

Gifts 'Diaper Set' At Christmas Calls for Some Creative Thinking

What's a good gift for the baby who's too young to understand Christmas? The tiny infant's personal wants are somewhat limited, but experienced Santas say there are three things he'd really like:

SOMETHING TO LOOK AT
Baby spends a lot of time in his crib, and staring at ceilings is no fun at all. Give him a gay mobile to hang in his line of vision but safely out of reach.

Children's stores sell special models with clamps to attach to the crib. Butterflies seem to be favorites, but any colorful shapes will do.

SOMETHING TO CHEW ON
A gift both posh and practical is a sterling silver teether. Yes, babies really use them

—and most wise mothers prefer them.

They're well-crafted, with no rough edges, easy to keep sterile-clean, and practically indestructible. Baby thinks they're great because they feel cool to his aching gums.

SOMETHING TO LEAN ON
The baby who can't sit up yet still likes to move from place to place and see what's going on. The only problem is, he needs firm support for his back.

So get him a wooden pappoose board or a portable plastic infant seat with a high back and sturdy straps. That way he can be toted about and propped in a good safe place in any room in the house where there's a family activity.

Smiling Spirit Of Christmas Enters Now

Everywhere, There Is Fellowship, With Faith, Feasting, Fun

By ANNA MANG

Christmas is: A time for sharing and surprises, a time for magic and merriment, and a time to say, "Glad greetings, one and all."

Christmas is: The season of song and celebration, the season of little children and love and laughter, and the season of worship and rejoicing.

Christmas is: For fellowship and feasting, for family and friends, for home and happiness. But Christmas, too, is for remembering the stranger within the gates, for cheering the lonely, comforting the sorrowful, befriending the needy.

Christmas is: For everyone—for those of Christian faith who celebrate the Day as a holy time of highest importance, and for those of other faiths, who love and observe the Yuletide as a holiday dedicated to good will and good cheer.

Best of all, Christmas is: Here! Throughout this community, plans and preparations reach their peak. Every joyous surprise is at the point of revelation. The tree lights go on, the carols ring out, the gaily-wrapped gifts are delivered.

With gleeful smiles, the children welcome Santa's bounty, while the grown-ups greet one another, and talk and laugh and even shed a happy tear or two, rejoicing in the deep and tender meaning of the Christmas spirit.

If there was a bit of hustle—and even some hassle—about the getting-ready process, all is now forgotten in the glow and glory of Christmas. The quickened pace of modern living seems to make it almost impossible to prepare for the holiday without setting, at times, a somewhat hectic pace.

Be that as it may, the glad, true spirit of the season inspires this Christmas planning, and Christmas realities, in all their wonder and warmth, more than make up for the pre-holiday hurry and scurry.

Scholars Study Source of Star Shining in East

"There shall come forth a Star"—Numbers 24:17.

In this Old Testament prophecy by Balaam, was a real star meant, or does "Star" refer to a great person?

For centuries, Biblical scholars have considered this question. Many believe that the prophecy led the wise men to watch for and follow the "star in the east," of

which St. Matthew wrote in his story of the Nativity.

The star itself is the source of many theories. Perhaps the best of all is that it was a miraculous appearance and as such needs no explanation.

However, astronomers through the ages have sought to connect the star seen by the wise men with other reported celestial objects—a

comet, perhaps, or an especially brilliant star that only appears at long intervals.

Still another theory suggests that the star may have been a configuration or grouping of planets. In 1604, the German astronomer Johannes Kepler theorized that Jupiter, Saturn and Mars might have occurred in such a configuration at about the time of Christ's birth.

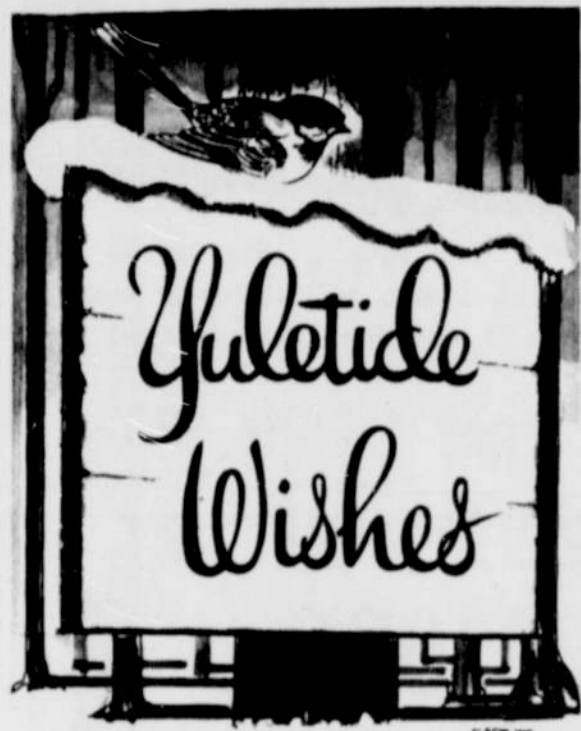
The fact that the star and the visit of the wise men were described only by St. Matthew has led to still another question. Did only the wise men see the star?

