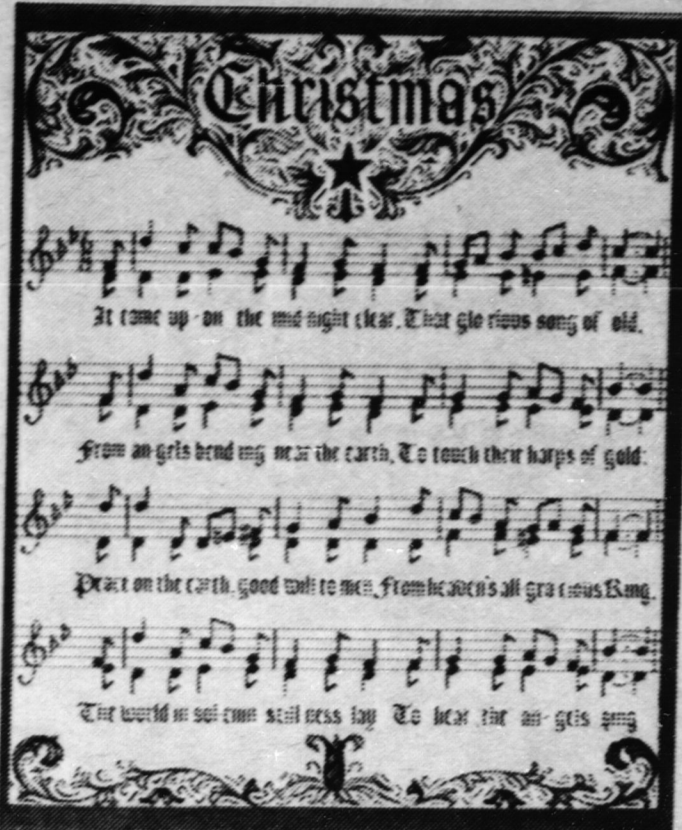


Songs Of Season Carry Merry, Modern Message

As families and friends gather to sing carols, as carolers roam from home to home, as happy notes ring out in church services and other gatherings, the familiar and favorite songs of the season celebrate the pure joy of Christmas.



"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" may have been a favorite carol of Henry Ford and his wife Clara (Bryant), for they sent this greeting card, bearing the song written by Edmund H. Sears. From the Hallmark Historical Collection.

Typical of those ancient hymns is a leaf from an illuminated manuscript, now in the Library of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

The leaf features a dramatic initial letter, illustrating the Nativity scene and "illuminated" by touches of gold. It's the work of an unknown 15th-century Italian artist.

The hymn celebrates the birth of Christ, Son of God and Savior of Man. Its source is an Antiphony, or collection of antiphons - songs to be sung in response or in alternate parts.

Though the Latin words may look complicated to a nonscholarly eye, the music is simplicity itself - notes for a basic melody. Simple as it is, this hymn comes from an era which saw the beginning of greater complexity in music. Toward the end of the 15th century, church music became not only a religious inspiration but a moving force in musical development.

Rhythms became more complex, and counterpoint began to evolve. Changes took place in the language of Christmas songs, too, for Latin was no longer a language understood by all. The solution? "Macaronic" carols, which may suggest something to eat - but "macaroni" adds a "c" to become "macaronic" and gain a new meaning - "in two languages."

Macaronic carols combined Latin with a language that the common people understood.

Dancing With Joy A Christmas carol might also be a Christmas dance. Origin of the word "carol" itself seems to trace back to the French word, "caroler" meaning a dance, and carols of yesteryear may have been sung by carolers dancing in a circle.

Full of rejoicing, the carols we sing today literally dance with holiday merriment.

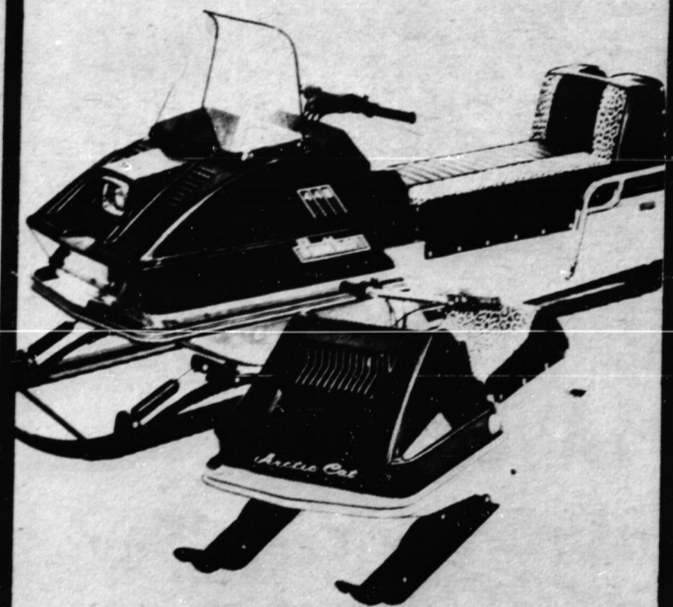
Singing "Wassail" Traditionally, carols go with the feasting and toasting that are part of holiday cheer, for a "wassail bowl" is any festive beverage, and a "wassail" is also a carol.

