



MAGIC OF A tape-recorder last the entire year.



AND THERE are many gifts for the do-it-yourself man.

Families put on real outdoor show

From Santa and his reindeer to strings of beautiful lights in all shapes and sizes to illuminated likenesses of the manger scene, families today really put on an outdoor show around their homes at Yuletide.

Many families have outdoor decorations that they use every year, and to add more originality there is a vast quantity of new decorative pieces, in all price ranges, that can be found in local stores and included in any home display.

Most families build up their displays, making them more and more elaborate every year. Good beginning might be a string of lights to place along the roof or on shrubs and trees, with other ideas added each Yuletide.

Living Christmas trees, whether they are traditional evergreens in the North, or palms in the South, make a good base for decorations.

Wreaths and other greens to adorn the front door might include an electrically-lighted candle, and even apartment dwellers can participate in this kind of "outdoor" lighting.

A SECRET

I have a secret, Santa! I know you'll come today. I heard the neighbors tell each other, "Santa's on his way."

"If little girls are good," they said.

"Santa comes to call And brings with him a bag of toys. That's sure to please them all."

I heard you, Santa, on the roof With Dancer, Prancer and the others. "Let's check our list of girls," you said, "Who mind their dads and mothers."

I have a secret, Santa, to whisper in your ear. I love you very much, you know!

And Mommy's glad you're here! She's taking pictures of us both So when you go away. We won't forget the time we had This Merry Christmas Day! —Jeanne Cole

PUT OUT GAS FIRE

FORT ST. JOHN, B.C. (CP) — Two fire fighters braved the searing heat of a flaming natural gas well Friday to extinguish the fire. It consumed more than 30,000 cubic feet of gas since Monday. Experts from Houston and Coles Matthes of Houston, Tex., wearing protective clothing and working under a shower of water played on the fire, put out the fire shortly after noon

Santa's gifting habit goes back many years

Though Santa makes an early appearance for the Christmas shopping season, youngsters can count on it that he'll come back again on Christmas Eve making a perfect landing on many a rooftop in his reindeer-drawn sleigh.

His arrival in this fashion was first described by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1823, when he wrote the famous poem, "The Night Before Christmas."

Even then, Santa didn't have his bright red suit. Dr. Moore reported he was "dressed all in fur from his head to his foot." He did, however, have "his beard, which unfortunately was covered with 'ashes and soot,'" during his trip down the chimney.

Santa kept his beard and acquired his now-traditional red suit later on, when Cartoonist Thomas Nast depicted him in a drawing in 1869.

In one guise or another, Santa has been making the rounds on Christmas Eve for a long, long time. Referring to the jolly old gentleman in "Knickerbocker History of New York" in 1802, Washington Irving described him as wearing a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Earlier a book called "The Children's Friend" told of "Sanctus" and observed that he was dressed like a bishop.

A bishop's garb for the Christmas gift giver goes back to the first of all Santas, St. Nicholas, a bishop in Asia Minor in the fifth century A.D.

The story goes that St. Nicholas wanted to help the three daughters of a man too poor to give them the dowries they needed in order to marry. Since he wished his gifts to be anonymous, he threw a bag of gold down the chimney of their home

every Christmas Eve for three years, until all the daughters were married.

On the third Christmas, the father surprised St. Nicholas in the act of tossing the gold into the chimney. Next day, he told everyone of the good saint's kindness.

In later years St. Nicholas became the patron saint of children. He traveled by horseback, wearing his bishop's robes, to deliver gifts to good children on the eve of his day, December 7. St. Nicholas "traveled" with the New World and gradually evolved into Santa Claus, although his original name still lives on in a nickname—a "nick" name indeed, since it's St. Nick.

Whatever Santa is called — Pece Noe, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, Grandfather, Frost — children eagerly await him on Christmas Eve.

Old-fashioned ideas getting new partners

All the cherished old-fashioned traditions are given due attention on this year's Christmas cards, but the Santas, holly, trees and candles have been joined by a host of new designs and ideas.

A special Christmas card for the school nurse, a Santa Claus who speaks five languages and a Yuletide bubble bath greeting are among the unusual variety of a juvenile cards for 1964.

