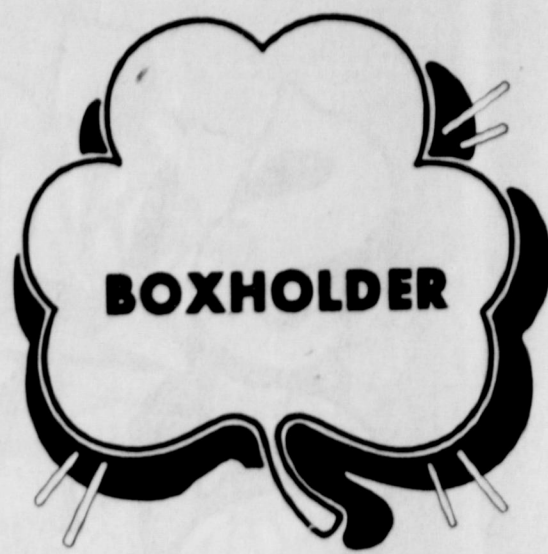




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St. Patrick Rose From Slavery To Become Ireland's Hero

By Carol Allison
St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, has been celebrated in birth and death in America since the early 1700's.
Many references are not certain of St. Patrick's birth date, or the exact day. Nor the exact year. Some say he was born on the 8th of March, 387, A.D., and some say on the 9th. Adding the two numbers together, the 17th of March was celebrated to the satisfaction of some.

He reportedly lived until March 17, 493-and the anniversary of his death is celebrated by others.

No matter. By my calculations the saint would have been 106 years old when he died, which is enough cause to celebrate.

According to Roman Catholic authorities, St. Patrick was born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, Scotland. His father was a member of a Roman family of high rank.

When Patrick was 16, he was captured by Irish pirates and sold as a slave to a chieftain in the territory of the present county of Antrim.

After six years of servitude, Patrick escaped and returned home but reportedly had a

vision telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. And indeed he did return to preach, teach, build churches, organize parishes, and perform miracles. His most famous miracle was the banishment of all snakes and vermin in Ireland.

An old Irish song captures this legendary miracle to perfection.

"There's ne'er a mile in Ireland's Isle, where noxious vermin musters, Where'er he put his dear forefoot he murdered them in clusters."

The toads went hop, the snakes went flop, pophaste into the water, And the beasts committed suicide to save themselves from slaughter."

The three-leaf clover has long been associated with St. Patrick and was adopted as Ireland's National flower.

Tradition tells that St. Patrick used the shamrock in his teaching as a symbol of the three persons of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Our eastern city neighbor, Shamrock, celebrated St. Patrick's Day in the most traditional and American way. A

Parade...an "Irish Rose" beauty contest...a carnival...food...and fun for all. Don't forget your bit of green!

Marbles Meets The Leprechaun

LOOSE MARBLES By Lisa Patman

The leprechaun, that famous Irish fairy, is, according to legend, a "tiny old man, solitary by nature, lives in remote places and makes shoes, possesses a hidden crock of gold...if captured and threatened, he might, if his captor keeps his eyes on him, reveal its hiding place."

This bit of information cleared up a big mystery for me. For years before going to bed I have picked up from the floor assorted clothes, books, magazines, banana peels, shoes, and small dead animals which my family had deposited on the floor during the day. I did this to clear a path for the night in case some major disaster might occur, such as a cookie fit at midnight. With the path cleared before bedtime, I was assured of a smooth run from the bed to the kitchen, where I keep my secret supply of emergency goodies. But whenever a fit overtook me I always tripped over some kind of foot apparel, usually a cowboy boot.

I never understood why until I read about the leprechaun. After all, I have a long line of Irish ancestors, so it was very likely that somewhere in my home there was secreted a tiny old man who made a boot each night and, in his orneriness, threw it in the exact path of my nightly fattening forays. And, if he liked living in remote places, I knew the exact spot to look - a place where no living person had been for years, where the most fearless fear to tread, where darkness and gloom rule - the back of my clothes closet. And yes, ladies and gentlemen, there he was, sitting in the corner, smirking and pounding away on another of those nasty little boots, readying himself for his next trick.

Grabbing him quickly, and looking closely into his tiny little eyes, I screamed "Why are you doing this to me? And where is that crock of gold? Tell me quick or I'll wreak havoc on your tiny body. For a crock of gold I'll do almost anything, and with all those Hostess Twinkies behind me I have a wallop of the Incredible Hulk, the might of an enraged bull, the ire of a housewife whose dumb kid has just poured grease down the sink. In short, Shorty, tell me or prepare to meet your Maker - or that Brown Recluse spider that is living somewhere in this very closet!"

