

## CHRISTMAS TIME COMES AGAIN

Happy Home Coming Makes All Enjoy the Return of the Yule Tide Season.

Another year is nearing its close and for the people of this county, there is little cause for complaint. In spite of the rain, cold and other annoyances, the country has reaped bountifully and the high prices give ample means of gratifying the wishes of every member of the family. Christmas, this year will be a joyous event in most places and the return of the absent ones make home gatherings the more enjoyable.

The Christmas season brings memories of earlier years when the visit of Old Santa were looked forward to with the greatest pleasure. Happy are they who can meet the Christmas season with a thought of doing good to others and show true Christmas spirit—Help some one in need.

## CHRISTIAN S. S. ELECTS OFFICERS

Joe Lucas, Selected as Superintendent for the Coming Year With Good Assistants.

The Sunday before Christmas usually sees the largest number for the year present at Sunday school and this is the date for holding the annual election of officers for the Christian Sunday school. The result of this election is an able corps of workers and the selecting of a young leader with older councillors will secure the highest efficiency in all departments. The officers are:

Superintendent, Joe Lucas.  
 Assistants, Miss Gertrude Hill and Dr. E. E. Bushart  
 Secretaries, Marie Hoke and Fleta Byrum.  
 Treasurer, Ed. Dunkin.  
 Organist, Helen Chase.  
 Assistant, Nellie Roney.  
 Chorister, Miss Mamie Wright.  
 Supts. Home Department, Mrs. G. N. Lewis and Mrs. Phillip Ward.  
 Usher, Frank Pearce.

## TWO PAROLES ARE GRANTED

Mrs. Tora DeLong and Jack Bell Convicted at the September Term are Released.

Judge Sentelcavened court this week for the hearing of motions and other business. This occupied the morning Monday and on Tuesday Sheriff David of Shelbyville brought up the prisoners Mrs. Tora DeLong, Jack Bell, George Saylor and William Calhoun. The first two were released on bond. The petition of Saylor was denied and he will be taken to the penitentiary, William Calhoun who violated his parole will also be taken to the penitentiary. Other cases will be heard Friday.

## THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items Pertaining to the Various Religious Organizations of the City.

### CHRISTIAN.

W. B. Hopper, Pastor.  
 Services as usual next Sunday.  
 The men are finishing the every member canvass as rapidly as possible.

### Methodist Church.

J. S. Tharp Pastor  
 Our revival begins Sunday Jan. 2. We are announcing twenty themes of special interest to the people of Sullivan. When you get them keep them in mind and come every night. A large chorous choir will lead the singing.

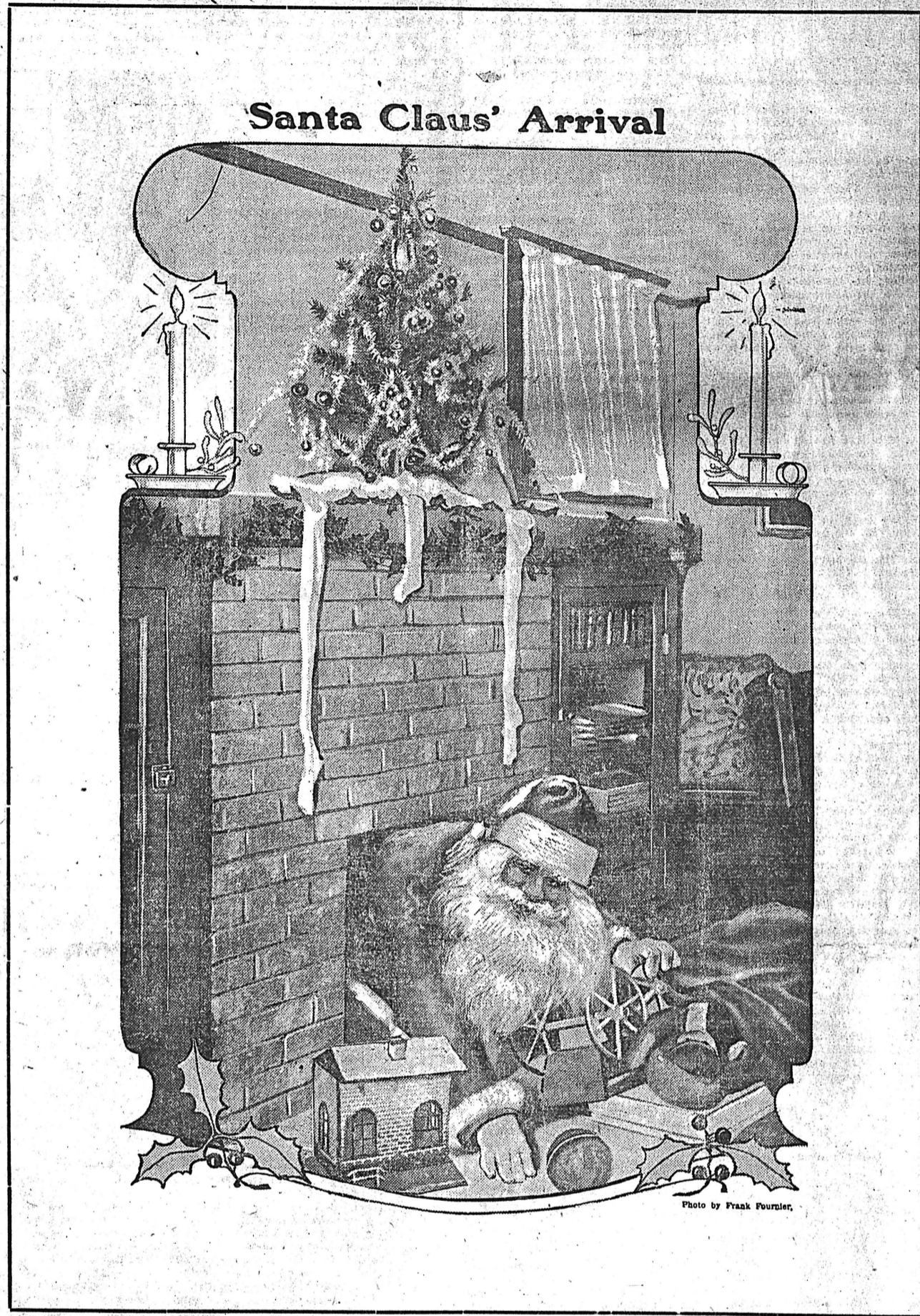
The Christmas program will be given Friday evening.

