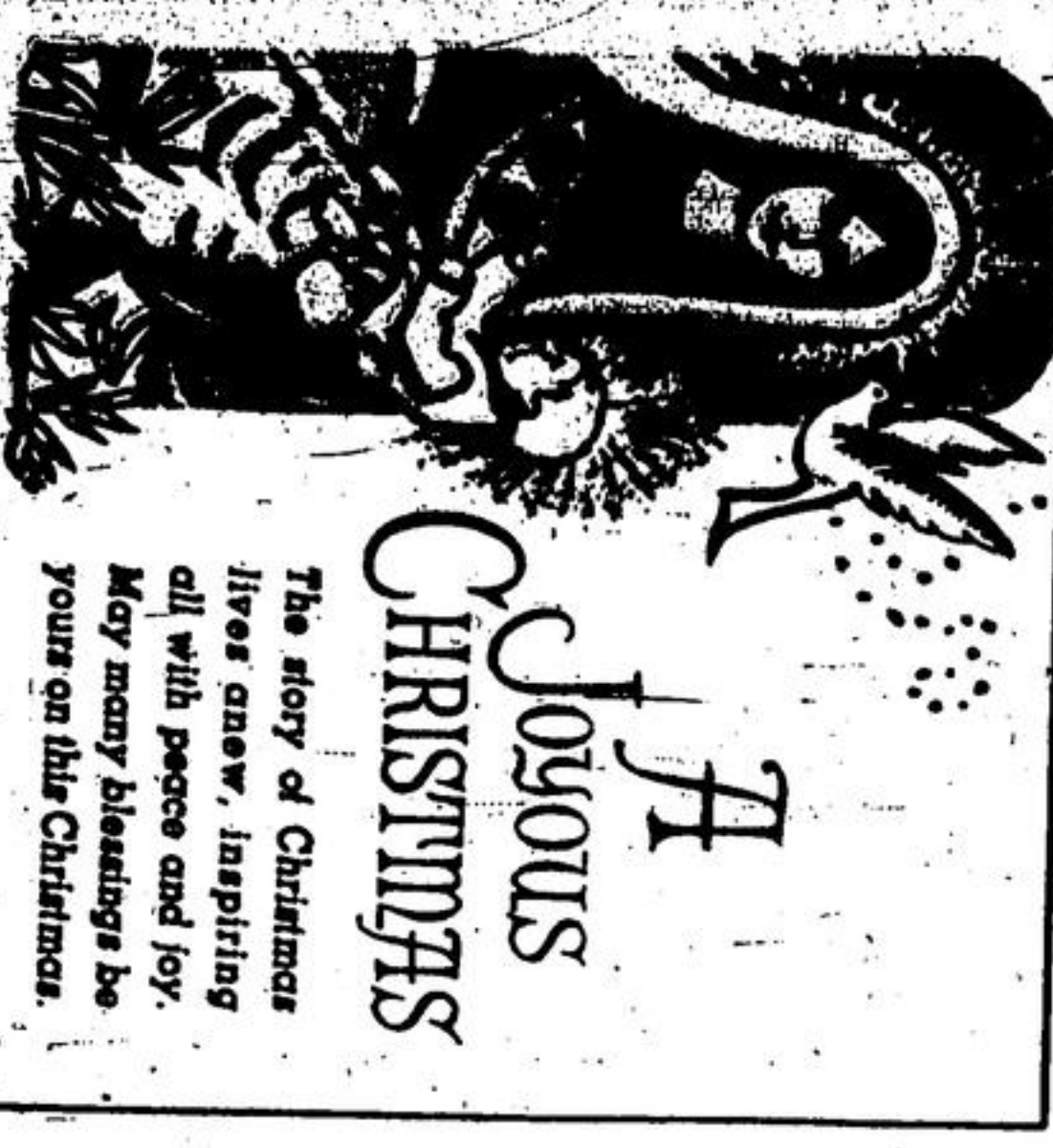


CHIEFS FOR A DAY, beatdown directors, donned white aprons and chef's hats to serve the large crowd attending the annual Christmas party. Serving the smorgasbord are Jack Creighton, Roy Evelyn and Charles Heard.

SAVE TREES
Be sure to install your Christmas tree safely. You can save a tree by placing it in a pail of cold water.



JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
The story of Christmas lives anew, inspiring all with peace and joy. May many blessings be yours on this Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
We hope Santa leaves some room in your stocking for our wish of happy times for you and yours. Merry Christmas!

