

Angels on High Sang First Carol To Shepherds on Bethlehem Plains

The first Christmas carols were danced to, according to Encyclopedia International. Carols took hands and formed a ring, singing as they went round. Oldest of all carols, it has been said, was that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of the Saviour was announced to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Probably the practice of singing carols at Christmas arose in imitation of this, as the majority of carols declared the good tidings of great joy, and the title of Noel, nowell or Novelle, applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.

Birthday News
Nowell or Noel means birthday

news or a 'shout of joy' for the birth of Christ. The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity, the Incarnation and the Annunciation. Later, ones on shepherd themes and the Epiphany were composed and appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queen's College, Oxford. Other colleges of Oxford had their own versions of the same song. In early times, the carol romantically referred to as traditional at the feast, was probably a pig. The wild boar is believed to have been extinct in Britain early in the 12th century. Good King Wenceslas is a familiar carol which commemorates

two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who ruled in Bohemia in the 10th century A.D. He was noted for his generosity to there were also many of folk origin on the festivities of the Christmas season. These latter included such songs as the Holly and the Ivy. Many of the surviving old carols were originally part of the medieval mysteries and miracle plays.

"The Boar's Head Carol", the poor and practiced this generosity on Christmas and on St. Stephen's Day, December 26. St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, noted in legend as a follower of Christ who, at the time of the Nativity, had been in the service of King Herod. When he was permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

Here's hoping Santa's reindeer delivery comes through with your special wishes, including all of the joy and cheer that goes with Christmas.

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and a
very
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Christmas
to all
our
loyal
friends.

from
Birthe
and Andy Falk

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Holiday Greetings

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Tradition Begins in 1843

That First Christmas Card

The year was 1843 and it was almost Christmas time — a contagiously feverish time of year. Henry Cole, an English gentleman, was surveying with dismay his long list of friends and acquaintances to whom he owed letters and Christmas wishes of prosperity and goodwill. Henry Cole, director of London's Victoria and Albert Museum, had little time to devote to letter writing.

Use Freezer for Yule Gifts To Meet Sudden Emergencies

Have you ever been embarrassed by a friend temporarily overlooked, who shows up at your door with a Christmas gift in hand? Or by a new neighbor who just moved in and has come to greet you with a Christmas package?

Well, you are not alone, for in the hectic Christmas shopping scramble, someone is overlooked. To meet emergencies at the holiday season and all year round, here's a suggestion. If you have a refrigerator-freezer, use a section of the freezer compartment as a gift corner. If it is frost-proof, it is usually fust-proof. When time allows, make coffee cakes, layer cakes, cookies, candy, fancy rolls, nut bread, any food item prepared from a favorite recipe you'd like to share with your friends. Unsalted nuts are a good gift item to have on hand too.

—Fire never takes a Christmas holiday.

He had an original idea. He suggested to John Calcott Horsley, a close friend and prominent member of the Royal Academy, that he design a Christmas greeting for Cole in the form of a card which Cole could simply address and sign and which would save a great deal of tedious handwork.

Sold for 16 Cents
When the card was published at Felix Summerly's Home Treasury Office, 12 Old Bond Street, London, it aroused so much interest that about 1,000 copies were printed and sold for one shilling each — about 16 cents. From those first 1,000 cards, only 12 are known to be in existence today.

The design is made up of a large centre panel with two smaller side panels. The middle panel depicts an obviously wealthy family making merry over a sumptuous Christmas dinner. The two side panels represent the feeding and clothing of the poor. Researchers explain that this design caused considerable controversy in 1843, the artist being soundly reprimanded for encouraging 'wine-bibing'. Closer examination of the card reveals a mother allowing her small daughter to drink wine from her glass.

However, for all the criticism and friction it stirred up, the design is still the most popular of Christmas cards in Canada was James Campbell and Son of Montreal in about 1874. However, in 1872 penny postcards were introduced in England and by the 1890's, the popularity of Christmas cards had begun to wane. But something was lacking in the postcards, especially as the message was on view for many an inquisitive eye. By 1910, Christmas cards were back in favor bearing a more personal 'From me to you' type of message and from this, today's cards have evolved.



CAROLING SNOWMEN were among the colorful outdoor decorations at Ontario School for the Deaf this year. The displays, done by school staffers, helped brighten up the school campus over the holiday period.

HALTON MANOR

Band Concert, Bus Trip On Christmas Agenda

By Miss Muriel Thompson

A fine musical organization, the Burlington Symphonic Orchestra paid its first visit to the Manor on Thursday night, December 9. E. G. Corlett was conductor and Harry Coe the president.