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
 Sermon 10:45 a. m. subject, "Finding My Brother"

Epworth League 6:00 subject, "Looking Onward to the God of all the Years." Leader Miss Merle Myers. The election of officers will be at this time.

Sermon 7:00 p. m. subject, "The Father Revealed."  
 Special music at both preaching services.

Prayer services Wednesday 7:30 p. m.



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FRIDAY

Methodist Sunday School is Arranging for Appropriate Exercises by the Young People.

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| Opening Song                   | The School  |
| Prayer                         | The Pastor  |
| Piano Solo                     | Fern Woodruff   |
| Solo                           | Winifred Tharp  |
| Recitation, Santa's Boy        | George Sablin   |
| Recitation, A Little Midget    | Edid Newbould   |
| Solo                           | Bill Dedman   |
| Recitation                     | Drucilla Whitman  |
| Recitation                     | Clarence Feist  |
| Exercises, Bedtime             | Primary Department  |
| Recitation                     | Jean Eden   |
| Recitation, Baby's Christmas   | Ruth Moore  |
| Solo                           | Waldo Ball  |
| Recitation                     | Ruth Ball   |
| Star Drill                     | Junior Boys and Girls   |
| Recitation                     | Lloyd Brown   |
| Recitation                     | Glady's Wood  |
| Finger                         | Mary Warren, Grace Flynn  |
| Play                           | Bernice Lawson B. Dedman<br>Gerald Newbould Geo. Sablin                               |
| Solo                           | Pauline Thompson  |
| Recitation                     | Harold Newbould   |
| Recitation                     | Mary Warren   |
| Exercise, Parcel Postmen       | Five Boys   |
| Recitation                     | Grace Thompson  |
| Recitation, The Scout          | Elmer Kane  |
| Violin Duett                   | Neva and Clark  |
| Recitation, Christmas Shopping | Fortner   |
| Solo                           | Helen David   |
|                                | Frances Lindsay, Lo-a Sablin, Donna Ball, Neva Poinsetta                              |
| Drill                          | Fortner, Mary McIntyre, Dorothy Milliken, Nancy Whitman, Edna Summitt, Mildred Pense. |
| Piano Solo                     | Nancy Whitman   |
|                                | Orchestra   |
| Remarks and Announcements      | The Superintendent  |
|                                | Benediction.  |

## MRS. BEVERIDGE IS IMPROVING

Storke of Paralysis and Extreme Age Makes Complete Recovery Doubtful.

Mrs. Beveridge who makes her home with her daughter Mrs. E. B. Eden, suffered a stroke of paralysis one day last week and for some time her life was despaired of. She is more than sixty-one years of age and has always been in good health and strong mental power for one of her age.

Her son Sen. Albert J. Beveridge of Indianapolis came and spent several days with his mother until she began to improve, returning home Tuesday night. Mrs. Beveridge is resting easy and with the constant care will no doubt improve slowly.

## BOYS SHOW APPRECIATION

Give Find South Bend Watch to John Lucas, Leader of Their Band at Sunday Practice.

Last summer a Boys Band was organized in which a number of the boys were enrolled. This organization showed such a spirit of willingness to learn that John Lucas, a local musician, offered his service free to the boys who are now able to handle all ordinary band selections. They have played on a number of occasions and their work has been appreciated. Much of this credit is due to the faithful work of their leader and the boys decided to give him a nice Christmas present. They selected a fine South Bend watch and presented it to him at the close of their practice hour Sunday afternoon.

