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CANDY HOUSE . . . Erika Muhl, head of the Torrance Arts & Crafts Center, is shown here with a house made of candy and cookies. She'll conduct a Christmas workshop at the center, 22730 Lupine Drive, at 1 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 5, 7, 12, and 15. The first two days will feature outdoor decorations, and the final two days will be spent on indoor decorations.

Familiar Carols Ring Out Everywhere at Christmas

The joyful strains of "God Rest you Merry Gentlemen," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and other carols each year renew a lovely tradition as they fill the air at Christmas.

All Christian nations have carols which are religious, seasonal songs, usually happy in spirit. The singing of carols at Easter time has declined over the years, but Christmas carols have survived and grown in popularity.

CAROLS originally were sung to accompany a ring dance in which dancers joined hands to form a circle. Many of these tunes still retain their lilt. About the 13th century, traditional dance melodies were adapted to religious texts. Worshippers welcomed something less severe than the old Latin hymns and found these more lively than plain song or chants.

Carols were written by clergymen, poets, composers, peasants, and by university scholars. They were equally at home in the ale-house, hall, marketplace or cloister.

HUNDREDS of carols were written in England between 1400 and 1647, when the Puritan Parliament abolished Christmas celebrations and suppressed carols.

The favorite songs survived by oral tradition and in crudely printed broadsheets. They did not fully regain their popularity for some 200 years.

In the middle of the 19th century, texts for several old carols came to light when a book belonging to Richard Hill, a London grocer, was found behind a bookcase. From about 1500 to 1536, Hill recorded all manner of things in the book. Among his many notes were transcriptions of long lost carols.

THE REV. J. M. Neale and the Rev. T. Helmore created more interest in carols when they published "Carols for Christmas tide" in 1853 which set England texts to 16th century Swedish carol tunes. One of the favorites in the collection, "Good King Wenceslas," was written to the tune of a Spring carol, "Tempus Adest Floridum."

The resurgence of carol writing in the mid-19th century led to many American carols, including "We Three Kings of Orient, Are," and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Traditional old English carols, as well as carols from other European countries, especially Germany and France, remain as favorites.

Here's Etiquette of Christmas Cards

"How do you properly sign a Christmas card?" "May they be engraved?" "Is it best to send one to every person you know?" — These and many more similar questions come to mind each Christmas. Now, here are some answers!

One of the most perplexing problems for married couples is: whose name comes first when signing the cards? The answer is: the person who is signing writes the other person's name first.

When cards are engraved or printed, rather than personally signed (which is preferred over printing), the wife's name comes first.

HERE ARE some examples of the ways cards may be properly signed: John and Mary (Mary signed it) and Mary and John Smith. When there are children: The Smiths — John, Mary, Bobby, Jimmy, Carol; or the children's names may be listed beneath the names John and Mary Smith.

When there are children in the family to whom you are addressing cards, it is best to include "and Family." Rather, follow one of these examples: The Smiths; The John Smiths; or simply, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, and include a

note inside which says something like "our best wishes to you and your family."

IT IS, incidentally, very acceptable to write notes on your card, or to enclose a note written separately on a sheet of small size stationery. Don't you enjoy hearing from friends at Christmas?

Whether or not you have your cards engraved should depend on just how friendly you want your cards to seem. It is perfectly acceptable, and possibly preferable to have business Christmas cards signed professionally for you . . . but personal cards are much nicer when you sign them yourself.

AS THE "world grows smaller," the average circle of friends and acquaintances grows larger. Therefore, many people are starting to limit their lists to only those people they cannot greet personally.

Also, it is entirely unnecessary to send a card to someone simply because they send you one. Christmas cards should be sent out to show friendship and love.

IF YOU have other, more specific questions, all the cur-

rent books on etiquette, found in the library, will give you the accepted answers.

Most important — be sure your cards are sent in plenty of time to arrive before Christmas . . . but not before Thanksgiving!

The holiday season provides many delightful ways to entertain. An open house is one of the nicest . . . it's easy to prepare for ahead of time so the hostess can enjoy it, too!

Many families follow the custom of having a "hospitality tree". A small Christmas tree is set up near the door and as guests arrive or depart, they are given a small gift off the tree.

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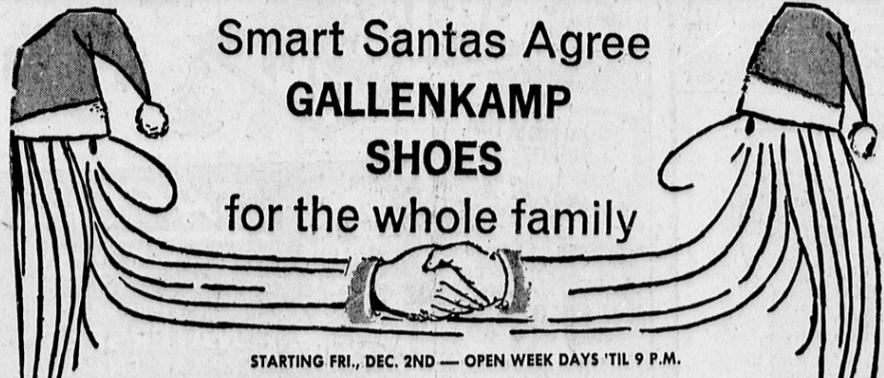
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