



—Peter Jones Photo

Astronomical Discovery? — Just Christmas Decoration

THIS ISN'T SOMETHING that might interest astronomers at Mount Palomar although it looks for all the world like a low flying shooting star. It IS a star, but a stationary one — on the Dominion Seed House — the look of high speed was created when Herald photographer 'panned' the camera.

HEARTS GO HOME AT CHRISTMAS



Christmas is that time of the year when most every heart turns homeward.

The blinking lights of a Christmas tree in the window or the jingle of Christmas bells is enough to send one's thoughts winging across the years and over the mountains and seas to that "one best Christmas of all" so long ago.

The sounds and the smells of Christmas are so easily captured . . . freshly cut evergreen, a basket of fruits and nuts, cookies and pies, turkey roasting in the oven, the pop-pop-popping sound of logs burning low in a hearth fire.

How easy today for the crunching sound of boots in the snow to bring the memory of long ago when young hearts frugged across the crusty fields, toward the light that beckoned through the church window, a haven of warmth and peaceful reverence in the near-dawn of a Christmas morn.

How easy to recall the sight of a family gathering about the tree, first for a moment of prayer and thanksgiving, and then the merry sounds, the laughter as one by one, each opened a gift from beneath the tree.

GIFT BUYING SERVICE DOES COMPLETE JOB

Ordinary gift certificates are seldom used as business gifts. In recent years, however, something pretty close to a gift certificate has achieved popularity on the business front.

This innovation has been brought about by the selective gift company — a holiday gift buying service for business and industry.

Most of them operate in the same manner. The gift buyer simply decides how many presentations he wants in each price range and the selective gift company does the rest — purchasing, gift wrapping and mailing.

The innovation is a selective gift presentation. It is a personalized booklet that illustrates a dozen or more gift selections, accompanied by a selection card. The giver sends the appropriate card to the gift service to receive the gift of his choice.

Child's Parents Are Gift Experts

Relatives should not hesitate to ask a child's parents what toys to buy the child for Christmas. This small gesture might prevent the child from receiving two, or three toys of the same kind.

Parents, of course, will not suggest that relatives give their child a certain gift. They can, however, offer helpful advice, and they certainly are in the best position to know the type of gifts suitable to each child's skills and abilities.

This planning ahead can also make for goodwill from parents as well as children. Some parents, especially those with large families, are not too appreciative when relatives and friends bring children gifts which are noise-makers or sets of one kind or another that separate into one thousand and one pieces.

Relatives with only one or two children to buy gifts for, should consider the idea of combining their money to send one big gift, perhaps a tricycle, or a bicycle, instead of separate toys that the child may not enjoy. Here, too, it would be wise to first consult the parents. They might be planning to ask Santa to bring a bicycle on Christmas Eve.



RUSSIA'S SANTA

Many Communist countries after unsuccessful efforts to rename 'Father Christmas' the Russian Santa, 'Father Winter' have greatly relaxed efforts to prevent the celebration of Christmas as a Christian holiday.

Father Christmas is as popular as ever, as is also the legendary female gift giver, Babushka, which means grandmother. According to tradition, Babushka purposefully gave wrong directions to the Magi when they requested directions to Bethlehem. Babushka repented and, in atonement for her bad deed, has since wandered about the world on Christmas Eve, looking for the Christ Child and distributing gifts to all the children she meets on the way.



May you and your family be blessed with peace and contentment this Christmas!

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ALLOA

Tells UCW of Week-End Spent at Five Oaks Camp

Carols were sung and the Christmas story read by Mrs. Jack Moddison and Mrs. Kit Wells when the Home Church UCW met at the home of Mrs. Melville Wanless for its December meeting.

Mrs. Elmer Henry, president, opened the meeting with a meditation on the Christmas story and Mrs. Clarence White led in prayer. Music was provided by Mrs. Charlie Williams, accompanied by Mrs. Howard Laidlaw. The worship service had been arranged by Mrs. G. Bowes.

An unusual story about an African Christmas Carol was related by Mrs. Emerson Boucher and Mrs. Alan Beardmore told of her weekend spent at Five Oaks. This is a form of retreat, and the week-end Mrs. Beardmore was there, Sunday School work was discussed and helpful information passed on to those dealing with primary work in the churches. Besides the study and question periods,

everyone staying at Five Oaks, is assigned duties to help with the operation of the school of retreat.

Each member recited a Christmas poem when she answered the roll call, and the exchange gifts were purchased for the sum of 50 cents. The money is used for gifts and cards for shut-ins. The women also lit the candle of the secret friend they had been corresponding with during the past year.

Mrs. Moddison thanked all those who had taken part in the program and also Mrs. Wanless who had lent her home for the occasion. Mrs. Henry closed the meeting and a turkey buffet was served by the hostess and her assistant, Mrs. Beardmore. The next meeting is at the home of Mrs. Wells on Jan. 21st.

Mr and Mrs. George Bowes have left Alloa to spend Christmas with their daughter Dorcen and her husband who live in Letbridge, Alta.

MAIL BAG

Cites Press Cooperation County Fire Prevention

Milton, Ontario, Christmas and success in the December 17, 1963 New Year

Dear Friends
At holiday time, more than at any other time through the year, we try to pause and reflect on the highlights of the past 12 months.

The Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau is presently completing its most successful term of its six-year history. During the past 12 months we have inaugurated new programs and explored many new avenues of promotion of fire safety to the citizens of Halton as well as maintaining the basic theme and continuing standard projects of our year-round fight against the drastic reduction of fire.

Yet our work would seem worthless if it were not for the help given by the mass communication media. Our appeals and our accomplishments would go unnoticed if the press did not give the complete cooperation it has so freely offered in the past.

We want to sincerely say "Thank you for your help and express the hope you will run time to aid the Bureau in the future as you have in the past. Warm wishes for a joyous New Year."

ERWIN LEWIS,
1963 Chairman

ROY DOWNS,
Public Relations Officer

GEORGETOWN BOWL YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUES

Team Standings
Junior Boys League

- Orbits 10
- Comets 10
- Satellites 5
- Freeman 5
- Pinksters 0
- Parniak 0

Junior Girls League

- Gutter Bats 8
- New Ones 7
- Tornadoes 7
- Alley Cats 3
- Trouble Makers 3
- Pin Pickers 2

Teenagers

- Miles Katz 14
- Wild Ones 12
- Let's Go 5
- Jetsons 4
- Rebels 4
- Comelbacks 0
- Ironicals 0



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THIS IS HIM . . . The familiar figure of Santa in Christmas book is a delight to the heart of childhood. The merry old gentleman in the red suit is a very special reason to these youngsters.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to extend warmest wishes to our many friends. Hope you are heading for the happiest holiday season ever!

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Season's Greetings to All
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Greetings

We wish you the greatest joys of the season . . . a festive holiday in a happy home where family and friends gather to exchange gifts and greetings, to light the fire, trim the tree, bask in the warmth of real affection.

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