

Film Pays Tribute To Louis Leakey

"For time beyond measure the vast land we call Africa has concealed the answers to mankind's eternally tantalizing question: 'Where did I come from?'"

With this narration by E. G. Marshall, the Public Broadcasting Service on Monday evening, Jan. 9, opens a sensitive, filmed tribute to one man who spent a lifetime of arduous research attempting to unlock that riddle.

"The Legacy of L.S.B. Leakey," a one-hour television special, relates the career of the African-born scientist whose work in Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge proved that early man had been on earth far longer than previously believed.

A 'Kikuyu Tribesman'
The film, produced by the National Geographic Society and PBS station WQED-Pittsburgh with a grant from Gulf Oil Corporation, uses historic footage, still photos, and interviews with colleagues of the late Dr. Leakey to tell his story from his boyhood among Kikuyu tribesmen to his death in 1972 at the age of 69.

Louis Leakey, the son of missionaries, was born in a mud-walled hut in what is now Kenya. From his Kikuyu playmates he learned to throw a spear through a rolling hoop, and skills that proved more important: infinite patience and the ability to spot the slightest disturbance of the

ground, a blade of grass, or a bush.

At 13, Leakey was initiated into the tribe as Wakaruigi, "Son of the Sparrow Hawk." He always thought of himself as an East African rather than an Englishman, and the Kikuyu chief, Koinange, called him "the black man with a white face."

Dr. Leakey later compiled a three-volume history of the people he referred to as "my tribe." An anthropologist, paleontologist, ornithologist, zoologist, author, translator, historian and handwriting expert who once worked as a detective and another time served as a British intelligence agent, he has been called the

counterpart of the Renaissance's "Universal man."

But his fame rests on his achievements in paleontology, the science in which life in prehistoric times is studied through the evidence of fossilized remains.

Findings Changed Textbooks
Fossils unearthed at Olduvai by Dr. Leakey and his wife, Mary, showed that early man had lived at least two million years ago, instead of the half a million formerly believed.

This, and his discovery that there was no single "missing link," but that two or more species of primitive man or man-like creatures lived at the same period,

forced anthropology texts to be rewritten.

The idea that Africa might be the cradle of mankind had been proposed by Darwin late in the 19th century, but was ignored.

When Dr. Leakey was completing his studies at Cambridge in 1926 and planned to return to Africa to search for early man, his professors assured him he would be wasting his time.

He persisted, however, and in time was proven right. As a former colleague observes in the film: "Louis made fantastic contributions... He made sense where there was none before."



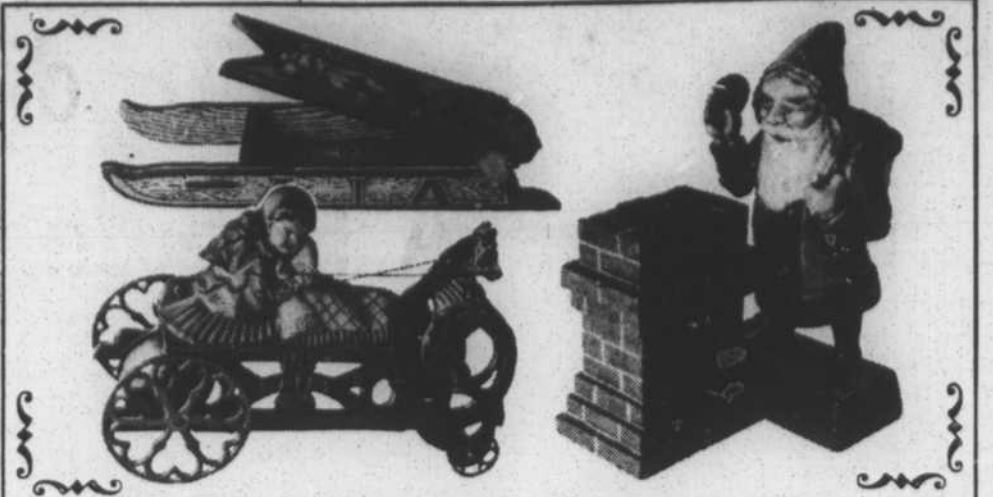
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On the Trail of Primitive Man

