

Festive Dishes Mark Yuletide as in Old Days

Adopted Americans Keep Traditions of Past in Europe—Norse Children Mask.

MILWAUKEE (UP)—Wisconsin housewives today prepared oplotke, lutefisk, spare ribs, stuffed goose, and gingerbread and waffles, for Christmas.

Traditionally a day of feasting and rejoicing throughout the world, Christmas in Wisconsin will bring to festive boards a variety of foods as diverse as the nationalities which compose the population of this state.

Each town in itself, and towns within cities, will again take on the atmosphere of Old Country villages as mothers stew over steaming pots in their kitchens.

Czechs Not So Gay

Far removed from the swift pace of the streamlined modern world is the large Czechoslovakian community in Kenosha where lace tablecloths are laid with plates covered with oplotke, honey cracker, the national dish of the homeland. It will be a sadder Christmas there than in past years, for the homeland has been carved to rebuild the map of Europe during the past year, but as one housewife said, Christmas without oplotke is like Christmas without Santa Claus.

Foreheads of the Czechoslovakian children will be crossed with honey again, though—the mother's blessing for a sweet and nourishing new year.

Sugar waffles baked on specially imported irons made only in Belgium and covered with nutmeg will be served in the homes of Belgian families living near Green Bay. Most of the homeland customs of Christmas time have been abandoned by the Belgians, but waffles and hot chocolate still remain in almost all of the homes.

Norse Children Mask

For the children of Norwegian families living near Ettrick the holiday season is another Hallow'een. Disguised and masked, the children run from house to house, knocking on doors until they are opened. Once inside, the children dance and caper until their hosts and hostesses identify them and provide food and drink.

Most Norwegians celebrate the birth of Christ with a feast of lutefisk, Norse fish delicacy, but some sit down on Christmas eve to heaping platters of spare ribs.

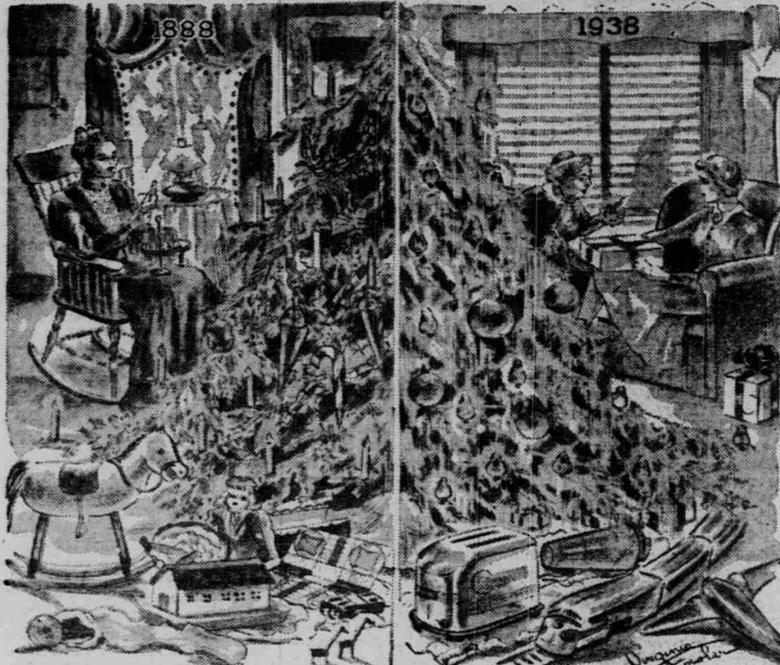
Best known of the Christmas dishes prepared in Wisconsin, however, is the Watertown stuffed goose. Old German burghers spend weeks cramming specially prepared noodles down the throats of the geese to produce the over-fattened fowl for table throughout the country.

Smoked Goose Prepared

In Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Port Washington and other German cities, Gaensklein — smoked shanks of goose—stollen filled with minced sugared fruits, kaffeekuchen and gingerbread will be served with light Pilsner beer or heavy coffee.

Cookies are an important side-dish of the German meals. Pfeffernusse—hard, nut-like little cakes flavored with anise—and rich butter cookies sprinkled with multi-colored sugar

Same Old Christmas Tree—But How Different!



In the fifty years between 1888 and 1938, the Christmas Tree has grown-up more rapidly than in all its previous centuries of existence. The old candles, flaming and askew, have given place to brilliant little electric solar systems, the decorations have become simpler and more streamlined.

