

Some famous people celebrated their birthdays on Christmas Day

A young farmer's wife in England gave birth to a son in 1642. In 1865, the wife of a militant Christian crusader gave birth to her fourth daughter. And in 1883, in Paris, an artist's model bore a baby boy.

What did these three births have in common? In each case, the child was born on Christmas Day, and grew up to become a famous person. These well-known "Christmas babies" were Evangeline Booth, Maurice Utrillo and Sir Isaac Newton.

Born on Christmas Day in 1865, Evangeline Booth was the fourth daughter of the Salvation

Army founder, William Booth. By the age of 23, she was head of the Salvation Army in London, and in 1904 she took over operations for the entire United States.

During World War I, the Salvation Army lassies under her jurisdiction spent Christmas—as well as many other days—ministering to the need of American doughboys in France. The word "doughboy" stems from the celebrated Salvation Army doughnut, a World War I staple.

One Christmas-born child had little cheer in his life, on holidays or otherwise. This was the French painter, Maurice Utrillo, born on December 25, 1883.

Son of an unknown father and

a mother who was a model for many of the Montmartre brush wielders of her time, young Maurice was shy and withdrawn, not only in childhood but throughout his life.

Ironically, reproductions of many of his paintings, particularly those of the sparkling white dome of the Montmartre Church of Sacre Coeur, are used by the thousands every year on Christmas cards.

Sir Isaac Newton, English physicist, mathematician, philosopher, greeted his first Christmas, and his first day, in Lincolnshire, England, in 1642. Frail and sickly as a youth, he devoted many boyhood Decembers to inventing and making Christmas toys.



A FULL HOUSE attended Ontario School for the Deaf's Christmas concert Wednesday for the third presentation of the concert. Here is a scene from "A Christmas Carol". In the front row are Jim Cripps as Bob Cratchit, Alex Ham-

mel as Tiny Tim, Linda Anderson as Mrs. Cratchit and Danny Pare as Scrooge. Art Wilson as the man collector and Susan Farr as the woman collector look on behind the Cratchits. (Staff Photo)



THE CRATCHIT FAMILY sits down to enjoy a Christmas supper, in the O.S.D. Christmas concert production of "A Christmas Carol". They are Linda Anderson as Mrs. Cratchit, Alec Hamill as Tiny Tim, Mary Anne Chmiel and Darlene McPhail as daughters and Robert

Martin as a son. Kerry Dwyer was the oldest daughter and Jimmy Cripps as Mr. Cratchit and Helen Wojcik as a daughter. The play was directed by Henk Frijters, assisted by Howard Wilson and Mrs. Peggy Fraser. (Staff Photo)

Yuletide beauty reflects in legends of flowers, greens

Flowers burst into bloom and trees and shrubs were green with new leaves on the night of the Saviour's birth, so legend says. Down through the ages, certain flowers and greens have held an honored place in the lore of Christmas—the holly and the ivy, mistletoe, rosemary, the Christmas rose, the thorn tree. Ancient peoples believed that mistletoe has powers to ward off evil or cure a variety of illnesses. Druid priests of Britain, long ago, believed that mistletoe should be cut with a golden knife, then hung over doorways as a protection from the evil. The Greeks, too, used it to ward

off evil.

One of many legends surrounding the poinsettia tells of a poor Mexican girl who, having no gift of value, humbly placed some roadside weeds at the foot of a statue representing the Virgin and Child. Instantly, the weeds became scarlet blossoms and thus, so the legend says, the poinsettia was created. Rosemary, the symbol of constancy, was at one time widely used in England as a Christmas decoration. During the Victorian era, it lost popularity and is now seldom, if ever, seen as part of the Yuletide greenery.



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Christmas tree didn't just grow like Topsy

The commercial Christmas tree you buy most likely didn't "just grow" like Topsy.

Chances are the tree you enjoy during the holidays has for several years received careful attention from a tree farmer.

