Sentimental File Handy

Here is a tip for those busy mothers who find it difficult to recall all the friends and relatives who must be remembered at Christmas. Keep a "sentimental file," with a card for each person bearing pertinent information such as clothing sizes, favorite colors, hobbies, and gifts given in previous years. A note of the date of birth of younger additions is particularly useful. All these reduce the effort of thinking up gifts, and, of course, come in handy at birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

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for the Holidays

Here's a wish for you: good cheer in abundance in this most festive holiday season.

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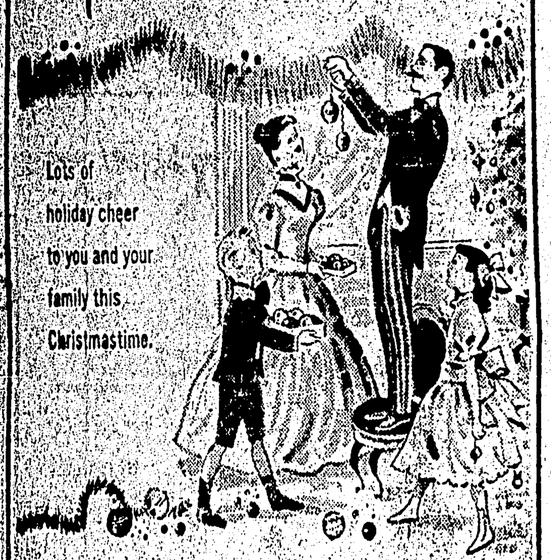

Lots of holiday cheer to you and your family this Christmastime.

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Loads of thanks to our many good friends for your loyal patronage throughout the year. May you all enjoy a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with 365 days of health, happiness and good fellowship.

Annette Mansell and Staff

So-Called Pagan Relics Have Christian Meanings

Are decorations, tinseled trees, mistletoe, gifts, turkeys and plum puddings—many of which owe their origins to pagan festivals—out of place in a truly Christian celebration of Christmas?

Not according to Dr. Jesse Stitt, pastor of the Village Presbyterian Church in New York.

He says:

"There are those who say these things are extraneous to celebrating Christmas. I don't believe it. They are the externals of a vivid experience, of a great celebration to Christ's honor. If we didn't have them, something would be lost from our Christmas.

"The story of Christmas is fundamentally a happy one, and just retelling it may not be enough to reflect the mood, or make it live again. We need something more tangible to make the story real. We need concrete means to express the inner feelings of joy and love of the original message. People must find means in their own human way to give concrete human expressions to spiritual occasions.

Dr. Jesse W. Stitt

"If any government tried to outlaw the outward expressions of Christmas," he says, "people would rise up and say no, you're destroying Christmas, and in a way, they'd be completely right."

But, Dr. Stitt adds, when the externals become the whole occasions, without being used as a means to recall the birth of Christ and what it meant to the world, then that is making "a holiday out of a holy day."

Christmas greeting cards have Dr. Stitt's approval. They were first introduced 114 years ago, and were then entirely non-religious in character. Today only about 20 per cent carry religious messages. But Dr. Stitt says they all reflect an effort to maintain bonds of love and friendship, and these are part of the Christmas spirit.

That spirit, he says, is the big thing about Christmas, and it flows over from households into the streets and public places where you can say "Merry Christmas" to a stranger with no fear of rebuff.

"It's the only day in the year when a contagious warmth and goodness is in the air."

"It's all part and parcel of the same thing," says Dr. Stitt. "It's all wrapping on one package."

Answers To Quiz On Yuletide

1. Botticelli, Veronese, da Vinci, Durer, among others.

2. Melchoir, Balthasar, Kaspar.

3. It means "august," the name given to the priestly class among the ancient Medes and Persians.

4. Until about 350 A.D. there was no set date for the celebration of Christmas. Sometimes it was Dec. 25, other times it was January 6, Dec. 6 and even March 25. The Feast of the Nativity was first celebrated in Rome Dec. 25, 353 A.D, and from that the date became almost universally accepted.

5. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Gian Carlo Menotti.

6. The Christmas tree is attributed to Boniface, an 8th century English missionary to Germany, who decorated evergreen trees as part of his Christmas celebration.

7. In 878 A.D., during the reign of King Alfred, it was decreed that Yuletide be observed for a period of 12 days with much feasting and revelry. At the first celebration by Alfred, foods were served on gold and silver platters.

8. The original name of Santa Claus is derived from the Latin, Sanctus Nicolaus. Other forms are the German Sankt Nikolaus and the Dutch Sinter Klaus. Actually there was a real St. Nicholas, an elderly Christian bishop, who lived during the 4th century. It was because of his generosity that our ideas of the modern Santa Claus and gift giving developed.

9. Bells were first used in churches by Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania, Italy, about 400 A.D.

10. The title means "God keep you merry and healthy, my friends." The comma, often misplaced, belongs after the word "merry."

11. This most important church feast, usually celebrated January 6 means "manifestation." This date was chosen because three important manifestations of Christ's deity were observed at that time.

12. The wassail was introduced into England from Scandinavia by Henry VII. A mixture of hot ale and spices it is considered a drink of good cheer toasting the success of the coming year.

13. This custom is said to have originated in northern Europe by children who filled their shoes with food and set them in front of the fireplace for Santa Claus and his reindeer.

Bright, Best Wishes

We wish you and yours a rich abundance of all of the joys of this happy holiday season.

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