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## patron saint of travelers

around today's counterparts of magic potions and signs used by his ancestor to dispel evil spirits.

One of the tokens many of us use is the Saint Christopher medal seen frequently hanging from the rearvision mirror in automo-

Who was this St. Christopher? His story is fascinat-

In 200 A.D. there was a powerful Arabian king, who had a son whom he named Offero, which means "the bearer.

His passion for proving his personal bravery caused him to leave home and seek the ultimate challenge

One night he could hear a voice as if calling from the river:

"Offero! Offero! Help

Seizing his staff, Offero ran toward the river bank. To his great surprise, there was a little boy. When the child saw the youth, he smiled, and to Offero there seemed to be a great light around him.

"Offero, will you carry me across the river?' asked the child.

Offero, thinking that the child had been separated from his parents, picked him up and started across the river with him.

But as he proceeded, the child seemed to become heavier and heavier, and the tide more fiercely strong. The waters almost carried them away, but by dint of his staff Offero somehow managed to steady himself with his little burden and to reach the shore, exhausted, but safe.

He was falling asleep when as if from a great distance he heard the child's voice saying.

"I am the Christ. You have served me well, for you, Offero, carried Me, the world, through these waters tonight. And I shall leave a sign so that you will know that it is so.

And miraculously, when Offero wakened, in the full blaze of noon, he saw that where his staff had lain, there now grew a lush, luxuriant palm tree with leaves, flowers and dates. And Offero knew that this was the sign for which he had been waiting. He had found Christ and he would serve Him forevermore.

And from then on, Offero was known as Christopher (Christ-Offero), meaning Bearer of Christ

## the beginnings of Christmas glowed in Festival of Lights

countries go deeply into the light was lighted. folklore of the Druids, Scandinavians, Romans, Egyptians, and Jews.

Celebrations by all these groups took place at a time of year when "the days begin to lengthen and the cold begins to strengthen," or ...en the earth began to waken under the kiss of light, when new hopes rose in frozen hearts.'

To the Jews this period was the Festival of Lights or Dedication, called Hanukkah or Chanukah.

Their history records that in 165 B.C. a Maccabeean army vanquished an army of Syrians. Judas Maccabeus entered Jerusalem with his forces and found it a place of desolation, the temple destroyed. He began the work of purification and

The roots of Christmas as on the 25th day of Kislev it it is observed in Christian was finished and a sacred

> The sacred oil had been almost exhausted but a jar was found which they judged would burn for one day. Miraculously it lasted 8 days! Therefore the Jews decree each year that the 8 days previous to December 25 be celebrated.

> The first night two tapers are lighted; one is the torch. The second night a third candle is added and so on for each night until the eighth day. Thus a true Hanukkah candelabrum has



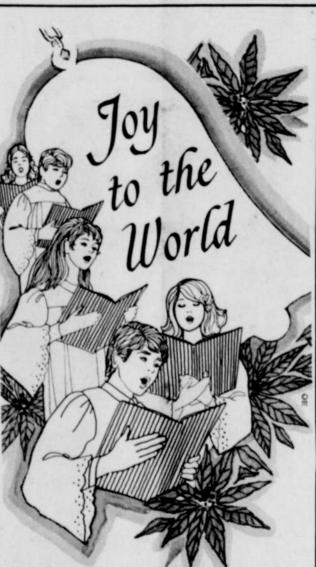




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## tante Aria, the Angels and the Good Star

In the olden days of France, in a province which was once a part of Burgundy, Franche-Comte, one of the gfft-bearers is Tante Aria, the Air or Wind

It was the custom for Tante Aria to ride on an ass and bestow Christmas gifts which fill the children's shoes, and stockings hung from the tree.



One of the lesser-known gift-bearers, Tante Aria is sometimes grouped with the angels and the Good Star. She is closely associated with the Christmas tree in various lands.

Such mother legends come to us from Indian lore related to the tree and the cloud-bird.

According to folklore Tante Aria is the cloud goddess and rides on the ass to wed the moon-god at the Winter solstice.

From this pagan past derive Christian customs: in Hungary children devoutly praise the blessed angels as bringers of the tree; in Poland the Good Stars from heaven play that role. The Mother Star is impersonated by a beautiful woman in a white robe and veil and is attended by Father Star, a patriarch who gives gifts to the children who say their prayers and sing their hymns cor-



It is said that one who sits under a pine tree on Christmas Eve will hear angels singing

If the sun shines through fruit trees on Christmas Day, it is a sign that the trees will bear much fruit.

A white Christmas pres-



sacred symbols of the Season, and a reminder of our many blessings.

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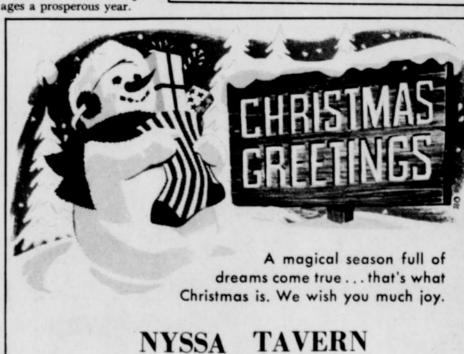
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