

German 'Nicolaus' Helps Yule Angel

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(This is the first in a series of articles on Christmas customs in foreign countries as described by international students at the University.)

With the arrival of December, peoples and nations around the world are busily preparing for the celebration of Christmas. And it is from various customs and traditions which comprise this universal preparation, that our concept of the yuletide season has evolved.

If one happened to be in Germany on Dec. 6, he would probably witness the opening of the German Christmas season with the official arrival of Nicolaus, the German equivalent to our Santa Claus.

It is on this day that Nicolaus first appears to children in homes throughout Germany, according to Friedemann Freund, research associate in Mineral Industries from Wetzlar, Germany.

Nicolaus' main purpose is to frighten the children into good behavior for the remaining three weeks until Christmas, Freund said. From Dec. 6 until Christmas Eve, he explained, it is customary for children to put their shoes in the hallway or outside their windows before going to bed each night.

If they have been good all day, he said, Nicolaus will come and fill the shoes with candy and sweets during the night.

If they have misbehaved, however, they will awake and find empty shoes in the morning.

But Nicolaus, unlike our Santa Claus, is only a secondary symbol of Christmas for the children of Germany, Freund said. The Christmas Angel or Weihnachtskindchen, he said, represents to all German tots the real spirit of Christmas.

At the faint ringing of a bell the Angel comes to the door of every German home on Christmas Eve bringing gifts for all. Freund said that Nicolaus merely

ly serves as her helper. He carries the Angel's presents in a pack on his back and drives her sleigh pulled by eight reindeer.

Although Nicolaus is impersonated by a member of the family and seen by the children before Christmas Eve, the Christmas Angel is known only as a spirit of love and kindness.

The German people also celebrate two holidays in mid-November in preparation for the Christmas season, Freund said.

For the German people, according to Freund, the height of the Christmas season is Heiligabend or Christmas Eve. At 5 p.m. on that day, all business stops for the holiday and the ringing of church bells signifies the coming of Christmas, he said. Families gather at home and the Christmas tree, which is decorated with real candles and colored balls, is lit for the first time.

Next, Freund said, either the mother or father will ring a bell (which usually means striking a glass) to announce the arrival of the Christmas Angel. The children must leave the room and only the parents are permitted to remain by the tree to greet the Angel, he said.

When the Angel has left, the children re-enter and the presents are opened, he said. The opening of the presents is followed by dinner and visits to relatives to deliver presents.

Art Show To Feature 'Realism'

An exhibit of the drawings and paintings of Stuart H. Frost, instructor in art, will formally open with a reception for the artist at 3 Sunday afternoon in the Hetzel Union lounge.

The paintings and drawings in the exhibit were done in the last three years. The artist explained that he moved into an old country house about five years ago and has tried to let the house and the country around it become a part of his existence and creative work.

Frost said that the exhibition is "an attempt to state simple truths about things I have seen."

Frost did his undergraduate work at the University and his graduate work in art history at New York University. He did studio work at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture and the Brooklyn Museum Painting School.

Frost also worked on fresco projects with Henry Varnum Poor at the University and with Allyn Cox in the Capitol Building at Washington, D.C.

He has exhibited at the Butler Institute of American Art, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the Metropolitan Museum.

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