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County Finances at Low Stage; Amount Available Is Small

May Have to Borrow to Tide Over
Until Taxes Come in. Supervisors
vote for Change in County Farm
Management.

Moultrie county's finances are getting low. It has been the boast of Moultrie county for some years, that while neighboring counties were having a hard time meeting their financial problems, Moultrie was in good shape.

On November 30th according to the report made by county treasurer Carnine and approved by the supervisors at their board meeting Friday, the total to the credit of Moultrie county in the banks at that time was but \$12,580.74. Of this amount only \$8,578.59 is available for county purposes, the balance being in special funds is as follows: estates fund \$1605.21; Institute fund \$282.68; Non-High school fund \$692.72; Dog fund \$1394.34; unclaimed witness fees \$27.20.

From present indications the county may have to borrow money to run it until tax collections start coming in.

Change at Co. Farm

The committee in charge of the county farm recommended that a change be made there. The applications of the present superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Shaw were rejected. These applications together with four others were before the board. It was decided to advertise for bids and such bids will be opened and given consideration at an adjourned meeting of the board which will be held January 10th beginning at 10 a. m.

Dr. J. A. Lucas was re-appointed county physician at a salary of \$300 per year.

Resolute for Roads

Two resolutions were passed petitioning Gov. Small to call an early hearing on location of proposed hard roads through this county.

One petition, introduced by Supervisor Fleming of Arthur asks for consideration on route 133 which starts at Lovington at route 32 and connects with route 25 at Arcola, passing through Arthur.

The other one was introduced by Supervisor Mayes of Dora township and asks for similar action relative to route 132 from Mattoon to Decatur, giving service to the following towns which now have no hard roads: Dalton City, Bethany, Allenville and Coles. This road will pass through Sullivan.

ARMORY STARS VICTORS OVER DECATUR RIVALS

The Decatur I. P. & L. quintet was defeated in a good game of basketball at the Armory Saturday night by Kenneth Grafton's Armory Stars. The score was 19 to 16.

One of the boys playing with Decatur was C. Pence a former S. T. H. S. star.

Moran proved the star performer for Sullivan, scoring 7 baskets and one free throw or a total of 15 of the 19 points made by the local team. Blystone caged one and Wiard one.

The official score is as follows:

Sullivan	FG	FT	T
Blystone, f	1	0	2
Moran, f	7	1	15
Fultz, c	0	0	0
Punches, g	0	0	0
Wiard, g	1	0	2

Decatur	FG	FT	T
Best, f	3	0	6
Pence, f	2	2	6
Stabler, c	1	0	2
White, g	0	0	0
Stapleton, g	0	0	0
Jenness, f	0	2	2
Wilson, g	0	0	9

F. W. Wood—Referee.

This coming Friday night (Dec. 23rd) the Armory team will play the Windsor Indians.

The attendance at the game Saturday night was better than at the previous games but better attendance is needed to make the boys come out even on expenses of the games.

LOYAL DAUGHTERS TO SEND CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Loyal Daughters are sending out twelve baskets to deserving families in this county. This class has followed the custom for years. Any one desiring to give anything toward this worthy cause may send their donations to the Shastee Meat Market not later than Friday evening.

PLASTER LOCAL WOOD FELLOWS HALL

Sam McLaughlin of Bethany and a crew of men are engaged in plastering the ceilings of the Odd Fellows hall. The plaster came down August 1st, showing the burst from the roof. An entirely new roof was placed on the building.

POLICE MAGISTRATE PROVES THIS IS VERY PEACEFUL COMMUNITY

Police Magistrate Lambrecht remarked the other day on the lack of criminal cases that get into the courts these days. Some years ago he turned over as much as \$1200 a year to the city and county as their share of fines collected in his court. Now it amounts to less than \$100 per year. Often there are weeks on end when nobody accused of crime is brought before his tribunal.

The city and surrounding community are more peaceable and better behaved.

Candidates For Township Offices Get Into Running

Frank Newbould Wants to Be Sullivan Township Supervisor and W. P. Strickland Assistant. Plenty of Highway Commissioner Candidates

Next year will be a busy election year. There will be eight elections, the first of which will be the township election in April.

Sullivan township will elect a supervisor, assistant supervisor, town clerk, assessor and highway commissioner.

For the latter office four candidates are already in the field. For the Democratic nomination Joe Elzy, present commissioner is a candidate. The other two candidates seeking this place on the Democratic ticket are Clarence Miller and Bert Woodruff. The only republican candidate so far in the running is L. A. Crockett, who served in that office some years ago.

For supervisor Frank Newbould has announced his candidacy on the democratic ticket and W. L. Strickland is a candidate for assistant supervisor, both of course, subject to the primary.

Fred Sona has intimated that he does not choose to run again for town clerk, the office he has held for a number of years. No one has announced for this office but friends are urging Les Atchison to make the race on the democratic ticket.

John W. Pifer, assessor, will doubtless seek re-election.

Township party nominations are made by primaries or town meetings. The democratic usually have a primary in Sullivan township. Date for this and town meetings and primaries in other townships is set by the democratic county central committee and as a rule is in the early part of March.

PROGRESS OFFICE OPEN EVENINGS THIS WEEK

The Progress office will be open until 9 o'clock on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. If you want to pay your subscription, we'll be here to accommodate you.

We have a number of school and office dictionaries which would make nice Christmas presents, only 89c each; Mikado No. 2 pencils, the best lead pencil for all practical purposes 12 in a box for 50c.

We have a few boxes of holiday stationery, lined envelopes, very nice for the ladies, only \$1.50 per box. Christmas cards and folders with envelopes from 5c to 10c.

