

## Christmas Candles

Symbolic Of The Star Seen by  
Wise Men In the East

The candle is the true symbol of Christmas. Its flickering taper shining on the sill of the city house or the country cottage sends out the message of "peace on earth" quite as much as the chime of Christmas bells. No Christmas tree is complete until the candles, whether of wax or of electric lights, have been fastened to its boughs.

A charming elderly lady gives each child in the neighborhood every year a "Twelfth Night" candle. This is a very large cathedral candle, which is to be lighted on Christmas night and placed on the window sill set in a wreath of holly and so placed that its flame burns at the center of a Christmas made wreath hanging in the window. It is then kept burning every evening until the eve of Twelfth Night, January 5th. The Twelfth Night eve, the unburned portion of the candle and all the Christmas greens are placed in the open fireplace and consumed, this ending the Christmas season.

The significance of this pretty rite is as follows: The candle is symbolic of the star which the Wise Men saw in the East, and it is kept shining through the 12 days during which the Wise Men were following the star on their journey to the manger where the young Child lay.

Children especially love this beautiful custom of having a lighted candle represent the Christmas star, and in some of the homes, etc. where the Twelfth Night candle is kept burning, each child cares for the candle for an evening, all taking turns. The candle is lighted, the wreath lowered to encircle its flame and when the child goes to bed it is his duty to blow the candle out.

### First Christmas

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.

3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4. And Joseph also went out from Galilee out of the City of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife being great with child.

6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them; and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings, of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying.

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

### Christmas Wreath

With holly and ivy  
So green and so gay  
We deck up our houses  
As fresh as the day.

With hays and rosemary  
And laurel complete  
And everyone now  
Is a king in conceit.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS  
GUELPH, Ont. (CP)—George Drew, Canada's high commissioner to the United Kingdom, is back in Guelph to spend Christmas at home with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Drew and their daughter, Sandra, flew from England in a Comet jet. Their son Edward and Mrs. Drew's father, Edward Johnson, were waiting to meet them here.

## The Birthplace of Confederation

### on the eve of another New Year!



Nearing the end of the year 1958, residents of Prince Edward Island are able to look back with pride and satisfaction on another milestone of progress and accomplishment.

Once again Divine Providence favored us with fine weather and good crops. Our farmers and fishermen reaped bounteous harvests from land and sea. No dread disaster nor severe storm occurred to cause financial hardship.

In a spirit of co-operation and with united effort, our citizens face the year 1959 having every confidence in their ability to take full advantage of the opportunities which lie ahead.

During the coming year, we will be visited by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. We look forward to having this gracious couple in our midst and will do everything possible to make their visit here a pleasant and memorable occasion.

On behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, I wish to extend warmest wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our citizens wherever they may be.



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