That the affair might be more of success others were invited to do part of the speech making. These were P. J. Harsh, Perry Bland and Sam B. Hall, each of whom made a talk of appreciation for the work of Mr. Lucas. The watch is a valuable prize but taken as an appreciation for work well done, it has a value that is hard for Mr. Lucas to estimate. It was taken entirely by surprise in the matter.

Send your shoes to "Bennie" for repairs. Terrace Block, Adv.

## OLD LIVERY BARN BURNS

Fire Broke Out Shortly After Two O'Clock Tuesday Morning. Building a Total Loss.

Early Tuesday morning, the citizens of Sullivan were aroused by the call of the fire whistle and those who looked out at that time saw the flames of a big fire which had been raging in the livery barn for almost half an hour. The fire department was on the scene early but could do little more than protect the other buildings. There were no horses in the building and it was used only for storage of buggies etc. The Burns Sale barn on the east and the Presbyterian church were endangered by the burning shingles, the latter caught fire near the base of the spire and burned slowly. The chemical hose could hardly reach it but a hole had to be cut above the bell before it was extinguished. The nearness of the Dunscomb barn on the south caused it to catch in many places and all the horses were removed but the wind favored the firemen and no great damage was done.

These properties were traded to D. W. Shipman and son of Dunn about two weeks ago and they were

planning to transform them into a garage. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

## Baptist Revival

A revival meeting will begin at the Sullivan Baptist church in Sullivan January 23, 1916. Rev. J. L. Watson of Sullivan, will help the pastor do the preaching. All who desire to see Sullivan become a better place in which to live and see the spiritual life of the community made better are asked to join us in this meeting and help in every way.  
 Thomas Inman, Pastor.

## In Examiner Contest.

Miss Helen Maxwell of Arthur visited Sunday at the home of A. L. McCune. She is one of the active candidates in the Chicago Examiner voting contest and is now in the twelfth place. This contest closes Dec. 30 and she is putting forth effort to make good count on that date.

## Defeated at Shelbyville.

Sullivan high school basket ball team met a crushing defeat Friday night at Shelbyville. In addition to the heavier boys, the referee was a member of the their team last year and allowed a rough game to be played. He called few fouls and those mostly against Sullivan and it was a game which was decided before it began.

## FOURTH COUNT NEXT TUESDAY

Interest Increases in Favor of the Active Candidates, Who are Looking To Finish.

With an attractive prize—a \$100 diamond ring—only three weeks ahead of the fortunate young lady, the interest in the subscription work is increasing and many are watching the weekly reports with interest. This means a steady shifting of favors to the leaders. Another special prize will be given at this time to the young lady reporting the largest amount on subscriptions, providing she is not the winner of the ring. On page six we are offering a holiday bargain to the subscribers who are paid six months or more in advance. New subscribers are eligible to accept this proposition.

### Standing of Candidates

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| Freda Bruce, Sullivan, R. 5 | 41,975 |
| Carmen Green, Sullivan      | 35,700 |
| Suzie English, Windsor      | 6,175  |
| Christina Krause            | 3,472  |
| Fern Query, Sullivan, R. 1  | 4,200  |
| Rowena Martin, Alleville    | 3,000  |
| Hazel Murphy, Lovington     | 3,000  |
| Helen Maxwell, Arthur       | 2,000  |
- The votes will be given as follows:  
 \$1.00 on New Subscription 1000 votes  
 \$1.00 on Renewals 600 votes

- \$3.00 on New Subscription 2500 votes
- \$3.00 on Renewals 2000 votes
- \$5.00 on Subscription 6000 votes
- \$1.00 on Advertising or Job Printing 400 votes.

## Webb Tichenor a Benedict.

Webb Tichenor one of Sullivan's young men left the last of the week for Kentucky and on Saturday took unto himself a better half in the person of Miss Jessie Starke of Covington, Ky. Mr. Tichenor has been working for the Odd Fellows Health and Accident Insurance Co. for several months and previous to that was employed in the McPheeters Hardware Co.

## Referee for Game.

Prof. M. D. Abney of the Sullivan high school went to Shelbyville Monday evening to referee the basket ball game between Millikin University and the Sparks Business college. It was a fast game and was won by the former team by a score of 34 to 23.

## Library Will be Closed

As the plans for moving to the new building are arranged, the library will be closed from Friday noon until the other place is ready. To help those who want books, the librarian will allow all who have cards to take two books which will not be returned until the other building is ready. The library will be closed all next week.





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LOCAL NEWS

George A. Daugherty was in Arthur on business Tuesday.

Thos. Hickman of St. Louis was in this city on business Tuesday.

Claud Minor and wife of Cadwell were in Sullivan on business Tuesday.

Fred Furry and wife of Mode visited F. M. Martin and family Tuesday.

Mrs. James Brudy of Villa Grove visited Mrs. W. S. Reedy this week.

Miss Lela Wright of Findlay was in Sullivan Tuesday for her music work.

