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SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1955

Colorful Christmas Customs



MEXICAN PINATA . . . prize-filled paper bird hung from the ceiling, is Yule tradition revived by Mrs. Chris Dybdahl from her childhood days in El Paso where the colorful mobiles are procured easily from across the border in Juarez. Object is to 'break the sturdily constructed bird while blindfolded. Mrs. Dybdahl and Erik, 2, watch as Christmas



GREEK HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES always include ceremonial dances, nimbly performed around the buffet table by Mr. and Mrs. John Benias and son, Spero, who wears the costume of Benias' brother (in background picture) who was



up the target before his eyes are covered by six-year-old sister Adele.

GERMAN ADVENTS KRAZ

... Christmas wreath bearing four red candles symbolizing the four Sundays in Advent, is traditional part of holiday decor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Russell and daughter, Carola, 7½. A German war bride, Mrs. Russell is looking forward to next Christmas when her family will be here from Berlin, their first reunion since 1948.



... family celebrated Christmas early this year as Benias is spending the holiday season in his native land, making his first visit there in 45 years. His fez denotes membership in the order of Ahepa, national organization of Greek-American citizens.



BRITISH GOOD LUCK SIGN

Everyone make a wish and stir the Christmas pudding, adding coins to the batter — is observed by Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Blackwell and their enthusiastic spoon-wielders, Craig, 18 months, and Stella, 5½ months. Mrs. Blackwell brought the family custom from her native Australia.

NORWEGIAN JULE NISSEN

—the Christmas fairy — is expected Christmas Eve with a generous bowl of rice pudding left on the doorstep by the Endre Aadlands' small youngsters, Johnny, nearly 7, and Karen Lou, 18 months, overseen by 10-year-old brother Teddy. The rice pudding is part of traditional Christmas Eve lutefisk dinner served by Norwegian families for hundreds of years.

