

May, 106, Says Tobacco Makes You Live Longer

SEATTLE — (AP) — James Andrew Smith, who retired from being a lumberjack when he reached 90 because he was beginning to feel his age, celebrated his 100th birthday yesterday.

"It's tobacco that keeps a man going," Smith said. "I plan to celebrate several birthdays if my tobacco matches hold out."

They tell some pretty tall tales about old man Smith in the Seattle area.

One of them: Once, years ago, he became irritated with a cougar that attacked him as he was walking home one night from a party. He picked up the beast and threw it against a tree, killing it—at least that's the way they tell it.

Smith said he was a full 11 years old before he discovered the "virtues of tobacco."

Smith, who was born in Virginia four years before the 1848 gold rush, came west in 1870. He never married.



STABLE AT BETHLEHEM: The shepherds "came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

Turkey Stomach Dancer Irritates Parisian Crowds

PARIS (AP) — Dark and sultry Najla Ates is bringing something new to Montmartre girls shows these days—a 240-shake-a-minute Turkish oriental dance.

The act leaves onlookers, and especially shapely, 22-year-old Miss Ates, a native of Istanbul, Turkey, gasping.

"This thing takes as much endurance as a track race," she explained in a dressing room interview. "If I smoke I can't do it."

Miss Ates had just finished her opening night performance at the Caprice Viennois, one of Pigalle's gayer ports of call for the "Paris by night" sightseeing tour.

She also continues to star at the Casino de Paris, where she does her dance with a supporting cast

of some 20 French beauties in the background.

STOMACH GETS WORKOUT

"It's not that the dance is so difficult, but it makes my stomach go 'round and round,'" she explained.

As a result, Miss Ates said, she has to lie down about 20 minutes after each performance to recover.

To the uninitiated onlooker, 20 minutes seems hardly enough.

Dressed in a velvety costume which leaves little to the imagination, Miss Ates starts her sensual performance at a leisurely, haunting pace generally associated with Oriental snake charming. Then her hips become more and more active to finish at a horizontal tempo of some 240 shakes a minute.

"I've worked in Istanbul, Beirut, Cairo and Rome but Paris audiences are by far the most appreciative," Miss Ates said.

Clashes With Law

MALONE, N. Y. (AP) — A runaway truck had a real clash with the law. First it struck an automobile owned by Supreme Court Justice E. C. Lawrence. Then it ran into District Attorney Robert Moore's car.

Fancy Names Picked

CHEROKEE, N. C. (AP) — Many Cherokee Indians selected their family names from among the first words of English they learned to speak and some of them came up with unique ones. Some of the family names in this reservation

area are Walkingstick, Climbing-bear, Runningdeer, Goingback, Bigmeat, German, English, and French.

Not Enough Courtesy

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — The "Courteous Driver of the Week" contest was dropped by the Worcester County Safety Council because "there just doesn't seem to be enough of them to keep the program going."

New Yorkers often shiver in winters far more severe than those in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, says the National Geographic Society. An arm of the warm Gulf Stream contributes to Reykjavik's 32-degree average in January.

U. S. LOCOMOTIVE BELL

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A 350-pound brass bell from a Louisville & Nashville Railroad locomotive soon will be ringing out in Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, 5,000 miles from the railroad's nearest piece of track.

For some time the L. & N. has been donating the bells from scrapped locomotives to small needy churches along its lines.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Covington, Ky., asked for one of the bells for the mission church it supports in Freetown.

LEAKSVILLE — (AP) — Milk truck driver Bobby B. Wilborn, 30, was killed near here yesterday when his truck left a highway and hit a tree, police reported.

The Bad Lands in South Dakota comprise about 1,000,000 acres of fossil deposits.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

DR. C. D. BAIN

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

'Christkindli' Is Swiss Counterpart of Santa

Santa Claus plays a very insignificant part in the Swiss celebration of Christmas, observed mostly on December 24. It is Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, much in the fashion of our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes naughty youngsters.

A total of 23,650 persons were killed or injured in traffic accidents in Kentucky in 1950, the equivalent of more than one per cent of the state's population.

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Hark, the herald angels sing..

"Good news from heaven the angels bring
Glad tidings to the earth they sing
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To crown us with the joy of Heaven"
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