Most modern and streamlined of

all are the Christmas presents nestling at the foot of the ancient tree. Whole villages and plants, ready-cut and fitted, waiting to be erected; electric trains flashing through and over minute models of the most famous tunnels and bridges, a host of streamlined presents, ranging from the most subtle and delicate applications of electricity, to the fully automatic electric toaster, long-

established as the center of the modern breakfast table.

The well known artist, Virginia Fowler, has shown above, two halves of the Christmas Tree, one bearing the decorations and presents of 1888; the other, those of 1938. And the young woman of the earlier picture, is the grandmother of the latter.

are the most common. Bakery shops feature ginger-bread cakes cut to the form of Kris Krinkle, Christmas trees and animals.

At Monroe, Swiss children will perform intricate gymnastic drills

and dances while proud parents beam and drink beer at the Turnhalle.

Much of the spirit of the Old World remains, but with the replacement of the sleigh and horse by the streamlined automobile, the old-

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MAYOR TO FETE POOR CHILDREN AT YULE PARTY

MARION, O. (UP)—Mayor Fredrick C. Smith plans to hold his annual Christmas party for 1,000 Marion underprivileged boys and girls again this year.

The party, following custom established by the mayor when he assumed office, will be financed from part of his salary as mayor, none of which he accepts for his personal use.

Now in his second term, Mayor Smith each year has spent 75 per cent of his \$2,400 annual salary for civic and charitable purposes and returns the rest to the city treasury.

Admission to this year's party will be by ticket. The fete will be held December 26.

POLE AND HOOK BURGLAR FISHES OUT HANDBAGS

MONTREAL (UP)—One burglar here has added a pole and hook to the tools of his trade.

The last three times one couple have had company for supper at their home, the guests' handbags disappeared from a bedroom adjoining the dining room. The windows of the house are about 1 1/2 stories above ground, there was no evidence that anyone had entered the room, and the manner in which the thefts were carried out caused a mystery.

The mystery was cleared when the hook from the burglar's pole was found on the floor of the bedroom.

HITCH-HIKER TOO PERSISTENT

CLEVELAND, O. (UP)—John Becker, 65-year-old hitch-hiker, is plying his trade with his left thumb. Reason: His "business" thumb—the right one—was struck by a passing automobile, badly lacerated.

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SOUTH BEND

Mrs. Charles Campbell and Russell were in Omaha Tuesday.

Mrs. Albert Blum and Allen were shopping in Omaha Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Livers were business visitors in Lincoln on Monday.

Miss Edith Rissness of Lincoln visited friends in South Bend over the week end.

Mrs. Nancy Streight spent Tuesday in Ashland with her daughter, Mrs. Pleas Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vogel and Lorin spent Tuesday evening at the Charles Fosberg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carnicle and Wayne called at the Jess Fidler home on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carnicle were in Lincoln on Thursday finishing up their Christmas shopping.

Ed Rohrig of Lincoln and Clarence of St. Louis were callers at the F. J. Knecht home on Friday.

Ned Blakesly and Miss Donahough of Lincoln were Sunday afternoon visitors at the J. L. Carnicle home.

Callers at the Ed Copsy home on Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dill and son and Jimmy Fidler.

F. J. Knecht and Billy began taking inventory at the Service and Storage Station in Weeping Water on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carnicle and Mrs. Clyde Haswell were in Lincoln on Monday to do their Christmas shopping.

Frank Barta and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barta of Hastings came Saturday evening and spent Sunday at the Oscar Dill home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dill and Vernon were shopping in Lincoln Monday. Bob Gans returned with them to spend his Christmas vacation.

Glen Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson and Wanda Scott drove to Pilger Sunday, where they were guests of Miss De Loma Scott.

Mrs. F. J. Knecht spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wunderlich at Nehawka. They are recovering from the prevailing colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fosberg drove to Sarpy county on Tuesday. Mr. Fosberg attended the sale of Mrs. Ben Metzger and Mrs. Fosberg spent the day visiting her old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sack.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald Hansen and family were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Hansen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Fosberg, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Haswell and family were Sunday evening guests.

On Saturday Mrs. Helena Timm, Miss Lauretta Burdick, Miss Helen Saunders and Mrs. Saunders drove to Lincoln to do some Christmas shopping. While there Mrs. Timm also visited her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Towle. Lloyd Towle returned with them and spent Sunday with his grandmother.

Mrs. Glen Thiessen entertained at dinner on Sunday in honor of her husband's birthday. Those present were Chris Thiessen, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hileman and family of Gretna, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dunn of Louisville, Donald Hileman and Miss Bonny Keys of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ziers and family of Louisville were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roeber entertained on Sunday at a pre-Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Hy Stander of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stander, Mrs. B. O. Mooney and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stander and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rhordanz, Mrs. Charles Stander and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reister and daughters and Earl Puls.

