

Kay's Kitchen



My friends from Holland sent me the following story about their Christmas celebration which is Dec. 5. Their Christmas Day, Dec. 25, is purely a religious holiday and is celebrated only by going to church and visiting the loved ones.

THE CELEBRATION OF SAINT NICOLAAS BIRTHDAY IN THE NETHERLANDS

For centuries the 6th of December and especially for the grown-ups on the evening of the 5th in the Netherlands has been a day on which the entire population is at home, celebrating. The people are celebrating the birthday of Sint Nicolaas, a holy Spanish bishop who is especially kind to children. Every year Sint Nicolaas, a holy Spanish bishop who is especially kind to children, every year Sint Nicolaas makes the trip to Holland for the celebration of his birthday. He has been doing this from time immemorial. It is not such an impossible feat for him because he is a saint after all. He does not need to receive presents, but to give them especially to the children.

A few weeks before December 6, Sint Nicolaas officially arrives in the Netherlands. Under a starlight of silver on board a sturgeon dressed in full pontifical—a long, wide, flowing red robe, mitre and crozier—he is accompanied by his personal entourage. Black Peter and an entourage of other servants. In the town where Sint Nicolaas will arrive, the mayor of the city, wearing his chain of office, standing at the quay to welcome the bishop & red velvet carpet is laid out. After the welcoming ceremony and a speech by the mayor, Sint Nicolaas will make his festive entry into the town. He is preceded by a brass band playing special songs for the occasion. Sint Nicolaas will raise a ruckus every house through the streets of the city and a large crowd will be assembled to cheer him. Black Peter and the rest of his entourage follow. The day after his official arrival, the entire population starts making extensive preparations for the most important days of their lives.

On the eve of Sint Nicolaas' birthday, the shopping streets are gaily decorated, lights twinkling for the occasion. In the afternoon, the children in the Netherlands get dark around 4 o'clock in winter and the shops have their windows specially decorated for Sinterklaas. Holland really gets into the festive mood. Although Sint Nicolaas comes especially for the children, it is also a great party for the grown-ups and they enjoy it just as much.

On the nights preceding Sint Nicolaas' birthday, the children sing special Sinterklaas songs with odd traditional texts. It is also tradition for the children to put a shoe or clog close to the chimney before they go to bed. They know that Sint Nicolaas and Black Peter ride their horse through the streets at night. Shoes and clogs are filled with carrots, bread or hay for the horse in the hope that Black Peter will exchange it for some marzipan, ginger cake or chocolate. Just before Sinterklaas himself, Black Peter can enter a house at night through the door of naughty children will be written down in a large book which Black Peter keeps for Sint Nicolaas. Therefore the children will be especially nice and sweet during this time. They also know quite well that Black Peter carries a rod with him for occasional punishment. He also carries a huge bag in which he might put naughty children and take them back with him to Spain.

Not only Sint Nicolaas renowned for knowing everything that goes on, but also for being able to do many things. He rides his horse over the roofs and listens through the chimneys. Black Peter even enters the houses through the chimneys at night. These "Black Peter" and takes the gifts from the shoes and clogs to exchange it for candy. However, the grown-up children as well as the grown-up people receive their gifts on the evening of the 5th. For the little ones, Black Peter will "ride" during the night and the morning everything stands ready for them on the table.

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Veteran benefits go begging

Thousands of wives and children of veterans and servicemen fail to take advantage of benefits and programs provided by Congress despite Veterans Administration efforts to inform each and every survivor of veterans and servicemen.

Educational benefits for wives, widows and children of veterans, widows and children of veterans, total disabilities or death were service-connected was cited by VA officials as one example of the many benefits available. Also eligible are children of veterans and servicemen living in action (MIA) or prisoners of war (POW) for more than 90 days. VA guaranteed home loans are available to wives of POWs and veterans and interwar couples whose deaths were service-connected.

Widows and minor children may receive two types of monthly payments also. VA pointed out. Dependency and indemnity (DICI) is paid if the veteran's death was service-connected. Pension is paid if death was non-service-connected. In certain cases parents may be eligible for DIC checks.

Still another benefit, monthly aid and attendance payments of \$50, is paid to eligible wives, widows and parents who are patients in nursing homes, hospitals or blind, or to nearly helpless or blind persons who require regular assistance of another person. Wives and children, or whoever is in a real family celebration.

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This recipe comes from "The Netherlands Cookbook" by Helen A.M. Halberstam.

