

## Santa Claus is a Real American

English Children Know Him Only As Father Christmas While German Youngsters Call Him Kris Kringle

All over the world on the 25th day of December Christians of all creeds and sects celebrate the birth of the Messiah with the festival of Christmas—the Mass of Christ. But only in countries whose traditions and culture derive from Teutonic sources do folk celebrate the day by giving presents.

In Italy, France, Spain, the nations of South America and other countries where the Latin culture prevails, Christmas is celebrated as a great church festival but nobody thinks of giving anybody a present at Christmas time. New Year's Day is their great gift time.

In Germany and in all the countries having the Teutonic background, which includes Norway, Sweden and Denmark, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England and the British Dominions and the United States, Christmas has become the great gift-making season of the year, especially the time for giving presents to children.

Santa Claus himself, however, is an American!

The children of England have never heard of Santa Claus, unless they read American stories. The jolly old chap with white whiskers who fills the stockings secretly on Christmas is known to the little ones of the British Empire as "Father Christmas."

Kris Kringle in Germany German children call the stocking-filler "Kris Kringle," and by that name he is known in some parts of the United States and elsewhere. "Kris Kringle" is a corruption of the German "Christkindlein," the Christ Child. The peasant folk of Germany have come to believe that the giving of Christmas presents is symbolic of the bringing of gifts to the manger at Bethlehem by the Wise Men of the East. But that is not the source from which Christmas originated.

Secret gifts to children are a tribute to the memory of St. Nicholas, just as the name "Santa Claus" is an Americanization of the Dutch name of that good old father of the church. "San Uiklaas" as the early Dutch settlers of New York called the patron saint of children, scholars, merchants and sailors, sounded like "Santa Claus" to the ears of the English children, who learned of him from their Dutch playmates. And Santa Claus he has been ever since to generations of American children, though up to fifty or sixty years ago it was not considered dignified by the grown-ups to refer to him except by his full name, St. Nicholas.

The Night Before Christmas The figure of St. Nicholas as a little fat man in a fur-trimmed coat, riding in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, and (Continued on last page.)

## Lake Quintets Open Season With Victory

Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams Each Take Opening Games From Ex-High Stars

Leona Kocher, Sports Editor The Lake township varsity girls and boys' basketball teams opened the season with two exciting games Friday evening, December 13.

The girls' varsity team played the girls' alumni team; the varsity being victorious by a large score by 26 to 6. Our team, coached by Miss Mildred Hausch, proved to the spectators that it will have a complete victorious season. The lineup was as follows:

Center, V. Allen, side center, P. Oney; right forward, L. Kocher; left forward, A. Hausch; right guard, V. Higgins; left guard, E. Crispell.

The boys' varsity team also had an exciting struggle. The players fought with enthusiastic spirit to the finish of the game. Our boys, as well as the spectators are proud of the excellent coaching of Mr. Kline, who says that "The Laketon Firm" has wonderful material for the basketball season. The lineup was as follows:

Center, T. Traver; left guard, P. Kuchta; right guard, C. Grey; left forward, D. Kocher; right forward, J. Kuchta.

## Beaumont High School Notes

Marie Patton, Editor We have almost completed the basketball floor which is much better than the old one, because of more space we have.

We have selected one hundred and fifty new books for our library, which will soon be put in.

We are now looking forward for the electric lights to be put in our school.

## Dallas Township School News

Helen Spencer, Junior Reporter The seventh and eighth grade Literary Society gave the following Christmas program Wednesday:

Song, by the school; recitation, Dorores Craig; piano duet, Jean and Jessie Ritchie; recitation, Arthur Belles; School Journal, Joseph Huntzinger; reading, Marie Ryman; solo, Russell Hoover; recitation, Bertha

## Obedient

A Scout is obedient! He does as he is told with a smile on his face and learns to conceal his hard feelings. It often hard for a person to obey the command of someone, especially if that someone is younger. But the person who can do this is the one who fares well in this world.

No young man is a gentleman until he has learned the all-important phase of obedience. The person who can obey has accomplished one of the most difficult steps toward being a gentleman.

American boys and girls have had a very good opportunity for learning to obey. Since Alexander Hamilton, George Washington and those other men whose names have gone down in history formed that all-important document, the Constitution, we have been learning to obey. A nation whose citizens do not know the laws of obedience is always in trouble. We all learn to obey before we learn to talk, and the man or woman who is most admired and respected is he or she who has early been taught the laws of obedience.

That great American organization known as the Boy and Girl Scouts of America teaches the real meaning of obedience, plus all of those other laws which make our boys and girls 100 per cent. Americans. The young man and young lady who has the opportunity of being a member of that organization and does not take it is missing something worth while.

PETER KUCHTA, JOSEPH RAUCH, Lake Township Schools.

Note—We read with interest the activities of the various Scout organization of Greater Dallas, and we hope that, in turn, the members as well as everybody else, read our articles and think about them.

ADDA GARINGER.

Udyke; piano selection, Betty Cooke; dialogue, Alverna and Edgar Belles; solo, Mr. Guyer; presentation of Christmas gifts, Mr. Drake.

Friday, December 20, to Monday, December 30. There will also be a day The Christmas recess will be from off for New Year.

## Extend Season's Greetings to Faculty, Fellow Student and School Rivals

Virginia Allen, Reporter

The students in the Sophomore Class are all ready for vacation.

They are all looking forward to the happy times ahead. Many are planning what they will give their friends, while others are looking in dark corners for gifts that by chance may belong to them. But I am sure the Sophomore Class isn't the only class having the bump of curiosity.

Of course, we are all laughing at some of the childish ideas belonging to the Freshmen. They are expecting Santa to bring all their gifts.

We hope that all the classes, Miss Williams, Mr. McHose, Mr. Simons and everyone, everywhere will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET

The fruit and vegetable market opened just a few weeks ago by William LaBar of Dallas is sure doing fine and is a fine addition to the business section of the town. Bill is a hustler and many are the wishes for his continued success.

## KILL 29 GOSHAWKS

Goshawks already are invading the State in numbers and Pennsylvania hunters and trappers have not been show to help protect game, officials of the Game Commission said today. During November \$15 was paid for the killing of 29 goshawks.

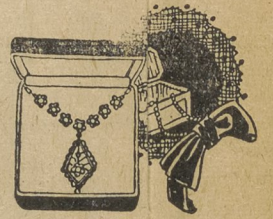


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## Christmas

with its generous impulses, its carols, its lights, its laughter, its radiant faces, its charming memories, its peace, good cheer and happiness . . . may it gladden your hearts with that fullness of joy that passeth understanding.

Every month of the year R. M. Stapleton, Luzerne Druggist entertains and expresses good wishes to the good people of greater Dallas.

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