

Pot-Luck Dinner At Township Park Is Well Attended

Christmas decorations adorned the clubhouse at Bloomfield Township Park, Wednesday evening of last week, when about 60 members of the American Legion and Auxiliary attended a pot-luck dinner and musical program.

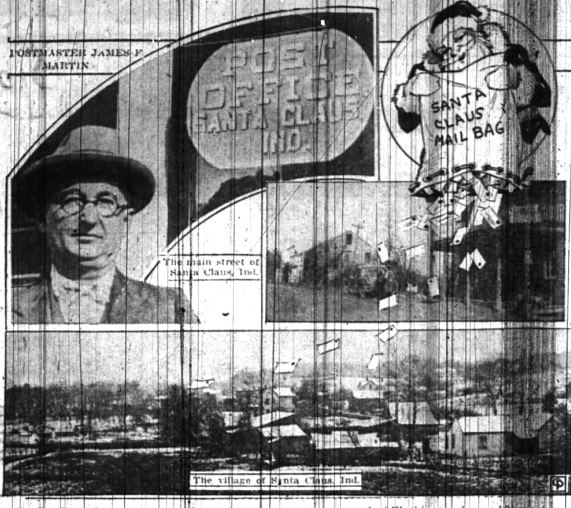
A feature of the party was the collection of toys, which each guest was requested to bring for the children at the American Legion Billiet at Otter Lake.

Following dinner a musical program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Doris Thompson. Joseph Purvis sang two groups of songs, and duet dances were given by Lorraine Elliott and Earle Wilson. Music for dancing was provided by Maxie Watkins and Hazel McEllean, pianist; Edward Watkins, violinist and Treasa Thompson, who played the banjo, all of whom were less than 15 years old.

The Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting at the Community House at 8 P. M. Tuesday.

Santa Claus (Indiana) Busy Once More; Hamlet's Postoffice Is Overwhelmed

Tourists, Too, Come To Village To See Kris Kringle At Work



The main street of Santa Claus, Ind. The village of Santa Claus, Ind.

By Central Press
SANTA CLAUS, Ind.—Once a year this town springs to the first pages. Yes, Santa Claus is its correct name. And the town is in the historic Lincoln country.

Four miles to the north is Lipscomb City, Ind., and the Sandy Hanks Lincoln State Park, where Lincoln's mother lies buried.

Santa Claus is made up of a church, a school, a garage, a general store, a gift shop and—most important—a postoffice.

Mail Reaches There
The nearest railroad is four miles away—but tons of mail pour in upon the town during the Christmas season. Many large firms even have mail sent from here, so as to have the "Santa Claus" postmark.

On Christmas Day, and for several preceding days, thousands of adults and eager children crowd and shove to obtain a glimpse of the genial postmaster, James F. Martin, going over the letters to Santa Claus.

Indeed, so large have the all-year-round tourist crowds become that a Santa Claus community club has been formed. It gives information and direction to the tourists. Heading it is Perry Ballou, who knows President-Elect Roosevelt.

Too Busy!
Just about this time of year Postmaster Martin becomes the busiest fourth-class postal employee in the entire American postal system. Even with assistants and electric canceling machines sent by a grumbling post-office department at Washington, the Santa Claus mail piles up. One of the assistants is Miss Helen Martin, 19, daughter of the postmaster.

Some of the firms and persons mailing from Santa Claus demand exceptional service. They desire their mail to go forward at an appointed time—as if Santa Claus himself were starting out from this little postoffice with his sleigh and reindeer.

Postmaster Martin opens and reads every message addressed to Santa Claus. Many of the letters are passed on to charitable institutions for possible action. Letters

Washington Hostess
Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart
Mrs. Stanley Rinehart (Mary Roberts Rinehart) has carved out for herself a very pleasant niche in the social life of Washington. Naturally a devotee of such talent and industry cannot devote herself exclusively to the social game, but Mrs. Rinehart's company is more sought because of that fact. Her formal parties are more lively than the very best affairs, and at her many small dinners writers, artists and statesmen mingle with the utmost ease. Her husband, Dr. Stanley Rinehart, is a physician of high rank

from older days go unanswered. Santa Claus remains the name of the postoffice this year only because Senator James E. Watson saved it. The postoffice department had become disgusted.