The "wassail" was one of the earlier forms of English carol - named, probably for the Anglo-Saxon "weshal," translated as "be hale or hearty."

That carols have always been popular music, in the modern sense, is illustrated by the mystery plays of medieval England, say the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

And today, that same enthusiasm leads people everywhere to join in the singing of beloved carols.

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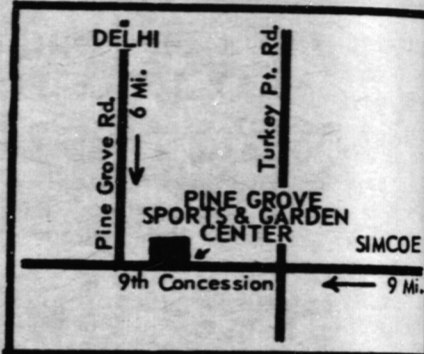
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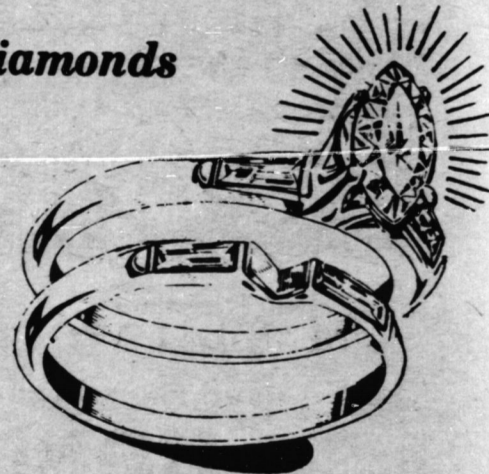
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Snow On Roof Means Tight House

After a snow storm, is there snow on your roof for several days afterwards? If so, it's a sign that your home is well insulated, says the Canadian Hydronics Council, and that's good. It means that the heat for which hard-earned money was spent is remaining in the house.

Insulation is a recognized agent in reducing heat loss to keep a house warmer in the winter. For maximum efficiency it should be installed properly - to hang straight without sagging. A well-designed

home is insulated on all outer walls, the uppermost ceilings, and around the foundations to protect ground-level rooms. Floors above crawl spaces and unheated garages also require attention.

Incidentally since insulation cuts down on the total heat loss of the home, it won't require as much heating equipment. If you have a hydronic system, it means a smaller boiler and less baseboard heating panels.

Insulation is also important in keeping the home cooler in the summer time. Because aluminum is known to reflect heat, some insulation is backed by aluminum foil. This is added protection to keep the heat within the home in winter and outside in the summer.

INSURING AHEAD Dasher? Dancer? Santa's most famous reindeer today is Rudolph of the red nose, from the 1939 song by Johnny Marks.



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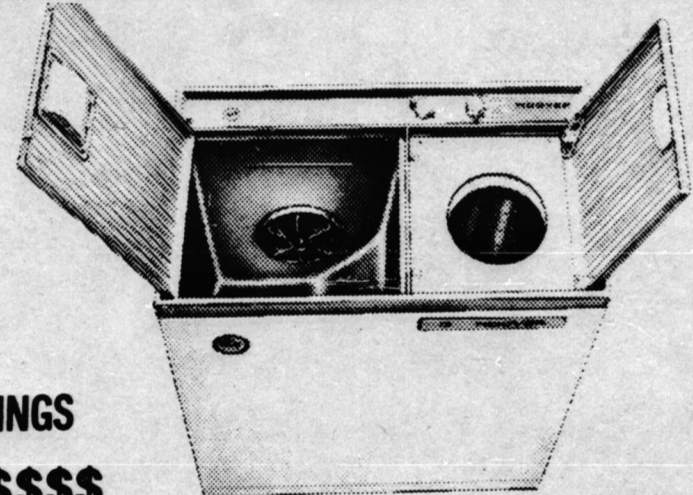
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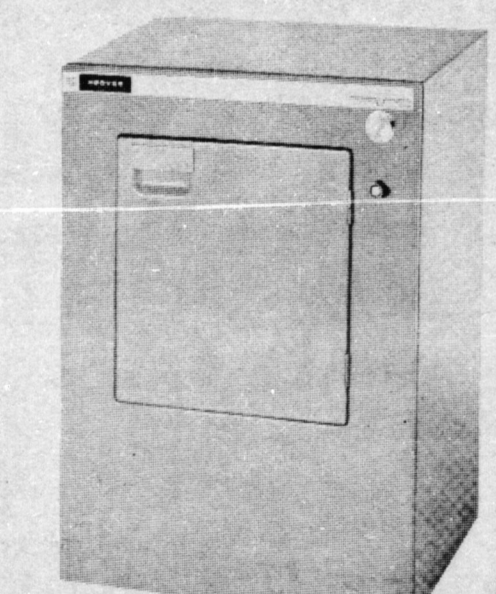
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