School Program

The teachers, Miss Lauretta Burdick and Miss Helen Saunders with the school children presented an unusually good Christmas program on Thursday evening. Each child took his part exceptionally well. The pageant, "The Christmas Story," was truly beautiful given by such small children. The large audience shows the interest taken by the community in their school.

Friendly Circle Club Meets

The Friendly Circle Club met on Wednesday with Mrs. Nancy Streight and Mrs. Glenn Thiessen. Mrs. J. L. Carnicle was assistant hostess. Besides the regular business meeting, the ladies decided to send \$5.00 to the Orthopedic hospital in Lincoln as a Christmas gift.

A delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, with Mrs. Charles Kennedy in Ashland.

Obituary, Wm. Kitrell

William Smith Kitrell was born at Sparta, White county, Tenn., on

Spread Cheer Into Homes of Many Today

Legion Auxiliary Sponsored Distribution of Toys Reaches Upwards of 75 Needy Families.

From Saturday's Daily—

Throughout most of the day today, the Ofe Oil company's delivery truck, contributed for that purpose, has been on the go, transporting neatly wrapped packages of toys and clothing to the homes of seventy-five families scattered over the city. The work of wrapping and labeling the packages occupied the attention of a half score or more Legion Auxiliary members yesterday.

In addition to the city-wide distribution of toys and clothing, the Auxiliary collected foodstuff from its members for the assembling of a dozen food baskets that were sent out yesterday to the families of sick and needy ex-service men.

The two enterprises are separate and distinct, with the toys and clothing going into needy homes generally and the food baskets confined to ex-service families.

Members of the Girl Scouts furnished the material and made clothing for four of the dolls that had come in at the "toy matinee" at the Cass, while the Auxiliary furnished the material and the sewing center made the clothes for the balance.

Rehabilitation and Child Welfare chairman of the Auxiliary agreed this year's distribution has been on a much larger scale than heretofore, but say much credit is due to those who gave such nice toys, to Guy Griffin for the free show he gave and to the Journal for publicity given the activity—as well as the Recreation Service and Sewing Center for their work and the Ofe Oil company for use of its delivery truck.

With this wholehearted co-operation on the part of everyone, the Legion Auxiliary has been able to spread Christmas cheer into the homes of many whom Santa might overlook.

July 4, 1886, and passed away at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Lincoln, where he had been seriously ill for nine days, on December 11, 1938. He was the youngest of seven children of the late Joseph and Ann Kitrell. There were two brothers and four sisters.

On December 20, 1889, he was united in marriage to Alice Ann Clouse. To this union seven children were born, four of whom survive. They are Virgil H. John D. and S. Paul of Lincoln, and Mrs. Chlodia Ann Thimman of Ashland, who with the wife, Alice Ann, and ten grandchildren, one nephew, Sidney S. Kitrell of Lincoln and a niece, Mrs. Cora Dell of Springfield, and a large circle of friends are left to mourn his loss.

They moved to Nebraska in 1899, and have resided in South Bend for the past 40 years.

He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday from Marcy's chapel in Ashland, the services being conducted by Rev. T. Porter Bennett, minister of the Methodist church.

Burial was in the South Bend cemetery beside the body of his son, Alphonzo.

COUNTY COURT HAPPENINGS

From Friday's Daily—
In the county court this morning hearing was had on the probate of the last will and testament of H. G. Soennichsen, deceased. After hearing the evidence and identification of the will, the document was admitted to probate and Mrs. Ruth Soennichsen named as executrix of the estate.

WILL HOLD FAMILY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hoffman are having as their guests over the Christmas holiday and Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dresselhaus, parents of Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dresselhaus, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Neville and Marilyn of Lincoln, Bernard Dresselhaus, who was visiting at Lincoln over Saturday, returned with them.

RAM CHARGES SHINY AUTO

EAST LYME, Conn. (UP)—A ram saw its reflection on the polished surface of Andrew Antoniac's automobile and charged. The car went to a repair shop. The ram was mystified but unhurt.

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The Yuletide Spirit Thrills Disneyland



Stirred with the genial mood of the season, Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, the dwarf Dopey and the Goofy burst forth into Christmas caroling, and with sweet cadence enchant the Three Little Pigs and all the quaint forest creatures that have populated Walt Disney's "Silly Symphonies"



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