Christmas Eve Nears — Anyone Forgotten?

Christmas Eve is upon us. Have you just remembered that you have forgotten a gift for Aunt Polly, and that you did not get that box of cigars for Uncle John?

Sit down, stop running round in little circles, smiting your brow and asking the heavens what you should do.

Why not take a walk along your downtown main streets? You will be surprised. We seem to have very far-seeing store owners and managers in town. The shop windows are still full of attractive things for last minute giving.

The gift shops have an abundance of presents yet. Fragile bone china cups and saucers from England — just right for Aunt Polly? How about sensibly sized, original ash trays that would even keep Uncle John's cigar ash from falling on the floor, chair, table or dog.

For those who collect—beautiful china horses and other animals, a joy for those who do not find dusting a chore.

Gloves Welcome

Most people find gloves a welcome present, and it does not matter if you do receive several pairs. Perhaps gloves alone seem insufficient, so accompany them with a matching scarf, or a head hugging snow cap.

One expensive handkerchief, frosted with Swiss lace for a next door neighbor is a good gift. A tiny crystal vase, just big enough to hold one perfect rose for the elderly lady opposite, who cannot go out too often, is another. A growing plant for the other lady you know who loves her garden but is too frail to work in it is excellent.

The ever popular games of Monopoly, Scrabble, Careers and Have Gun, Will Travel, to occupy the boisterous nephew or niece that will be spending the holiday with you, are suggestions.

Fishing tackle or something for the car would be ideal for Father. You have been saying all along you never know what to get him — there are still some very good sweaters available too.

For the little sophisticate, a doll wearing high heeled shoes and a mink stole, is a suggestion. For the little mother, the kind that does things real babies do and that grandmothers do not approve of. Dolls didn't do that kind of thing when she was a child.

Darts and a dart board, or hockey equipment for the young man of the family would be ideal, with a cardigan or perhaps a soft shade of lipstick for the young ladies.

There are still clouds of filmsy sleepwear to be had and boxes and boxes of stockings. Imported chocolates are for the non-calorie counters and fruit for those who do count.

Perfumes and soap in unusual packages, cameras and films all gift wrapped ready for your tree are always acceptable. Other suggestions include stationery, hastinotes, ball point and fountain pens, pineapple hams that look too lovely to cut into, huge tins of biscuits and small tins of shortbreads.

Here are more last-minute ideas: white collars for she who works in an office, white stockings for the dentist's nurse, tweedy skirts for daughters-in-law, gay socks and ties for sons-in-law, slippers for the toe wrigglers, books for the egg-heads, flowers for everyone that loves them, archery sets, fencing sets, tiny sewing machines—you see? There is nothing to worry about even at so late an hour.

Make your last list, button up your overcoat. Have you your purse or your wallet? Fine, get going — and thank your lucky stars the stores are still as full as they are.

Gifts That Give Mom a Lift Are Help to the Whole Family

The accelerating swing of gift giving trends towards the practical as a means of expressing the strongest and sincerest of Christmas time sentiment, unquestionably is paced by the rise of home appliances to the top of Santa's list of most wanted gifts.

True, this trend has been helped considerably by the handsome design treatments which have made gleaming and colorful show pieces of such hitherto mundane things as ranges, refrigerators and washers and driers.

These and others in the same category have become the pride of many a household, especially when organized into today's concept of the modern kitchen.

But basically it is the wonderful ability of modern appliances, with their ever improved automatic controls, to free the housewife from what was once upon a time just plain drudgery that is really back of this rising gift trend.

For years of years now advice to thoughtful husbands has been: Make it a Wise Christmas, give Her a Major Appliance to Lighten Her Work. This advice still holds. But this year it has been buttressed by: Make Your Home Harmony with a New Appliance.

This is a most thoughtful suggestion. Though the gift of a major home appliance is many times thought of—and selected—for another, the giving of such gifts brings benefits to the entire family.

First, it is and quite aside from lightening mother's work, appliances allow her more time with every member of the family and they help her, as in the instance of cookery, to prepare

Secondly, the utility and efficiency of modern appliance—take home laundry as an example—effect economies for the family budget.

There are other delightful dividends to be derived by specific members of the family. Think of the enthusiasm with which the teen age daughter will endorse an automatic dishwasher as a gift for mother.