AFRICA-BORN paleontologist Louis S. B. Leakey spent a lifetime searching for clues to the development of early man. From objects such as the million-year-old elephant tooth cradled in his hat and the broken molar of an extinct tusked mammal in his other hand, Dr. Leakey reconstructed the environment in which primitive man lived. Skulls and other fossils he and his wife Mary unearthed at Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania proved that early man had been on earth at least four times longer than previously believed. The Leakeys' discoveries showed there were not one, but two or more kinds of man-like creatures that coexisted two million years ago. When Masai herds disturbed the archeological site at Olduvai, Dr. Leakey met with the tribal elders and persuaded them to move their cattle elsewhere. "The Legacy of L.S.B. Leakey," a one-hour tribute to the late scientist, will be televised by the Public Broadcasting Service Monday, Jan. 9. The program was produced by the National Geographic Society and PBS station WQED/Pittsburgh, with a grant from Gulf Oil Corporation.



Top left: Decorated wooden sled pencil-box; 1910-1920. Bottom left: "Daisy" in her musical horse drawn sleigh; American, about 1880-1910. Right: Cast iron Santa Claus bank; American 1880-1920. From the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Irv Bahrt.

A very personal collection of treasured Christmas toys

All year round Norma and Irv Bahrt enjoy their Christmas things, toys and decorations reminiscent of holidays past, all gathered patiently and lovingly.

Mrs. Bahrt, an enormously talented painter, began collecting Christmas mementos as a girl. Mr. Bahrt joined her in her never ending search when they were married.

In their large assortment of Yule treasures is a tiny sled, originally used as a pencil box. A Christmas scene is painted on it, the soft colors muted with age. Another find is a little girl called Daisy who speeds along in a horse drawn sleigh, the sleigh making music as it moves;

bells ring gaily every time the wheels turn.

A cast iron Santa Claus bank, six inches high, still works. Put a penny into Santa's hand, push a lever and Santa drops the penny into the chimney for safe keeping. One of the Bahrt's special ornaments is a figure about 14 inches high that is probably Father Frost or Father Christmas. He has a touch of red on his peaked hat, a full, white beard, high black boots, arms folded and hands tucked into the sleeves of his tunic jacket. On Christmas day he will grace the Bahrt's dinner table, as he has for many years.

Mrs. Bahrt enjoys collecting her Christmas

things because of their old style and flavor. She says "I love the faded colors, quaint scenes and fashions because they tell how people lived long ago."

Mr. Bahrt tells about having thrown out a set of old quintuplet dolls that Mrs. Bahrt owned when they were first married, some twenty-five years ago. About three years ago he finally was able to locate another set of quintuplets for which he had to pay \$600... considerably more than the original dolls cost!

The Bahrts never have too much of Christmas and they keep their lovely things where they can see and enjoy them every day, winter and summer.

A unique gift for your home

Make a shadow box picture for your home from those extra special Christmas cards that you hate to throw away and left-over ties, stickers and labels. Combine them with snapshots of the family and glue onto cardboard. Pick up a shadow box frame at an art supply or frame shop, put your picture in, and it's ready to hang! A real conversation piece!

Legend of the Sand Dollar



These strange and beautiful shells tell the story of Christ's suffering and His glory. The Easter Lily shape at the center of the sand

dollar represents the Star of Bethlehem which guided the shepherds from afar. The five holes represent the five wounds of Christ. On the back the Christmas Poinsettia, in outline, reminds us all of His birthday. Five Doves of Peace and Good Will appear when the shell is broken apart. This fascinating creature from the sea is referred to as The Holy Ghost Shell because of the legend attached to it.



Merry Christmas

It's that warm and cozy Holiday Season when families share with their neighbors and friends happy times and good feelings. We wish you the best, along with our thanks.

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Shoes Important

If economy is important, economize with other clothing items. Or, select a quality pair of shoes rather than two pairs of lower quality, says Ms. Cutright.

When your child has two pairs of shoes at a time, sneakers are a fine choice for the second pair. However, because rubber soles are not porous, wear clean absorbent socks with them. Wash sneakers frequently to eliminate bacterial growth.

When temperatures are warm enough and there is no danger of injuring the foot, going barefoot is fine, says Ms. Cutright. Normal growth of bones, muscles and the arch will still occur.

Santa Remembers Southpaws

Books are available for "lefties" who want to learn to knit, play the guitar or become adept at calligraphy. There's even a book just about southpaws! You'll find special scissors, left handed jar and can openers, pocket knives, address books and brushes for pet grooming, too!

Holiday Greetings

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