Well, friends, let me tell you that little guy shuddered, shook, whined and cried, but I was adamant. "Tell, or be torn tiny limb from tiny limb! My charge card bill just came due, and I'm a desperate woman!" He begged for mercy, claiming he had a poor, sick mother in the old country, and that he was suffering from terminal cobwebs, a disease he had contracted in my closet. Still I remained firm. "Quiet, you little squirt!" I ordered, "you're of no use to me at all without that crock of gold. Tell, or the next moment may be your last!"

Finally he surrendered, realizing he had met his match. "Go into the bathroom," he said reluctantly, "put your right forefinger on your nose, close your eyes, turn around three times, all the while saying 'I have come to see the crock, I have come to see the crock,' stop, face the north wall, open your eyes, and you will find what you are looking for."

I dropped that little feller quicker than you can say "Charge it!" at Sears, ran to the bathroom and followed his directions to the letter.

"I've come to see the crock! I've come to see the crock!" I whispered as I spun merrily around. Then, trembling as I faced the north wall, I slowly opened my eyes--and found myself staring straight into the bathroom mirror. I could hear him giggling from the depths of the closet. "She's found the real crock, tee-hee-hee, she's found the real crock."

That little bugger had better watch out, because when I discovered I was a crock, I also discovered something I had inherited from my Irish forefathers--a very bad Irish temper. If I ever catch him again I'm going to do the meanest, nastiest thing I can think of to do--I'm going to make him live under my bed. There are real monsters under there--makes the corner of the closet seem like Disneyland.



from the distaff side by Linda Haynes

For those of you who are seeing your first copy of The McLean News, welcome! This is a special edition of our paper which normally is published each Thursday. This edition is being placed in mail boxes in Shamrock, McLean, Alanreed, and Lefors to announce the opening of a new grocery store in McLean.

Although this is not a regular edition of the paper, we have included some of our regular features so that new readers might get a good idea of what they are missing by not subscribing to the News.

This is our first attempt at a special advertising edition, and we hope you will take advantage of the low prices offered in the advertisements, and also enjoy reading some of the stories.

Today is St. Patrick's Day, a holiday that is celebrated primarily in Ireland...and Shamrock, Texas! Shamrock has been celebrating the Irish saint's birthday for several years with parades, banquets, dances, and a special Miss Irish Rose contest. The celebration, which was held last Saturday, has received nation wide publicity, and brought thousands of tourists into the Texas Panhandle.

Shamrock civic leaders were very wise when they decided to take advantage of their Irish name by celebrating St. Pat's Day, because it has really given their town a boost.

Civic leaders in McLean have tried for years to think of some comparable type of celebration to have in McLean, but so far, no one has come up with a catchy idea.

The name McLean came from a man who was a railroad commissioner in the state of Texas back in the early part of the century. He came to the small settlement to make a speech, and residents were so impressed by him that they decided to name the town for him.

I assume that Mr. McLean was a Scotsman, so perhaps we might think of a celebration on that theme. Now, let's see... Scots are famous for their good whiskey, their thriftiness, and their red hair. Perhaps we could have National Red Head's Day, or Texas Penny Pinching Day, or how about a free Scotch drinking contest?

Somehow, I don't think any of those celebrations would catch on quite like St. Pat's Day.

In Thursday's edition of The News, we will have a picture and a story about McLean's candidate for Miss Irish Rose, Rhonda Woods. Rhonda was chosen Miss McLean a few weeks ago, and as Miss McLean, participated in the Miss Irish Rose contest in Shamrock Saturday. We had planned to have a picture of Rhonda for this paper, but realized at the last moment that we had run out of time.

Like most of the busy young people in McLean, Rhonda is involved in a variety of activities. Not only is she a beauty queen, she also plays in the band, and spent part of last week exhibiting her steer at the Top O' Texas and Pampa Stock Shows, and so was out of town and unavailable for a picture.

However, next week, we promise to show you a picture of McLean's lovely Irish lassie.

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BILLIE KINGSTON IS the new manager of Wilson's Venture Foods, which is opening today. The store is located in the building formerly occupied by Simpson's Market. (Photo by Linda Haynes)

Alanreed Has Its Own Irishman... 'Cowboy' Finley

By Jeanette Fish
The Encyclopedia Britannica tells us that Ireland is an island to the west of Great Britain. The Irish would likely disagree and say that Great Britain is to the east of Ireland and McLean is east of Alanreed.

South of Alanreed, Texas Irishman Jess Finley has an appropriate plaque on his kitchen wall--"How do you expect to raise cattle when you're always shootin' the bull?" If you are in Jess' company for more than five minutes you'll hear a good story and have a few laughs.

He earned a nickname in his younger days around McLean while he worked for Jim McMurtry for five years. At one time he had two jobs. He was always late for the second job. Cattle do not cooperate with clocks. One day when he showed up late, his boss, a

manager named Green said "Here comes that damned cowboy!" After that he was called Cowboy Finley.