Colorful gifts brighten scene

Colorful gifts under the tree make Christmas merrier. The many gala wrappings available this year can help give every present, large or small, a joyous holiday look.

"New" trend in wrapping papers, ribbons and bows sees a return of the old-fashioned, cheery red-and-green Christmas spirit, along with many pretty panels. Traditionally, loved subjects such as bells, Santa, pine cones and Christmas trees, abound on printed papers.

Whatever type of paper is used, it's well to remember the basic rules of wrapping.

1. Always use non-transparent paper (so no one knows what the box says).
2. Keep wrappings secure with glue or rubber cement, seals or

This variety is especially notable in the juvenile line, where the big news is "toys in envelopes," says Mrs. Jeanette Lee, art director of Hallmark. Some juvenile cards unfold into three-dimensional play sets.

Full-color reproductions of art masterpieces in miniature, including the works of DaVinci, Bruegel, Fra Angelico, Rembrandt and Raphael, are imprinted on greeting cards so reflect the Christmas spirit beautifully.

Elegance, in design, papers and adornments, themes many cards.

"Richly executed designs, handsome papers and colors may make this the most stylish greeting year since John Horsley drew the first Christmas card in 1843," says Mrs. Peggy Gilbert, head of the Norcross design studio.

Example is a "Partridge in a Pear Tree" design which uses embossing to give realistic dimension to pear, tree and bird of the centuries-old English carol.

"Greetings on the lighter side continue strong in popularity. 'Semi-amusing' cards carry such whimsical messages as 'Merry Christmas to the whole world — but in YOU in particular' and 'May sipping of sugarmulds dance through your head — Merry Christmas!'"

BACKS INDEPENDENCE

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The UN special anti-colonialism day, over strong United States objections, a report supporting independence for Puerto Rico. The U.S. called the document "shocking." The report, framed by a smaller working committee, echoes the recent declaration of so-called non-aligned nations in Cairo urging the United States to support independence for all dependent territories, including Puerto Rico.



ANY CHRISTMAS gift is most acceptable. It's the idea of being remembered that makes the recipient feel mighty good. On Christmas morning when you look under the tree, you'll be happy with whatever you receive. However shoes and slippers give folks the extra enjoyment. They are so practical. Everybody needs them and nobody can receive too many.

Newlyweds need furnishing help

Are there newlyweds on the gift list this year? Give them something they can use!

People have a tendency to forget all the things they need when they started choosing presents for their newly married friends and relatives.

The newlywed couple often has a lovely centerpiece but no dining-room table to put it on; a wonderful assortment of kitchen knives but no place to put them on. They get many things for entertaining and having parties but they don't have a enough chairs to have a party.

Newlyweds have another problem. Someone, whose feelings they don't wish to hurt, inevitably gives them a perfectly lovely piece of furniture that sticks out like a sore thumb, or like a sore thumb when placed with the rest of their decor.

Do a little research before buying and find out what decorating scheme the couple is using and buy accordingly, or give a gift certificate so they can pick out exactly what they want.

If the newlyweds already have the essentials, remember that there are things they need much more than a silver ice bucket or a gold plated bartender. Before they can begin to entertain, they need a set of good china, good silverware and a set of holiday glassware.

When it comes to the cost of these items, it is much better for two or three people to go together and get the newlyweds one thing they need than three things they couldn't use.

No feed for birds

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After years of civic wrangling, San Francisco's board of supervisors has passed a law making it a crime to feed pigeons except in 10 specified areas in city parks.

The purpose is to drive at least some of the estimated 30,000 pigeons from downtown squares, public buildings and stairways.

Penalties provide a fine of up to \$50 and jail for up to six months.

A similar law several years ago was withdrawn because of the wrath of the Bird Guardians League, an organization whose members feed pigeons and hire guards to protect them from poisoners.

Even as the new law was adopted, the league vowed to fight to keep the city of St. Francis—patron saint of birds—a pigeon sanctuary forever. And the pigeons still swirl through Union Square.

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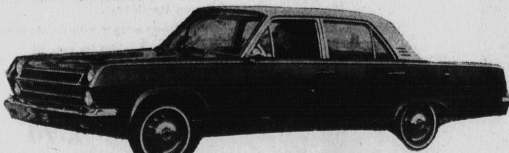
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