That they were so privileged is sometimes explained by the legend that the wise men were astrologers whose special interest helped them to notice the unusual brilliance of the three planets grouped together.



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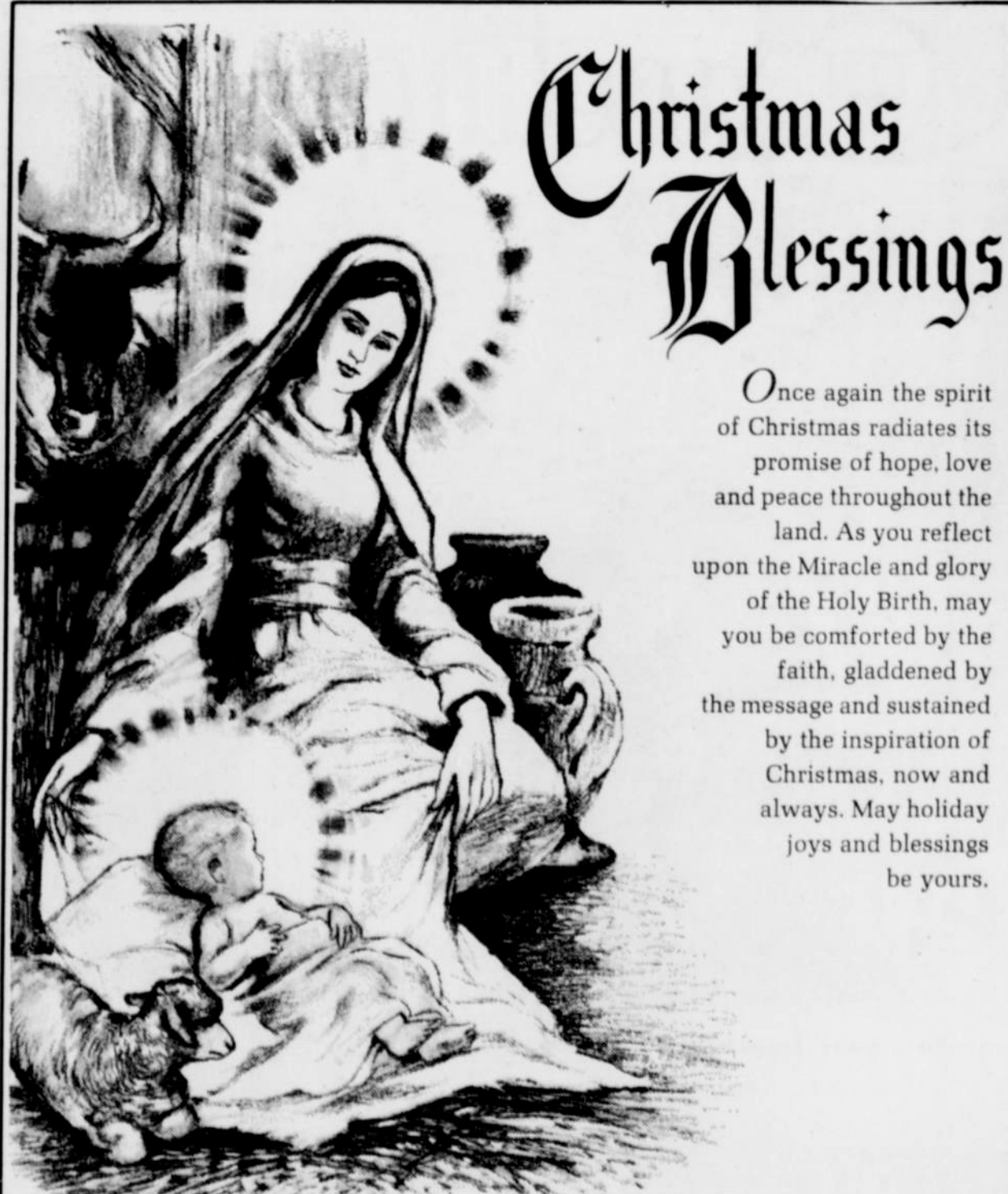
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Once again the spirit of Christmas radiates its promise of hope, love and peace throughout the land. As you reflect upon the Miracle and glory of the Holy Birth, may you be comforted by the faith, gladdened by the message and sustained by the inspiration of Christmas, now and always. May holiday joys and blessings be yours.

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