

CHRISTMAS TREATS



Festive desserts and traditional drinks are a familiar part of the Christmas observance.

Turkey on Christmas day is an American specialty. Yet no treats are more associated with the holiday than plum pudding and mince pie.

The original plum pudding tradition says, was cooked up by an English hunting party lost in the woods on Christmas Eve.

It consisted of deer meat, and a mixed variety of game animals, birds, eggs, dried plums, ale, brandy, sugar and flour.

Mince pie, we are told, was created by the Puritans and

served with a tiny figure of the Christ child in its centre. The earliest known recipe dates to the reign of James I in the 17th century — and called for beef tongue, chopped chicken, eggs, raisins, orange and lemon peelings, sugar and an assortment of spices.

Hot punches have always been popular in England and are regaining some favor in America.

A mild drink is spiced tea with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg added before brewing. A bit more glowing is mulled cider simmered with spices and served with floating orange slices. And finally, the traditional Tom and Jerry, spiced brandy, frothy with egg.

Gallinburg's Nativity Scene

Christmas every day of the year is the dream of many youngsters. And there is at least one place in the nation — Gallinburg, Tennessee — where the spirit of Christmas, as represented by what has been called the world's most realistic Nativity scene, is experienced by hundreds of thousands of people, not just in December, but all through the year.

This famous scene is part of Gallinburg's Christus Gardens and it is unique in many ways. Portraying the first Christmas with startling realism, the life-sized, three-dimensional representation sets the mood for an entire tour which visitors may take through a series of important scenes from the life of Christ.

Ronald S. Ligon, director of Christus Gardens, which is non-denominational, explains the appeal of the Nativity scene is demonstrated by the fact that while visitors to the gardens are relatively few during the month of December, there's always a substantial increase during Christmas week.

The scene, he points out, was designed to portray the biblical story of the first Christmas in the way most familiar to all, and consequently it has a few intentional inconsistencies. Joseph and Mary are shown at the manger, while four shepherds and three wise men stand and kneel nearby in the stable area.

Three sheep — real ones, incidentally, mounted by a taxidermist — stand nearby, and a tiny lamb lies next to the manger. Real straw covers the floor, real wooden beams form the roof structure and claytype walls carry through the realism of the setting.

The staffs in the hands of the shepherds are actual shepherd's crooks. Bluish light predominates, and rays from above shine through a window down upon the manger, as if from the star of the East. Hanging over the side of the manger is a garment representing the swaddling clothes in which the baby Jesus was wrapped. Mary is garbed in the traditional blue.

Technically, Mr. Ligon explains, the wise men from the East would not have reached Bethlehem soon enough to be included in the Christmas scene.

but the familiar portrayal shows the three there, with gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense. Their presence, he said, is illustrative of the sacrifice each has made to give up his worldly possessions and travel a great distance to worship the new King.

The Shepherds, in fields closer to Bethlehem, made what was for them an equally great sacrifice in leaving their flocks to go to the stable where Christ was born. The four figures in the scene represent all the shepherds who may have made this journey.

Mr. Ligon points out that an excellent indication of the success of this representation of the Nativity is the fact that young children immediately recognize it.

These figures in the scene were crafted by the world-famous Gens, Ltd., of London, producer of waxworks for three quarters of a century, and the scene was designed by Dery Displays of Canada. Costumes for the figures were made by the eminent London firm of B. J. Simmons, from fabric woven in the lands where the figures wearing the costumes were supposed to have lived.

Complementing the Nativity scene is appropriate music — the familiar carol — "Silent Night," sung by the Christus Gardens Choir, under the direction of Dr. Cyrus Daniel, head of the Music Department at Vanderbilt University.

TOYS TO PLEASE

Toy manufacturers say that very often toys are bought for the parent. Parents intend the purchase for their child but neglect to notice how the toy operates. A toy loses very much play value if it has to be operated by a parent. Choose the right toys for your child. It will be easy to determine which type toy is best by watching reactions — take him to the shop.

Bliss Plant Will Build New Firefighting Device

Jet-X, the newest and most versatile firefighting device on the market, is to be built in the Georgetown plant of E.W. Bliss. Distribution throughout Canada will be handled by the Worcester - Rockwood Division of Bliss Canada.

A story in the Bliss Georgetown newsletter "The Signal" said the device provides instant control of Class A (wood paper and trash) and Class B (gasoline, oil and solvents) fires by combining water with Jet-X liquid to produce a high volume foam.

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INFORM FRIENDS

It is foolish to be bashful about writing information letters — information concerning children's ages and interests is helpful and welcome to persons you know will be sending gifts.

Children's interests change from year to year. If only the child's age is known, it is possible for the giver to receive helpful advice from clerks.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Azaleas are making a big comeback as a Christmas flower. You'll find red azaleas, white ones and pink, as well as a pink and white variegated variety.



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