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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The Christmas Spirit walks abroad, mingling with the throng. The keen interest that we all feel, makes it appropriate at this time to explain the origin of Christmas. December Grade Teacher magazine, gives an interesting history of the origin of the Christmas celebration.

Augustus Caesar, Emperor of Rome, decreed that every subject in his dominion should be enrolled, at the place of birth of the head of the family for the purpose of taxation. In pursuance of this decree, a carpenter named Joseph, with his wife, Mary, who lived at Nazareth in the province of Galilee, journeyed to his birthplace, at Behtlehem, in Judea, the city of David, the greatest of Jewish kings. Joseph and Mary, although descendants of the royal family of David, were poor and humble. The village of Bethlehem was crowded. The Inn had more guests than it loud accomodate, so the couple from Nazareth found shelter in a stable This was doubtless one of the caves hollowed out of the soft limestone rock which is common in that vicinity, since such caves are still used in Palestine as stables for horses and camels.

Some months before, an angel had announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of Jesus. The time had arrived for the prophecy to come true and there, in the city of David, a son was born. Mary wrapped him in swaddling clothes— linen bands such as eastern mothers still wind round and round the body of a little baby—and laid him in a manger.

That night, on the slope of a hill near Bethlehem, a goup of shepherds were watching their flocks: "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round abut them: and they were so afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shal pe to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swadding clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Certain wise men, called Magi, saw a star in the east and followed it across the desert, over plains and hils. The wise men and the shepherds found the baby Jesus in the manger. The shepherds sang songs of praise and glory. The wise men opened their treasures, and gave Him rich presents, frankincense, gold, and myrrh. The star, the songs, and the gifts are perpetuated in our celebration of Christmas Day.

Although we celebrate Christmas on December 25th in honor of the birth of the Christ Child, there is no evidence that this was actually His bithday since—on account of certain changes in the calendar and for other reasons—no one knows exactly when He was born.

Why, then do we celebrate Christmas at this time?

Because the Winter solstice, which occurs about December 22nd, is one of the great turning points of the year. The days, which have been steadily growing shorter since midsummer, now begin to lengthen again. Hence this season had been celebrated for thousands of years before the Christian era.

Merry Christmas!

(Write to The Educational Publishing Corp., Darien, Conn., for sample copy of The Grade Teacher. Mention name of this newspaper.)

WAR'S STRANGEST VICTIM

The story of the ghost island of the Pacific Ocean, shunned by passing ships, and where descendants of the steamer Bounty's mutineers face extinction by a war they know nothing about. One of many absorbing features in The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed Sunday, December 31st with the Baltimore American. On sale at all newsstands.

Age of Movie Fan

Increasing age diminishes attendance at the movies to an astonishing degree, reveals Collier's. Surveys indicate that the number who no longer attend increases from 50 per cent at the age of forty to 75 per cent at sixty to 98 per cent at eighty.

Novel Decoration For Your Christmas Tree

CHRISTMAS SNOW YOU CAN MAKE AT HOME

IMAGINE having right in your living room a Christmas tree looking as though it were covered with freshly fallen snow—just like the trees in the woods. Making the snow mixture is ever so easy if you follow the directions in the opposite column.

It's a really new idea that's in complete harmony with traditional decorations. If you use ornaments, put the Lux snow on *before* you trim the tree. Or, if you prefer, use just colored lights and the snow.

Lasts As Long As the Tree

This Lux "snow" lasts as long as the tree. A glistening effect can be given with a sprinkle of the shiny artificial snow you buy in the stores. Put this on while the Lux snow is still moist.

The children will love to help put the snow on. You can use just as much or as little as you like to give your tree an individual, original appearance.

It's an amazingly inexpensive way to decorate your tree, too—especially when you consider what you ordinarily spend for Christmas tree trimmings.

Recipe for Christmas Snow

1 large box of Lux (12½ oz.)
2 scant cups lukewarm water

Empty box of Lux flakes into dishpan or large bowl. Add lukewarm water and mix up with egg beater to the consistency of whipped cream.

