

Holiday Light Hoopla in Hubbard



Photo by Jenny Hoppe

By Dave Hanson

The community of Hubbard shines brighter in the nighttime sky this December. This is because located in the heart of the city, a delegation of bright holiday lights has assembled to communally create a festive display devoted to the joyous celebration of Christmas.

This display has grown throughout the past decade at the home of Shala Wilson-Young and with the help of her husband Trevor, is lit daily from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. throughout the first of the year.

The display is also constructed with the assistance of the kids Logan & Kady and Grandpa Harlan (Shala's Dad)! While the display has seen a gradual growth leading to a local buzz or hoopla, about being something to behold, this year the display has grown, "kinda of a lot more!" according to Shala.

In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, the family has arranged to accept donations to benefit the Hubbard County Food Shelf. The donation box and magnificent display can be found

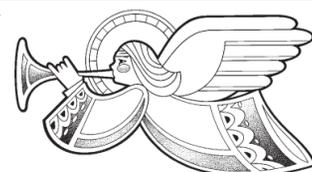
by turning East onto 122nd Ave from County Road 6 in downtown Hubbard. The box is placed at the beginning of the illuminated path leading to the Selfie station. Which makes for a great photo opportunity for a self or a fun family picture too.

The family would love more visitors, and the Hubbard County Food Shelf would greatly appreciate your support, so please make plans to be part of the hoopla today, and head for the Holiday Light Hoopla in Hubbard!

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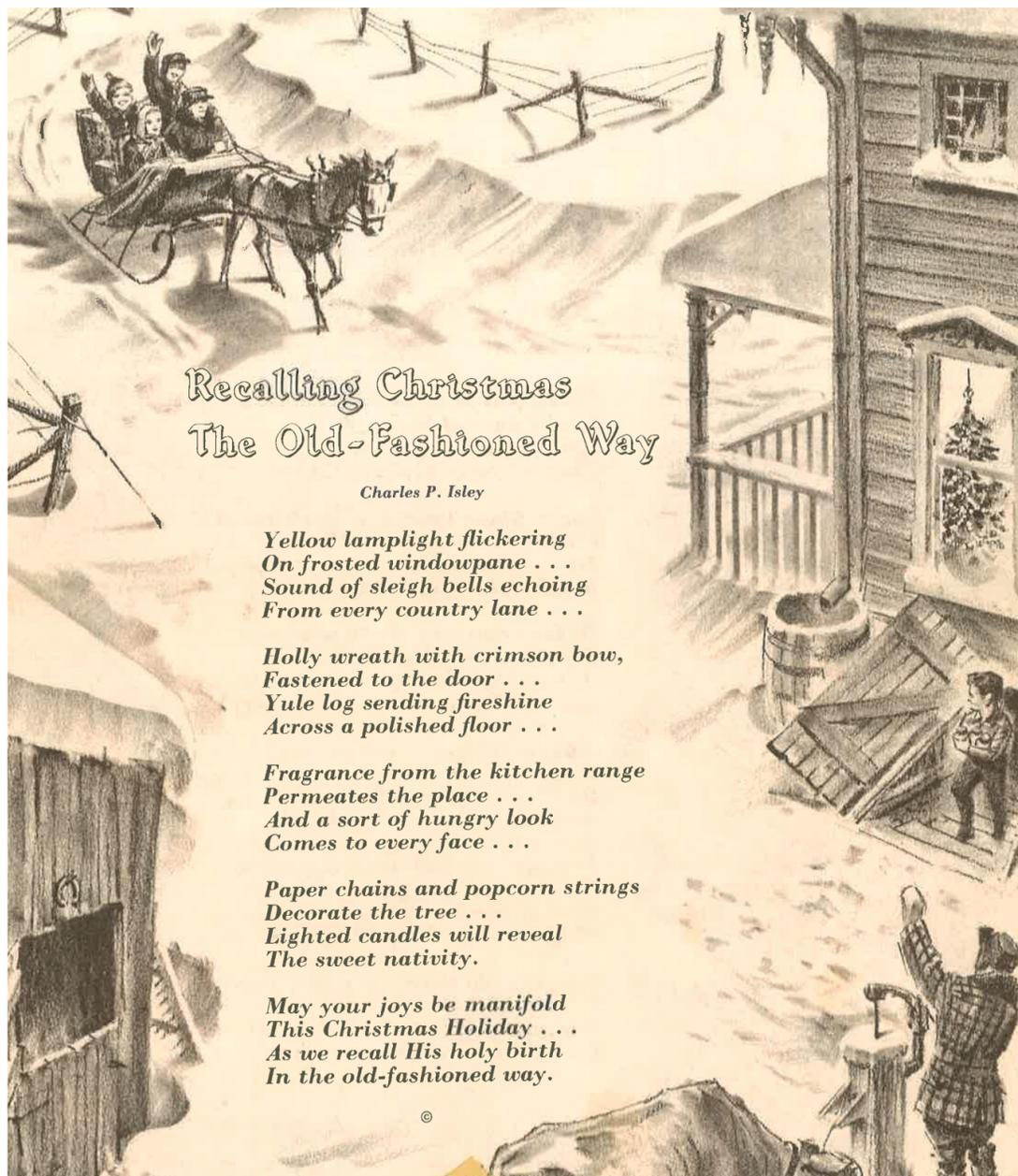
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Recalling Christmas The Old-Fashioned Way

Charles P. Isley

*Yellow lamplight flickering
On frosted windowpane . . .
Sound of sleigh bells echoing
From every country lane . . .*

*Holly wreath with crimson bow,
Fastened to the door . . .
Yule log sending fireshine
Across a polished floor . . .*

*Fragrance from the kitchen range
Permeates the place . . .
And a sort of hungry look
Comes to every face . . .*

*Paper chains and popcorn strings
Decorate the tree . . .
Lighted candles will reveal
The sweet nativity.*

*May your joys be manifold
This Christmas Holiday . . .
As we recall His holy birth
In the old-fashioned way.*

Staple of holiday decor has a deep history



Chances are, holiday revelers will find themselves underneath the mistletoe at least once this holiday season. While they might know what to do when that time comes,

they might not know the history of that plant above their heads.

Especially sacred to Celtic Druids, mistletoe was believed bestow life and fertility,

while also protecting against poison and serving as an aphrodisiac.

Mistletoe would later take on a more political meaning, as the ritual of cutting the mistletoe came symbolized the emasculation of the old King by his successor.

Nowadays, mistletoe is typically hung in doorways or entryways from one room to another. This tradition can also trace itself back several centuries to the Middle Ages. During the Middle Ages, branches of mistletoe were hung from ceilings to ward off evil spirits. Throughout Europe, mistletoe was placed over doorways in the house as well as the stables as a means to preventing the entrance of witches.

The tradition of kissing underneath the mistletoe likely stems from the belief that mistletoe bestows fertility and is often associated with the Roman festival of Saturnalia, a period of merrymaking that pre-dated Christmas. In 18th century England, a young lady standing underneath the mistletoe could not refuse to be kissed. Once kissed, the kiss would signify deep romance or eternal friendship.

History also suggests that

mistletoe was a symbol of peace. In Scandinavia, mistletoe was considered a plant of peace. When standing underneath the mistletoe, enemies could declare a truce and spouses could end any marital turmoil with a kiss.

Merry & Bright



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Have a good, old-fashion Christmas



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