



"The White Church" is the title of the above painting by Grandma Moses which will appear this year on Christmas cards. The tiny New York state farm woman has become America's most famed painter.

LIFE BEGINS AT 90

'Grandma' Moses Still Paints And Takes Many Honors Lightly

Grandma Moses is no more ruffled by the honors that have followed her 90th birthday, and the opening of the newest exhibit of her paintings, than she was by her first public exhibit just 10 years ago this month.

"I get up about seven and go down for coffee. Then I go to my room, tidy it up and paint or read as I see fit," she explained.

Grandma, who is formally Anna Mary Robertson Moses, a York-state farm wife who has become the dean of American primitive painters, was honored with a testimonial dinner at the state capital, opened an exhibit of 60 of her paintings at the Albany Institute of Art, completed an appearance in a full-scale color movie, and checked the progress of 60 of her works on exhibit through Europe, all within the last few months.



"The Mailman Has Gone" is the title of this recent painting by Grandma Moses. It, too, will appear on Christmas cards this year.

Meteorite Rise to Fame

She still paints nearly every day. "I've always thought every painting would be the last, but I keep right on," she remarked.

The little old lady whose "discovery" as a painter started her on a meteoric rise to fame at the age of 78, lives in a two-story white frame house set here in the rolling hills of the Taconic range 200 miles from New York City.

There is also a television set now which is obviously of keen interest to Grandma. "I don't care for the boxing or wrestling or those things," she said with a twinkle, "but I like the historical things and the plays if they wind up happy."

It would be hard to imagine Grandma Moses unhappy. There is dignity and intelligence in her face and complete serenity. She is tiny and weighs hardly enough to jiggle a scale. Her eyes are bright blue, alert and crinkly, and she wears spectacles. Her white hair is gathered in a knot atop her head. She has high cheek bones, a small, straight nose, and a decisive chin.

Lived in Virginia

On her painting, well—"I paint things that I see and some that I remember," she said, "a great deal is historical and a great deal is just imagination."

Her canvases are panoramic views of the countryside, the marks of the four seasons, the chores and activities of farm life, rural holiday customs she observes or recalls in her mind's eye.

Grandma may have inherited from her Scotch-Irish forebears some of her artistic inclination but her style, taste and craftsmanship are strictly her own developments. Born on a farm near Greenwich, N. Y., on Sept. 7, 1860, she remembers that her father painted a little. Shut in by illness one winter, he spent the time painting murals with house paint on the living room walls.

She has a vivid and remarkable memory for the scenes and events

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Fireside Chat Proposed

SECRETARY of State Acheson has been urging President Truman to deliver a fireside chat warning the nation against falling for the Russian peace offensive.

Acheson fears that victory in Korea will lull Americans into forgetting that western Europe is still Russia's No. 1 objective and that to let down now would prove disastrous later. Therefore, he has suggested the President give a blunt talk to the people, perhaps on Columbus Day, and in this way explode Moscow's peace talk.

Acheson wants the President to point out that Russia still has 75 divisions in eastern Germany—15 of them armored—and is now stockpiling huge quantities of food and raw materials—something you do only when you are preparing for war.

Senate Poet Laureate

Scott Lucas, the hard-boiled senate leader, is one thing; but Scott Lucas, the rhymester, is another. Most people don't know that when the senator from Illinois gets fed up with long, drawn-out senate debates he scribbles lyrics. Here is one he turned out when the senate was tied up in a table-thumping debate on oil:

"Who is this old man oil That raises hell in committee toil? Open the door and let him in. Hear him speak straight from the chin.

"Remember boys—he's a wily old cuss. He looks like 'Hit' and acts like 'Muss'; He's a traveler of world renown, Gushing and running from town to town."

Korean Costs Increase

Most people don't realize that the cost of the Korean war to the taxpayers has been increased by about five billion dollars, because of two factors: 1. Unpatriotic war manufacturers and raw-material dealers have hiked prices; 2. President Truman, though given ample power by congress, has failed to invoke price controls.

As a result, it now costs the armed services more for their needs, without exception, than they paid before the Korean outbreak. Probably the most shameful is the sudden increase in the price of medical and surgical goods, urgently needed to save lives in Korea. The army must now pay \$220 for an instrument and medicine cabinet that cost only \$195 before the Korean war.