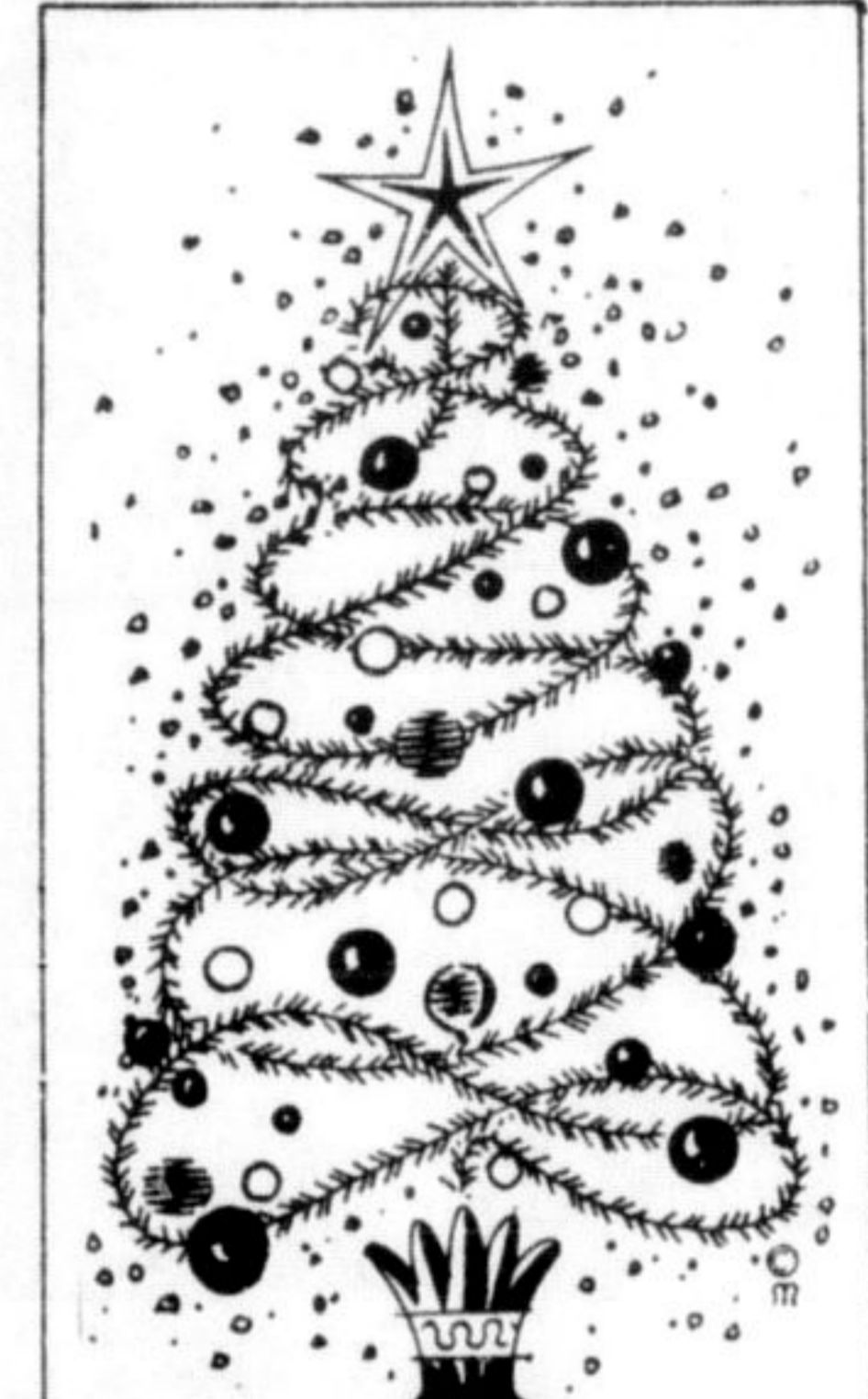
Growing Christmas trees requires almost as much care as tobacco, cotton or any other commercial crop—and Christmas trees are grown with the idea of producing a compact, well-shaped tree about seven or eight years old. Christmas tree customers have established such high standards that great stress is put on the quality of the tree, whether it be Fraser fir, Douglas fir, red cedar, Scotch pine, Arizona cypress, white pine or other popular varieties.

