

Christmas Eve in the Kitchen

IN THE kitchen of an apartment building in the city was seated a large, husky man with a little girl of about seven, on one knee, and a boy of perhaps six, on the other knee.

"But grandpa, I don't see why Santa Claus doesn't come," said little Doris. "We have waited so long over here in this old kitchen."

"Oh, yes," asserted grandpa firmly. "Once upon a time a group of fairies were playing around in an open place under some trees and they found a little baby asleep."

"S-h-h!" Grandpa, I think he's coming, interrupted Ned as he again climbed down and ran to the window. "Nothing doing," he said with much disgust and gave a signal with his arm like the flagman does when telling a train to stop.

Grandpa obeyed the signal and continued: "He lived under the care of the fairies until he grew to be quite a man. Then the queen ordered her fairy workmen to build 'Claus' a hut, as he was a mortal and could not live the way the fairies did, any longer."

"There was a village some distance from his hut and every time he heard of a little boy or girl down in the village who was sick, he took them one of his little toys. The children grew to like him ever so much. After a while he became acquainted with so many children that he found it hard to get around and see them all so often. He decided that he would work all year making toys, and then go around and find out which of the children had been good, and leave them presents."

"When the fairies heard of this plan they were delighted and gave Santa Claus four reindeer and a sled to help him out."

"After many years of this hard work Santa Claus began to show that he was growing old. The fairies realized that Santa Claus was a mortal and would die, so they—"

"Santa Claus has come," some one shouted from the front room.

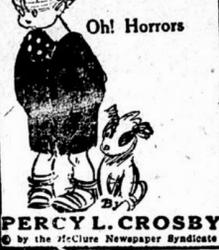
"Hurry and finish, grandpa. What did they do?" queried Doris anxiously.

"They gave Santa Claus everlasting life so that he could make little children happy always," finished grandpa.

"Oh, I am so glad," said both of the kiddies.

"Now, to see what Santa brought," said grandpa, and all three made a dash for the parlor.

The Clancy Kids



BELLE PRAIRIE

Dec. 9.—Members of the Belle Prairie Farmers' club gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Moran at this place. The president was not present and so the meeting was not held, but games whiled away the evening. A lunch was served at a late hour of the night. They all reported a good time and departed.

Vern Larson left for Duluth, where he plans to seek employment.

Pete St. Marie dropped a carload of straw here Friday.

The academy of Our Lady of the Angels gave a play Sunday, Dec. 18. Tickets were sold and the net proceeds went to the benefit of the Academy. People gathered from all directions to see the affair. It is said to have been a good one.

Among the strangers present were Mr. and Mrs. Breen of St. Cloud, Mr. Roach of International Falls and the Franciscan sisters of St. Gabriel's hospital of Little Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben May and son Fred, and daughter Rosamond, were callers Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Quast and family at Little Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Moran and son Quill were callers Sunday at Ft. Ripley. They made the trip in their Dodge touring car.

Ed. Guertin of Little Falls held Pola Moran butcher pigs Monday.

MORRILL Dec. 19.—Miss Sylvener, teacher in District 80, was taken sick with gathering in her ears and severe headache and had to be taken home. Miss Walbridge will teach both rooms this week. Bessie Quillen came home Saturday from Minneapolis to spend the holidays. She has been going to high school there.

The school house in District 145 is completed and school will start the 2nd of January, with Miss Olga Halverson from Milaca as teacher. The school will start in District 147 the first part of January, as they have their school house completed enough so they can hold school in it. Mr. Drygus had both contracts.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Quillen Saturday night in honor of their daughter Bessie. A lovely time was had and a fine supper was served.

The sewing demonstration was held at Ethel Ogg's last Thursday and about 30 women were there. Miss Hough and Miss Brannen from Little Falls were there.

There was a sewing bee at Mrs. Matt Jentzen's Wednesday, given for the benefit of John Jentzen's family. Not a very large crowd was there as several did not know of it.

John Gilman took Mrs. Van Alstine and Sever Emergent to Foley Saturday, where Sever had some teeth extracted. News was received last week of the sudden death of Mrs. Wojciechowski's father, Geo. Delong of Gilman. He was helping load cattle in the morning and suffered a stroke of apoplexy and died before night. The relatives have



BUCKMAN

Dec. 19.—Peter Decker, who was employed at Hinckley with his brother Joseph, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. B. Decker, Sr., and other relatives.

Jacob Shirmes and Christ Frahlch were here Saturday on business.

Conrad Kapsner was a business caller at St. Cloud Monday.

Rev. H. Leuthner, Joseph Hortsch, Andrew Gaul and Joseph A. Brandl were in Little Falls Sunday, where they attended the meeting of the National Catholic Welfare council.

James A. Dengel was in Little Falls Wednesday on business.

Sr. Severina, O. S. B., of Brandon, and Sr. Ceriza, O. S. B., of Gilman were here to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Mike Sand, who died in St. Cloud last week, after a month's illness.

Leov. Vanderholtz of Onamia was a visitor with Rev. H. Leuthner last Wednesday.

Rev. H. Leuthner and Joseph Brandl attended the funeral of Rt. Rev. James Trobec, who died last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick H. Mueller were in Pierz Monday, where they attended to some business.

L. Winer was here buying cattle last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stephan and Mrs. Elizabeth Beka drove to Pierz, where they attended to some business.

SOUTHWEST PIKE CREEK Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eckman visited Sunday at the Frank Yanta home at Little Falls.