Take handfuls of this mixture and spread with your fingers along the branches of your Christmas tree.

For a more glittering effect, while mixture is still moist, sprinkle tree with shiny artificial snow.

Yearly Reading

Every year since 1902, William Olney, 90, London, has read his Bible from beginning to end. He is Spurgeon tabernacle's oldest deacon.

CCC Camps

A total of 1,500 two-hundred-man CCC camps and approximately 100 smaller camps are now in operation.

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PRICE

The order of services have been changed for next Sunday as follows: Sabbath School will be at 9:30 a. m., followed with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Hastings at 10 a. m. This charge was made in order for all the churches on the charge to be able attend the Christmas pageant at St. John's Church, Church Hill on Sunday evening.

The Chrismas entertainment and treat of Bethany Sunday School will be held on Wednesday evening, December 27, at the church. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Scott, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Sarah F. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Price of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with his parents, J. M. Price and family. Mr. and Mrs. Kent Price and wo sons of Chestertown were also Sunday visitors at the Price home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson B. Cecil of Baltimore were Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. D. V. Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coppage and week-end guest, Miss Dorothy Fleetwood of Centreville, spent Saturday in Baltimore.

Mr. Kenneth Biddle of Rising Sun, spent Thursday with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jones and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Cox, of Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Walls of Baltimore spent the week-end with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs Frank Wiggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Porter and son and Mr. John Lucas of West Chester, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Murphy of Goldsboro, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Porter.

Among those who enjoyed the farm Bureau Banquet held in the Centreville Armory Wednesday evening, were Mr. and Mrs. Earle Everett, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Appleford, Mrs. Dollie V. Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Seney, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stant and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bostic.

Mrs. Frank W. Brower with the folowing: Mrs. Robert Price and daughter, Mrs. Edward Barton, and Mrs. Cookman Orrell, of Centreville and Mrs. Walter C. Eastburn of Church Hill spent Thursday in Baltimore on a shopping tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Murphy enjoyed Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Powell of Church Hill vicinity.

Mr. Palmer Jarrell was a guest Sunday of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Ms. Otis Rogers at Ridgely.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Badart of Baltimore spent a few days this week with her parents, S. C. Walls and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cronshaw of Barclay were visitors Sunday f their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cosden.

WYE MILLS

The annual Christmas program and treat will be held on Wednesday evening, December 27. The program is being arranged by Mrs. Carey Jewell.

Church services for Sunday are as follows: Sunday School, 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., by the pastor, Rev. Harold Hallman. Come out and worship with us.

Mr. Charles Roe and wife, of Chester, Pa., visited their parents on Saturday.

The Christmas pageant given at the Church Sunday evening by the Epworth League was a decided success.

The home of Mr. J. E. Kinanmon recently sold to the State has been moved to the back a distance of 200 feet. The work was done by D. B. Wolcott. This will enable the public to get a better view of the famous old Wye Oak.

Mrs. Carey Jewell has returned home from a week's visit to relatives at Elsmere, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Selby Skinner of Baltimore spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Skinner.

Miss Norma Gene Dodd of Denton has returned home after a week's visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Skinner.

Winds Affect Airliners

Owing to the prevailing westerly winds, whose velocity ranges between 15 and 20 miles an hour, air liners require about 14 per cent more time and 14 per cent more gasoline when flying west than when flying east on a transcontinental flight, says Collier's.

"Your call makes it a perfect Christmas"

LONG DISTANCE RATES ARE REDUCED FOR CHRISTMAS

The reduced night and Sunday rates for Long Distance calls in the United States and Canada* are in effect between 7 p.m. Saturday, December 23, and 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 26.

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Again, This Christmas Epstein's are prepared to serve your needs . . . and so economically that your Christmas money will buy more than ever before. Our assortments are complete and OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT. In buying merchandise this year we took every precaution in selecting fashions, colors and sizes that would be beneficial in a quick disposal of these wearable-gifts that are bound to please. It will be to your advantage to

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