Commercial growers of the

Fraser fir, for instance, start cutting back the side and top branches when the tree is about two or three feet high. Each year, in dormant months, the tree is sheared.

The average grower plants 2,700 trees to the acre. Each year he mows around them for weed control and he maintains fire lanes. He examines each tree once a year and each tree is sheared annually the third through the sixth years.

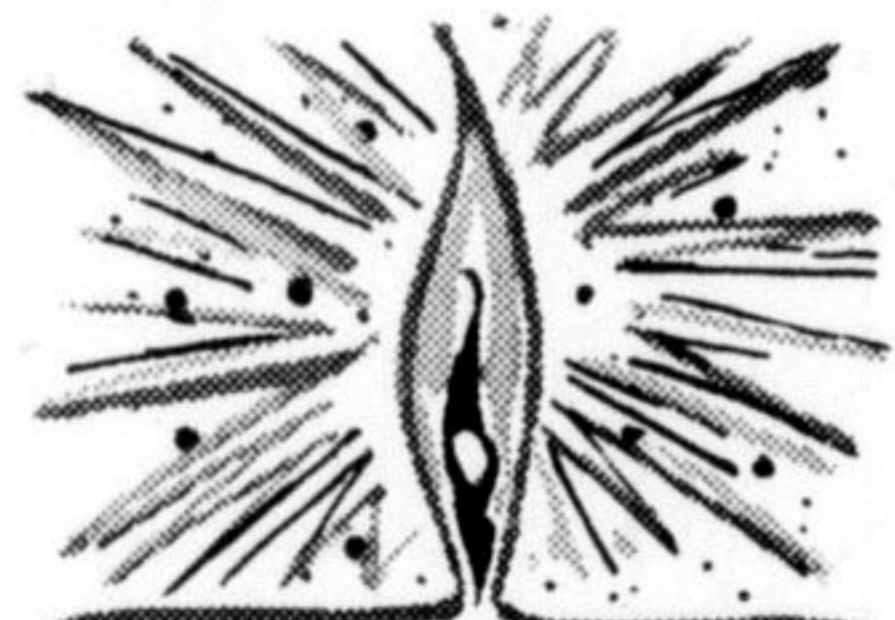
The big job—harvesting—comes the seventh year. Trees are carefully cut and transported immediately to market, where they will soon delight boys and girls of all ages.



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Candles Glow At Christmas

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations.

From Ireland comes the custom of putting a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve to light the Holy Family's way. The candles denote a house where the Holy Family would have been welcomed, not turned away as they were at the inns in Bethlehem.

In Germany, too, candles are placed in windows to provide a glowing welcome for the Virgin Mary and a host of angels who the Germans believe pass over the countryside each Christmas.

In many countries, such as Germany, beautifully decorated candles are an important part of Christmas celebrations. Enhanced with religious and other figures, they add an artistic and reverent touch to holiday festivities.

Similarly, many still celebrate the medieval custom of lighting a giant Christmas candle that burns brightly until Twelfth Night.

Girl's tears grow Christmas flowers

Blooming in the heart of winter and sometimes even in the snow, the Christmas rose is a plant famed in legend.

According to an old story, a poor little shepherdess had no gift to offer the Christ Child, and so she wept. When her tears touched the ground, flowers sprouted.

Delighted, she plucked an

armful and hastened to the Infant. The caress of His fingers turned the petals pink.

