

Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan (Copyright)

Modern commerce and certain contemporary schools of Psychology and Anthropology attempt in various ways to disguise the traditional meaning of Christmas. But no subtlety, whatever its ulterior motive, can long suppress its true significance.

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Santa Greet's Kiddies at the "Queen Charlotte"



Over 100 children were made welcome at H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte on Dec. 20. Above and at right are shown groups of happy youngsters applauding the arrival of Santa Claus, who came down the chimney on the Parade Deck and greeted every child with a hearty "Merry Christmas" and a lovely gift.



Christmas with the birds

An Irish Writer Tells Of Childhood Christmas

(Courtesy Irish Embassy, Ottawa, and Dublin). "Christmas indeed, 'Tisn't worth all the fuss and trouble," she complained as she dragged herself and her parcels on to the bus. And I, tired and famished, silently agreed. "I'm completely worn out," sighed the young assistant, and the harassed housewife and all the weary workers took up the plaint.

When supper was over we sat around the fire, for in our part of the world, this was the evening for staying at home; no one would dream of going visiting on Christmas Eve. We listened for the chirping of the cricket and cheered if we heard it, for he was said to be the "King" of all luck. Then my grandmother would take a good satisfying pinch of snuff and tell us the story of the Flight into Egypt.

My grandmother was a brisk old lady, and each year she announced the coming of Advent with "Christmas on top of us, and the chimney not yet swept." And when that was done, what cleaning and scouring, so that everything shone from the old sugar chair to the china cat sitting solidly on top of the dresser. As we helped my mother decorate the house she would explain that holly and ivy were chosen because they grew outside the stable at Bethlehem.

And so Christmas was over. The fire banked down, the candles quenched, and my grandmother talking the house with holy water and saying sadly, "Ta an Nollaig chomh fada uainn anois a's bhli se ariamh!"

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BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

WINIFRED E. WILSON



CHRISTMAS WITH THE BIRDS

Happy Christmas holidays to Canadian bird watchers! At this season many of you are taking time off to look for birds that can now be found too far from your immediate neighbourhood.

Literature And Life

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MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (Reuters)—Diplomatic circles here Saturday took a favorable view of the prospects for the three Western Powers proposal of talks with Russia.

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An Example For All To Follow



Dr. Ralph Bunche, first American Negro to be awarded the Nobel peace prize, is shown bowing over the hand of King Haakon of Norway following presentation of the award and a cheque for \$31,178, the 46-year-old former United Nations mediator in Palestine called for freedom, equality and peace for the peoples of the world.

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