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Peace on earth. Goodwill towards men. The age-old message of that first Christmas Day fills our hearts as we hail the festive season. In every town and city, happy shopping crowds join in search of traditional gifts - reflecting the true Yuletide spirit.

In the country, well, they're worrying more about a different cost of living. Any day now!

Meeting Old Santa - wide-eyed youngsters whisper their hopes for a bumper stocking - and marvel at the fascinating window displays. - HERE'S AN ENCHANTED WOODLAND SCENE The Woodland Skiffle Group is hitting a high note in entertainment.

And surely that's a rock 'n' roll singer filling the vocal spot. ^{in seasonal style} Another way of filling space. Let's hope they celebrate ~~Christmas~~ on the moon.

Meanwhile, at a famous London toy store - it really was a case of ~~stocking-up for Christmas~~

"stocking-up" for Christmas...for eight boys and girls.

They were the area winners in a National Competition, and their prize was "all they could carry away in this toyshop"

The time limit ranged from five to ten minutes, according to their age. Nearly half-a-million entered, and for these winners - it certainly proved the biggest shopping rush of the year.

Yet, in this happy season, greater road casualties bring sorrow...

Last Christmas Eve, thirty-nine people were killed. 900 injured.

The Minister of Transport, tempers his greetings with a warning. SOUND.