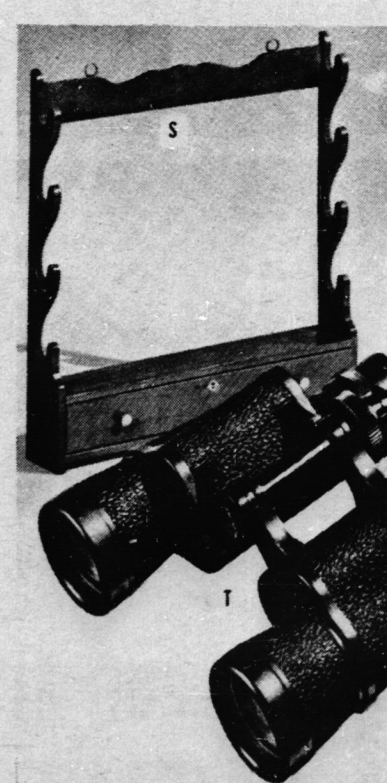
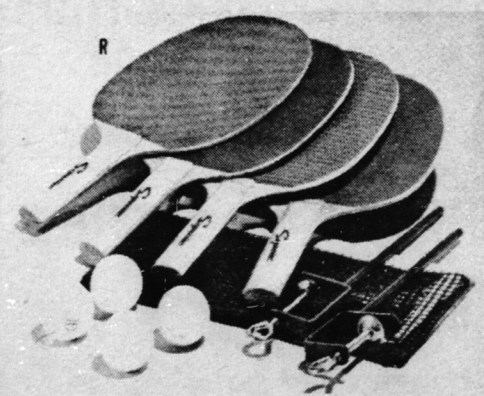
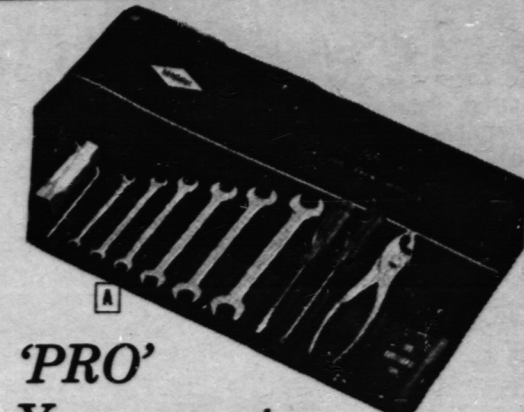


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Busy about his holiday tasks, one singer alone might "carol joyfully," just for the gladness of it. The Christmas treasures of heart and spirit are his in fullest measure, for carols belong to people everywhere, and most especially to every individual.

Carols are simple and sincere, merry and joyful, usually religious and

sometimes secular. Some carols are ancient indeed and some are of today. But whatever a carol's age or origin, one thing is always true.

All carols are modern. Their spirit is that of the first of all Christmas songs, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," sung by an angelic chorus. Their message, like the age-old Christmas story, is as fresh and new as tomorrow.

Hymns Were Latin By its very character, a carol brings "Glad tidings of great joy" or, to put it more simply, "Good news." The

French carols known as "Noels" express this with the use of the word "Noel" or "Nowell" as a refrain - and "Nowell" means "news."

Scholar's Latin was the language of the first Christmas hymns, the forerunners of present-day carols.

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."

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The world in stillness, hush to see, 'Tis to hear the angels sing.

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