



CONFIRMATION was administered by the Rt. Rev. W. E. Bag-
nall, Lord Bishop of Niagara, at St. Alban's church Sunday
morning. Shelley Roy, seen with Bishop Bagnall, was one of
20 candidates confirmed. (Staff Photo)

Santa lives forever in poem, play, cards

That jolly old gentleman—question, he penned a classic
called Santa Claus, a poem, a play, a card, a song, a
much a part of Christmas as the holly and the ivy.
reason—he is celebrated in
poems and other writings fam-
ilar to us all.

One of the most famous po-
ems ever written was the
Christmas Eve call by Santa as
described in "A Visit from St.
Nicholas" by Dr. Clement Clark
Moore. Since the poem of
that delightful poet of 1822
has been reproduced countless
times and is a holiday tradi-
tion in itself.

Santa was also the inspirat-
ion for a very famous piece
of journalism. "Yes, Virginia,
there is a Santa Claus," written
by Frank P. Church of the New
York Sun in 1897. It answered
a now famous letter to the ed-
itor, as posed by a little girl,
Virginia O'Hanlon, who was
disturbed by reports that San-
ta didn't really exist. Church
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mas.

HELPING SANTA
In Northern Europe, where
Santa Claus arrives on a white
horse, boys and girls put out
to didn't really exist. Church
not only answered Virginia's—
mas.

Blessings of Christmas
may the serenity
of peace and a
bounty of joy enter
your life this blessed
time... Merry Christmas!

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London prints first commercial yule cards

Although Christmas gift-giv-
ing goes back many centu-
ries, Christmas cards of com-
paratively recent. They weren't
produced commercially until
1843, when the Marcus Ward
Co. of London, England, began
printing them in volume.

These first cards were un-
like any we see today. They de-
picted fashionable Victorian
ladies and gentlemen, fair-
talking children and sprites—
by such well known artists of
the day as Kate Greenaway
and Walter Crane.

Year-around
It's Christmas the year round
for Ernest Theurer and the whole
world is toyland. Theurer, a boy-
er for a large department store
chain, spends his time searching
for whimsical, ingenious and ex-
traordinary toys. He finds them
in Switzerland, in Bavaria, where
toy-making is a year-round fam-
ily enterprise. In Japan where
families paint miniature tea sets
in their homes, and everywhere he
finds unusual and interesting
toys.

**White Christmas
Is Traditional
As Plum Pudding**
For a quarter of a century
people have been sentimental-
ly remembering their way through
a Christmas in the black
clouded, when Hollywood re-
leased a motion picture en-
titled: "Holiday Inn." The star
of this movie was the ever-
popular crooner, Bing Crosby.
But perhaps the real star of
"Holiday Inn" was the song
written especially for the
movie by Irving Berlin: "White
Christmas."

Through the ensuing 25
years, over 100 versions of the
song have been recorded by
many famous artists, yet
"White Christmas" is synon-
ymous with the name of Bing
Crosby.

The poignant Christmas
message that's found in the
song has made it popular
around the world. It has been
translated into Italian, French,
Chinese, German, Spanish,
Hungarian, the Scandinavian
languages, several Polynesian
languages and even Swahili.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
A timeless full
of wishes come true
is yours today!

**SPORTS
CORNER**

St. Francis St. Francis of Assisi is gen- erally credited with popularizing Christmas carols. St. Francis is responsible for staging the first manger scene with real people and animals. Legend has it that the carolers were so de- lighted with the pageant that they burst into spontaneous song, Carolling then became a custom to St. Francis' Christmas celebration as Christmas music is to us in these modern times.

Christmas slang
There is but one real meaning
for the word Christmas, yet it
has from time to time taken on
peculiar slang uses. "Christ-
mas" is sometimes used to de-
scribe a sparkling article of
clothing or jewelry. In World
War II, fliers used the word
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**Christmas card designs as
mistletoe, candles, carol sing-
ers and so forth — didn't
come into vogue until the ear-
ly 1900's.**

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A Christmas Wish
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Our sincerest thanks to all our customers for
friendly and loyal patronage. May you and
yours enjoy the fun-filled and truly happy holi-
day. Merry Christmas, one and all!