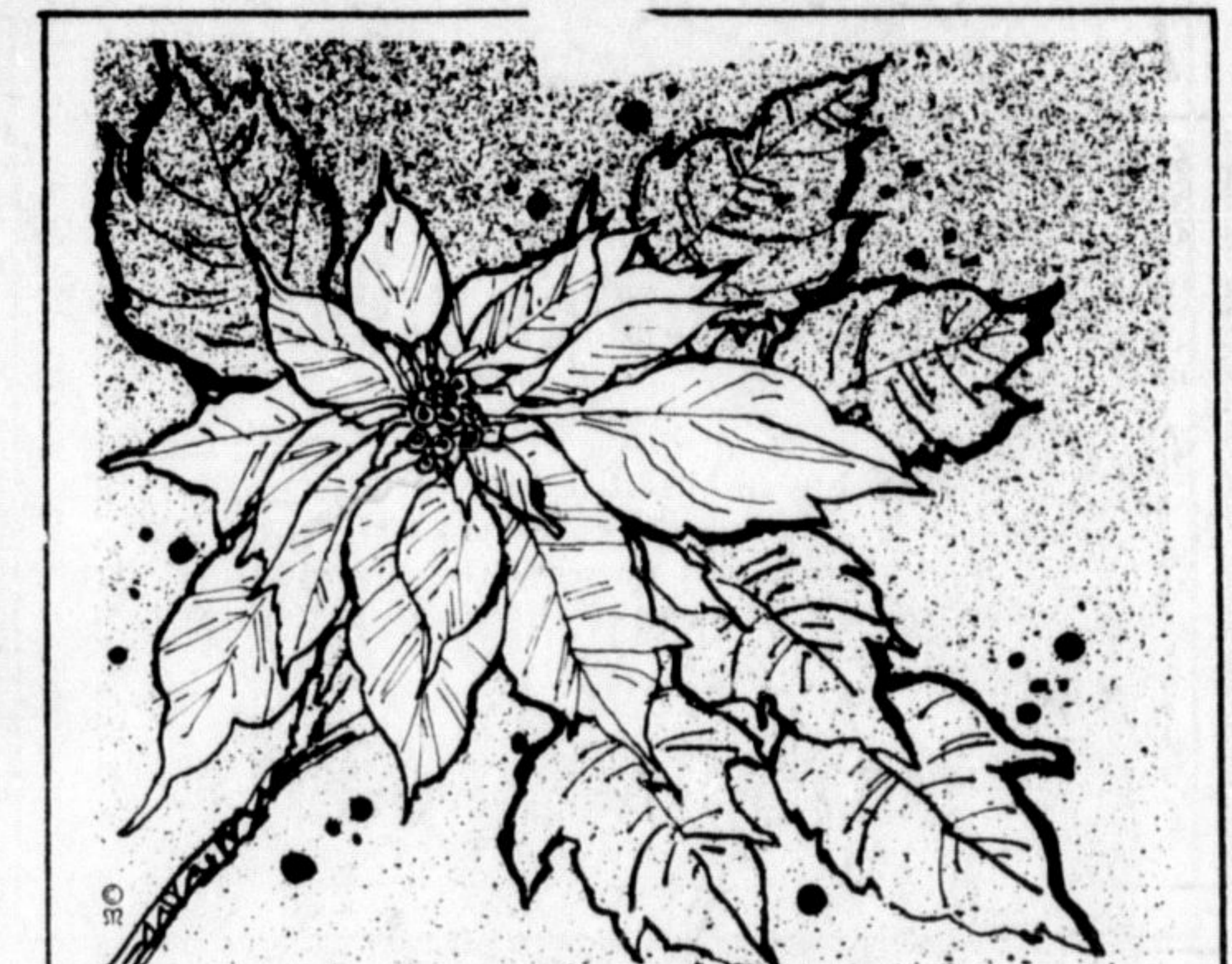
Botanists class the Christmas rose as a member of the buttercup family. Native to Southern Europe and western Asia, it has leathery, dark green leaves and large, saucer-shaped flowers with white or rose-tinted sepals.



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