

Kids Will Beat A Path To Toymaker's Door

Fritz Worgotter loves dumplings, beer and traditional Tyrolean music. But most of all he likes making wooden toys. Which is good, because Fritz, a third generation toymaker, is the only toymaker in all of Tyrol, Austria.

When the Southern Christmas Show comes to the Charlotte Merchandise Mart this Nov. 12-22, Fritz will move in as "Toymaker in residence" and show visitors how to prepare to be delighted and impressed.

Fritz and his father Josef live in Rum, Austria. For 30 years the sign "HOLZSPIELZEUG/Worgotter" has hung outside their shop there. In English the sign says "Wooden Toys by Worgotter."

What brings Fritz to Charlotte is a number of things. Of course he wants American children to have his toys, but he'll quickly tell you he already sells all he can make in Austria, Germany, Italy, England, Japan and Switzerland. What really brings him to Charlotte is Ken March of Helmut's Strudel, a Southern Christmas Show favorite for many years. March met Fritz at the International Toy Show in New York this spring and convinced him he had to be part of the Southern Christmas Show. It will be hard, according to Fritz, to take so many days out of his busiest season but now that he's been talked into it, he's looking forward to the show and to demonstrating his toy-making skills for visitors.

Because the Southern Christmas Show stays full and exhibitors wait years for a space, a special area in Old Towne had to be created for Fritz. The area has a market front and will look like the German Christkindlmarkt in Nuremberg. The biggest concern Fritz has is running out of toys before the 12 days are over. "It would not be



Austrian Worgotter Holds One Of His Creatures

easy," he says in heavily accented English, "to get more toys. We will have to work very hard at the show!" To see a child playing with a Worgotter toy is to see a happy child. The toys are made entirely from natural woods. There are no nails, screws or metal hinges — nothing

but natural wood with a non-toxic clear coating. So youngsters can chew on them if they want to. What's wonderful for kids and parents alike is that the dump trucks keep on dumping, the ladders move and have been known to last 30 years, the wheels turn, and pieces fit into vans just like they're supposed to. Plus the toys run smoothly, there are no splinters, and the wood feels so good.

There will be some 300 craft-speople at the show along with Fritz, demonstrating and selling everything from pottery to corn shuck peels. Plus, there will be decorated trees, special Christmas rooms, a huge miniature doll house area, working model trains, a colorful Old Towne, a marketplace packed with gifts and ornaments. The cooking clinic will be in full swing with daily clinics and free cookbooks with Edie Low's prize-winning recipes. And the food pavilion will tantalize visitors with strudel, plum pudding, spice cookies, fudge and funny faced chocolate Santas.

Admission is \$4.50 at the door, \$4.00 in advance, \$3.50 for groups of 30 or more if tickets are purchased in advance. Students 6-18 are \$2.50 and children under six, excluding groups, are free with an adult. On November 11 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. there will be a preview showing to benefit the Charlotte Observer Empty Stomach Fund. Tickets for preview evening are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Telephone Apologies Are Product Of New Business

If you want to apologize to someone, but you just can't find the right words, or if you simply take to apologize, there is a service for you. "An Apology Service," is the concept of Kathryn Warman, of Felicity, Ohio, near Cincinnati.

The 33 year old former telephone operator decided the business was a must to assist the many people who can't personally apologize after hurting the feelings of a spouse, a friend, a relative or a business colleague.

Working out of her home, she charges \$6 for a telephone apology requires a long-distance call, the cost of the call is added to her fee. Warman, who comes equipped

with a soothing, Southern voice (she is originally from Tennessee), says most of her apologies have been for minor situations. The responses tend to vary. Most of the apology-receivers are pleased and amused, while some have been startled and dismayed that an outsider was let in on their personal problem.

Her apology business isn't booming, but Warman has faith, patience and a lot of hope.

She believes there is no other apology service available in the United States, but says there is a service in Canada which takes a totally opposite approach. It provides telephone insults.

Mrs. Owens Laid To Rest

Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville.

Price Lodge Sponsoring Barbecue

Price Masonic Lodge No. 290 of Mooresville will sponsor a barbecue beef rhy dinner Saturday, Oct. 31. The fund-raiser will be held at Watkins Chapel AME Zion Church, 608 Statesville Ave., Mooresville, and serving, which will get underway at 11 a.m., will continue in full swing throughout the afternoon and early evening.

