

The 'Christmas candle': a seasonal highlight with centuries-long history

Because there was an especially good candle on hand, the candlelight service was held on the evening of Dec. 3. The service was held in the church's sanctuary, where the candles were lit and the service began. The service was held in the church's sanctuary, where the candles were lit and the service began. The service was held in the church's sanctuary, where the candles were lit and the service began.

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The pilgrims began making bogberry candles after learning to extract the greenish wax from wild hollyberries. These aromatic hollyberries are said to bring good luck to those who burn them during the Yuletide season.

And what of the lights? Tapers were the principal source of light in the eighteenth century, as well as the oldest and most cherished of decorations. Candle sales have doubled in the last ten years, and every size, shape and color is now easily attainable.

Whether candles are utilized for reasons of reverence or for decorative purposes, they still impart a significant and mystical aura.

Candle expert, John Simm, reports that there has been an exciting rediscovery of candles in the 60's and 70's, both for

entertaining and home decoration. Candle sales have doubled in the last ten years, and every size, shape and color is now easily attainable.

It would be difficult to imagine a daily living without electric lights, but how dark our world would be without the glowing beauty of candlelight!

Input of gift thought balances with output of gift appreciation and use

You needn't spend a fortune on gifts to please your family and friends, especially if you remember that it's the thought that counts for Christmas.

How's your Christmas gift return rate? Do many of the presents you give to your family and friends find their way out from under the tree back to the stores once they're opened? Or do they disappear into the closet never to be seen again?

If "Yes" is the answer to these questions, you may be spending too much money — or too little, thinking of the people on your holiday shopping list. Picking an enjoyable, useful present is no small challenge. It's an art that requires lots of insight into the needs, wants and whims of your close ones.

The joy that comes with a gift that can be worn remains long after the excitement of Christmas has dispersed.

Len Wilkes

A Christmas Prayer

et us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified.

That men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them; that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses.

That the true spirit of this Christmas Season — its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith — may live among us; that the blessings of peace be ours — the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

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and currently living in a laundry products. No matter where an apartment or mobile home, a compact laundry center capable of doing full-sized clothes is certain to be appreciated.

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Want to help someone or grab that sports event before that sports event, a compact chest freezer for your friends or relatives, on the farm, where trash disposal and collection can sometimes be a problem, a trash compactor makes an appropriate gift.

A dishwasher, of course, is always a sure thing. A free-standing unit or a built-in, and is just 15 inches wide. It's compact, portable, is of trash for an average family of four, into one neat, tidy lift-out bag. If you know a young couple just starting out

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