

'Jazzed-up Yule carols likely to give offence

By M. McIntyre Hood
LONDON — The customary spate of recordings of Christmas music has found its way into the record bars and music shops, without producing anything that is likely to be outstanding or lasting. One of the features of this year's crop is the revival of old favorite songs and even carols in a new some of them rather bizarre and likely to give more offence than pleasure.

A new arrangement of Jingle Bells, recorded by the Ray Conniff Singers, is one of these bringing in some heretofore unknown effects which give it a new twist. One of the Christmas recordings being subjected to a somewhat criticism is one with a new type of setting of the favorite carol "Silent Night." To put it mildly, the Dottie Wayne treatment is not likely to have much popular appeal. In it the familiar old words are sung, and not too well either, in the background of a bar-room piano and some body whistling. The record company producing it calls this a "wagon wheels" accompaniment.

WAS HORRIFIED
Miss Wayne, who is quite enchanting in the dizzy blond de Paris she plays on the stage, says: "I was quite horrified when I was first suggested that I should make the record in this style. I am a Methodist and a regular churchgoer and I thought it was going a bit too far." That is exactly the opinion of most of the music critics who have commented on this production. Another record which is just as much criticized as being "unnecessary" in a jazzed-up

version of "We Three Kings" by Johnny Keating. To my mind this version borders on the sacrilegious with its ultra-modern tempo.

NEW INTRODUCTIONS
AS usual, there are several things on the records this Christmas. Wally Whorlow, who is popular on children's television programs and even carols in a new some of them rather bizarre and likely to give more offence than pleasure.

CHRISTMAS POEM
Cradled in Mary's loving arms
No sad thoughts of future sorrows
No little Jesus rest.

Another one which might catch on is Perry Scott's recording of "Don't Light the Fire Till After Santa's Gone." A new one by Miss McDaniel, on "Christmas Candles" is of the nostalgic type which might even carry over for a Christmas or two.

These are the new things, but experience in the music shops and record bars shows that the time-honored favorites are still outselling the new stuff. Even "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" still has quite a following in this modern jazz age.

She only knows that He is hers
This little son so fair,
And tenderly her fingers touch
Her baby's silken hair.

She sees the humble shepherds kneel
In worship at His feet,
And the Wise Men lay before Him
Their treasures rare and sweet.

There is no shadow of the Cross
To mar this happy day,
For safe in Mary's loving arms,
Does little Jesus lay.

While far above the winter hills
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Centuries old Yule customs are still observed in Britain

By M. McIntyre Hood
LONDON — England is a land of history and tradition, in which old customs die hard. This is especially true of the Christmas season, when various parts of the country have their own peculiar observances which have come down through the past centuries.

The British Council's scheme takes the form of special Christmas and New Year holiday courses in 30 different locations. Since they were announced in October, research workers, law students, undergraduates, doctors and nurses, all men and women from overseas studying in this country, have been applying at the rate of 100 a day for the privilege of taking one of these courses. By the end of November, the Council had completed arrangements for the 960 students, from nearly 100 different countries, who will fill the places available in each of the two courses one course will start on December 19 and continue for a week, to be followed by the other, which will end on January 4.

Twelve parties will spend the Christmas week in places ranging from Scotland to Cornwall, and 18 parties will see in the New Year in other spots from Loch Erne in Argyllshire to Brighton in England's south coast.

The idea behind the holiday courses, which do include some interesting study work, is to provide interesting, companionable holidays so that people from overseas countries can make friends, meet British peo-

"Tolling the Devil's Kneel" has been carried on for 700 years. Each year, a team of bell-ringers tolls the tenor bell of the parish church once for every year since the birth of Christ, so that this year it will be rung 1962 times. It is lined so that the final stroke will ring at exactly the hour of midnight.

Like many other customs, this is an old legend behind this one. It is that in the 13th century a local baron killed one of his servants, and as a punishment he gave a bell to the church and ordered that it be rung each Christmas, to remind him of his crime. For many years the people of Dewbury believed that the tolling of the bell would keep the devil away from the parish for the next 12 months.

At Dunster, Somerset, the ancient custom of burning an ashen fagot is carried out on Christmas Eve. This has been going on for more than 1,000 years. In the Battles of Wessex of the year 878, the West Saxon warriors built fires of ash branches to keep the themselves warm. Ash, they found, was the only wood that would burn when green. The ashen fagot is still burned at Dunster as a prelude to a Christmas Eve dance.

CHRISTMAS MUMMERS
Christmas mummers perform in the streets and public houses of many of the West Country

villages. At some villages in the Cotswold Hills, these mummers perform a masque depicting two men fighting and the loser being raised from the dead by a doctor—symbolizing death and resurrection.

The Mummers of Longparish and Overton in Hampshire wear costumes to make them appear like grotesque birds with monstrous heads, and tour the village, singing carols.

Most widespread of all English Christmas customs is one which has spread to many other countries, including Canada. This is the custom of caroling, by young people known as "wails," who go from house to house singing the old familiar Christmas carols and songs. In modern days, however, this has become somewhat commercialized by young people who indulge in it solely for the purpose of collecting money from the occupants of the houses at which they stop to do their singing.

Occasionally, the money thus collected goes to a worthy cause, but in a great many cases it simply goes into the pockets of the young singers.

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