On the other hand, the father who chooses to give mother a garbage disposal unit for installation in the kitchen sink is really a thoughtful gent. Such a gift means that mother can really show the glamorous slippers that she came from dad. She'll never have to exchange them for everybody.

Interesting enough washer-dryer combinations for the home have been in great demand this year, as continued improvement of this home laundry equipment makes them utility [illegible] work lighter [illegible]

Many improvements [illegible] automatic control systems which [illegible] gentle treatment [illegible] cope with the [illegible] fabrics.

Take the newer ranges—both gas and electric. Many [illegible] models are endowed with [illegible] that present the housewife with the opportunity to chart her cookery course. The range does the rest.

Minister's Message

Christmas: Will We Meet God?

UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY . . . . . A SAVIOR, Luke 2:11.

A strange message to a strange audience. Just imagine an angel speaking with shepherds. Shepherds, watching their sheep, are informed of the great Christmas event: a Savior born unto them.

Looking back at this situation we wonder what this all meant to be. Shepherds needed no Savior. In those days shepherds were the outcasts of society. They were the lost people, they were despised and dejected.

And let us now read Luke 2:11 . . . unto shepherds . . . a Savior is born.

People in dire need may listen to the first Christmas sermon—unto you is born a Savior.

Since this first Christmas thousands of people have come and listened to that same message. My friend: have you been among them, or will you be this coming Sunday? You and I need to come for we are in dire need, not of Christmas presents and not of some romantic scenery, but we are in need of a Savior; one who is able to save us.

We ask: "Do we need a Savior?" We all do. A Savior to save our family-life. A Savior to keep the bonds of matrimony holy. A Savior to make us live a true Christian life in our business, at our farms or in our study-rooms.

To celebrate Christmas is easy. It is easy just the same to go and adore the baby Jesus. As long as we look at Him as a baby we have no difficulties whatsoever.

But . . . to look at Him as a Savior . . . does make a radical change in our attitude toward Christmas. To let Him reign in our hearts . . . demands sacrifices on our part, and a continual fight against sin and evil.

It means that, in every walk of life, I must reveal that I have celebrated Christmas; that I have lost my sinful nature and have found my Savior; that I will subject myself to Him in all of life.

Christmas . . . God became Man — to heal what was broken by sin, and to restore what was disrupted when man fell away from God.

Christmas . . . God became Man — in order to meet man, in order to heal the breach slain by evil.

Christmas . . . God became Man to meet us. **Will we meet God?**

—Rev. J. Nutma

We Hope

'Twas the night before Christmas . . .
And over the street
The traffic was heavy;
There was some snow and some sleet.

But drivers were careful
To keep their speed slow.
They practiced safe driving—
Let their courtesy show.

So it happened that on this
Most hallowed night,
Everyone arrived safely
And Christmas was bright.

The earth moves around the sun at an average speed of 1,109 miles a minute.

There'll Always be a Christmas To Bring Goodwill Among Men

Charity Dance

The H-Y charity dance in the Robert Little School auditorium Saturday was sparsely attended However, advance sale of tickets made up for it. They have raised $100 for Christmas hampers

No Such Thing

Turn off those lights. Turn them off. Never go to bed or leave the house without remembering to turn off the Christmas tree lights. Another thing; would you like to know how to make your tree last and last and yet be fire-safe? All you do is to saw off the trunk an inch above the regular cut—saw it on an angle—and set the tree firmly in water. Keep the water level up and you will have a tree that's as nearly firesafe as possible. Remember — there's no such thing as a fire-proof Christmas tree.

There'll always be Christmas — **as long as a light**
Glows in the window to **guide folks at night,**
As long as a star in the heavens **above,**
Keeps shining down . . . there'll be **Christmas and love.**
There'll always be Christmas . . . as long as a tree
Grows on a hilltop . . . as long as the sea
Breaks into foam on a white pebbled beach,
As long as there's laughter and beautiful speech.
There'll always be Christmas . . . as long as a street
Gives back the echo of homeward bound feet,
And children with mittens and warm winter clothes
Have bright eyes that sparkle and cheeks like a rose.
There'll always be Christmas . . . with holly and snow,
And church bells that ring in the valley below,
Shop windows lighted and doorways ajar,
And over the housetops the glint of a star
The cavernous length of a stocking to fill,
A wreath on the window . . . a light on a hill
The song of the angels . . . and over again
The beautiful message . . . Goodwill among men.

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