Blooming Plants and Cut Flowers for Xmas Gifts. LELA SAMPSON. Adv.

P. J. Downs was called to Lafayette, Ind. Monday by the serious illness of his father.

Mrs. Jennie Cadwell and Lucy Dally of Cadwell were Sullivan shoppers Tuesday.

Clive Terry came Sunday evening for the Christmas vacation with his wife and son.

Mrs. A. J. Sexton, of Arthur visited her mother Mrs. A. B. Batman Saturday and Sunday.

Orville Bright and wife of Arthur spent Sunday with the former's grandmother Mrs. A. B. Batman.

Albert Maddox left Sunday evening for East Linn, Mo. where he will spend a few weeks with relatives.

Sheriff Sidney Biggs and wife of Shelbyville came up Tuesday with some Moultrie county prisoners.

Miss Grace Woodruff returned to her home in Findlay Monday after a visit with Miss Pauline Richardson.

Miss Minnie DeSart who is teaching at Cadwell was called to Hillsboro Saturday for the funeral of Mrs. Stewart.

SULLIVAN MAN FOUND DEAD

The Lifeless Body of J. W. Mathers Found in His Home by Neighbor. Funeral Today.

James W. Mathers, one of the oldest Christian ministers in Moultrie county was found dead in his bed Tuesday morning about 8:30 o'clock by Joseph Hoke who immediately called Sheriff Funston. His body was still warm and he looked like he was sleeping. He was around as usual on Monday and seemed to feeling as well as common and his sudden death was a surprise.

Mr. Mathers was well known all over the county and has until the past few years lived at Allenville, where he owns property. He has been living all alone in the north part of the city. He has been married twice but both of his wives are dead. He was an old soldier and at the time of his death was chaplain of the Moultrie Post G. A. R. He was about 83 years old.

His nearest living relative is J. O. Flemming, Ball Knob, Ark. His body was taken to Scott's boarding house. The funeral services will be held at the Christian church Thursday at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Mary Harbert was a Decatur shopper Monday.

Mrs. Ab. Davis went to St. Elmo Monday on a visit.

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C. A. Alexander went to Decatur on business Monday.

Charles Bishop went to Lovington on business Monday.

Mrs. W. S. Waters of Findlay was Sullivan shopper Tuesday.

B. P. Deering of Shelbyville was a business visitor here Monday.

J. L. B. Ellis of Shelbyville visited his uncle Nathan Ellis Monday.

N. J. Siler was a business visitor at Findlay the first of the week.

Mrs. Nellie Johnson of Findlay visited her brother Frank Hoke Sunday.

Mrs. N. C. Whitlatch went to Mt. Vernon the first of the week to visit relatives.

Mrs. V. E. Williams went to Cushman Monday to visit her parents a few days.

Mrs. W. E. Dwyer of St. Louis visited over Sunday at the home of J. H. Pearson.

Rosco Chandler, wife and children of Cadwell visited Henry Ray and family Sunday.

Mrs. H. A. Thom of Shelbyville visited her daughter Mrs. M. D. Abney over Sunday.

Thos. Mathers of Springfield came Wednesday for the funeral of his uncle J. W. Mathers.

Miss Grace Linder of Urbana is visiting her sister Mrs. Walter Wright for the holidays.

Mrs. E. A. Hill and children visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Linebaugh near Kirksville over Sunday.

The judges for the count will be Mrs. Emma Warren, Miss Lela Sampson and Elmer A. Collins.

Supt. B. H. Gault and wife returned Sunday evening from a visit with the latter's parents in Shelbyville.

Miss Mayme Alexander left Wednesday morning for Flora to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

Miss Grace Woodruff returned to her home in Findlay Monday after a visit with Miss Pauline Richardson.

Miss Ruth Drish who has been attending college at Mommouth returned home Friday noon for the holiday vacation.

Sam Patterson who has been sick in his rooms was taken to the county farm Monday as his daughter Mrs. Harris could not remain here to care for him.

Mr. Charles Green, who is attending the University at Chicago and Miss Emma Green of Decatur will arrive today to spend Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Green and family.

T. W. Callahan and wife of Forrest Ohio are visiting the latter's sisters Meedames Kidwell and Hidden near Kirksville. He called at the office Saturday and renewed his subscription to the News, which he likes to receive each week. He spent most of the day with old friends.

Administrator's Sale

Under the order of the court, I will sell the personal property of Frank Stevens at the E. O. Dunscomb Livery Barn in the city of Sullivan, Illinois, on December 29th at 2 o'clock p. m. This property consists of a team of mules, a horse, two wagons, cultivators, harrows, plows and other farm implements and a number of articles of household goods.

