, each is a way of expressing the spirit of Christmas—a spirit that is the same everywhere, in every place and time.

At Christmas, the thoughts of people around the world turn to the joys of home, of being with family and friends, the merriment of feasting and parties, the pleasures of giving and receiving gifts, the satisfaction of helping others. The affirmation of faith, the renewed promise of life eternal and the hope for "Peace on earth, good will toward all men" bring spiritual rewards in a season of worship and prayer.

Share in Tradition

All these things find expression in the Christmas customs of many lands. And the customs travel from country to country, so that, on a day when sharing with others is a most important part of the celebration, nations share in the memories and traditions of other nations.

Some of these customs are compiled below by editors of The Book of Knowledge:

Norway Prepares

In Norway preparations for Christmas traditionally start six months before Dec. 24. The Yule celebration itself lasts three weeks. The period is known as the Julafred, or the Peace of Christmas.

Statues Honored

In Italy the Presepio, or crib, is as characteristic of Christmas as is the tree in other countries. To the Presepio, people bring gifts of nuts and apples, which they place in the hands of life-sized figures.

Saint Is Reality

Swedish Yuletide ceremonies begin officially on Dec. 13, St. Lucy's day. According to legend, St. Lucy went about carrying food and drink to the needy.

The Swedes give the legend reality by choosing one of the girls in the family to represent St. Lucy. St. Lucy rises early and wakens each member of the family, serves them coffee and bakes buns.

Pinata Scramble

In Mexico and other Latin American countries, the breaking of the pinata is a traditional Christmas custom. Earthen jars are filled with toys and sweets, covered with colored paper-mache figures and hung in an open space.

Blindfolded children take turns at trying to break the pinata with



THERE'S A DIFFERENCE between the languages but the meaning is the same—"Merry Christmas." Traditional greeting appears here in Swedish, Czechoslovakian, Chinese, Italian, Greek, Polish, Dutch, German, English, Rumanian, Norwegian, French, Spanish, as transcribed by researchers for Book of Knowledge.

Legend of Santa Smashed by Cynic

By DON ARAI

(Nyssa High Journalism Student) Santa doesn't exist! Before you dispute this rash statement, be sure to check Macy's Department store for their new anti-Santa Claus set.

The set includes a slide rule, a calculator and an electronic brain, for only \$499,999.95. The equipment is recommended for any child under the age of 12 who has an IQ of 176 or higher.

The set, operated by four-year-old Theodore Egbert, of Outer Sloberia, proved beyond a doubt that Santa can't be real.

According to Theodore, if Santa took one second per person while delivering gifts, it would take over 90 years for him to travel over the earth for each year's gifts.

If Santa carried one ounce per person, he would be carrying over 90,000 tons. Information released by the Federal Aeronautics association indicates that Santa's sled would be 50,000 tons over the legal limit for airborne craft.

To pull Santa at a speed of about one mile per hour, each reindeer would have to develop over 600 horsepower. This is against the reindeer labor law.

If Santa did exist, he would have been slapped in jail for his crimes long ago.

a stick. When it is smashed, there follows a merry scramble for its contents.

Old Customs Live

Christmas in the United States reflects a heritage of customs from many lands and times. Trees, candles, bells, carols and other well-loved traditions came, like the people of the U. S., from other countries. In many communities, people still celebrate the holiday as their ancestors did.

The U. S. has also made its contributions to Christmas customs around the world. Santa Claus, bearded and red-suited, was first personified in "The Night Before Christmas" by Dr. Clement Moore. Street decorations, Santas in the stores and special store displays of gifts are U. S. ideas that have been adopted on a global scale.

Glow Like Stars

In Switzerland Christmas day, or Weihnachten, is the traditional opening day of the winter sports season. A colorful sight on Christmas is the fires which are burned on the peaks of the Alps. Like flaming stars, they hang in the dark heavens during Holy Night.

Picnics Planned

Australians go in for outdoor picnics at Christmas time since it's summertime "down under" then.

Yule Burns Bright

The French traditionally exchange gifts on New Year's day, but the burning of the Yule log at Christmas is an honored custom in many parts of the country. After carols are sung, wine is poured on the log by the youngest child.

'Twas the Night Before New Year's

By JEANIE SEUELL

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It's New Year's Eve and all through the house Everyone's shouting except the churchmouse.

Why isn't he celebrating too? Because of his love, she's gone with the dew.

Poor little churchmouse, sad little thing,

No one takes time out to offer sympathy.

He doesn't bother to search the floor,

Looking for food; this mouse is poor.

He hasn't the heart to fill his thin tummy.

All he thinks of is his sweet Mummy—

Mummy, Mummy, his only true love.

Poor little churchmouse, poor little dove,

I'm sure that soon he'll pass too,

To meet sweet Mummy, gone with the dew.

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A Christmas Prayer

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