ly The Shadow Knows That:



The Shadow

is known as "Munchkin"
. drives a black Caddy
. is going out with B.B.
is known as "Fuzzy Bear"
. is known as "Flash"
is known as "Killer"
. likes going to Lakeville
went to Case
. got his license
. lost the keys to his motorcycle
. got on Co-op
. is known as "Whale"



.H.S. Sponsors ocal Smokeout

ers of Diman's chapter of the Na- onor Society recently worked in ion with the American Cancer So- statewide campaign to promote at American Smokeout. On No- 15, society members staffed a the cafeteria. Their aim was to ges from smokers to try a day cigarettes. Pledge cards were a- along with ample literature about and lung damage. About seventy ividuals signed the no-smoking t the cafeteria booth.

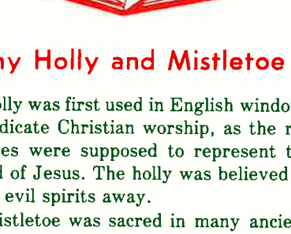
rancoeur, Pete Michno, and Mike et up the information booth and osters throughout the school. Dur- lunch periods, the information as staffed by the following mem- e Hurley, Steve Krudys, Rene La- harlie Larrabee, Ed McGlynn, Ed e, Mike Rodrigues, Kevin Thi- e Varao, and Ed Woytaszek.

Christmas 'Whys'

Why Christmas Gifts . . .

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas dates back to the Three Wise Men, who appeared out of the desert bearing gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the new-born Infant.
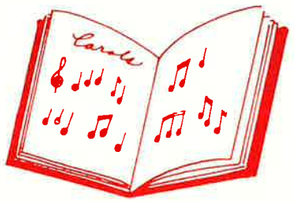
Since then, the act of giving has been shrouded in an air of mystery that surrounded both the giver and gift.



Why Christmas Carols . . .

The custom of singing Christmas carols dates back to ancient times when waifs and minstrels sang them in the streets.

The first true Christmas carols originated in Italy during the thirteenth century. These carols, with folksong - like quality and childlike simplicity gave way to more dignified, solemn Christmas hymns in the eighteenth century. With the nineteenth century, came the writing of the beautiful *Silent Night, Holy Night.*



Why Holly and Mistletoe . . .

Holly was first used in English windows to indicate Christian worship, as the red berries were supposed to represent the blood of Jesus. The holly was believed to keep evil spirits away.

Mistletoe was sacred in many ancient religions. The Druids of England cut it with a golden knife and hung it over the doors, believing that only happiness could pass under the branch. They also used it in their marriage ceremonies, originating the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



Why Christmas Cards . . .

Henry Cole, an Englishman, who was the originator of the idea of sending greeting cards at Christmas time. He took an artist's drawing, hand-painted it, and sent it as a greeting to a friend at Christmas time,1846. The English Royality took up the idea as a most gracious way to extend greetings to their friends at Christmas.

Year after year, the Christmas card, the messenger of joyful remenbrance, has grown in popularity.



Saving Energy Saves

Conduct an energy audit in your own home or apartment.

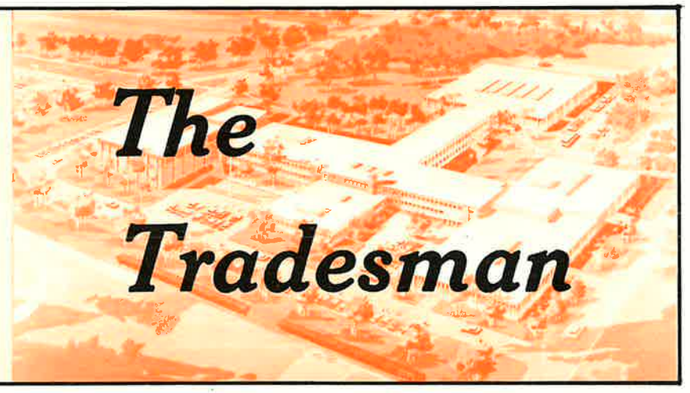
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research, 451 7th Street, S.W., Room 8126, Washington D.C. 20410, has published an excellent guide: In the Bank.... or by the Chimney? It contains information on energy-saving home improvements and information on home energy audits.

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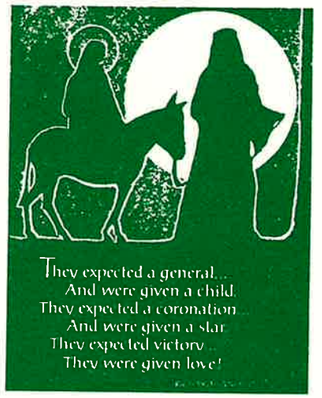
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Season's Greetings





The Origin of Christmas

by Sheryl Croteau

The year's "most joyous feast" - Christmas is celebrated on December 25, both in homes and churches, to observe the anniversary of Christ's birth. The exact date of Christ's birth is not known; and during the first two or three centuries little note apparently was taken of the anniversary. The church officials opposed such celebrations as savoring of paganism. Clement of Alexandria, Egypt, mentions the observance of the birth of Jesus by Christians about 200 AD. Other sources state that this day was noted in scattered places on varying dates.

