TREE DECORATIONS

THE old fashion of decorating Christmas trees with strings of popcorn appeals to the children of ten, more than the glass balls and trinkets commonly used.

Children enjoy helping pop the corn and stringing it. Cranberries at equal distances along the strings of popcorn are attractive. Apples hanging from the tree shine brightly if they have been washed and polished with a dry cloth or a little olive oil. Tin foil cut into thin strips hanging from the tree will sparkle in any light.

If candles are used, be exceedingly careful of fire. Evergreen trees blaze up instantly and furiously if they catch fire, which they do very easily.

Christmas Pudding Was the Victim of a Holdup

THERE may be more Christmas puddings than there were in the past, but there are certainly no bigger ones, writes of columnist in the Manchester Guardian. In 1718 James Austen, inventor of "Persian Pink Powder," planned an advertisement by inviting his customers to share a gigantic Christmas pudding weighing 1,000 pounds. This, after boiling for 14 days at the Red Lion inn, Southwark, was placed in a cart to be conveyed, to the accompaniment of a band playing strange instruments, to the Swan tavern, Fish Street Hill, where the favored guests were assembled. The company, however, waited in vain, for scarcely had the pudding started on its journey, before it was held up by a mob, attacked with knives and choppers, and distributed to many not bidden to the feast.

Another huge pudding resulted from a sporting offer of an old-time Islington innkeeper to make and distribute to the poor of the neighborhood a Christmas pudding the weight of any one of his customers. He reckoned without Daniel Lambert, the heaviest man on record, who was induced by a regular patron to drop in one morning. Daniel turned the scale at 700 pounds, but the inkeeper kept to his word and produced a pudding of equal weight.

Five U. S. Communities Are Named Christmas

CHRISTMAS is the name of five communities in the United States. There are communities name Christmas in Gila county, Arizona; Orange county, Florida; Lawrence county, Kentucky; Bolivar county, Mississippi, and Roane county, Tennessee.

Tennessee also has a village named Christmasville in Carroll county. There is a Christmas cove in Lincoln county, Maine, and a Christmas lake in Hennepin county, Minnesota.

Indiana is the only state having a town named Santa Claus. It is in Spencer county. However, there is a St. Nicholas in Duvall county, Florida, and a St. Nicholas in Stearns county, Minnesota.

Study of the Atlas reveals three towns named Santee, one in Knox county, Nebraska, another in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and another in Charleston county, South Carolina. There is also a Santee Bluff in South Carolina, in Williamburg county.

Santa Claus Existed in the Pre-Christian Era

SANTA CLAUS, as a bearded and benevolent pot-bellied kobold, seems to be much older than St. Nicholas, the Christian bishop whose name he has assumed. Among the hundreds of statuettes of pagan divinities dug up in the great Roman temple district recently discovered at Trier are a number that are very good portraits of the Christmastide friend of children.

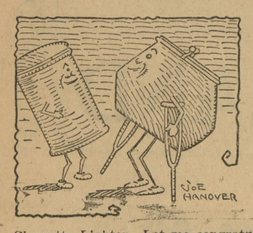
What the pre-Christian name of this mythical personage may have been nobody knows as yet, but that he is a real Santa Claus any child could tell you. With his round cheeks, pudgy nose, long beard and pointed cowl there is hardly any mistaking him.

Seasonal Intimidation

"Sonny," said the dietetic mother, "do you want mamma to tell Santa Claus to stay away from here? Then eat your spinach."

"All right," sighed the modern child, "only it sounds like blackmail to me."

A SPEEDY RECOVERY



Cigarette Lighter—Let me congratulate you, Mr. Purse, on getting about again so soon after Christmas.

British Banking Center

Lombard street is a street on which are many banks, but the name Lombard Street applies to the whole banking center of the city. The Lombard Jews began banking in Italy in 808. Some of them afterward went to London and settled in the narrow thoroughfare which is called after them.

Panama Canal Idea Old

550 a Portuguese navigator published a book on the subject of building a Panama canal.

Will Celebrate Its 200th Anniversary

Hope County Will Join In Fete

Committee Will Plan Program For June 12

Washington College, for some years, has been looking forward to 1932, its 150th anniversary, as a time for celebrating a notable birthday. Last year, the Board of Visitors and Governors appointed a special committee, consisting of James W. Chapman and W. Lester Baldwin, of Baltimore, and John I. Coulbourn, of Philadelphia, to plan a suitable program for the occasion.

After considerable discussion this committee has outlined its plan in a preliminary way and this plan was adopted by the Board of Visitors and Governors itself at its meeting on Saturday, December 12th last.

