



To you and yours,  
the peace and  
joy of Christmas  
with sincere  
best wishes from us.

**BOB'S FREEZER MEATS**  
"The Sherard Family"

### Famous People Observe Christmas As Their Own Birthday Anniversary

A young farmer's wife in England gave birth to a son in 1642. In 1821, a baby girl was born in the Massachusetts village of Oxford. In 1865, the wife of a militant Christian crusader gave birth to her fourth daughter. And in 1883, in Paris, an artist's model bore a baby boy.

What did these four births have in common? In each case, the child was born on Christmas Day and grew up to become a famous person. According to the Book of Knowledge, these four well-known "Christmas babies" were Clara Barton, Evangeline Booth, Maurice Utrillo and Sir Isaac Newton.

#### Founder of Red Cross

Clara Barton, Civil War nurse, was born on Christmas Day in 1821. It was her warm thoughts of Christmas that led her, when she set off to visit her brother, a prisoner during the Civil War, to offer to take presents not only to him but to the prisoner relatives of all her Oxford, Mass., neighbors.

Subsequently, Clara Barton was instrumental in founding the American Red Cross and served as its president for many years.

#### In Salvation Army

Born on Christmas Day in 1865, Evangeline Booth was the fourth daughter of the Salvation Army founder, William Booth. By the age of 23, she was head of the Salvation Army in London, and in 1904 she took over operations for the entire United States.

During World War I, the Salvation Army lassies under her jurisdiction spent Christmas—as well as many other days—ministering to the needs of American doughboys in France. The word "doughboy" stems from the celebrated Salvation Army doughnut, a World War I staple.

#### Known for Paintings

One Christmas-born child had little cheer in his life, on holidays or otherwise. This was the French painter, Maurice Utrillo, born on Dec. 25, 1883.

Son of an unknown father and a mother who was a model for many of the Montmartre brush wielders of her time, young Maurice was shy and withdrawn, not only in childhood but during his entire life.

It is ironic that many of his paintings, particularly those of the sparkling white dome of the Montmartre Church of the Sacre Coeur, are used by thousands every year on Christmas cards.

#### He Invented Toys

Sir Isaac Newton, noted English physicist, mathematician, philosopher greeted his first Christmas, and his first day, in Lincolnshire, England, in 1642.

Frail and sickly as a youth, he devoted many boyhood Decembers to inventing and making Christmas toys.

### Tinsel

Tinsel on the Christmas tree began, so legend says, when spiders covered with webs a tree that had been decorated by a mother for her many children.

To reward the woman for her goodness to her children, the Christ Child changed the spider webs to gleaming silver.

### In Tudor Times

In England during Tudor times Christmas celebrations began on All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, and continued until Candlemas, on Feb. 2. "The Lord of Misrule" acted as master of ceremonies at the Yuletide festivities.

Much of the music for all this merrymaking was extemporaneous. Many songs were passed on by word of mouth from generation to generation—songs such as "The Boar's Head Carol," referring to the "boar" or pig which was traditional at the Yule feast, and "the First Nowell."

### Distinguished Professor of Divinity Had Doubts About Famous Yule Poem

"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

With these lines begins the familiar poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." Today, this poem is a treasured part of the lore of Christmas, often quoted and published at the Yuletide season.

Surprisingly, the poet who created it was far from proud of his work. A distinguished Biblical scholar and professor of divinity, Dr. Clement Clark Moore wrote the poem for the amusement of his children at Christmas in 1822. A visitor in the home at the time



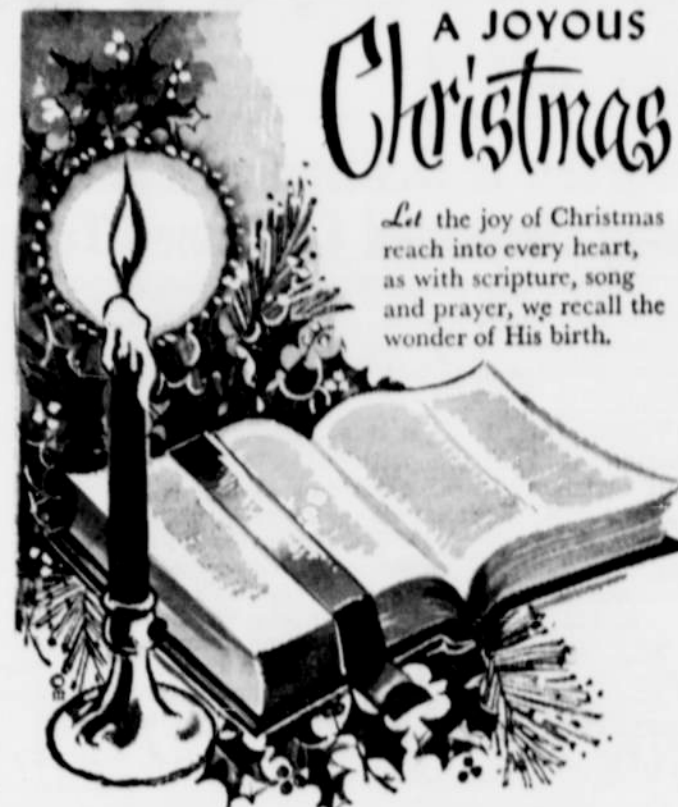
copied it and had it published a year later in the Troy, N.Y., Sentinel.

The poem appeared anonymously, because Dr. Moore felt that he, as a professor of divinity, should not be associated with such "undignified" work.

For more than 20 years, he refused to take credit for the poem. In 1844 the verse was published and for the first time credited to its creator, Clement Clark Moore.

#### WHAT "NOEL" MEANS

"Noel," the French word for Christmas, means "birthday," "news" or "a shout of joy."



### A JOYOUS Christmas

Let the joy of Christmas reach into every heart, as with scripture, song and prayer, we recall the wonder of His birth.

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## A VERY MERRY



## CHRISTMAS

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