ST. NICOLAAS DOEL (NUTCRACKER CAKE)

- 3 cups flour
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
a pinch each of baking powder and salt
some milk to soften the dough
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon powdered cloves
1/2 cup almonds, blanched sliced and some halves "for decorating"
Knead all ingredients to stiff ball, except the almonds for decorating. Roll out on a floured board to 1/4 inch thickness and stamp out shapes with different cutters or make a "gingerbread" roll an cookie. Bake 25 minutes at 350° F.

You can also make them like "flowers" and cut them into squares (about longer, 30-35 minutes). You will then call them "Sinterklaas".

Miss Coatney entertained

Mrs. Dan Rich entertained with a brunch at her home on Spitzer Hill Saturday morning in honor of Miss Karlyn Coatney, bride-elect of Frankie Vire.

Guests were Miss Coatney, Mrs. Robert Coatney, Miss Susan Coatney, Mrs. Frank Vire, Miss Frances Vire, Miss Jack Morford, Mrs. H.F. Marshall, Mrs. David Zachary, Mrs. Eugene Neal, Mrs. Larry Tucker, Mrs. H. Dallas Lewis, Mrs. Larry Calkins, Mrs. Harold Lettice, Miss Lucy Lettice, Miss Jim Booth, Miss Kay Allison, Miss Phyllis Atkinson, Mrs. Gerald McNeely, Miss Martha McNeely of Louisville; Mrs. Davis of Riddell Mill; Mrs. Carl Fields, Mrs. Robert Barlow and Laurie from Georgetown.

Assisting the hostess in entertaining were Mrs. Ann Marshall and Mrs. Frances Hughes.

Miscellaneous Shower Mrs. Steven Vire entertained with a miscellaneous showers at her home in Morehead in honor of Miss Karlyn Coatney, bride-elect, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 15.

A gold and yellow color scheme was used in the bridal decorations. The Christening will have in the decorations.

Refreshments of coffee and a Christmas dessert were served to the guests.

Births Mr. and Mrs. Stanley of Route 2, announce the birth of a daughter, Nov. 22, 1972 at the Nicholas County Hospital. She weighed nine pounds, six ounces, and has been named Gladys Faye Goolby.

CONVYERS Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Allen Conyers are the parents of a son born Nov. 23, 1972 at the Nicholas County Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, six ounces, and has been named Shon Allen.

GARRETT Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Garrett announce the birth of a son Nov. 23, 1972 at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. He weighed nine pounds, six ounces, and has been named Nicholas Keat.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Grams of Elizaville and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garrett.

Dr. and Mrs. E.A. Verulver, Decatur, Ga. and Mrs. S.E. Cooke, Harrodsburg, and H.F. Reynolds III, Winton-Salem, N.C. were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reynolds and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Swango Moore had as guests on Thanksgiving Day: Mr. and Mrs. Hubby Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore and Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Scheffer, Pamela and Debra Ruth.

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PERSONALS

The charge for all wedding and engagement pictures is \$1.50

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Carlisle Kindergarten pupils march with the American flag as they observe Veterans Day with a parade, then display the flags on their desks.

Patriots

Miss Willis wears Larry J. McFarland

The bride wore a long sleeve, lace effect, white street length dress. Her accessories were brown, with a corsage of pink carnations-pinned at her shoulder.

Miss Diana Starfield served Miss Willis as maid of honor. Serving Mr. McFarland as best man was Danny McIntyre.

Ratliffs celebrate anniversary

A. Capella Choir presents concert

The Georgetown College A Capella Choir will entertain with an open house for their parents with their annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. in the John I. Hill Chapel at Georgetown College.

The Oratorio Choir will present "The Messiah" on Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. in the John I. Hill Chapel.

Miss Phyllis Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Atkinson, will be one of the featured soloists.

Notice

Effective Dec. 4 The Gift Line at AnEl Gift Shop will be 1/2 OFF 'til Christmas!

Coming Soon The Sewing Basket

Owner-Jimmie Hill

Big Recliner Chair

To Be Given Away Friday Dec. 29

Nothing to Buy—No Purchase Required

10% Off On All Merchandise Smith's Dollar and Discount Store 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1

DISCOUNT NIGHT 10% OFF On All Merchandise Friday, Dec. 1 At BAKER'S 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

P.T.A. to meet Dec. 4

Club urges toy safety

With Christmas drawing near, parents all over the country are searching for toys that will delight the younger set. The Carlisle Junior Women's Club, G.P.W.C., urges you to take extreme care in selecting toys for your children this Christmas. Make sure they are good toys and above all, safe toys.

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