

Holiday Has Many Rituals

Though Christmas comes but once a year, there is certainly no one and only way to celebrate it. In addition to the many customs that are generally shared—lights, bells, trees, gifts, Santa, prayer and feasting—the special ways of observing the holiday are as varied and numerous as the communities and families involved.

Often the history and culture of a community is the inspiration for the way it celebrates Christmas. In other cases the "customs" are consciously developed, in an effort to express the spirit of the season. It doesn't take long for these community projects to become well-loved, even "old-fashioned" traditions.

Volunteers could be filled with an account of interesting community Christmas, each of them different. A few are summarized below.

"Santa's Land, U.S.A."

Feature of the Christmas season at Putney, Vt., is "Santa's Land, U.S.A." Santa greets his friends here in one of his homes-away-from-home—since the North Pole must be considered his official residence.

The building is set against a background of pine trees, in the foothills of Vermont's Green mountains. The large letters "S. C." on the chimney identify it as Santa's residence.

In New Orleans

Cargi sings are a traditional part of the holiday season in New Orleans. Many of them are held across the street from St. Louis cathedral. This historic cathedral is the French Quarter in a focal point for the community's religious observances of Christmas.

Here youthful carolers from a private elementary school, La Petite Ecole, convene to sing the familiar songs, in both French and English.

"Christmas Tree Lane"

Important part of the holiday season in California is the famous ceremony of "Christmas Tree Lane" at Altadena.

Huge cedar cedars border a public thoroughfare in this city, and at Christmas it is transformed into "Christmas Tree Lane." The trees are lit with thousands of bulbs, turned on at dusk on Christmas Eve, and motorists celebrate the spectacle by driving slowly along the lane.

The tall, graceful cedars were brought to California by Captain Frederick J. Woodbury who, while visiting in India, saw them growing on the slopes of the Himalayas. He returned with cedar seeds, which he planted on his ranch.

In 1885 his sons transplanted the young trees along what was then principal roadway to the Woodbury ranch.

"City of Candlelight"

"Richmond—City of Candlelight" has been the Christmas theme for Richmond, Va., for the past five years.

Taking the cue from Colonial Williamsburg, Richmond sought to initiate the rebirth of an old-fashioned Christmas tradition by urging residents and organizations to "place an electric candle in every window."

The shopping area presents triple candles in evergreen bases set in the median strip, from the windows of the governor's mansion and the capitol glow electric candles; incoming planes are greeted with candles at the airport; virtually every building in the city cooperates.

In French Canada

In French-Canadian homes, one of the highlights of Christmas is the "Revelillon," a mid-of-the-night family feast for adults. The meal is served after the return from midnight mass but the preparations start many weeks ahead.

Much of the food for the feast, nowadays, centers around turkey and trimmings. But the traditional dishes, including goose with nut stuffing, and such specialties as "tourtières," or spicy pork pies, are still prepared for the Revelillon.

Actors Go A-Caroling

Community caroling in Hanover, Va., for the past 10 years has been provided by a group of actors from the local theatre and friends.

Moving about the town in red costumes and carrying lighted candles, the carolers concentrate on houses with children and elderly people.

They approach the houses singing "Jingle Bells," render two more carols, and move away singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

In New Mexico

Indian, Spanish and American cultures all contribute to the ways of celebrating Christmas in New Mexico.

"Prayer dances" performed by the Indians unite their ancient ceremonies with their present Christianity. Following midnight mass on Christmas Eve, they hold four days of prayer dances. At Taos Pueblo, Indians conduct a "procession of torches" during Christmas week.

The candles known as luminarias are a Spanish contribution. Put up early in December, they are used to outline walls of houses and stores, as well as curbs and driveways.

Then there is the ceremony of the posada. For nine days, the story of the Nativity and the holy family's search for shelter is acted out by churches, hotels, social groups and families.

And, along with all the festive



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We best fill you in on the whole heart-warming business.

Early this year, Mrs. Wilson began having pain in her left leg. At the time, she was employed in quality control at Draymore Marine Supply Co. Her condition worsened, and she had to leave her job. Doctors were unable to stop the advance of what they found to be a malignancy. About five weeks ago, Mrs. Wilson's leg was removed to save her life.

