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PRINCE ALBERT, SASK. (CP) - An elderly person suffering from an illness must also face problems associated with the aging process and social and emotional factors not faced by younger patients, says Dr. W. R. Hatswell of Regina, medical consultant for the Saskatchewan welfare department.

He told a district health council meeting that trends should be toward supporting the elderly in their own homes wherever possible. When they are forced to move they face added emotional stresses, especially feelings of isolation from their families and communities.

Supporting community services are needed, Dr. Hatswell said, including home nursing, meals on wheels programs and good neighbor programs in which voluntary organizations arrange for regular visits to the elderly.

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trying to accomplish worthwhile goals. Faith is the key to the universe as well as many other things. To a small child it means his faith in his parents and what they tell him, which would include a visit from Santa at Christmas.

All of us could learn from this unquestioning faith that makes life worthwhile. Yes, there is a Santa Claus and he will be bringing good cheer and joy to the young 1,000 years.

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up at the nomination meeting. He replied: "I didn't go because you people had it right here." He was indicating with his hands the members had the nominations in the palms of their.

Santa

yes even 20,000 years from now.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS & BEST WISHES

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The Flowers Of Christmas

by A. R. Buckley

This year as you trim the tree, fill Christmas stockings or hang the mistletoe - give a thought to where you got your favorite Christmas custom; chances are it goes farther back in history than you realize.

According to ancient legend, on the night that Christ was born, trees burst into bloom and bore fruit despite the wintry weather. In modern times the transformation in honor of the holy holiday is almost as miraculous, as homes throughout the world are trimmed with greens and garlands and set aglow with tiny twinkling lights for the celebration of Christmas. Like the trees that flower, holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and many other flowers and plants are all part of the glorious history of the Holy Season.

The reasons why we celebrate Christmas with flowers have been passed down through the ages. Many of the customs and traditions have their origins in ancient pagan rites, yet over the years they have taken on Christmas implications of deep significance.

The use of greenery at Christmas grew out of ancient Grecian and Roman customs. Holly, for example, was a favorite decoration of the Romans who considered its greenness in the middle of the winter as a promise of the sun's return to earth for another year. Later, the early French and English hung sprigs of the bright-berried plant on their doors to indicate homes in which Christ dwelled.

It is also believed that holly sprang up where the infant Jesus took His first baby steps. Ironically, this same plant was supposed to have made up His crown of thorns - the berries turning from red to white at the Crucifixion.

Nowadays holly is frequently used for wreaths. The red-berried plant, worked into a circular shape symbolizes the hope of eternal life and makes a gift with a warm personal message when sent by wire to friends too far away to share Christmas with you.

The most popular flowering plant for Christmas is the poinsettia.

brought to the U.S. and thence to Canada more than 125 years ago from Mexico. So popular are these scarlet-leaved blooms that according to many florists more poinsettias are distributed to customers than any other holiday floral offering.

There are many legends surrounding this Christmas colored wonder. One tale relates how a poor Mexican girl was heartbroken because she had nothing of value or beauty to offer the Virgin. In desperation she plucked some scrawny roadside weeds and placed them at the feet of the Holy Statue. They were instantly transformed into scarlet brilliance.

A French legend tells how the Christmas rose

Garnet WI

The Garnet women's institute met at the home of Mrs. Earl Phillips on Dec. 10.

The president, Mrs. Bruce Meehan opened the meeting with the ode, Mary Stewart collect and Lord's Prayer.

Roll call, minutes and other business was dealt with.

The next card party will be held at the school later in January.

Shut-ins are to be remembered at Christmas. A Christmas gift was sent to our overseas child.

We then sang Finlandia. Program convener, Mrs. Walter North led the singing of several Christmas Carols. She also read a poem "Dad makes the Pudding."

The motto by Mrs. Margaret Parkinson was given by Mrs. Willis Harrop "Let your Light so shine not only at Christmas but throughout the Year."

The topic, symbols, and legends of Christmas was read by Mrs. Mildred Harrop.

A story the Little Angel was read by Mrs. Walter North.

A demonstration by Mrs. Don Hunter on making Christmas decorations was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Enid Ebert thanked Mrs. Hunter and presented her with a gift.

Gifts were exchanged and the committee served a lovely lunch. Sandra Cherry gave the courtesy remarks.

came into being. A little girl accompanying the shepherds on their way to see the Christ Child was sad because she had no gift to offer. The angel Gabriel appeared and taking pity on the child, caused a beautiful white rose to spring from the ground. Overjoyed, the little girl plucked the bloom which she took as a gift to the Infant Jesus.

Red and white blossoms are traditionally used to highlight holiday greetings, the red for joy and laughter, the white symbolizing spiritual calmness and purity. Using red carnations and giant white chrysanthemums to interpret these messages has become a popular custom.

It is said that the custom of Christmas trees began in heavily forested northern Europe. St. Boniface, an eighth century monk who converted the pagans living in what is now Germany, convinced them to stop worshipping Odin's sacred oak and instead, to adorn fir trees in their homes in tribute to the Christ Child.

What is the meaning of floral gift-giving at Christmas? Such gift-giving probably stems from the story of the Three Wise Men. In some countries this custom is still observed on January 6, when it is believed that the Wise Men Appeared in the Holy Land. Ladies who get kissed under the mistletoe have an old Scandinavian myth to thank for this charming custom. It was the goddess Figia who hung mistletoe high and was the first to stand under the glistening plant offering kisses to all who passed beneath it.

Balsam and fir branches trimmed with bells are other popular holiday decorations. The green represents everlasting life. Bells, it is said, tolled ominously for one hour before midnight on the first Christmas to warn Satan of the imminent birth of the Saviour. At the stroke of 12, the happy pealing began to announce the death of the Devil and the birth of Christ.

Through these many years, flowers, greens and plants have become very much a part of Christmas celebrations. They help make the insides of homes more vibrant. On doors and gate posts they call out the season's joys to passing strangers.

We take this opportunity to wish every one of you a truly beautiful holiday. We enjoy serving you.

Merry Christmas

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GREETINGS

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Good Tidings

Let the eternal light of love, the symbol of His birth, shine into every heart, bringing peace to all.

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