

Santa Gets Garb From Poem, Cartoon

Santa first appeared in his now-traditional guise as a plump, jovial, white-bearded and pipe-smoking old gentleman — "a right jolly old elf" — in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santeclaus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop in a book called "The Children's

Friend," and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. Moore's poem did not, apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was first sketched by Cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb, smoking a pipe.

Know What To Do In Cases Of Fire

Baby sitters who know what to do in case of fire or other emergency can make your Christmas a merrier one.

The possibility of a Christmas tree fire always adds to the responsibilities of a baby sitter and should be of special concern at this time of year.

When she comes into your home, at any time of year, you can give her a hand by providing her with phone numbers she might have to use quickly. Place a card beside the phone with the phone numbers of (1) the fire department, (2) the police department, (3) the family doctor, (4) the number of the phone where the parents may be reached, and (5) the phone number of a nearby neighbor.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters gives these other suggestions:

1. Employ a sitter you know. Be sure she knows her job, is responsible, and likes children.
2. Employ a sitter your children will enjoy being with, and let her get acquainted with them before you leave. If you have pets, let her get acquainted with them, too.
3. Make sure the sitter clearly understands that in case of fire, she should get the children out of the house quickly.
4. Show the sitter two alternate routes of escape from the house so that if one is blocked by fire, she and the children can use the other one.
5. Supply the sitter with flashlights to use in case of power failure.
6. When you leave, tell the sitter when you are planning to return home. Telephone her if you are delayed.
7. Always make arrangement for seeing the sitter home.

Christmas customs in Puerto Rico are similar to those in Spain. According to the Book of Knowledge, Three Kings Day, or January 6th, is the traditional time for gift-giving and folk celebrations in most rural areas. Only in the cities have the celebrations been shifted to Christmas Day.



THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST has, for centuries, been an inspiration to artists. The Nativity, the adoration of the shepherds, the journey of the Wise Men and the Madonna and Child have been the subjects of hundreds of beautiful paintings. "The Madonna and Child," shown here, is by Vincenzo Foppa, a Milanese painter of the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. It is painted in tempera on wood. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Theodore M. Davis Collection, Bequest of Theodore M. Davis, 1915.

New Farm Cotton Allotments Asked

Applications for new farm cotton allotments may be filed at the ASCS Office between now and February 15, 1964.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. A written application for a new farm allotment must be filed on or before the closing date.
2. Neither the operator nor the owner of the farm covered by the application can own or operate any other farm in the United States for which a cotton allotment is established for the current year.
3. The available land, type of soil, and topography of the land on the farm for which the allotment is requested is suitable for the production of cotton and ordinarily will not result in an undue erosion hazard under continuous productions.
4. The operator shall own, or have readily available, adequate equipment and other facilities, including irrigation water, necessary to the successful production of cotton on the farm.
5. The operator expects to obtain, during the current year, more than 90 percent of his income from the production of agricultural commodities or products from the farm for which the new farm allotment application is filed, excluding the estimated return from cotton.

NOEL

We extend our sincere good wishes that you may enjoy to the fullest every blessing of this Holy Season.

McDANIEL CLEANERS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to extend warmest wishes to our many friends. Hope you are heading for the happiest holiday season ever!

Pauline Store

Christmas Greetings

With grateful thanks to our friends for the pleasure and privilege of serving you.

GRIGG GARAGE

GLENN GRIGG WILLIAM E. SELLERS

Christmas Blessings

May the joys and blessings of Christmas abide with you.

Fulton's DEPARTMENT Store

it's **Christmas** ... and one of our happiest holiday traditions is wishing you and yours a season filled with merriment and good cheer.

Willie's Jewelry

"YOUR FRIENDLY JEWELER"

225 SOUTH BATTLEGROUND AVE.

A JOYOUS Christmas

Let the joy of Christmas reach into every heart, as with scripture, song and prayer, we recall the wonder of His birth.

We appreciate very much the continuing patronage of our many friends and wish to each of them a most joyous Christmas season.

Kings Mountain SHEET METAL WORKS

WJ A. CHILDERS, Owner

CHEERIO

The jolly man in the red suit is on his way... bringing to you all our "Merry Christmas!"

WRIGHT'S Barber Shop

With The Farm Women

Items this week from Washington, Wake, Rockingham, Randolph, Lincoln, and Jackson Counties.

USES EXTENSION PRACTICES
Mrs. Ernest Grimes says she is looking forward to putting into practice some of the Extension recommendations she has learned in the past few years as a Home Demonstration Club member.

Mrs. Frances Darden, home economics agent, says they have built a new home using an Extension plan. "Now I can make curtains, upholster and slip cover furniture and select accessories that will enhance my new home," reported Mrs. Grimes.

WINS TOP AWARD
Fairview Community in Wake County recently received top honors in the Capital Area Development Association contest. For young people, a weekly supervised recreation program was held locally and the 4-H and scout activities were emphasized. Mrs. Earline Walker, assistant home economics agent, says 57 percent of the families produced at least half their food supply; a weekly garbage pickup was started; a volunteer rural fire department was organized; funds were raised toward a new community building; and the farm income was raised. Thomas Allen Pierce was chairman for the 110 families taking part.

RUGS AND CARPETS
Twenty-five Rockingham homemakers recently attended a special school on selecting rugs and carpets which play a vital role in furnishing a home. Following the school, they toured a mill showroom to study rugs. Miss Isabelle Buckley, home economics agent, says the group learned to select quality products according to construction and fiber and how to plan carpeting in to the decorating scheme of the home by considering color and design.

FURNITURE ARRANGEMENT
When the New Market homemakers met in Randolph County, they were given a drawing of a floor plan and templates and asked to make a room arrangement. Mrs. Dorothy Hernandez, assistant home economics agent, reports they discussed the points to consider for good arrangements. She emphasized these points by using the decorator scale and miniature furniture.

DRAPERY MAKING
Tired of looking at those old faded draperies? If so, you may want to learn to make your own.

Avoid Injuries, Keep Stairs Clear

Nearly 30 percent of all accidental deaths in this country occur in the home, the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies reports. And almost half of these home deaths are caused by falls.

Many of these tragedies can be prevented if stairways are kept clear, properly lighted and in good repair.

Pay particular attention to keeping cellar or basement stairs safe, the Association advises. Don't let them become a catch-all for cleaning materials and equipment, or other household paraphernalia.

SPECIAL DINNER HELD

Two foreign students at Western Carolina College talked about how Christmas is observed in their country at the annual Christmas traditions dinner held in Jackson County.

Miss Patsy Craine, assistant home economics agent, says Mrs. Anna Engerstrom, Denmark, and Hans Tholander, Sweden were guests of the Home Demonstration Club women.

One of the earliest Christmas carols still sung today is "The First Noel," based on a medieval shepherd song. According to the Book of Knowledge, scholars are uncertain of its country of origin and both France and England claim it.

MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH HAPPINESS THIS Christmas Season

The Arthur Hay Agency

Christmas Greetings

The Christmas candle reflects the bright spirit in which we send you our best wishes for a Season filled with Joy and Happiness.

Western Auto

ASSOCIATE STORE

ODUS SMITH

Owner

Blessings...

Every Christmas candle beams the light of the Star that shone over Bethlehem the night when Christ was born. May the holy, blessed meaning of that Birth be reflected in this Christmas season, for you.

City Service Station