



GET TO CHRISTMAS—St. Nicholas, the Christmas saint, was born, lived and died in Turkey. A few of his bones, along with an old portrait, are preserved in the Museum of Antalya in southern Turkey. Most of the saint's remains were stolen by pirates about a thousand years ago.

Man Known as St. Nicholas Lived in Southern Turkey

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

So wrote the late Francis P. Church in the old New York Sun almost 60 years ago. Church's famous column dealt with the spirit of St. Nicholas, and it was a masterpiece of American journalism.

St. Nicholas, the man who became Santa Claus, was born

lived and died on the southern coast of Turkey.

Born in Patara

No plaque marks his birthplace, but it is said that the saint first saw the light of day in the ancient harbor of Patara, a forgotten group of ruins in southwest Turkey, some 300 years after the birth of Christ.

Fact and fantasy surround the life of St. Nicholas. One story has it that on the day he was born he stood up, raised his tiny arms and cried, "I thank Thee, God, that I am permitted to live upon this, Thy earth."

He grew up to be a saintly man, and his reputation for sanctity probably gave rise to many of the tales. It was in Patara that perhaps the most famous of all the legends, and the foundation to the Santa Claus story was born.

The tale goes that a local nobleman had three daughters who were all of marrying age, but the family was so poor that they had no dowries. There was not even enough to eat. So one December night Nicholas, a comparatively well-to-do young citizen, anonymously tossed three bags of gold through the family's window.

Act Become Custom

This act of charity became a custom that is still followed today—giving at Christmas time.

St. Nicholas' famous gifts had effects in a much more unlikely quarter, centuries later. During the Middle Ages, pawnbrokers, who are not usually associated with the virtue of charity, adopted a sign that has become universal—three golden balls. They symbolize the bags of gold thrown by St. Nicholas.

After moving to Demre, the saint continued his custom of beginning each day with prayer. One morning when he arrived at the church he was greeted with shouts of "Hail to our new bishop!"

Bishop Dies

The story goes that the previous bishop had died during the night, and when attempts were made to choose a new bishop, there was much disagreement. In answer to a prayer, a voice told them to "choose as your new bishop the first man who shall enter this church tomorrow morning." And so Nicholas became bishop of the church at Demre.

Tales of the saint's good deeds continued until his death Dec. 6, 342 A. D. He was buried at the church.

Now almost underground the church houses a sarcophagus, supposedly that of the saint, in one of its aisles. Broken figures on top are rumored to have been caused by Italian pirates who rifled the tomb of the saint in the 16th century.

But two bones were left, and these, along with a picture of the saint, are preserved in the Turkish Riviera town of Antalya.

HORN BROOK Grange Officers Installed

BY MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN

Hornbrook — Installation of new officers of Hornbrook Grange was held Friday Dec. 14 at the Grange hall. A chicken pie potluck dinner preceded the ceremony.

Officers installed were master, Jack Cross; overseer, Mrs. Ben Phillips; lecturer, Mrs. Ernest Pickard, Jr.; steward, Frank Lowe; assistant steward, Ernest Pickard, Jr.; chaplain, Mrs. Frank Bear; treasurer, Mrs. Ardon Burns; secretary, Mrs. Mollie Cole; gate keeper, Frank Bear; ceres, Bertha Brady; pomona, Mrs. Frank Lowe; flora, Mrs. Percy Riness; lady assistant steward, Mrs. John Silva.

Milo Dilley had been elected to the office of master for the ensuing year, and Mrs. Dilley as Pomona, but due to the fact that they are moving to Reno, Nev., shortly, they tendered their resignations, and a new election was held to replace them in their respective offices. L. C. Walsh also resigned as a member of the executive committee, and was replaced by Tom Collister.

Installing officer was Wayne Ralston of Greenhorn Grange of Yreka, assisted by his degree team. Several other members of Greenhorn also attended.

Mrs. Grace Quigley entertained the Contract Bridge club at her home Dec. 11. The annual Christmas party and gift exchange was held. Present besides the hostess were Mrs. Marshall Horn, who won high score, Mrs. Laura Swinnerton, Mrs. Bertha Bradley, Mrs. James Hodge, Mrs. Dave Holland, Mrs. Lester Nye, and Mrs. Fred Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Malt Johnson are in Oakland, Calif., where Mrs. Johnson is seriously ill in a hospital. Johnson has sold his livestock, but plans to restock his ranch when they return in the spring.

Charles Broderick, of the Black Mountain Lumber Co.,

Mental State May Give Accident Clue

Ann Arbor, Mich. — (UPI) — People who have frequent accidents might find the cause in their own mental state, according to a University of Michigan psychiatrist.

Dr. M. M. Frohlich explained that some people hurt themselves "accidentally on purpose" for any number of reasons. The most common, he points out, are to gain affection, to lessen feelings of guilt or to hurt someone close to them.