F. J. THOMPSON, Administrator. adv.

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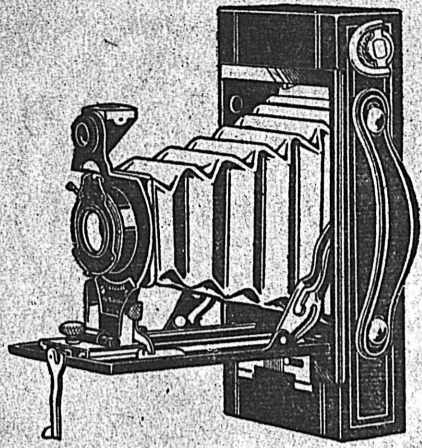
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### MT. ZION 127 TO 4 FOR SCHOOL

Interesting Question Up as to Overlapping Territory.

Mt. Zion's vote in the election on the proposition of a township high school Saturday was even nearer to being unanimous than the vote of the Dalton City district. One hundred and twenty-seven votes were cast for the proposition and only four against it. Much interest was taken in the matter. It is believed the four votes against the proposition came from the vicinity of Dalton City.

Mt. Zion's election returns were filed with the county superintendent about 5 o'clock and then were filed with the county clerk.

#### OVERLAPPING.

As both Dalton City and Mt. Zion districts have voted for township high schools, and as the land represented overlaps, there is now a question as to what will be done. The Dalton City people believe that their petition will be given priority as they filed their returns at noon. They have as authority for their belief the letter received from State Superintendent of Instruction F. G. Blair.

Mr. Blair's letter was as follows:

"State of Illinois,  
"Department of Public Instruction,  
"Springfield, Dec 14, 1915.  
"Dr. S. L. Stevens,  
"Dalton City, Ill.

"Dear Sir:-

"I have received your letter of the 13th inst. The question of priority is not determined by the time of filing the petitions, but the result of the election when it is declared. In other words, if the election board at Dalton City closes their polls, canvasses and declares the result before a like service is performed by the election board at Mt. Zion, then the proposed Dalton City, high school district, if the question is decided in the affirmative, will be entitled to the disputed territory, that is to say, the territory included in both petitions.

"A case arising from a situation similar to the one you had described has been decided by the Woodford county circuit court, there being a dispute strip between Congerville and Carlock districts, both established according to the act of 1911. It was decided that Carlock district, having held its election first was entitled to the territory in contention.

"You are authorized to present this letter to any interested in the question.

"Sincerely yours,  
"F. G. BLAIR,  
"Superintendent.  
—Decatur Review.

### TRAINS BLOCKED BY C. & E. I. WRECK

Freight Car Jumped Track at Harrison Street Crossing Monday Morning.

As a through freight was going south Monday morning a break beam fell and caused the rear trucks to be pulled from under a box car. The train was running slow and was stopped just before the I. C. track was reached. The crippled car obstructed the Illinois Central and the rest of the train the Wabash. This delayed the north bound passenger on the latter road and the locals on both. With the help of the section men the car was raised and the trucks run into place, clearing the tracks soon after the passing of the passenger south on the C. & E. I.

#### Optimistic Facts.

The majority of men who borrow money return it.

The fact that dishonesty seems to prosper corrupts only a few.

If virtue were as unusual as vice it would get just as much publicity.

There are more decent people in the world than all the other kinds combined.

## A GOOD TEACHER



### A Wish For the Holiday Season

THINE own wish wish I thee in every place,  
The Christmas joy, the song,  
The feast, the cheer;  
Thine be the light of love in every face.

That looks on thee to bless thy coming year.

My own wish wish I thee—what dost thou crave?

All thy dear hopes be thine, whate'er they be,  
A wish fulfilled may make thee king or slave.

I wish thee wisdom's eyes wherewith to see.

Behold, she stands and waits, the youthful year!

A breeze of morning breathes about her

She holds the storm and sunshine, bliss and fear,

Blossoms and fruit upon the bending boughs.

She brings thee gifts. What blessing wilt thou choose?

Life's crown of good in earth or heaven above?

The one immortal joy thou canst not lose  
Is love! Leave all the rest and choose thou love.

—Celia Thaxter.

### THE DANGER FREE TREE.

How Electricity Provides the Sparkling Cheer Without Risk of Fire.

Nearly every 26th day of December we read in the morning papers the pathetic stories of Christmas play that ends in tragedy. It is the annual toll of the Christmas tree candle. Every city has dozens of such cases each year. The candle flame sets fire to the tinsel trimming, a curtain blazes up, and the day of festivity ends in sorrow or some member of the family is badly burned.

The little electric tree lights are decorative and pleasing to children, and they are safe and convenient. Tiny lamps, fruits, roses, dogs, birds, snow men and grotesque little figures are all strung together on fine, silk covered wire and may be readily connected to any lamp socket behind the tree.

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#### An Austrian Christmas Delicacy.

The Austrian affects at Christmas time a delicacy known as fruchtbrod, made of raisins, currants, figs and chopped dates. This constitutes a sort of cake, baked hot.



### ALTHOUGH we live in Gungy-wamp,

Which isn't on the map,  
An', though our town hez settled down

To take its winter nap,  
Our thoughts go out to friends afar,  
Friends north, south, east an' west  
We hope an' pray this Christmas day  
Will be their happiest.