During the fourth century - about 350 A.D. - the Bishop of Rome set December 25 as Christ's birth date.Western churches observed this day but for some time the Eastern ones celebrated it on January 6.

Some authorities claim that the choice of December 25 was made because it coincided with that of the Mithraic feast of the sun god;also that of the Roman Saturnalia. In addition, the Jews celebrated their feast of Chanukah (or Hanukkah) about this time; and the people of Northern Europe observed their important winter solstice feast. So it appears that old pagan customs were given new meanings as the church fathers turned such occasions to "The adoration of Christ the Lord."

At first Christians noted Christmas just as a religious holiday, but gradually it took on a secular aspect, with feasting, exchange of gifts, and general rejoicing.During the Middle Ages, Christmas was the most popular holiday of the year, observed both in churches and homes.

When the Puritans reached New England, they brought with them their dislike for any observance of Christmas and levied fines on those who dared to celebrate the holiday.It was not until the nineteenth century (after many German and Irish immigrants had arrived) that holiday celebrations really became popular in this part of the world.

In 1979, Christmas is celebrated all over the world, and just about every country maintains different traditions.

Staffers Attend Fall Conference

Members of The Tradesman recently attended the 32nd Annual Conference of the New England Scholastic Press Association.Co-editors Sheryl Croteau and Lisa Leduc along with staff photographer Dave Levesque were on hand to recieve a Superior Achievement Certificate for scholastic editing and publishing. This is the second consecutive year that The Tradesman has received this award.

While attending the conference, the co-editors heard lectures on the fundamentals of layout and typography, editorial writing and responsibilities, and the fundamentals of feature writing. Dave attended three photography workshops.



Co-editors pause outside Boston University

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From The Editor's Desk

The Editor Speaks

Christmas in family time when loved ones gather together with their friends, reaffirming old customs and fundamental beliefs.

It is time for happy smiles and beautifully wrapped gifts and the joys of remembering good times past.

It is the tree with glistening ornaments; it is the delicious smells of good things to eat, it is the crunch of clean snow, it is the light in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the sprig of mistletoe.

It is the story of Bethlehem.... it is the tears of joy.... it is the singing voice of good people everywhere.... it is the heart of mankind.

Indeed, Christmas is more than a season: It is an idea, a reason for being, a goal to attain, a hope.

With the concept of Christmas may someday come man's fulfillment of the peace, justice and dignity of all the world's people.

And those, too, shall come....



Stamps

Since this is the gift giving season, hear are a few suggestions for your stamp-collecting friends. The 1979 Mint Set (U.S. commemoratives) is now available for $5.25. It includes 30 stamps (12 singles, four blocks of four, and two single Christmas stamps), clear acetate strips, a three-sided folder, and a protective envelope.

The sixth edition of *Stamps and Stories* is available at the post office for $3.50. It features color reproductions of every U.S. postage stamp issued since 1847 and over 100 capsule stories on a wide range of stamp subjects.

Other possible stocking stuffers include: a good magnifying glass, stamp tongs, stock books, stamp mounts, or a stamp catalog.

Have a pleasant holiday season and best wishes for a prosperous future in 1980.

Next month: Philatelic periodicals



Tree Decorations - Symbolic

Decorating the Christmas tree is attributed to several sources:

One story has Martin Luther putting candles on an evergreen to represent the stars on Christmas eve.

Another tells of St. Boniface when he was a missionary in Germany in the eigth century. Trying to discourage a pagan regard for the oak, he led a group of people into a forest and gestured at a fir tree. He said it pointed to the Christ Child and commanded them to take fir trees into their homes as a sign of their worship.

And still another story credits medieval German drama with the origin of trimming and lighting a Christmas tree. In their plays, the Germans used decked-out fir trees as the "tree of Paradise," the Garden of Eden.

The custom was introduced in England in 1841 by Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's German husband. German immigrants brought it to America.

Who Is (was) Santa?

The roots of today's Santa have been traced to the person of Saint Nicholas, a young and very kind bishop, who lived in Asia Minor about 300 A.D. He became the patron saint of schoolboys during the Middle Ages and his feast day is still celebrated in Belgium and Holland.

Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam (New York City now) brought with them the story of the saint presenting gifts to good children.

Small American children abbreviated the Dutch name San Nicholas to "Santy" or "Santa Claus." And Washington Irving described Santa in 1809 as a jolly fellow with high britches and broad hat who dropped presents down chimneys.

