

CROSS OF HOPE

One of the oldest religious symbols is the cross. Countless variations of this ancient mark can be shown among almost every race, far earlier than its use as a badge by the early Christians. A study of crosses as they appear in history and art is an extremely rewarding hobby; there is much of interest known about them.

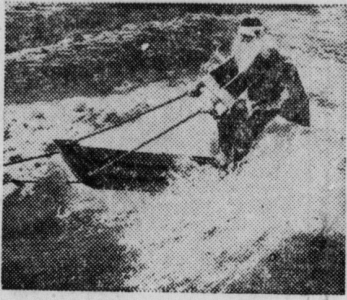
The double-barred cross, which appears on every Christmas Seal, is called the Lorraine Cross. It has been a symbol of peace and hope since the Middle Ages when it first appeared on the insignia of the Duke of Lorraine, the first Christian ruler of Jerusalem. It was used by his family for generations and after that by religious and fraternal organizations, and even



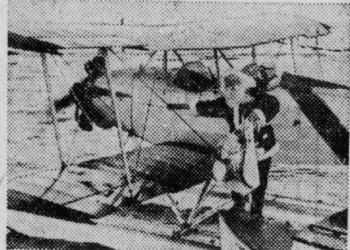
less battle without crossbows or bullets to bring healing to young and old.

Santa Claus Gets Around

● Busy Kris Kringle doesn't fight modern inventions—he uses them!



Down Florida way where the chambers of commerce require that everything be different, Santa goes to work on an aquaplane.



Donner and Blitzen can't fly through the air like a plane, so old St. Nick tries a new wrinkle.



Here he pops up in a railroad engine—



Then, again, he abandons his toy bag and travels in an automobile—

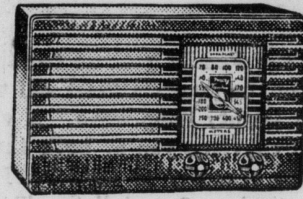


But in the end he goes back to reindeers. Can't get along without 'em!

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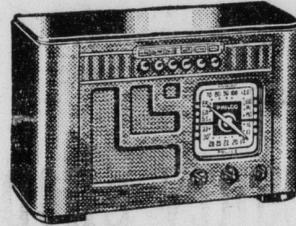
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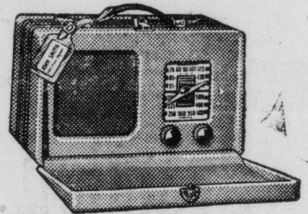
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Sun's 'Virginia' Still Has Faith In Santa Claus

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to life its highest beauty and joy."

Forty-two years ago an editorial writer for the New York Sun penned these now-famous lines in answer to a scrawled letter from a little girl named Virginia, whose faith in Santa had been shaken.

Today Virginia is grown up, married, and serves as assistant principal in an east side New York school. Her name is Dr. Laura Virginia Douglas and this Christmas she's playing Santa Claus not only to her pupils but her own daughter.

Pink-cheeked, vivacious, yet shy and hesitant in speaking of personal matters, Dr. Douglas is not in favor of breaking the news baldly to a child that there is no Santa Claus. He will learn naturally, she says, as he turns from the free, imaginative stage of early childhood to an interest in the world around him.

When she first became old enough to realize the full meaning of the Sun's editorial, she felt badly because poor children were not able to have Christmas gifts as tangible evidence of Santa's existence. Later, she says, she grew to realize that material gifts were not so important as the faith which even the very poor child could have in something spiritual.

Yule Flower Named After U. S. Diplomat
Thank an early American diplomat for the poinsettia plant you receive (or don't receive) Christmas morning. The flaming flower whose vermilion-red leaves are mistaken at a distance for the petals of its flower, was brought to the United States about 1820 by Joel Roberts Poinsett, minister to Mexico, who discovered it growing there. Poinsett, who had studied both law and medicine abroad and served many years in the diplomatic service, ended his career in the American house of representatives from 1821 to 1825. But were it not for the plant he brought back from Mexico his name would now be unknown.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS. The Christmas carol custom is not so obsolete as that of the Yule Log. It early days it was the custom for the clergy to sing carols on the feast days. When mystery and morality plays became common, carols were popularized and singers used to sing them between the acts so that a great rivalry occurred between actors and singers for the plaudits of the audiences. Not all Christmas carols were religious and dancing was often a part of the service.

TOPICAL IDEAS. Topical, or contemporary, describes man yof the new Christmas cards, which aptly reflect the mores and manners of the day. A striking example is an airplane in sapphire and gold winging its way over the deeper sapphire on a midnight city to smoke-write its Christmas message within.

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