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### How 'Silent Night' Came To Be Written

(N. C. W. C. Christmas Supplement).

The story of how the world-famous Christmas hymn "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" ("Silent Night, Holy Night") came to be written is now pretty generally known, but a brief account of the event, said to have been set down in the handwriting of Franz Gruber, who wrote the music, adds a new interest.

The Rev. Joseph Mohr, a young priest, and Franz Gruber, organist in Father Mohr's church, are the principals in the story. The scene is Oberndorf, in Upper-Austria. Father Mohr wrote the words for the now immortal hymn. He had received training as a chorister in the Salzburg Cathedral. Gruber, the son of an obscure weaver, was a country schoolmaster on week-days, and traveled back and forth from a neighboring village to play the organ in Father Mohr's church on Sundays.

Together, racing against time one Christmas Eve more than a century ago, to provide the choir of their church with a new hymn for Midnight Mass, these two retiring men gave to the world a melody that has captured the fancy of the whole world and lifted their names from the fastnesses of their mountain homes.

The account attributed to Franz Gruber, and said to have been written after the hymn had achieved widespread popularity, follows:

"It was on the Twenty-fourth of December, in the year 1818, that Joseph Mohr, at that time the assistant priest in the newly-erected parish of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, brought a poem to Franz Gruber, the officiating organist at that time also schoolmaster in Arnsdorf, with the request that he write a melody suited to the poem, for two solo voices and a choir with a guitar accompaniment.

"The same evening, the latter presented this music-loving priest his simple composition, in accordance with his request. This was sung that very Holy Night and was received with great favor."

The Septuagint is the first translation of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek before the Christian era.

### Christmas Among Folk of Euskadi

MANY OLD CUSTOMS ARE RETAINED BY PEOPLE IN THE LAND OF THE BASQUES

By Rev. Anthony Coppens

(Written for N. C. W. C. Christmas Supplement).

Perhaps many have wondered if the folk of Euskadi—the land of the Basques—have at Christmas time the pastorals and mystery plays for which Easter and Pentecost in that area are so widely known. The answer is that they do not, and the reason is simply that they are traditionally performed in the open and the climate at this time of year is not propitious.

But the observance of Christmas does not suffer from the absence of the plays. There are many old customs in these seven Provinces—Labourd, Soule and Barre Navarre in France and Guipuzcoa, Biscala, High Navarre and Alava, in Spain—and many of them center around the religious services.

The vigil of Christmas is, of course, a day of strict fast and the evening meal is reduced to a fixed abstinence. There are hours of song and improvisation, and a festive note is added by roasted chestnuts and a bit of rose wine.

The warning pealed on the

church bell finds everyone ready to set out for the church and the three Masses beginning at midnight. In church, the men occupy places in the gallery, while the women sit in the main body of the church. Following the last of the three Masses, everyone returns home to rest.

Despite that this is an area abounding in splendid pines, the custom of erecting and decorating a Christmas tree is not observed in Euskadi. Aside from the religious ceremonies, the highlight of the Christmas observance is the family feast which generally begins at noon. For days before Christmas things are got ready. A young pig is slaughtered. Certain "age-old" practices obtain in the preparation of the Christmas food, and each member of the household has a traditional part to play. It is customary for a piece of the newly-buffed meat to be presented to the parish priest, and it is also a long-established practice to roast the pig liver at once and serve it to the men-folk "hot as fire, strong as pimiento, and sweet as honey."

The choicest cuts of the meat are kept from Christmas dinner, a meal the preparation of which is certain to necessitate the use of all the culinary equipment in the house. While pork and beef are very likely to be on the menu, boiled chicken is regarded as an indispensable part of the fare. Garlic, thyme, rosemary and other spices are brought into play to season the entrees; while foie gras pies, jam tarts, apple fritters and vanilla cream are likely in normal time to round out the meal.

One is tempted to linger long over the delicacies of such a board, but the Euskadi hostess knows how to speed the parting guest and members of the family, too, when the church bell sounds again to summon the parishioners to the Christmas afternoon services. Hymns and prayers, lasting about one hour, make up these devotions. After church there may be visiting among the different villagers, and then supper which brings the traditional observances to a close.

### Old Christmas Trees Guide Airplanes To Landing Fields

Flights of fancy have pictured a Santa Claus traveling by airplane, but it is a practical use which links the Christmas tree and the airplane in certain sections of Canada.

In northern Ontario and across the prairies, discarded Christmas trees are frequently pressed into service to aid the landing of planes running on the Trans-Canada Air Lines. Stuck down in the snow at regular intervals, these small conifers are an excellent means of outlining the edges of the runways for incoming planes. Airfield attendants are issued instructions to give the trees a vigorous shaking after each snowfall, and this way their dark green branches make a vivid boundary against the white snow for a considerable period.

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