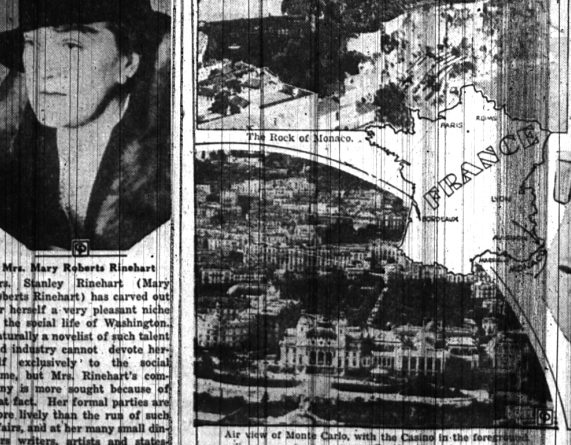
Santa Fe was the original name suggested for this hamlet. Then when the postoffice was opened, the postmaster general's office in Washington learned there was another Santa Fe in Indiana. Some unknown here, then suggested Santa Claus.

Postmaster Martin, who served 15 years under his children, has served an additional 22 years as postmaster. But this will not be such a happy Christmas for him. He is a Republican.

WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN'
Beauties from the four corners of the earth must bow to Miss Merim Halls Hanim of Turkey, for she is the winner of the title "Miss Universe," at Brussels, Belgium. Miss Hanim is a brunette, with classic features and magnificent hair.



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Air view of Monte Carlo, with the Casino in the foreground. Monaco, one of the smallest independent states in the world, known through Monte Carlo and its gambling tables, has been sold to France for \$520,000 in cash and \$150,000 a year, which is to go forever to the family of Prince Louis of Monaco. The entire country comprises 8 square miles.

EVENING COIFFURES, ACCESSORIES



Sleek, brushed hair with curls above the ears is new, the post-low at the side, as shown above. Maggy Rouff uses a water lily against a black crepe satin gown, left, while bows finish the back of the blue velvet Chantel frock, right. Below, jeweled clip on an evening gown, while inset are an ensemble of velvet gloves, bag, flowers and sandals, all products of this season.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Today: Meeting Barnum P. T. A. at Barnum School.
- Friday, Dec. 16: Psalmist Normal Choir Concert at First Baptist Church, 8:30 P. M.
- Saturday, Dec. 17: Young Peoples Saturday Night Dance, Community House, Village Playhouse.
- Sunday, Dec. 18: Men's Forum Methodist Church, Community House, 10 A. M.
- Monday, Dec. 19: League of Women Voters Study Group, Community House; Adams School Girl Reserves pot-luck supper, Community House; Michigan Bell Telephone Company dinner, Community House.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20: Adams School Teachers' bridge, Community House; Meeting American Legion Auxiliary, Community House.
- Wednesday, Dec. 21: Junior Girl Reserves meeting, Community House; Meeting Charles Edwards Post, American Legion, Community House; Meeting Lion's Club Christmas party.
- Thursday, Dec. 22: Lion's Club Christmas party.

BATTERY IS STOLEN FROM ADAMS SCHOOL

Theft of a telephone battery, valued at \$6.50, from the fan room of Adams School was reported to police Thursday morning. Entrance is believed to have been gained through an open door or window, since no evidences of a forced entry were found.

Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin High School, reported to police Saturday that an overcoat belonging to Steve Wygant, 509 Greenwood avenue, was stolen from the school about three weeks ago. The coat was valued at \$125 when new.

Christianity inherited the Oriental idea of the dragon, which is made the emblem and embodiment of the devil.

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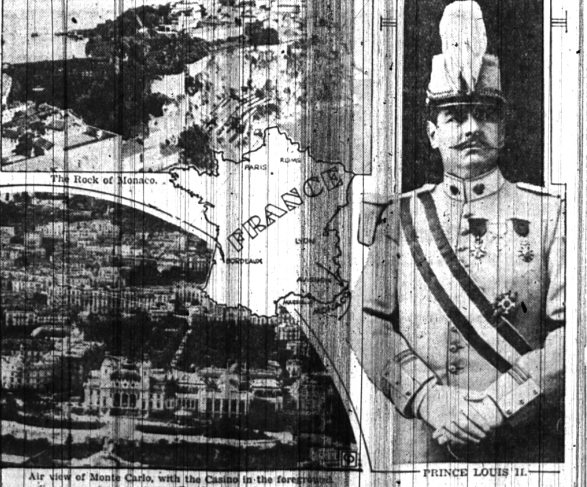
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