Community Carols At The Courthouse Monday 7 P. M.

Santa Claus And Christmas Are Found On Maps

Hoosier Hamlet Busy At Yuletide. Four Christmas In America

Geography has its own answer for "Is there a Santa Claus?" There is.

Santa Claus, Indiana, is a hamlet of a few frame buildings and less than a hundred people, but it is national headquarters for one type of holiday observance. Each Yule season brings to it stacks of mail, parcels, letters, and cards, of which 99 per cent is promptly re-mailed with the intriguing postmark "Santa Claus."

Beyond a doubt the biggest man in this Hoosier hamlet is Santa Claus himself. A 25-foot statue of him, complete with whiskers and bulging sack, is dedicated to the charitable old saint, in recognition that his Christmas gifts to the town have been name, fame, and seasonal prosperity.

Early settlers of this southern Indiana hamlet, seven or eight decades ago, took a fancy to the name of Sante Fe, but they couldn't use it because another town in the State had it first. So they boldy christened their settlement with Claus as a last name instead of Fe.

Similar holiday names dot the world map. Christmas is a favorite in the United States. This name gives a festive fillip to settlements, all small, in Florida, Kentucky, Maine, and Arizona. Christmas Cove in Maine is a summer resort. Launches chug into its rock-guarded entrance, not far from Boothbay, where pleasant summering makes visitors forget that Christmas is ever coming, until they see the name of the post office. Another Christmas Cove, far less cozy, is the small sheltered anchorage for boats in southern Chile, hardly more than an indention in San Andres Bay, where homesick sealers can find respite from dangerous winds, but little cheer.

Christmas, Arizona, a little mining camp southeast of Phoenix near the Gila River, was named on December 25, 1902, for more reasons than one. Several decades previously, mining prospectors had staked out claims on its site, but had been forced to move because the territory was included within the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation. On Christmas Eve, 1902, two prospectors received the news that reservation boundaries had just been changed. They reached the valuable site and located copper claims on Christmas morning. Because of the date, and also because they expected their mines to 'fill their stockings,' they called the place Christmas.

A famous place, which is Christmas the whole year round, is a coral atoll in the middle of the Pacific, a realm of white sand, luxuriant coconut palms, transparent green lagoons, and lumbering tropical turtles, a few minutes above the Equator. Christmas Island is the largest known coral atoll in the Pacific. It was named by Captain Cook, who spent Christmas week there in 1777.

"Another spot which owes its name to this captain's holiday visit is Christmas Harbor, Kerguelen Island, in the South Indian Ocean. Anchoring here on December 25, 1776, Captain Cook christened the place in honor of the day, undaunted by the fact that a French discoverer had named it the Baie de l'Oiseau three years before.

South America, too, has holiday mementos tucked away in maps. Among the dangerous maze of islands packed tightly around bleak Cape Horn and up the coast of Chile are Christmas Sound, Christmas Harbour, and Christmas Anchorage.

B. W. Duling Heads Millington Board

At the regular meeting of the Millington Town Council held Monday evening of last week Raymond J. Taylor, who for several years has served as secretary tendered his resignation. Benjamin W. Duling was elected President; Robert M. Logan, Treasurer; Arthur E. Tonkin, Secretary and Tax Collector. Edward Squires was appointed bailiff and night watchman, and James Brown in charge of removal of garbage. Mr. Taylor has served the Board for a number of years as secretary.

Ex-Linotyper

MORTON BOWE

One linotyper got a break when he had to set a short newspaper squib. Morton Bowe, setting up copy, came across an item announcing the resignation of a tenor in the College Four Quartette. It gave Morton a day's lead on other tenors when he hunted the job, and got it. Now he's with the CBS "Five Star" Revue.

PRICE

Bethany M. E. Church service for Sunday, Dec. 20th, will be Sunday school at 1:30 p. m., followed by Christmas music and special Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Beckwith at 2:30 o'clock.

The Price Homemakers' Club will meet with Miss Margaret Leager on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22nd. The demonstration will be on "Cookies."

Mrs. Frank W. Brower and Mrs. Walter Eastburn, of Church Hill, spent several days in Baltimore last week.

Miss Nancy Price spent the week-end with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Price, of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Sarah F. Scott and son, Mr. Harvey Scott, were in Centreville Friday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Moore, Mr. Louis Moore and sister, Miss Inez Moore, were Wilmington visitors on Wednesday.

Miss Ann Dudley Brower is improving after a rather severe case of tonsilitis last week.

Mrs. Ralph Swan and son, Billy, returned home Sunday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Massey in Baltimore.

Messrs. John and Louis Moore have accepted positon with the Pennsyvania R. R. Company at Dover, Del. They left on Thursday for their new work.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chance and son, John Melvin, were guests Sunday of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cole, of Bridgetown.

Rev. Beckwith gave a very interesting messages Sunday evening from the text found in Matthew, 4th chaper, 19th verse: "Follow me and I will make you", this being the beginning of a series of twelve sermons on the lives of the men whom Jesus made, the twelve apostles. The first one will be Simon Peter on Sunday evening, Dec. 27th. Come out and hear these excellent, helpful messages.

Mr. Morris Skinner, of Ruthsburg, spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. William Larrimore and children were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Chance.

Mrs. Andrew Butler spent several days last week with her niece, Mrs. Howard Stant.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Beckwith and son Walter, were supper guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cahall.

Mrs. Vincent Briscoe with her parents and Mrs. Hersey Redden, of Ruthsburg, spent several days last week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mail For Santa

Dear Old Kriss,

I am a little girl two and a half years old and am a right sweet girl, so please bring me a red wagon, a telephone, a piano. I have a lots of dolls but will like a new one and anything else Old Kriss that you have for me. Trim my tree and leave me plenty of candy, nuts and oranges. Don't forget Eva Burchard, my mother and daddy and both my grandmothers and grand fathers.

Your little girl,
CHARLOTTE ANN DUKES
Ingleside, Md.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to nave for Christmas a two-wheel bike, some books and games and anything else you can spare to a good boy.

Best wishes,
CLAUDE B. ANTHONY, JR.
Centreville, Md.

6 SIX MORE SHOPPING DAYS

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa,

Please don't forget to come to see us this year for mother said that we have all been so jolly and dear. I would like for you to bring me a dresser set, sewing and play set and a sewing machine, Pop-eye and Olive Oyl, and some handkerchiefs, and a kitchen cabinet, and a suit case, candy, oranges and lots of goodies. Don't forget my little baby sister, Barbara. She is 10 months old. She is as sweet as honey. She wants a rubber doll.

Your little girl,
BETTY LYNCH
Queen Anne, Md.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 4 years old. For Xmas I would like to have a trycicle, wrecking truck, train, farm house and goggle cap.

Don't forget my little sister, Pearl. She is 2 years old. She wants a trycicle, doll baby, dishes and some good things to eat. Don't forget our little cousins, Arnold and Jennie Wright. They live at Church Hill and little Buddie and our cousin Lucille Brown. Bring them something good too.

From your little boy and girl,
JEAN And PEARL DOUGLAS
Sudlersville, Md.

My Dear Friend, Santa Claus,

As we soon expect to move I thought I would write you a letter to tell you what I want. I will be over near Centreville again. I want to see you there Santa Claus Day. Please bring me a bicycle for a 10 year old boy, a siren pistol, a pair high top shoes, some stockings, a new shirt. Fill my stocking. My big brother Marvin, wants you to bring us a radio also a nice sweater and anything else to spare.

Thanking you,
Your little boy,
JAMES EDWARD THOMPSON
Chestertown, Md.

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