The high-octane aviation fuel that keeps our planes flying over Korea costs 30 per cent more than before the war. At the same time, fuel oil has shot up 54 per cent. The air force is also paying as high as 175 per cent more for resistors, actuators and other electronic spares for aircraft, and the navy is paying 10 to 12 per cent more for ship parts than these same items cost before K-day.

Business As Usual

In addition to paying 62 per cent more for zinc, the army and navy had to get tough before they could even buy enough zinc for batteries urgently needed in Korea. Assistant Secretary of the Army Alexander and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Koehler personally had to put pressure on the zinc companies in order to get military orders filled.

Believe it or not, these companies—Anaconda, Sullivan Mining, American Smelting and Refining, and American Zinc company of Illinois—wanted to take care of their civilian clients first rather than risk losing business. Now the same companies are protesting against supplying zinc for the nation's strategic stockpile.

Here are a few other comparisons between the prices the armed forces paid before and after the Korean war began: radio receivers up from \$550 to \$910 a set; radiac training sets, \$84.90 to \$289; shipping boxes, 82 cents to \$1.24 each; five-gallon gasoline drums, \$1.79 to \$1.98 each; khaki trousers, 74 cents to 84 cents a pair; adhesive tape, 26 cents to 30 cents a roll; tires, \$16.14 to \$20.46 each; fire hose, \$20.64 to \$23.10 per 50 feet; ground interregator, \$1,842 to \$2,303 each. These are typical of the prices the armed services are paying.



MASTER SERGEANTS RECEIVE BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS . . . Nine master sergeants of the United States army receive battle front commissions as second lieutenants somewhere in Korea. Left to right, front row: Patrick J. Stonewall, Stanley, N. D.; Clifford D. Hamrick, Columbus, Ga.; Curtis B. Ezell, Portland, Ore.; Paul Guzman, Carnegie, Pa.; and John R. Stodin, Mora, Minn. Second row: Arthur Smith, Wayne, Me.; Kenneth H. Smith, Long Beach, Calif.; Virgil L. Ward, Lenoir City, Tenn.; and Milton G. Kitchens, Sandy Springs, Okla.



TRANSPORT ARRIVES WITH 241 WAR CASUALTIES . . . A military sea transport service vessel arrived in San Francisco with 241 wounded army and air force personnel from the Korean war theater. It was the first sizeable group of wounded men to reach this country and the first to arrive by water-borne transport. Previously, the wounded were flown to the bay area. The 241 were taken from the ship as soon as docking was completed and removed to Letterman hospital and the Presidio. Here are a group being processed at Crissy field, near San Francisco.



RED SNIPER AT WRONG END OF GUN . . . P.F.C. John Alliance of Ohio is taking care that this Red Korean sniper doesn't get away. The private's prize is a North Korean sniper whom he flushed as United States forces recaptured Seoul. John tied the prisoner's hands and stuck him into the hole as he waited for a prisoner collection detail to come and get the defeated enemy soldier. Occurrences such as this were common as Americans continued mopping-up operations.



ALL'S CALM NOW . . . White-clad North Koreans with their hands placed atop their heads, march in orderly file under the alert guard of the United States marines following a quick but hectic fight somewhere in Korea. The photo was made from overhead, showing that a tranquil and calm terrain now spreads toward the horizon where lately lay a flaming battleground. Most of the action in South Korea, at the time this was taken, consisted of finding troop pockets.



NIP PRINCE'S TUTOR . . . Miss Esther B. Rhoads, Germantown, Pa., will be the new tutor of Crown Prince Akihito of Japan, who is 17. Miss Rhoads will succeed Mrs. Vining, who will return to the United States in November.



WRITER SIGNS FOR TV . . . W. Somerset Maugham (left) talks over his new television program with his sponsor, Martin Strauss, hair dye manufacturer. Maugham will act as host-commentator on weekly half-hour dramatizations.

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90-Year-Old Artist Continues Career

While most people are happy just to be alive when they reach their 90th birthday, Grandma Moses has launched upon a more active career with her painting. She has a number of works underway and continues to read and sew.

She said recently at a birthday party she was looking forward to her 100th birthday. She wasn't planning anything big, she said, "just to ask a few people over for a dance."