"All of this happens in spite of the person's conscious efforts to avoid accidents," added the doctor.

Frohlich described such "accident-prone" persons as impulsive, active individuals who use little deliberation and aren't likely to confide their emotions or inner problems to others.

He believes society will never be able to have adequate accident prevention programs until these people are studied and evaluated.

Failure of Radar Speed Trap Uncovered

Lincoln, Neb. — (UPI) — Police were not having any luck trapping speeders with their radar equipment.

After watching cars drive by especially slow, they investigated.

Someone had erected a sign reading "Radar Ahead" two blocks from the radar equipment.

Tails serve animals as fly swatters, as signals, as instruments of communication, as extra hands and tools of many uses.

son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bennett, is in Siskiyou County hospital in Yreka with major injuries—sustained Sunday evening when he swerved his pickup to avoid hitting a deer as he was coming down Bailey hill about two miles north of the Hornbrook agricultural inspection station. The truck was completely demolished.

The accident occurred about 8:30 p.m. as Broderick was returning from Springfield, Ore., their former home, where Mrs. Broderick is a teacher. She and their children had spent the weekend in Hornbrook.

Santa Claus will make his first appearance in Hornbrook this year on Wednesday Dec. 19, when the grammar school holds their Christmas program and party at the Grange hall at 8:00 p.m. He will have a sack of candy and nuts in his bag for each grammar school and preschool child.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith were their son and his family, Dr. and Mrs. Edward M. Smith and son Mike of Orland, Calif., and Mrs. Edward M. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cooney and daughter Doris of San Francisco. Another son Bob Smith, of Medford, also was home for the weekend.

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WHERE'S THE APPLE?—Ida Lupino and Howard Duff congratulate old-time movie star, Francis X. Bushman, who will appear on television in early part of 1957. Ida and Howard will start a new weekly TV series Jan. 4 on the CBS network called "Mr. Adams and Eve."

They Pumped and Pumped But Tank Wouldn't Fill

Washington — (UPI) — Oil deliveryman, Robert Harding could not understand why he didn't hear any "tank full" noises.

So he and his truck driver, Albert Green, Tuesday pumped another 100 gallons of fuel oil into the intake pipe outside the two-story house.

But he still didn't hear any of those familiar "tank full" whistling noises that tell the veteran oil deliveryman it's about time to stop pumping.

So Harding and Green pumped in another 100.

By then the oil truck gauge read 385 gallons. But the order called for filling a 135-gallon tank.

Then Harding noted another thing about that order: It called for delivery of oil to 323 34th St. NE, and, what do you know, the number on this house where was delivering the oil was 223 34th St. NE.

Harding and Green left to consult higher authorities at Griffith Consumers Co. Mrs. Charles Gober of 223 34th St. NE arrived. The house seemed

to smell of oil. Mrs. Gober investigated. She found 385 gallons of oil five inches deep covering the floor of her cellar recreation room.

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You'll read why famous women stars have even less chance than the men for finding happiness. Find out which marriages are unhappy, which are long-term bets. And read Robert Stack's and Stewart Granger's formula for their happy marriages. The answers are enlightening—not only of marriages in Hollywood, but marriages in general.

How to have a happy marriage

Do you really know how to love? Can you learn? Is it ever too late to learn? Do you know what you want and expect from your marriage... what is realistically necessary to make your marriage a happy one? Now, in the January Ladies' Home Journal, from Dunne, Dr. Erich Fromm and five other leading authorities discuss in a forum how married couples and those about to be married can turn their romantic dreams into true happiness. Don't miss "Can Love be Learned?"

I lost 65 pounds and became a model

Imagine! Trim, slim, 110-pound Linda Rand once weighed 175 pounds. Her features were lost in puffs and rolls of fat. Learn how she lost 65 pounds—14½" from her waist, 11½" from her hips—to become a popular model and a happy bride. Here are 21 menus—reducing schedule for an entire week—plus eight of Linda's favorite once-a-week, off-diet recipes.

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Judge Raps Presley Influence on Youth

Albuquerque, N.M. — (UPI) — Federal Judge Waldo H. Rogers deplored the "Elvis Presley influence" on teenagers Wednesday when he sentenced four California youths to 18 months in prison.

Thomas Spencer, 19; Marion Lee Pace, 19; Phyllis Scaramella, 18; and Barbara Swann, 19, drew the sentences for taking a stolen car across state lines.

Rogers said Presley is the type of person whom "all juvenile delinquents admire and look upon as a god."

Oldest Social Security Recipient Hit by Car

Charleston, W. Va. — (UPI) — William Davis, a former slave who claims to be the oldest man on the nation's social security rolls, was reported in satisfactory condition at Charleston General hospital today after being hit by an automobile Tuesday night. He gave his age as 119.

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