When Jess was three months old he was carried off by a panther into the woods. "My daddy shot the panther a quarter of a mile from the house. The panther dropped me and I've been dropped ever since."

Jess remembers high school days at McLean: "played in the first football game that I ever SAW. Magic City versus McLean. The coach said--'Nothing to it. It's just like bulldoggin' calves. JUST HOLD ON TIL THE WHISTLE BLOWS!'"

Jess was able to do his part and McLean won the game.

He attended the first Saint Patrick's Day celebration ever held in Shamrock, where they had quite a lot of beer. Jess laughs--"I caught a virus and was sick for two days afterwards."

Jess was born in Independence County--Batesville, Arkansas on May 16, 1916. The family moved south of Shamrock in 1920. They had not been there long when his mother died. They returned to Arkansas, then moved back to Dozier when Jess was eight years old. He attended grade school in Avery and Lone Mound communities. When he was 14 he drove a school bus for a few months.

In 1932 the family settled south of McLean. Jess recalls walking to school where he says the older kids kissed and hugged in the road, the middle ones fought and the little ones cried over the dust in their eyes. He was one of the criers.

A few months before Jess was to finish high school in McLean, his father died of a heart attack. He had to leave school to gather crops. After working for McMurtrys for five years he entered the army in 1942. While in the military service he was able to complete three years of college in El Paso and San Jose State in California, studying Veterinary Medicine.

JESS "COWBOY" FINLEY, a Texas cowboy with an Irish surname, has lived in the McLean-Alanreed area most of his life.

LINES by LEM O'RICKK
St. Pat drove the snakes to the sea, And banished them all gloriously; If he could but return, My heart strongly would yearn; He'd chase them all out of D. C. !

ernment or arts in their own community.

Jess is well known for his willingness to help neighbors. His main hobby is a "love of life." The only thing he has against young people today is "I'm not one of em'." Through the years he has enjoyed helping many of them to learn about cattle and farming. These aren't things Jess Finley tells you about himself--you hear it from other people.

If you start to brag on him he'll laugh and tell you about the time he bought a mare and waited for the birth of a palomino colt she was to have.

One day Betty's mother looked out and said "There's your new palomino colt!" They ran to look and stared--amazed at a little coal black mule!"

Betty is playing it safe this year--raising goats and dogs.

Quotable Quotes

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

Henry Adams
There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist--the taxidermist leaves the hide.

Mortimer Caplan
A lie has no leg, but a scandal has wings.

Thomas Fuller, M.D.
To me, old age is always fifteen years older than I am.

Bernard Baruch
International crises have their advantages. They frighten the weak but stir and inspire the strong.

James Reston
The world changes so fast that one couldn't stay wrong all the time if he tried.

Anonymous
When your horse is on the brink of a precipice, it is too late to pull the reins.

Chinese Proverb
He who has no poetry in himself will find poetry in nothing.

Joseph Joubert



GEORGE MARTIN OF Clarendon is the butcher at the new Wilson's Venture Foods in McLean. The store will feature a bakery and a deli in addition to regular grocery items. (Photo by Linda Haynes)

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SHURFINE SLICED 32 OZ. JAR
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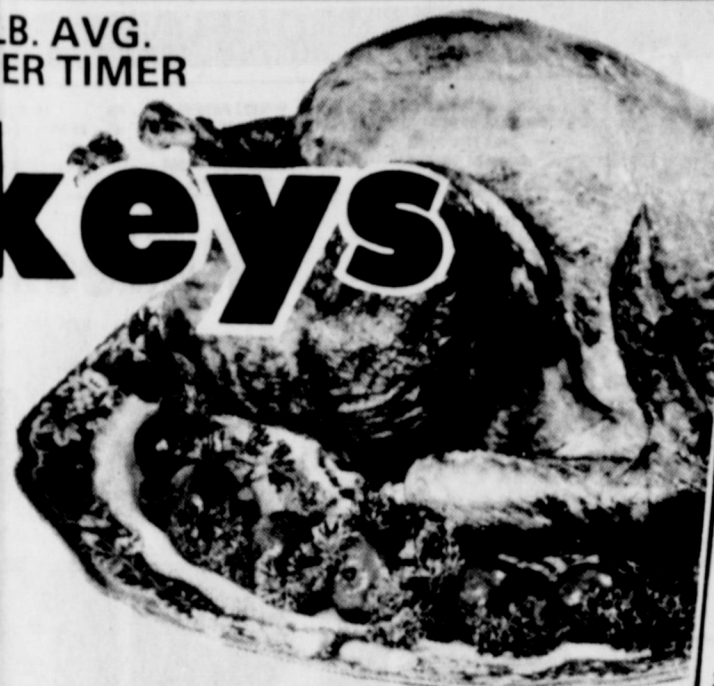
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