

Santa Claus myth won't hurt child

In keeping with the holiday season, the following may be of special interest to many in our South Valley. Christmas Special in Family Life at West Virginia University, writes:

Santa Claus has been part of the American Christmas scene for many years—either he is known as Santa, St. Nicholas or Kris Kringle. Santa has his origins in the legendary figure of St. Nicholas, who was a fourth century Bishop. Although he was considered a patron saint of some West European cities, his importance as Santa Claus has its roots in the fact that he was claimed a protector of the weak, the poor, merchants, bankers, lords and children.

It is known as a helpful, good humored, pleasant and just person. Thus, Santa Claus personified the good, the helpful, the giving and the joyful in the world.

In today's changing technological world, many parents wonder if introducing children to an imaginary mythical figure is appropriate or beneficial. They wonder if the myth might foster unrealistic expectations in children, which might deprive them of clear, factual and logical thinking and decision making.

Some parents fear that their children might become distrustful when they find out that Santa Claus is an imaginary person. Others think that youngsters might expect too many toys if they believe they can get them.

Should we get rid of the Santa Claus myth? Are these considerations and fears justified? It isn't really necessary to do away with Santa Claus, because having the myth will not hurt children. All of us, but children especially, live in an imaginary world to a certain degree. The imaginary world is the counterpart to the rational world, and children have to learn to grapple and handle it properly in order to become viable members of society.

The imaginary world and fantasy are largely responsible for a person's creativity. Creativity is man's greatest asset, something computers lack in spite of their effectiveness. Without imagination and fantasy there would be no enjoyment and man would have difficulty coping with the real world. It would be too exhausting and boring. It would be like watching a child and telling how Santa Claus came about. That he represents the good, the positive, the helpful, the just, the giving and the joyful to man. That he is meant to remind us of these characteristics at Christmas time and that even adults will still like him and love to talk about him. Such an approach would foster truth

rather than lying to the child and would introduce the child to a part of the adult world. Letting him participate in an adult scene in a family might see something threatening in Santa Claus. There is no reason to do away with Santa Claus in a family other than the fact that it is a family still full of love and caring. It is not necessary to be so strict as to continue to hang up stockings, this can become their personal and enjoyable family custom. It is not advisable for parents to use Santa as a manipulative by threatening a child with punishment from Santa

Guards to hold basketball tourney Dec. 26-29 here

Ford's Chief Staff responsibilities to be divided among three men

When Gov. Wendell Ford became United States Senator, chief staff responsibilities in his Washington office will be divided among three men, William S. Westler, James T. Fleming and Thomas L. Preston.

Westler will serve as Ford's liaison with other Senate offices and federal agencies and have administrative responsibilities pertaining to bills and committees. He will also be involved in special projects. Fleming has been assigned duties for the administration of the office and will be engaged in research, along with drafting and review of legislation. A native of Lexington, Westler, 41, has studied in political science and business administration. He was principal budget analyst for the Finance Department, 1961-61, executive assistant to the health commissioner, 1961-64; deputy commissioner, Health Department, 1964-68; assistant director, Legislative Research Commission, 1968-69; and then joined Ford's staff.

Preston, 46, is a native of Ladlow, Ky. He graduated from Centre College, then the University of Kentucky and Johns Hopkins, and taught American and state government at both institutions. In state government since 1960, he was a research analyst and assistant director of the Legislative Research Commission from 1960-1961, then worked in the Area Program Office for two years. He became director of the 1202 in January, 1964, post held until 1972 when he joined Governor Ford's staff to assist in the reorganization of state government.

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William E. Scant, Hopkinsville attorney and former Kentucky Commissioner of Revenue, will be the secretary of the cabinet and commissioner for finance and administration starting Jan. 3. He was named to the post by Lt. Gov. Julian Carroll, who assumes the office of governor with the start of Gov. Wendell Ford's term in the U.S. Senate.

Soybean vote to be Jan. 22

Wendell P. Budge, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, has announced that a Soybean Referendum will be conducted Jan. 22, 1975. Voting will be in the Cooperative Extension Service Offices from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Local Time).

Any soybean producer or anyone sharing in the proceeds from soybeans may vote in the Referendum. Soybean producers will vote on whether or not to have one-half cent (1/2 cent) per bushel deducted from their soybean for the purpose of financing a promotional program through research, market development, and education designed to increase production, the use and sale, domestic and foreign, of soybeans and soybean products. This assessment will be deducted by the purchaser and sent to the Kentucky Soybean Association monthly.

The Soybean Referendum will be held in the following counties: District 1—Ballard, Callaway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, McCracken, Marshall, and Trigg; District 2—Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Logan, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Union, and Webster; District 3—Adair, Allen, Barren, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Butler, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Edmonson, Grayson, Green, Hardin, Hart, Jefferson, Letcher, Madison, Magoffin, Metcalfe, Monroe, Nelson, Russell, Taylor, and Warren; District 4—Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Henry, Oldham, Owen, and Trimble; District 5—Boyle, Bourbon, Fayette, Fleming, Franklin, Madison, Mason, Mercer, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Washington, and Woodford; District 6—Elliott, Greenup, Lewis, Pulaski, and Wayne.

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