She underwent several operations in unsuccessful efforts to save the limb. Hospital bills mounted; her hospitalization wouldn't near cover the mounting medical expenses.

Pacing a rehabilitation period with dwindling resources, Christmas loomed bleak for the Wilsons and their two-year-old child. The family lives at 68 Cascade, and Jerry works with his father, Price Wilson, in an auto body shop.

Nearly all of the 700-plus employees at Draymore work with a production incentive, and the company pays periodic bonuses to all employee groups that reach the production goals. Nearly all of the employees at the industrial concern are women, and all were aware of Judy Wilson's troubles.

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Blue Devils Divide With Kannapolis

The Mooreville Senior High School Blue Devil cagers divided a double bill with Kannapolis High School Tuesday night, the Mooreville boys winning their game, 63 to 49, after the local girls had dropped the opener, 33 to 18.

The games were played in Kannapolis.

In the girls' contest, Sandy Torrence, with eight points to her credit, was high scorer for Mooreville, followed by Rene Gibson with six points.

The locals were able to score only two points to Kannapolis' 18 in the first period. Kannapolis led 10 to 6, at the half, and 25 to 9 at the end of the third period.

Tom Deal, with 33 points to his credit, was top scorer for the Mooreville boys, while Johnny Cobe and Tim Bosch each had 9 points.

Mooreville led 15 to 11 at the end of the first period, but was two points behind, 29 to 27, at the half. Mooreville came back in the third period to lead 40 to 37 at the end of that period.

Merchants' Office Will Remain Open

Beginning immediately, the office of the Mooreville Merchants Association will be open each Friday night until 8:30 o'clock. It was announced this week by Mrs. Jack Duffy, associational secretary.

Also, the office will be open until 8:30 o'clock each night the local stores are open during the Christmas shopping season.

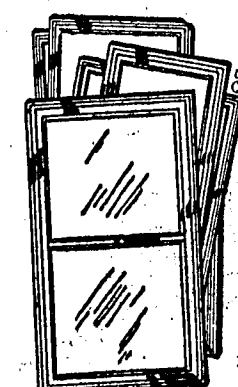
Representative Sets Holiday Hours

Taft McCoy, field representative for Social Security, has announced that he will not be in Mooreville at the Municipal Building next Tuesday, December 24, due to the Christmas holiday season.

