

SHEA'S GARAGE - NORVAL



At this time of year, it's the oldest of traditions to pause and greet friends old and new-it's a pleasure to wish you the happiest of seasons!

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During this wonderful season of the year, we welcome the opportunity to extend our very best wishes to you . . . along with a big "Thank you" for your patronage.

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A LOOK BACK TO THE 1870'S . . . A STORY BY LAURA INGALLS WILDER

How A Poor Pioneer Family Celebrated Christ's Birthday

"Christmas was coming. The little log house was almost buried in snow. Great drifts were banked against the walls and windows, and in the morning when Pa opened the door, there was a wall of snow as high as Laura's head".

A paragraph from Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved "Little Books" - true accounts of the pioneer life that the writer experienced, from her 6th to 18th years in the 1870s and 1880s; her restless father moved his family from a Wisconsin forest to Indian Territory to Minnesota and finally to the Dakota Territory.

The books were published between 1935 and 1943.

The family endured many hardships - bit-

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Christmas Blessings

to our many friends & patrons,

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ter-cold winters as well as stifling summer heat. They lived first in a log cabin, later in a dugout by the creek, then, later in shacks — wherever fate (and Father) moved them. They went through cyclones, droughts, plagues of cicadas, yet the Ingalls family shared love and faith in each other, and

they always celebrated

the birthday of the Christ

Child. For a Christmas in the big woods, when the house was blanketed with snow, Ma baked bread, beans, cookies . . . distilled vinegar and baked dried apple pies! Truly a doughty soul. They entertained relatives . . . Aunt Eliza and Uncle Peter and the

cousins who arrived on

Christmas Eve on their

big bobsled, sleigh bells ringing.

Some other Ma and Pa would have thrown up their hands at the sight of them - maybe got the shotgun off the cabin wall and picked them off from a window — but not the Ingalls! They shared their good things - the children slept in a row on the floor - the grown-ups, wherever they could find space.

Christmas Eve found them aglow with anticipation, in a circle of love.

In the morning the children found gifts in their stockings: a pair of bright red knitted mittens and a stick of red-and-white striped mint candy. Guess who the Christmas Fairy was? She must have earned her reward in heaven,

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wish our friends happiness!

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but that Christmas Day she received all the reward she wanted, in the surprise and happiness expressed by every child.

For Laura, the smallest child, there was also a homemade rag doll with black button eyes, black yarn hair and a dress of pink and blue calico - a doll "so beautiful that Laura could not say a word."

On other Christmases there were no presents. The Ingalls family were lucky to have their lives. However, Ma had saved a bundle of "Youth's Companions" that had been sent them by long-delayed mail or via a passerby. While the light lasted they read the stories. Pa even managed to buy the store's last two cans of oysters, so their Christmas dinner had a festive quality. .

All the "Little Books" tales are fascinating, and you can be sure that the adults who gave them to children made a point to read them first. The stories have an ageless, timeless appeal. They contain the essence of Christmas . . . selflessness, appreciation of the simple joys. and love of family life.

In the Ingalls family the little Christ Child dwelled, not only on His birthday, but every day.



Kids whisper to Santa Claus that they want dolls, sleds and games for Christmas, Although older "kids" don't get to tell Santa what they want it's no secret that many of them want a new handheld hair dryer.

For today's generation that's the greatest gift to keep hair looking wellstyled and controlled,

A convenient feature of having your own hair dryer is that you can shampoo and style your hair on short notice, and style it the way you want it to look.

Two popular dryers are the "Zoom Plus" dryer, detangler and "Zoom 'n Groom" power dryer from General Electric. They're favorites under the Christmas tree because they have high airflow for fast drying. Zoom Plus has the added feature of a detangling accessory to comb out tangles in wet hair.

Zoom Plus also has a styling brush, regular comb and wide tooth comb attachments, providing styling versatility.

Zoom 'n Groom dryer has a wide tooth comb for wet comb-out, regular comb for drying, and a styling brush.

Both dryers have a choice of heat and airflow settings. These are two gifts you can be sure will be eagerly accepted.

Frankincense, One of the Treasures of the Magi, Was Once as Valuable As Diamonds

Development of a major Myrrh was regarded commerce in frankincense highly by the ancients as and myrrh turned South an unguent and a per-Arabia, known as Arabia fume. It was used for in-Felix, into a bustling trade cense in temples and for center about 1200 BC. fumigation.

Camel Caravans

Wrapped in sheepskins or goatskins, the gum resins were carried in 20 to 40 pound bundles on camel caravans to factories in Egypt and other markets in the north. The Jews used frankincense to perfume their temples.

forced to strip for inspec-

day's work - just as

African diamond mines.

The valuable resins also

were taken north by the

sea. So was gold, from the

diggings to the east of

here.



Used as Medicine

Frankincense was used as an incense and particularly on funeral pyres. It also was considered valuable as a medicine.

No longer used in medicine, frankincense - remains valued today as a base for perfumes.

Christmas Music

I do not know a grander Pliny wrote that frankeffect of music on the incense was so valuable moral feelings than to that workmen at the fachear the full choir and the tory in Alexandria, where pealing organ performing it was processed, were Christmas anthem in cathedral, and filling tion at the end of each every part of the vast pile with triumphant harworkers in today's South

> - Washington Irving (1819)

YULE LOG

mines of the Queen of Come, bring with a noise, Sheba, whose monarchy My merrie, merrie boyes, was based at Marib, site The Christmas log to the of current archaelogical firing.

- Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

Just beautiful for gifting



STYMIED FOR A GIFT for that someone special? Wow her - or the whole family - with the ultimate hair styling appliance, General Electric's new Superblow Hair Care Center. With lightweight attachments that are easy to hold and use, it's versatile for different hair styles because it includes a pistol-style dryer, air-vented hollow tooth comb and nir-vented hollow brush, plus a "hands-free" directional airflow attachment. The power center has three heat." speed settings and infinite airflow adjustment.

> CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, his precepts! O! 'tis easier to keep holidays than commandments.

- Benjamin Franklin



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