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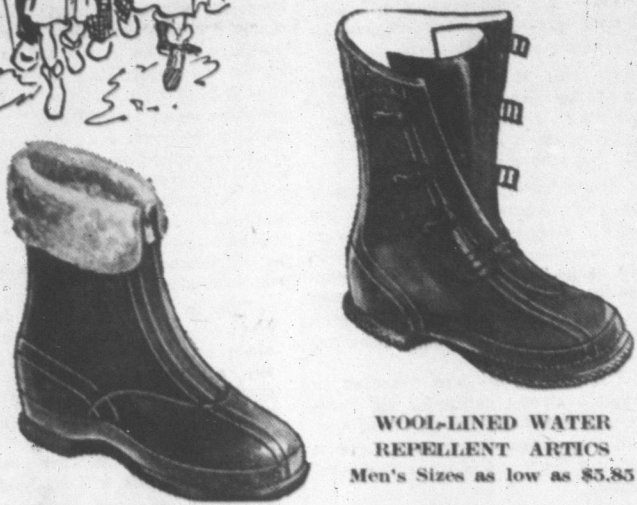
The will of Velma I. Grissom of near Syracuse, who died Nov. 17, has been admitted to probate in circuit court. Made Oct. 14, 1948, the will leaves to a brother, Hascal Grissom, the household goods and personal effects, and a life estate in the real estate are set up as a fund under the trusteeship of the State Bank of Syracuse, composed of money, stocks and intangibles out of which the brother is to receive

\$50 a month for life or until the fund is exhausted. The real estate and any of the trust fund remaining at the brother's death is to go to Miss Grissom's legal heirs.

The will of James H. Lantz, of Lake Wawasee, who died Nov. 15, has been admitted to probate in circuit court. Made Nov. 10, 1939, the will leaves all property to the widow, Stella P. Lantz, and names her as executrix.



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Led by Everett Dunn, local Purina feed store proprietor, the group left Sunday to spend two days visiting the Research Laboratory and the Research Farm which are located in the colorful foothills of the Ozarks.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kern Sr. spent a few days in Detroit, Mich. in the home of Wallace Baugher and family. While there they enjoyed seeing the Hockey game played at Detroit, between the Toronto Maple Leaf and Detroit Red Wings.

Mrs. Millie Snobarger went to Angola, Tuesday, to spend a few days in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Maloy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sudlow and daughter, Connie, spent the week end in Toledo, O., guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hamman.

Dr. J. R. Nicholson left here Saturday, for Santa Fe, N.M., where he will practice his profession, optometry. His family are staying with Mrs. Nicholson's parents, the Roy Riddles, until he can arrange for their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Shock, of Warsaw, were Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Mock.

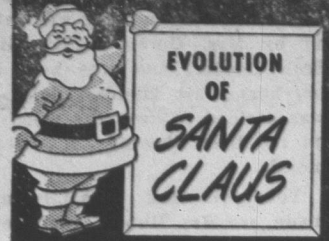
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Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1880's he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, A Visit to St. Nicholas, better known to us as "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Claus as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1840, son of a musician in a Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States navy, and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

Along about the time stocky Tommy was 15 he landed his first job as an illustrator for Leslie's Weekly at \$4 a week. By the time he was 20 he was sent to England by the New York Illustrated News to sketch the Heenan-Sayers fight, an outstanding sports event of the day.

In 1862 he joined the staff of Harper's Weekly and began the series of emblematic drawings which continued throughout the Civil War. From those he created certain trademarks that have been the inspiration of cartoonists down to the present—notably the Republican elephant and the Democrat donkey.

Famous as the political symbols are today, Nast's Santa Claus probably holds first place in the hearts of Americans. Before Nast's day, a few artists had drawn Santa on one occasion or another, but could not seem to agree on how the old gentleman should look. Nast changed all that.

He located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep their records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time, the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.

Time Not Constant In the Celebrations Of Christ's Nativity

While December is now the month in which Christ's birthday is celebrated by Christians all over the world, research and study show that Christ's nativity has been celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October by various peoples.

And although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were popularized.

No historian pretends to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas became a general festival.

About all that is known is that during the fourth century the feast of the Nativity was observed in all western world churches at different dates.

The confusion resulting from celebrations in seven months of the year caused the western church authorities to meet in 340 to set a definite date for the celebration. The eastern churches did not cooperate until the sixth century when December 25 was set as the day to be observed.

The question has arisen innumerable times as to why December was selected as the month for rejoicing. The answer is that this month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in nearly every civilized land.

Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians all took part in the celebration of these festivals which had originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to claim that the pagan riotousness might be the forebear of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

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A two-story lake home located on the northeast side of Lake Wawasee was destroyed and another, was charred and damaged in a fire discovered at four o'clock Monday morning.

The two-story home near Waveland Beach, which was destroyed at a loss of at least \$10,000, was owned by Walter Robinson, of Fort Wayne. The other, owned and occupied the year around by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Banta, was badly damaged on the north side when it was charred and blistered and the windows were broken out by the heat.

Mr. Banta awoke about 4 a.m. and noticed a red glow outside his bedroom window. Looking out he saw the Robinson home ablaze. He telephoned the Cromwell Fire department, then using his own hose line played water on the blaze until the department arrived.

Because the blaze was almost out of control, firemen spent their time using two pumper lines in saving the Banta home. At noon today the Robinson fire was still smoldering.

The Robinson family had spent the week-end at their lake home, and had left there Sunday evening for Fort Wayne. The cause of the fire could not be determined, but it apparently had been burning for some time when discovered. All of the contents of the modern home were destroyed.

LOCAL NEWS

Rev. Carl Sorensen attended a "Veteran's Claim" Meeting in the Red Cross Office at Warsaw, on Thursday, of this week.

Mrs. Leon Connolly entertained two tables of bridge at her home last Thursday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Karl Stoelting and Mrs. Richard Miller. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vall entertained at Sunday dinner, Rev. and Mrs. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vall and son, Russel.

FIRE MONDAY A.M.

The Syracuse fire department was called to the Paul LeCount home on North Huntington street in Syracuse early Monday morning. Fire caused minor damage to the roof and chimney.

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While Indiana is struggling to patch up its crumbling highway system, the state is warned by Public Roads Commissioner T. H. McDonald, that the day is approaching when more money must be provided to match today's highway costs.

Indiana and other states, he finds are substituting costly maintenance for needed new construction. He terms this policy as living in a "fool's paradise," because there is no escape from the payment for highways, "whether we have them or not."

Highways in the state are wearing out or becoming obsolete faster than construction and permanent improvements are made.

As a result heavy maintenance must be resorted to in order to keep traffic moving. Road construction costs have increased 123 percent generally over the nation since 1940, but revenue for road work has increased only 85 percent, nationally, and very much less than this in Indiana.

Motorists using the excellent new road between Martinsville and Bloomington are startled by the contrast between this adequate highway and the twisting,

narrow pavement with dangerous bridges on the other parts of Indiana 37.

Mrs. James Lantz and daughter, left for Hicksville, Ohio, this week to spend the winter with the former's sister.



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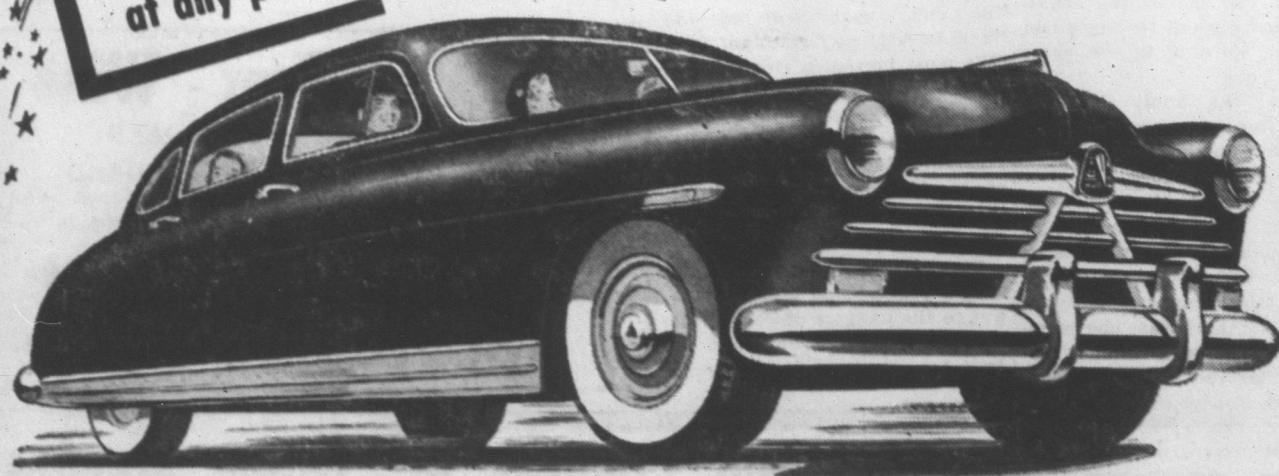
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