The orchestra played a program of 11 numbers, all beautifully presented. The program opened and closed with two rousing marches, A Bunch of Roses Spanish March and Gladiator's Farewell, respectively. In the Poet and the Peasant Overture, a cello solo was played by Jack Humphries and in The Wedding of the Winds Waltz a clarinet cadenza was played by Les Maguire. A trumpet duet, Two Imps was presented by C. Decker and J. Bray. H. Coe played a trombone solo, The Lost Chord. Among the other selections played by the orchestra was the Intermezzi Secret by Ancliffe, and a sing-song of four Christmas Carols.

When tea, coffee and cookies were served, compliments on the splendid program could be heard on all sides and many wishes were expressed that the orchestra would come again soon.

Bus Ride, Party

Your correspondent was unable to attend the annual bus ride arranged by the Oakville Knights of Columbus and the Christmas party that followed it at Holy Rosary School on Saturday afternoon,

but all the reports brought back to the Manor were very complimentary.

The bus, with Roy Welch in charge, arrived at the Manor early in the afternoon and took the residents on an enjoyable ride to Oakville. During the ride some enjoyable singing was done by the Miltoners. The bus brought the residents back to the school where they were warmly welcomed by a group of ladies of the Catholic Women's League.

The program presented by some of the children of Holy Rosary School was very interesting. At its conclusion a little girl dressed as Santa Claus distributed gifts of stationery to all present.

This annual bus ride and Christmas party is always a highlight of the Christmas season and this year, as always, they fulfilled all expectations.

With Christmas only two weeks away a Christmas Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. K. L. McGown at the Church Service in the Chapel on Sunday. Before beginning his sermon, Mr. McGown read verses 2-10 of Chapter 9 of St. Mark's Gospel, a passage of Scripture which describes the transfiguration of Christ.

Mr. McGown spoke of Christmas as a season of love in which we give and accept gifts. It is in memory of that humble, yet glorious, birth that took place nearly 20 centuries ago. Christ lived a humble life in Nazareth, yet it was a glorious life too. He became an itinerant preacher and healer and then came the transfiguration. For the disciples His transfiguration was proof that He was the Son of God.

The residents were glad to see that Mrs. John Mowat had recovered sufficiently from her recent illness to come and play the organ once more.

CHRISTMAS TAMALES

A popular Christmas dish in Central America is tamales or nacatamales. Nacatamales are carefully prepared and 'cooked' for several hours. The 'stuffing' is made from finley ground corn, meal, turkey, vegetables, spices and seasonings. In quantities of about one pound, the stuffing is wrapped in banana leaves and then boiled or steamed for several hours.

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Merry Christmas

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SELRITE STORE
MILTON

first Christmas card created a custom which is so much a part of the tradition of Christmas today. It is interesting to note that the greeting on the card of 1843 — 'A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You' — is still the most popular. Not many years afterwards, the custom of sending Christmas cards had established a firm foothold in the bedrock of English tradition and the idea spread to the United States, where Louis Prang of Boston was the first to produce American Christmas cards. Examples of the exquisite work of Marcus Ward of London and Louis Prang, with their delicately hand-printed designs, are treasured and are much in demand for exhibitions. One of the first companies to produce Christmas cards in Canada was James Campbell and Son of Montreal in about 1874. However, in 1872 penny postcards were introduced in England and by the 1890's, the popularity of Christmas cards had begun to wane. But something was lacking in the postcards, especially as the message was on view for many an inquisitive eye. By 1910, Christmas cards were back in favor bearing a more personal 'From me to you' type of message and from this, today's cards have evolved.



**PROCLAMATION
CIVIC HOLIDAY**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1965
BOXING DAY

Whereas at a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton held on the 13th day of December, 1965, it was resolved that Monday, December 27, 1965 (Boxing Day) be and the same is hereby fixed as a Civic Holiday for the current year and that the Mayor be authorized to publish a proclamation in connection therewith.

These are, therefore, to make known that in compliance with the aforesaid resolution I do hereby proclaim Monday, December 27, 1965 (Boxing Day) as a CIVIC HOLIDAY.

S. G. CHILDS,
Mayor

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN



Greetings

Christmas is a feeling...
a spirit of well-being and cheer
that pervades the very air in this
wonderful season. We offer you our sincere
wishes for the happiest of Christmases for you and yours.

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