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For Christmas Enjoyment, Traditional Recipes Featured Plum Pudding As Favorite Finale of Feast

By MARIE DILLON



For centuries, plum pudding has provided a fitting finale to the traditional Christmas feast. Early in the 18th century English cooks used the following quantity worded recipe in making their holiday dessert:

"Take a quarter of a Peck of Flour and dry it, three Pounds of Currans, wash'd and pick'd clean, set them before a fire to dry half a Pound of Raisins, the same wash'd and stoned and shred small, half a Pound of Nutmeg, Almonds, beat very fine with Rose-water a Pound of Butter melted with a Pint of Cream, but not put in hot, a Pint of Ale Yeast, a Penny-worth of Salt, half the Whites of them, a quarter of an ounce of Curraway-Seed, Citron, Candied Orange and Lemon more Butter than you can make it thin, or there must be Amber-greese ty'd in a Muslin Bag, and steep'd in the Sack all Night.

"If you see it, take half a Pound of Double-yeh'd Sugar sifted, then put some of the Sugar and beat it up with the White of an Egg, and beat it in a White, and a little Orange flower-water, but do not over-wet it, then threy it all together by Degrees, wait it over with a Brush, and put it in again for half a quarter of an Hour.

A 18th century recipe for plum pudding suggests that just before serving, the holiday treat be turned out of the bowl and put on top of it a few squares of cut sugar. The author of this same Victorian recipe caustically urges that "only a little be given to the young people, as it might affect them."

Today, plum pudding, from Mother's modern kitchen or the traditional Christmas dinner table.



Used Today as Christmas Toys
And for figures in Creche

On Christmas morning, little girls throughout the land will declare to one and all how wonderful it is that they have received their Christmas toys. At the same time, beautiful creche dolls will be displayed in churches and homes as part of the Christmas celebration.

This dual role—as toy and as religious symbol—is a function that dolls have filled for centuries, according to Encyclopedia Americana. And it is generally believed that the first use of dolls was religious, rather than for entertainment. Historians report the doll originally was used as a representation of human figures in "doll" heaven. In fact, it derived from the Greek word "idolon," meaning "idol."

Archaeologists have unearthed dolls in the tombs of some thousands in the Near East, and their presence in the tombs is assumed by some historians to mean the objects were included as idols.

Among some ancient societies, dolls were thought to possess mystical powers. Many primitive tribes included such keep the dolls as a spirit in another world. Today in addition to the dolls of dolls of Christmasland, dolls of dolls of dolls, where annual doll festivals are held to celebrate the birthday of Biddis.

As toys, dolls have existed for centuries. The earliest toy dolls known were discovered in the Near East and Greece. These primitive dolls were made of clay, stone or bone. Egyptian dolls had the legs packed with sand, while Greek dolls were made from a single piece of pottery or a single bit of wood.

Although dolls today may be extremely complex and filled with electrical gadgets, dolls of the 17th and 18th centuries frequently were even more elaborate.

They became so elaborate, in fact, that they were sent to court, and in times of war special dispensations were made to assure their safe transport.

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Let every heart rejoice Christmas, source of joy and hope for all, is with us once again. We wish for you and yours a renewal of the blessings and beauty of that Holy Night.

ACTON JERSEY DAIRY

May the blessings of Christmas be with you always

Cards Show Changes

Greeting cards for Christmas show, each season, an increase in the number of religious subjects—but this has not always been true. In fact, the earliest Christmas cards often had designs that seemed to have no connection with the holiday.

Instead of Nativity scenes or symbols of Faith, the earliest American Christmas cards of the 18th century were decorated with roses and peonies of young ladies, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Often, plump robes were pictured sitting on tree branches dripping with icicles.

In this early stage plump girls were not unusual. Katie Greenway's drawings were frequently used, some cards picturing angels, some cards picturing girls with garlands of flowers.

About 1870, cards were frosted and fringed with heavy silk.

London prints first commercial yule cards

Although Christmas gift giving goes back many centuries, Christmas cards of comparatively recent years were not produced commercially until 1843, when the Marcus Ward & Co. of London, England, began printing them in volume.

These first cards were unpictorial, but they were decorated with the names of the recipients and the names of the senders. They were printed in a simple, utilitarian style, and they were sold for a penny each.

On this side of the Atlantic, in the same year Marcus Ward & Co. was beginning Christmas card production, a small Boston firm was established by a Prang who immigrated from Germany, who was called the Father of the American greeting card industry.

His best known card designs were colorful flowers, birds and animals. Like Marcus Ward, Louis Prang often used the same designs for Christmas, Easter, birthday or Valentine cards, by simply changing the message.

Christmas card designs, as we know them today—holly, mistletoe, candles, carol singers and so forth—didn't come into vogue until the early 1900's.

At the same time, decorations, trees and wrapping paper bring an increased threat of fire danger, unless constant care is exercised.

COLLEEN MCKNIGHT, 20-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKnight, wasn't having much to do with Santa Saturday at her Legion party. She did stay around long enough to get her present and candy cane, however.

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As He brought us Peace, may this holiday bring hope for all mankind. We wish you a Christmas of serene joy.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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NOTE

Long time ago the first American was in a manger. Now, we add our notes to the joy of the world... to all men, and especially you, our heartfelt wish for happiness on this Noel.

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