We live here quiet on the farm,  
Irene an' ma an' me;  
We have two pens uv noisy hens  
An' cats, no less'n three!  
We raise our garden sass an' sich,  
Make cider ev'ry fall;  
Wish we could git a cask uv it  
Out to you, one an' all.

We ain't no hands fur style an' sich,  
But we jest wanter say  
We'll use you white by day or night

Et if you should come our way,  
Accept this greetin', which is full  
Uv good ol' Gungy cheer,  
An' peace, good will an' joy until  
We see you all next year!

—Joe Cone.

## Christmas Goods

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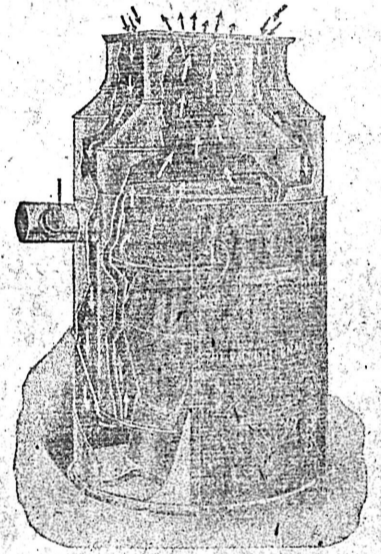
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# What Others Eat at Christmas

EVERY one is familiar with the viands that go to make up the Christmas dinner of the English speaking races—the turkey, goose, plum pudding and mince pie festivals—but how many of us know what they eat at Christmastide in foreign countries?

The Frenchman's Christmas bill of fare, for instance, is extensive and varied and in many respects quite different from our own. The great Gallic national dishes are truffled turkey and black puddings, of which every Frenchman who can afford such luxuries makes a very hearty meal at Yuletide.

In Russia the Christmas meal consists largely of two dishes—one of wheat porridge served with honey and the other a curious compound of stewed pears, apples, oranges, grapes and cherries, sweetened with honey and served cold.

Italians, too, are fond of rather sweet and indigestible dishes, especially at Christmas. One of their favorite combinations is that of eels, periwinkles and vermicelli, while the inevitable macaroni and spaghetti form, of course, the principal articles of food at all times.

The German Christmas dinner offers as its principal attraction the goose, without which your true German would feel that he had not had a real holiday feast. Germans, like Austrians and Italians, have a very sweet taste, as evidenced by their numerous varieties of cake.

Notwithstanding the tendency in all countries to offer huge dinners at Christmas, it would seem that every



BRINGING IN THE PEACOCK IN OLDER TIMES.

nation's holiday bill of fare is becoming simpler with the course of time. An interesting comparison may be made of the Christmas dinners formerly served in England and in this country with those of today, albeit the latter are by no means scanty.

The forbears of modern Englishmen must have possessed magnificent appetites. Their hospitality was conducted on a scale that would make the housekeeper of today shudder. The meal with which they commenced their Christmas day, a mere appetizer to them, was ample enough to rob the modern gourmet of all zest for food for several days. The sideboard of the old English mansion groined under its levathan round of beef, its corpulent pork pie, the Yorkshire ham, the brawn and chine, while on the table itself deviled turkeys' legs, homemade sausages, cutlets and kidneys sent up a mingled and grateful incense from an environment of piles of hot buttered toast, new laid eggs, honey and fruit.

But this repast, substantial as it was, was trifling as compared with the dinner—the real dinner—that followed not many hours after. The feast was heralded by the boar's head, preceded by servants who blew resounding flourishes on their trumpets. The boar's head itself was carried, sometimes on a dish of gold or silver, into the banquet hall at the head of a stately procession of guests.

Then came the peacock, which was served even more sumptuously than the boar's head, with its garnishing of rosemary and bays and its tusks ornamented with large apples. This is how they used to prepare the peacock for the feast: When it had been roasted and dressed with a stuffing of sweet herbs and spices and basted with the yolks of eggs it was sewed into its feathers, its beak was gilded, and it was borne to the dining hall by dames of high degree, accompanied by the strains of minstrelsy.

Other features of the old time Christmas dinner included geese, turkeys, capons, pheasants, sirloins of beef and haunches of venison. That these were washed down with gallons of ale and wine goes without saying. Indeed, another story might be written of the liquid element of the old English dinners.—Harper's Weekly.

## ATTRACTIVE FUR SETS

Quaint Muff Shapes and Becoming Neckpieces of Velvet, Plush, or Fur. Fascinating Caps to Match.

New York, December 20—Just as the tinkling of sleighbells delighted the hearts of the children and grown-ups of yesterday, so are we of today enraptured with the thought of winter, when tiny coasters may once more be brought into use, and the snow king zealously guards his domain—mountain and streams in glittering snow-clad loveliness.

For these days of sleighing and skating, not forgetting the gorgeous wintery morning when a brisk walk over frozen paths bring a glow to our cheeks and brightness to our eyes, clothes must play as important a part as for any other occasions.