Joseph G. Ringewski arrived Monday from Chicago after visiting for several weeks at the home of his sister there.

Seraphina Trebiatowski visited Sunday afternoon with Sophia Ringewski. Joseph Berendt and Albert Trebiatowski visited Sunday evening at the Jos. Eckman place.

Those who were callers at the Albert Trebiatowski home Sunday are: Peter Ringewski, Christ and Martin Eke, Anton Ringewski and Rose and Sophie Ringewski.

The people from this vicinity are busy doing their Christmas shopping at Little Falls this week.

Bill Glubka and Theodore Ginter arrived Monday from International Falls where they have been employed for some time past.

MOTLEY Modley Mercury Dec. (16):—The Woodmen held a meeting at the hall Wednesday evening and elected officers for the coming year. They will meet the 28th, when they expect to have candidates for initiation.

FAWNDALE

Dec. 19.—Cornelius Olson of Elm Dale sawed wood for a number of farmers here last week.

Joseph Cichon returned home from Little Falls, Saturday, where he received chiropractic treatment.

Martin Casey visited relatives in Swan River Sunday evening.

Nicholas Kuka and Jacob Bradala of Little Falls were employed here last week.

Stephenu Cichon spent part of last week with relatives at Little Falls.

Simon Sobieck, Frank Piontek and Egnatz Bieniek of Swanville spent Sunday evening at the H. M. Kinney home.

Miss Gladys Bosell, who has spent several weeks at the Emil Peterson home in Swanville returned home last week.

Peter Stiller and Chas. and William Anderson of Swanville were visitors at the Simon Sobieck home Sunday.

Thomas Stiller of Opole was here the last of the week, called by the death of his mother, the late Mrs. Eva Stiller.

Mrs. Anna Casey and daughter Ann have returned from a visit with Mrs.

RANDALL

Randall News (16):—A large crowd attended the Randall Community club meeting Tuesday evening to listen to the debate on the question of consolidated schools. Those on the debate were: A. D. Grant, Mrs. Anna Barnes and S. B. Olson on the affirmative side, and A. T. Kull, Ed. Davis and H. N. Ballou on the negative. The judges were Mrs. Fred Lines, F. A. Schwanko and Oscar Bjorkquist. Considerable information had been received from different localities where consolidated school have been located, and many good points brought out by the affirmative side were far ahead of those on the negative, and the result was decided 44 to 17 in favor of consolidation. The affair was very interesting and all present seemed to enjoy the event, and it is hoped that another debate may be held soon, on some other live topic of the day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Myer M. Skoog of Duluth, Dec. 8, a baby girl. Mrs. Skoog was formerly Norma Nelson of this place.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church the evening of Dec. 24th. A program beginning at 8 o'clock will be given by members of the Sunday school.

H. P. Hoffman and family left Sunday morning for their new home in Russell, Kan.

PIERZ Pierz Journal (15):—Miss Marie Schwab left for St. Joseph last week where she is employed for some time.

John N. Rauch returned Wednesday.

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UPSALA

Upsala News Tribune (16):—Dayton, (In.) Review:—Last week, Rev. H. Hultman tendered his resignation to the Mission congregation of this place, and will move with his family about the middle of December to Upsala, Minnesota, having accepted the pastorage of the Mission church at that city.

Rev. Carl Pingel, who for the past three years has served as assistant priest at St. Joseph's church under Rev. J. G. Stiegler, left Pierz last Tuesday for St. Cloud, where he will stay for some time until Bishop Busch finds a suitable congregation for him. Many members of the St. Joseph's congregation regret to see him depart out of our midst. His many friends here wish him happiness in his future field of labor in honor of Providence.

Miss Olga Molde, who has been employed at Minneapolis, came home Tuesday for a visit at the home of her parents.

Prof. E. W. Smith and family have moved to the Swanson residence on Main street.

BOWLUS Bowlus Advance (16):—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Popp drove up from St. Cloud Wednesday for a visit at Leo Swinick's. Mr. Popp fell about six feet off a scaffold, while doing carpenter work last month and hurt his right shoulder so he has not been able to use his arm for six weeks.

Jack Solinski stepped on a nail back of the hardware store last week. It penetrated almost to the top of the foot.

The Red Cross meeting which was set for last Sunday evening, adjourned to Tuesday evening, when a few more than a quorum were gathered up. There is a nice sum of money in the treasury and the report for the past year was read and approved. All the officers were re-elected.

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MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL AW, BOOHO HO! THEY WASNT NO LETTER, BOSS! IRENE AINT GOINTA SEND NO MONEY! WHAT'S GOINTA BECOME OF US? I'LL NEVER SEE MY HOME TOWN ANY MORE! BAW! BAW! YOU'RE A FINE CRIBBABY, YOU ARE, BELLERING LIKE A SICK CALF WHEN THINGS GO WRONG! YOU'D MAKE A FINE SOLDIER, I'LL SAY! TAKE OUR BRAVE BOYS OVER IN FRANCE— WHEN THEY WERE WET AND TIRED AND HUNGRY AND THE CAPTAIN CRIED, "OVER THE TOP, BOYS!" DID THEY BELLER LIKE YOU'RE DOING? DID THEY? NO! THEY OPENED THEIR MOUTHS AND WHAT DID THEY HOLLER? WHAT WAS THEIR BATTLE CRY? WHEN DO WE EAT? I GUESS IT WAS, AT THAT!

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