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holiday cheer that abounds, may
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Rudolph of the Red Nose Adds To Fame of Santa's Reindeer

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer!
now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on,
Donder and Blitzen!"

Here, just as Santa said
them, are the names of the
"eight tiny reindeer" who drew
his "miniature sleigh," accord-
ing to Clement C. Moore in his
poem, "A Visit from St. Nich-
olas."

But, since Moore wrote his
poem in 1823, Santa must have
added some new reindeer. It's
one in that he has at least
one or two sleigh-puller not
mentioned in a poem — the
red-nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first pub-
lic appearance in 1939. In the
song, Rudolph the Red-Nosed
Reindeer, written by Robert
R. Milder, whose
red nose made him the
and then a hero, seems to have
the indestructible appeal that
makes a Yuletide tradition. As
the other reindeer in the song
predicted, when Rudolph's red
nose led the team through a
dark, overcast Christmas Eve,
it seems likely he'll go down in

FRENCH OBSERVANCE
Many French homes have
not only the Christmas tree
but as well, the traditional
Creche, or manger scene, popu-
larized with terra cotta figures
called santons. Midnight Mass
is a tradition with French Ca-
tholics and when they return
home, they take part in the
revelation, an elaborate feast of
many courses. Before retiring,
French children place their
shoes near the fireplace in an-
ticipation of a visit from "Pere
Noel."

ITALY'S YULE
In Italy, the yule log is burn-
ed in the family fireplace. Ev-
eryone gathers around
each child is blind-folded be-
fore the log is ignited. In turn,
children recite Christmas ver-
ses and as their blindfolds are
removed, they find Christmas
gifts stacked on the floor.

**White House
Guides Yule
Traditions**
Many of the cherished tra-
ditions which make Christmas
merrier in the United States
had their start in the White
House.

George Washington, first
President of the United States,
surrounded himself with fam-
ily and grandchildren at
cheerful Christmas parties,
and set the theme of a "merry
Christmas" for his country.
Washington also furthered the
use of American holly as a
decoration by growing the
glossy-leaved tree on his es-
tate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of
giving large, colorful parties
for young and old on Christ-
mas Day. F. Roosevelt, a novel-
ist, wrote the story of the
and there was a small forested
plus tree, introduced by
Franklin Pierce, introduced
the modern Christmas tree to
the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889,
told reporters he planned an
"old-fashioned Christmas" in-
cluding a Christmas tree, for
his family, and urged others to
join him in observing the cus-
tom.

Conservation-minded Theo-
dore Roosevelt once refused to
allow a Christmas tree in the
White House. His son, Archie,
smuggled one in, however, and
the President finally relented.
First lighting of the Nation-
al Community Christmas Tree
at the White House was ob-
served in 1925, when Calvin
Coolidge was President.

A Joyous Christmas
May all the blessings and happiness of
this holy season be bestowed on you and
your family. Have a Joyous Holiday.

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MRS. JIM BRADSHAW, Cameron St., received
band appearances. Mrs. Kennedy, publicity
a potted plant from the Golden Age club at
their meeting last Thursday in appreciation for
playing the piano at meetings and rhythm
(Staff Photo)

**Salvation Army aid
shared with others**
Each one reaches out in his
own way. Science will make an
effort to reach a distance of
238,857 miles when it attempts
to put a man on the moon.

A neighbor can be reached by
a few steps across the hall or
yard. You can reach out and
shake the hand of a friend when
you meet on the street. The Sal-
vation Army reaches out to
"Share with Others" who may not
be remembered at Christmas or
at other times during the year.
You can reach out with friend
and heart when you make your

**Let there be joy
and laughter with friends,
neighbors and family...**

plus our sincerest Merry Christmas greetings!

G. ALEC JOHNSON, REALTOR
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To Greet You at Christmas
With fond hopes that all
your holiday dreams come true, we
send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

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