The college, in accordance with this plan, intends celebrating its Sesqui-Centennial at its regular Commencement season in 1932.

For this purpose, Commencement Day has been moved up from Monday, June 13, to Saturday, June 11. It is expected to make the exercises of Commencement Day of extraordinary interest and significance. Governor Ritchie has already accepted an invitation to be present conditioned only on the time of the Democratic National Convention.

In accordance with the colonial origin of the College it is hoped to make the dance regularly put on by the alumni and the Cotillion Club of the college on Friday night preceding Commencement into a colonial dress ball. Indeed the people of the town and visitors will be encouraged to wear colonial costume throughout the following day, both at the exercises and upon the streets of the town.

Dr. Titsworth has been appointed director of the celebration and has selected Prof. Frederick W. Dumschott as his assistant.

Since, during this year, 1932, communities and organizations throughout the country are celebrating the Bi-Centennial of Washington's birth, the college has suggested informally to some of the community agencies in Kent County, and Chestertown, that this community make use of Saturday, for celebrating Washington's 200th anniversary. Such celebration is highly appropriate for Washington was several times on the soil of Kent County and within the confines of Chestertown. His own diary entries offer evidence to this effect. An informal general advisory committee, representing some of the community cooperative agencies met last Friday night and informally approved the suggestion for a community celebration. It was suggested that Dr. Titsworth serve as director of the celebration and made the further suggestion that steps at once be taken to get together representatives from other county organizations in order to make the final general advisory committee really county-wide.

The college has placed at the disposal of the community organizations its resources for every possible cooperation.

By uniting these two celebrations, namely, that of the college of its Sesqui-Centennial on Saturday morning and of the community organizations of its Washington's Bi-Centennial on Saturday afternoon, it is believed that the entire Eastern Shore and adjacent counties and states might be interested and edified by the local celebration. The occasion offers unique opportunity for this locality to do itself proud.

Washington College will open its celebration of Washington's connection with it by holding a special Washington's Birthday assembly on Thursday morning, February 18, at eleven o'clock in William Smith Hall at which time Rev. Dr. Leon C. Prince, Professor of History at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Penna., a member of the State senate of Pennsylvania, a brilliant scholar and orator, will address the meeting. In addition to the address, special music will be provided.

The parents of students especially and the people of Chestertown and Kent County will be welcome.

MOTOR VEHICLES CHIEF PREPARES HIS OFFICE FOR CONDITIONS UNDER NEW REGULATION.

Preparation for his duties in connection with the automobile financial responsibility act, which goes into effect on January 1, will be begun by Motor Vehicle Commissioner E. Austin Baughman as soon as the bulk of the distribution of the 1932 license tags is out of the way early next month.

Commissioner Baughman said recently it would be impossible to talk with much certainty about the work his office would have to do until the law had been in force for a time. The law provides that when thirty days have passed after final judgment for personal injury or property damage and the judgment remains unsatisfied, the Motor Vehicle Commissioner must take away the license held by the person against whom judment has been entered.

Magistrates and clerks of county courts are required to send to the Motor Vehicle Commissioner records of actions in such cases. Since it is expected that those who are threatened with being deprived of their license will use every legal resource to hold on to them, it is thought that some time will be required to dispose of each case.

It is thought that Commissioner Baughman will not get a very clear picture of what he will have to do in connection with the financial responsibility act until 1932 is fairly well advanced.

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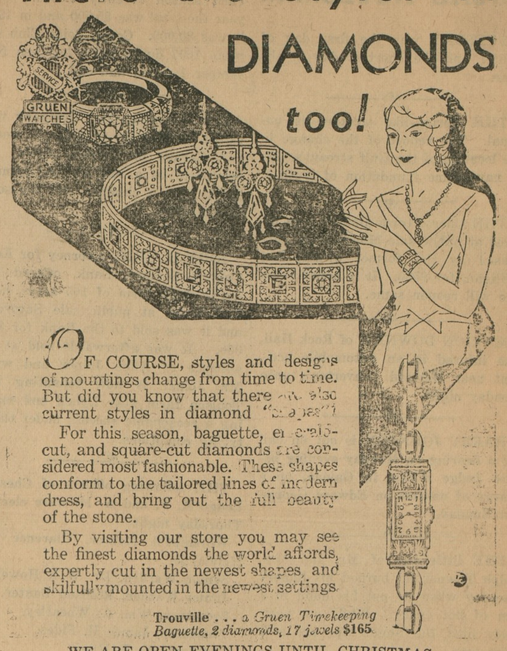

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