Today's popular immage of a fat, happy figure with broad face, round belly, and beard white as snow emerged on December 23, 1823 with the publication of Clement Clarke Moore's poem *A Visit from St. Nicholas,* in the Troy N.Y. *Sentinel.* Moore had written the 56-line poem for his children the previous year. The poet's jolly, partly handyman, driving the family sleigh to deliver Christmas gifts, provided the description for Santa.

Though the name Santa Claus is not mentioned in the poem, the saint became a jolly figure who had "a broad face, and a little round belly/That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly" and his "drole little mouth was frawn up like a bow/And the beard of his chin was as while as the snow..." "His eyes — how they twinkled; his dimples how merry/ His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry."

Until that poem, St. Nicholas had been merely a generous phantom whose appearance changed with each child's fantasy.

From Moore's imagination also came the "miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer" (probably from early Scandinavian sources) flying over the rooftops.

But the poem would have remained a joy for the Moore family alone had not Harriet Butler, a friend, heard it and sent it, anonymously, to the *Sentinel.*

The rest is Santa Claus history....

The *Sentinel* printed it every year and poetry books published it. Soon after, Santa became as familiar as Christmas to everyone young and to all who refuse to grow old.

SPORTS SIDELINES



Sports Writers

Art Parker
Paul Casanova

Winter Track

by Arty Parker

This year under the direction of Coach Cantwell the winter track team begins its third season. The team will open their season on December 17th at New Bedford Voke. The team is in Division II.

Members of the squad are in constant training for freezing weather and running in the snow. The coach has a good number of athletes in shape for the coming season.

The team has the benefit of some good experience from last year's veterans. One Senior to watch this season is All-Conference champion Dave Raposa who specializes in the 600 yd. dash. Other seniors worth a hard look include: Eddie Rheaume, the 600 yd. dash; Ron Senechal, the 2 mile and the 1000 yd. dash; Bill Tillson, the 1000 yd. dash; and newcomers John Vaillancourt in the shot put, and Lance Tavares in the high jumper and hurdles.

The team has all its meets away because of the lack of room for home contests. Coach Cantwell feels that the squad has a 50-50 chance of success this season.



"So far, I just smell strong."

Hoop Season Set To Open

Diman's basketball team opened their season on December 11 at Seekonk with Coach Goj at the helm, back for his tenth season.

The outlook for this season is very questionable since it will be hard to duplicate last year's record of 14 wins and 6 losses, Diman's best season ever. In an interview with Coach Goj, he said "Since we lost seven of our top players to graduation, we will be using all new people. Many will be juniors, so I really don't know what to expect. I may be starting juniors or even sophomores."

The team will be competing in the Southeastern Mass. Conference III. The teams to beat will probably be Bourne, Falmouth and Coyle-Cassidy. All of these teams have an experienced starting five. Some of the other teams the Bengals will be playing include: Case, Westport, Dighton-Rehoboth, and Old Rochester. How about showing some support and going to the home games! Most games will be played on Mondays and Fridays at 6:00 p.m.



Mr. Bentley, freshmen basketball coach

Freshman Coach Appointed

Mr. Brian Bentley, a freshman English instructor, has been appointed as coach of the freshman squad. He is a veteran coach having served in that position for the past seven years at the Catholic Youth Organization. Mr. Bentley has also served as a basketball referee for the past two years at C.Y.O., and he plans to take the referee certification test next year.

The freshman basketball season began on December 11, 1979 and ends February 8, 1980. Twenty games are scheduled for this year's fifteen-man squad.



Miss Pereira, newly appointe cheerleader advisor.

Cross-Country

by Arty Parker

This year Diman's Cross Countr finished with a 2-4-0 (W-L-T) re Division One West, and a 7-4-0 record. This year there will be fou members leaving the squad. They Captains, Bill Tillson and Dave Ra addition to Eddie Rheaume and R echal.

This year the team was compe a tough Division One West Conf The team had victories over Stan fee, Case, Coyle, Old Rocheste nolly, and D-R.

Soccer Summar

by Paul Casanova

This year's soccer team ended its on November 2 with a 2-1 loss to T

The Bengals finished with a 6- L-T) record and a 4-4-2 record in I II, which earned them second Diman was also one of the best de teams in the league. Highlights season included victories over Stan victory over previously undefeate olly (10-0). The victory came on th gth of Paul Amaral's 3 goals. Ama also the team's leading scorer goals.

Next year the squad will lose t vices of Co-Captains Paul Amar "Red" Kilby. Other senior memb clude: "Peanuts" Silvia, Tim Silv Menard, and Mike Goddu. Paul and Paul Kilby were both named Division II All-Star team.

Children's Christmas toys ar educational. They teach childre adults will buy almost anything.

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