### Attractive Fur Sets

Fashion decreed at the beginning of the season that fur was to be popular, and old Father Winter has approved the notion by sending us a brisk crisp winter that makes the touch of fur, no matter how small or how large, quite consistent.

In muffs and neckpieces there is wide choice both as to the models and materials. It is no longer considered "home-made" to carry a muff of velvet, heavy silk, or velours, with just a band or two of fur, by the way of trimming, or for that matter no fur at all. These sets are often made to match coat or suit; one

material as the loose, box-coat, which was of dark green duvetyne, also banded and cuffed with seal. Gold cord, silver and gold lace is used for the more dressy muffs and neckpieces, and oftentimes there is a metal or velvet rose as an attractive bit of color.

### The Popular Tam-O-Shanter

With the awakening of the out-of-door spirit there has come a demand for comfortable head-gear; not the freakish hats and caps which were introduced when the motoring fad came in, so hideous and unbecoming, but chic, little caps and tams made up in sweater cloth, lamb's wool, the material of the coat or suit.



Barrel Muff and Throw-Scarf of Seal or knitted to match sweater or scarf. These caps are extremely youthful and chic, easily made, and the height of comfort.

Sets of cap, scarf, and sports' coat, or sweater, are used for skating, cross-country walking, and motoring. One especially pretty cap with scarf or muffler attached, is being made up in chiffon for summer motoring use; the idea is wonderful practical, as the full, gathered scarf-end may be brought over the head and face, veil fashion, protecting the complexion and eyes very efficiently.

Leather is being used for these sets quite extensively too; a fur-trimmed set of dull red Russian leather, trimmed with sable and combined with a short, tabended scarf, also trimmed with sable is unusually smart and becoming. These leather sets may be made at home of suede, or a soft kid. They are practical for many purposes as they are not injured by dust, rain, or snow.

There are some attractive velvet and velvets, also, trimmed with a vividly contrasting color.

### The Utility Walking-Stick

One of the novelties following the popularity of walking, skating, and general out-of-door winter sports is the walking-stick with a soft silken or velvet bag attached for handkerchiefs, powder puff and other articles necessary to Milady's beauty and comfort. Although somewhat extreme these sticks are nevertheless quite practical, especially for mountain climbs and hilly roads.

J. E. Baker of Mattoon was a Sullivan visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig of Arthur visited friends in Mattoon Sunday.



Melon Muff and Puritan Collar of Plush

especially pretty set worn recently with a tailored suit of dark-brown duvetyne, was of silk plush in the same tone as the suit, trimmed with strips of beaver to match the trimming on the suit. The muff was made in the popular melon shape, the plush being shirred to a very small opening at the hand and banded with a two-inch strip of beaver. A broad Puritan collar of the plush completed the set, and a small hat, with a band of the plush around the edge and a beaver ball on the tip-top of the crown, was a chic accompaniment. This set was to be worn with the suit and also with a heavy, belted and pocketed top-coat of dark green velours, intended for sleighing, motoring and like purposes, when warmth was necessary as well as becomingness.

Another pretty set of close-haired fur, made from an old seal coat, had a barrel muff and the regulation throw-scarf. This set was completed by a long tasseled cap made of the same

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# COUNTY NEWS

## CUSHMAN

Nicholas Foster and wife spent Sunday with the former's brother Ollie Foster and family.

Jacob Landgrebe and wife were Lovington visitors Monday.

Mrs. Hattie Collins and daughter Violet were Decatur shoppers Saturday.

The children of the neighborhood will give a cantata entitled "Christmas at Grandmas" at Prairie Chapel Friday evening. There will be a Christmas tree in connection with the program and a treat for the little folks. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

Mrs. Dora Ray was a Decatur visitor the latter part of last week.

## HAMMOND

Mrs. J. A. Vent was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Mrs. Bert Brown of Harvel was a visitor here the first of the week.

Mrs. Chas. Lust and Mrs. W. J. Huff were Decatur callers Tuesday.

Will Watts and wife were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

J. M. Bolin returned to Lamar, Mo. Tuesday after an extended visit here with relatives.

T. E. Stahl and wife were Decatur visitors Monday.

Louise Vent who is attending school in Decatur spent Sunday here with home folks.

Bargain in Heaters.  
adv.

W. H. WALKER.

## BETHANY

Rev. James Crowder and wife, Mrs. Ammon Davis, Mike Sconce and wife, T. A. Scott, Forest Baird, Charles Dedman and wife, Dennis Cook, Mrs. Rebecca Hogg, Roe Hoggard, Helen Hogg, Tray Scott, Mrs. Emma Hill and Mrs. Mollie Jones attended the funeral of James Francis at Springfield Sunday.

Mike Ryan and John Maloy were Dalton City visitors Sunday.

Mrs. McMahon of Lovington returned home Monday after visiting Mrs. Rosa Shields.