The price of the meal will be \$4, and the patronage of the public will be greatly appreciated.

Funeral services for Mrs. Owens were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the E.C. Cavin Memorial Chapel of the Cavin Funeral Home in Mooresville, with the Rev. Bruce Hancock officiating. Burial was in

Mooresville. Mrs. Lena Waugh Owens, 80-year-old resident of 718 North Church St. Mooresville, died Thursday night of last week at the Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville.

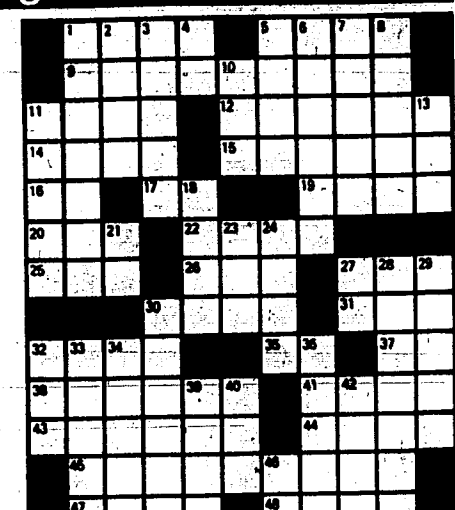
Born in Iredell County on Sept. 12, 1907, Mrs. Owens was a daughter of the late Charlie and Betty Cascaden Waugh.

Mrs. Owens, prior to her retirement, was engaged in textile work, being employed in Mooresville by Burlington Industries.

Surviving are: the husband, Marvin Owens; two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Campbell and Mrs. Ruth Fisher, both of Mooresville; and two brothers, James Waugh and Ralph Waugh, both of Statesville. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Blake Waugh and Harley Waugh.

King Crossword

ACROSS
1. Begone!
5. Inner bark of the linden tree
9. Policeman
11. Happens
12. City (N.Y.)
14. American
15. River in Nebraska
16. Man's nickname
17. Toward
19. Luck
20. Evening
21. sun god (Egypt)
22. Not any (colloq)
25. Pig pen
26. Gravit
27. Grampus
30. Vended
31. Belonging to a girl
32. Shinto temple
33. Perfume
34. Made of oak
36. Bid
39. Exceedingly (F)
40. Yes (Dial. var.)
41. Agent
42. Crescent-shaped plane
46. Cobalt (sym.)



DOWN
1. Bright red
2. American Indian
3. Beginning
4. Bone (anat.)
5. Sphere
6. An abbot's term of office
7. Kind of rock
8. Canvas shelters
47. Finishes
48. Metallic rocks

11. Warm
13. Affirmative
14. To place on
18. Belonging to me
23. Trouble
24. Shades of a primary color
27. Exclamation
28. University
29. Formula of faith
30. A thread
32. Shinto temple
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Stallings Dies; Rites Last Friday

Herbert Alton Stallings, 54-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 4, died at his home at 2:10 p.m. last Wednesday following a period of declining health.

A native of Franklin, Mr. Stallings was born on Aug. 23, 1933, a son of Mrs. Virginia Morris Stallings of Mooresville and the late William Henry Stallings.

Mr. Stallings was employed in Charlotte as a mechanic. His wife, Mrs. Lillian Mullis Stallings, preceded him in death on Nov. 7, 1978.

Surviving, in addition to the mother, are: two sons, Ricky Stallings and Tim Stallings, both of Mooresville; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Robertson of El Paso, Tex., and Mrs. Vivian Howell of Mooresville; and two brothers, Lee Stallings of Mooresville and Wallace Stallings of Mooresville. Two grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Stallings were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of the Neill Funeral Home in Mooresville, with the Rev. Robert Richardson, pastor of Mooresville's Southside Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Independence Hill Baptist Church cemetery at Huntersville.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Iredell County.

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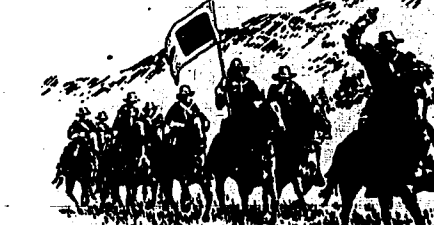


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