

Santa's Busy, But He Has Plenty of Help



Even though Santa is sometimes pictured as travelling by rocket or by jet plane, his favorite mode of transportation still seems to be the famous reindeer drawn sleigh. The only wonder is that he can remain as jolly as he traditionally is, when he has to cover the world in one night, delivering gifts by the billions.

Perhaps the explanation may be found in the number of helpers he has, and also in the fact that Christmas Eve is not his only day for delivering gifts.

St. Nicholas, a real bishop, was the first "Santa". Many legends grew up around his name, and many centuries after his death on December 6th, about 342 A.D., he was honoured as a friend to the young. December 6th became "Children's Day," and St. Nicholas travelling by horse, brought gifts to reward children for good behaviour.

Although Santa has to a large extent replaced St. Nicholas, in some European countries, children still await the arrival of the bishop on the night of December 5, and set out shoes filled with hay and carrots for his horse.

In Scandinavian and some other countries, Santa gets an assist from St. Lucy, who is

responsible for the distribution of gifts on her day, Dec. 13th. Christmas comes after Christmas to many homes in France and French Canada, where the old tradition of giving gifts to children on New Year's day is observed. There's a resemblance to Christmas in the placing of gifts beside the fireplace, often in stockings.

Even then, the Santa season isn't finished. Many Spanish children expect the Three Kings to bring them gifts on Epiphany, January 6th. They, too, set out shoes filled with straw and grain for the horses the Kings ride.

Whatever the gift giving date, Santa has a host of helpers to lighten his load. In addition to St. Lucy, Scandinavian countries have the Yontar, little grey-bearded men who are said to hide gifts for boys and girls on Christmas Eve. The Christ Child or Kristkindl brings the gifts in many countries.

In Italy the traditional gift giver is Befana, sometimes depicted as a benevolent fairy, and sometimes as a witch. Legend says that she misdirected the Magi or that she refused shelter to the holy family. Now she goes around the world, in repentance, seeking the Christ Child and doing good to children on Christmas Eve.

New Sixers, Seconders For 3rd Georgetown Cubs

The investiture of two new Sixers and three new Seconders took place in the 3rd Georgetown Cub Pack Tuesday Dec. 8. Two first star Cubs, taking the Promise of Sixer, were Bruce Clarke, and Jeffrey Brown. The three boys assisting the Sixers and Seconders are Sandy Marshall, Ronny Oveden and Christopher Hall.

The appointment of Sixers and Seconders in a Pack is a very difficult task for the Old Wolves. Since a Pack generally has four sixers, only four sixers and seconders are required. Out of a Pack of approximately thirty-six boys, there are usually several boys who could well qualify for the positions, thus making the selection very difficult. Several things are taken into consideration: How far has the boy progressed in test work? Is the boy keen, and willing to work on test work at home? How long has the boy been in the Pack? How is the boy's attendance record? How did the boy do? Does the boy have leadership qualities? Does the boy get along well with the rest of the Pack? What is the general attitude of the boy to the Pack as a whole, and to the old Wolves? Does the boy wear full uniform?

Since a boy's life in the Pack is only three to three and a half years, it is impossible that each boy could become a sixer or second... a rotating system would lead to constant uncertainty and confusion. Sixers are lost as they become eleven and leave the Pack for the Troop; the Second usually steps up to Sixer, and new Seconders are appointed. This is an ever continuing cycle in the life of the Pack.

The 3rd Georgetown Cub Pack recently lost two sixers and one Second to the Troop. Come spring, two or three Sixers will again be going up to the Troop, and the Old Wolves will again be left with the task of appointing new Sixers and Seconders.

Friends, Relatives Tender Showers For Gloria Jones

Prior to her marriage to Douglas Sinclair, December 8, Gloria Jones was showered with gifts by many well-wishers.

Mrs. James Coulter, Oakville was hostess at a miscellaneous shower October 16; Mrs. Betty Hewson and Miss Donna Sinclair, the groom's sisters, held a personal shower November 7 in Brampton; Mrs. Frank Downing, Streetsville, the groom's aunt, held a party shower November 17; a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. Edwin Lewis, Normandy Blvd., the bride's aunt, November 18, former school friends joined the bride to be at a shower arranged by Miss Pat MacKinnon and Miss Judy Nash November 21, and her fellow employees at Northern Electric, Bramalea, honoured her with a presentation in the office.

Both the bride-to-be and the groom-to-be were recipients of a purse presented to them by the staff of the North Halton Golf and Country Club where Mr. Sinclair is assistant professional on the day before their wedding.

Bedding Ruined, Says Dirty Water Responsible

Claiming bedding being washed was ruined by dirty water, Mrs. Bill Richmond, Stevens Crescent, precipitated a council discussion on the town's liability insurance Monday.

Town workmen flushing iron deposits from a water main were responsible for the damage, Mrs. Richmond claimed in a letter.

Councillors, voting to channel the letter to the insurance firm complained that few such claims are ever paid.

"They pay out a lot to investigate, but little in claims," said Cr. Don Powers.

Cr. Hildebrandt said council has an obligation to ratepayers who are injured in falls on icy walks, and should consider some form of insurance other than the liability type which protects the corporation against major claims.

"This is the second time this has happened to the Richmond," said Cr. Bill Smith. "Ratepayers are paying for clean water and are entitled to it."

Rever. Elliott said when sewers are being flushed there should be notification in

the press, and that residents in the area should be personally contacted.

At Mayor Gibbon's suggestion, the insurance company will be asked to submit a statement showing claims made and amounts paid during the past five years.

Santa's Mailbox Reveals Christmas Wishes of UCW

The recreation room of St. Andrew's United Church was festively decorated for the UCW Christmas Party held on December 9th.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Clara Wolhans.

Members and guests were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Betty Pickup, who then turned the evening over to the Programme Committee.

Santa's personal mailbox received an "unsigned" letter from each person in attendance requesting just one wish for Christmas. Games were enjoyed and prizes awarded,

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Such was an early Christmas in the New World, observed in 1535 at a small fortress on the banks of the St. Charles river near what is now the City of Quebec, Canada.

Jacques Cartier, French explorer, and his band of 110 settlers were beset by cold and hunger, as well as fear of the nearby Indians, whose friendly attitude seemed to have changed. More than half the members of the colony suffered from scurvy.

Bravely, the men celebrated Christmas. Mass was said in a log cabin, at an altar made from a wooden table. Evergreen branches decorated the walls; carols were sung and the best of the meager food supplies were used for a 'feast'.

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Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "kissing bunch." This evergreen ball had middle-ton, for kissing, hung from the center.

But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.

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