Mrs. Rosa Shields was a Decatur caller Monday.

Neva Foster and two of Robert Warren's children, Elmer Haulman, Aaron DeBuler and Charles Taylor were Sullivan callers Saturday.

Andrew Davis returned from California the last of the week where he spent a month with his brother Ruffner Davis and visited the exposition at San Francisco. His brother and daughter accompanied him home where they will remain for a few days visiting among relatives here.

Rev. Mier and wife were called to Mt. Zion by the death of the latter's sister who was buried Sunday.

Adrin Kimbortz and wife are packing their household goods to move to Decatur. Steve Dillinger and wife will occupy their residence here and Hugh Scott who arrived from Florence, Alabama Monday will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Dillinger.

Miss Bonnie Goldya McGinnis of Bethany and Silsby Arthur H. Mix were united in marriage at his home in Plainfield, New Jersey Wednesday evening Dec. 15th, by Rev. C. M. Anderson of the M. E. church in Plainfield the ring ceremony being used. They were attended by Mrs. McGinnis of Indiana and left immediately for New York, City to spend their honeymoon the bride wore a suit in the new shade of brown, fur trimmed, with brown velvet hat trimmed in gold lace a golden brown ostrich feather and a lovely veil to match. She carried a large bouquet of roses. The groom was dressed in fine tailored suit to match the brides costume. Mr. and Mrs. Mix has been shown every courtesy and have their home furnished and are at home to any of their many friends at 309 Park Avenue Plainfield, New Jersey. They received many lovely presents of cut glass, china, silverware, linen and two checks, a \$200 check from the brides parents and a \$50 check from the grooms aunt at Decatur, besides several lovely pieces of fancy work. The bride is the youngest daughter of Sanford Ewing McGinnis and wife of Bethany and the groom is the nephew of Mrs. E. A. Gastman of Decatur. Both young people are well known and highly respected young couple. Miss McGinnis will be greatly missed not only in her own home but by a large circle of friends of the best people of Bethany and vicinity.

## KIRKSVILLE

(Too late for last week)  
Mesdames Ida Alvey and Grace Clark were Decatur shoppers Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tommy Reedy visited over Sunday with Wm Nazworthy at Lakewood John Lingham and wife, Mrs. Tommy Reedy and George Bruce visited with H. A. Fredrick Sunday. Mrs. Mart Emel and daughter Marie took dinner last Friday with Mrs. Anna Bruce and daughter.

Claud Harris returned Saturday from four years of military service at Hawaii.

Mrs. Ed Kidwell and daughter Ceel spent last Friday with Charley Kelley and wife in Sullivan.

Miss Marie Duzy visited Monday with Findlay friends.

Dwain Fredrick left Monday for a visit with his uncle at Donlphan, Mo. David Bolin and wife were in Stewardson last Thursday.

H. A. Fredrick and Emerson Harris were business callers at Henton Monday.

Claud Harris visited Monday in Bethany with friends.

Ruth and Lois Pasco of Sullivan visited home folk Sunday.

There will be preaching at the U. B. church Sunday and Sunday night.

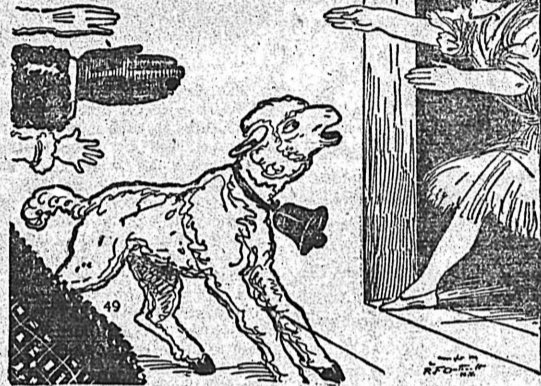
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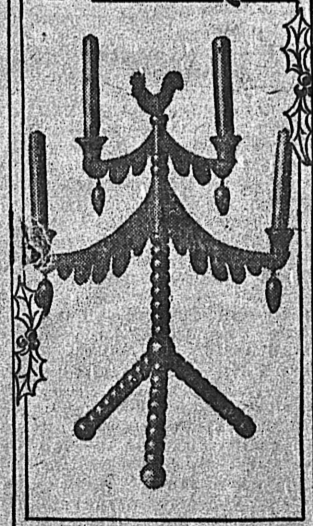
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"He seemed to remember you today. He told me what a bright girl I was, and then he said, 'It doesn't seem possible that you can be Amy Jones' daughter.'—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Rapid Thinker.  
Mother—Always think twice before you speak. Tommy—Gee, ma, if you do that yourself you must do some swift thinkin' when you get goin' for pa.—Boston Transcript.

Effect of Love.  
Ethel—So Dolly and Jack are in love? Mabel—Yes. Two souls without a single thought.—Chicago News.

Retort Matrimonial.  
He—Don't have any more of those confounded pickled beets when I invite guests. She—Then don't invite any more of them to dinner.—Baltimore American.

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