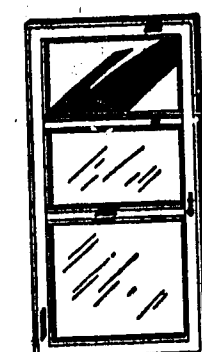
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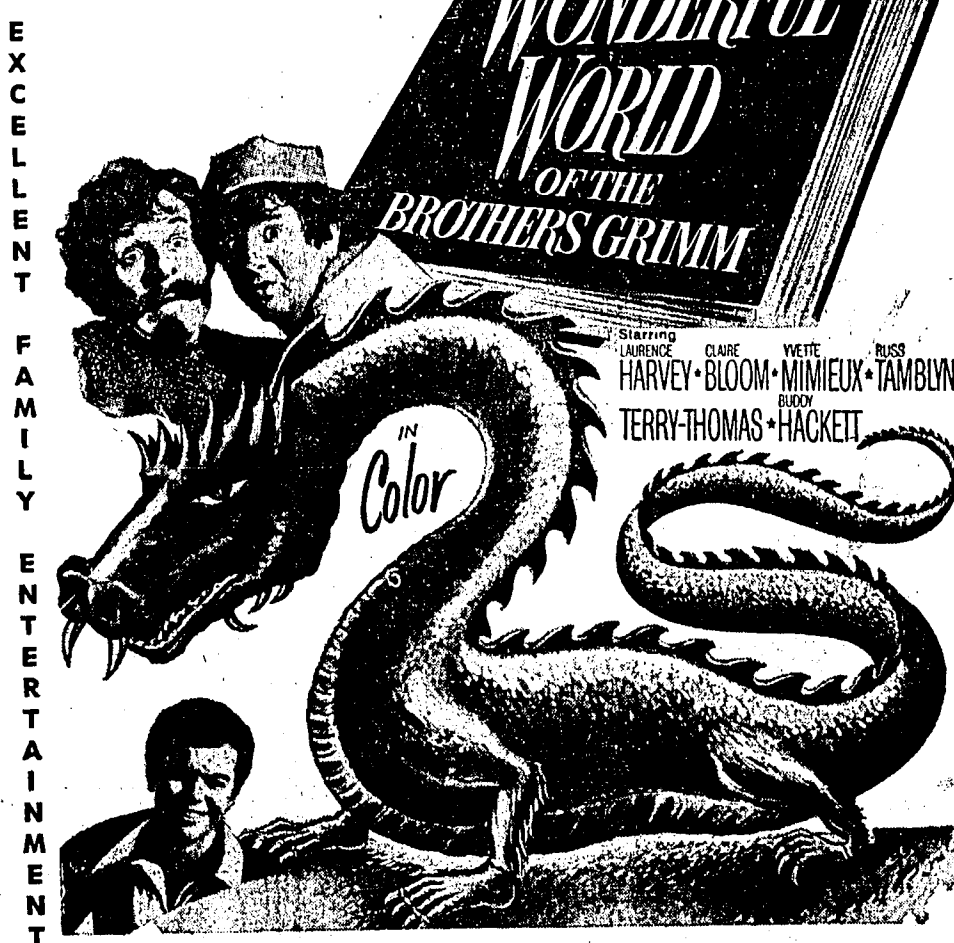
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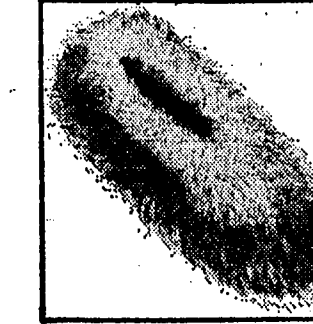
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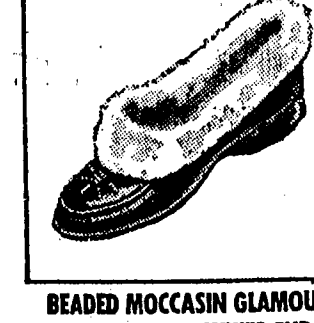
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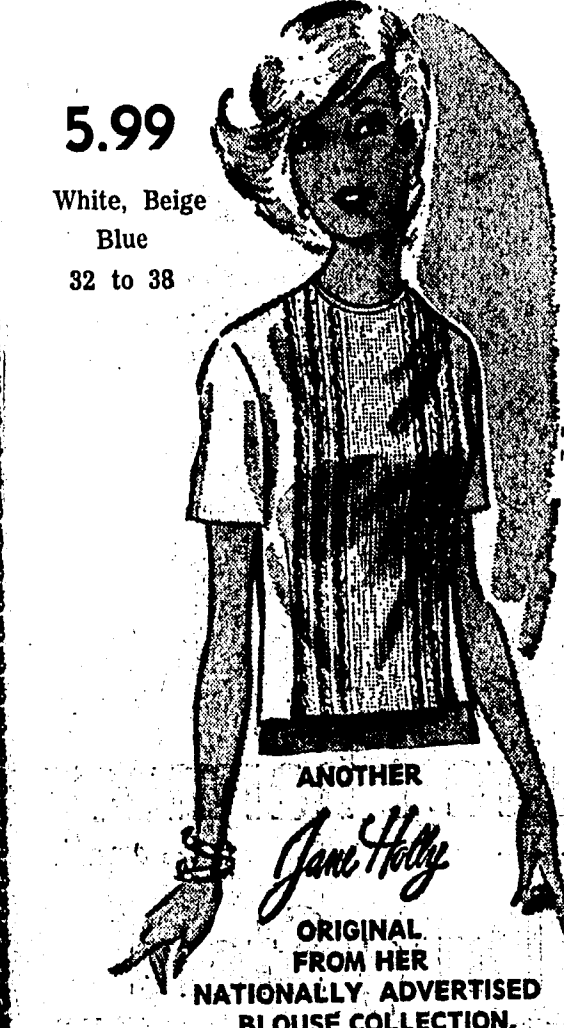
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