The nicest present of all, especially for those who live away from here is a year's subscription to The Progress, \$1.50. This is a present that comes in 52 installments, each interesting and looked for.

The cedar chests of stationery have sold rapidly and at time of writing this there is only one left. Do you want it?

TELEPHONE CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party will be held in the offices of the local telephone exchange Friday night for all employees. A Christmas grab bag will be given and a general good time for all present. This is an annual affair.

SULLIVAN MARKETS

Farmers have been able to get into the fields this week, due to the fact that the ground is frozen. Quite a quantity of corn has been husked and some of the farmers have harvested their sunflowers.

Elevators were offering 67c for No. 4 corn Wednesday. Wheat is \$1.12; oats 48c.

The Sullivan Grain Company expects to put their new dryer into operation Thursday. Butterfat is 48c. Eggs have taken a tumble of 5c since last week and stores are offering 43c in trade.

There is little change in poultry; hens are 17c to 20c; springs 17c to 21c; ducks 15c; geese 12c.



"FROM THE GATES OF GLORY" CANTATA AT M. E. CHURCH FRIDAY

The Christmas cantata "From the Gates of Glory" will be given at the M. E. church Friday night at 7:30.

The program and those participating in it are as follows:
Welcome Address—Helen Tice.
Opening Songs—"Beautiful Bells are Ringing" and "Swift the Shadows Flee Away."

Speaking Characters

David—Billy Dwyer.
Mary—Evelyn Dunscomb.
Angel—Betty Pearson.
Wise Men—Jack Poland, Billy Richardson and Wendell Turner.
Shepherds—Richard Dunscomb, Hughes Tarter, Thomas Pickle and Junior Dixon.

Bethlehem Girls—Jane Foster, Jerry Pearson, June Luke, Helen Smith, Christina Tarter, Cora Jane Finley and Ada Mallinson.
Song, By Shepherds—"Come, Blessed Lord."
Trio—Jane Foster, Jerry Pearson, and June Luke.

Chorus—"Above All Towns Most Blest."
Solo—Evelyn Dunscomb—"In Thy Lowly Bed."

Joseph—Billy Dwyer.
Song, "Hark, The Night Winds Softly Murmur"—Bethlehem Girls.
Song, "Gates of Glory"—Angels.
Chorus—"The Bridegroom Comes, Cry Out and Shout!"

Trio—Jack Poland, Wendell Turner and Billy Richardson—"We Wait to Greet the King."

Chorus, "The Little Ones for Jesus"—Primary Children.
Xmas Story, told by Helen Smith, "Little Orphan Joe", dramatization by Primary Children.

Solo—Bernita Turner.
Closing Song, "Praise We Now the King of Heaven"—School.

THEATRE PROPOSITION WORKING OUT FAST AS CAN BE EXPECTED

J. L. McLaughlin, chairman of the industries committee of the community club reports progress toward securing our new theatre.

He stated that an agreement has been reached with the owners of the lots on the square and options would be signed either Wednesday or Thursday. As soon as options are in the hands of the committee a contract will be signed with Mr. Butler, the Hillsboro man who proposes to finance and build the theatre.

Mr. Butler has been in touch with the local committee and is anxious to have the matter settled so he can contract for his necessary building materials before he leaves on a trip to Florida.

—The Household Science club met at the home of Mrs. Jesse Powell on Tuesday.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:30

The Christmas program by the Bible school of the Christian church will be given Friday night, Dec. 23rd. The committee for decorating is Rev. Barnett, Oliver Dolan, George Roney, Mary Bennett and Neva Pifer.

The program will start at 7:30. The white gifts to be brought may be dropped in a box in the vestibule of the church.

The program is as follows:
Song, "Joy to the World"—Audience.

Prayer—Rev. C. E. Barnett.
Christmas Story—Matthew 2:1-11—Harris Wood.
Introductory word by Supt. C. R. Hill.

Greetings—Edith Reed.
Song and Recitations, classes of Agnes Wright and Olive Dazey.

Recitation—Betty Clark.
Recitation—Thomas Murphy.

Exercise—Mabel Cazier's class.
Recitation—Mary Lee Pifer.

Exercise—Wyvona Price.
Exercise—Fanny Smith's class.

Christmas Play "Children of the Star".

Closing Song "I Gave My Life for Thee".

Mrs. C. R. Hill and Mrs. Howard Wood are in charge of the program.

Friends in Council Will Observe Their 25th Anniversary

January Meeting Will Be Silver Festival for Local Club. Committees Named to Do Preliminary Work.

The Friends in Council club met at the home of Mrs. Edith Corbin Monday with forty-seven members and twenty-five guests present.

A committee which had been appointed by the president to work in conjunction with a committee of the community club in the matter of Christmas treats made a report through its chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Shirey. The report was to the effect that baskets are to be sent to deserving families.

The club voted to send 3 baskets as its share of the Christmas observance.

The president called the attention of the members of the club to the fact that the next meeting will be the club's 25th anniversary and it was voted that this meeting, which

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Mrs. Sarah Strader has been seriously ill for the past week.

—Mrs. Lyle Harrison of Chicago is visiting with her grandmother.

Mrs. C. J. Newbould arrived Sunday and will remain until after the holidays.

CHURCHES, COMMUNITY CLUB, AND FRIENDS IN COUNCIL TO SEND XMAS BASKETS

The ladies of the Methodist church are joining with the Community club, the Friends in Council club and the Presbyterian church in sending Christmas baskets to deserving families.

There will be no community Christmas tree on the square this year, as most of the business men have their individual tree before their place of business.

All the churches are showing the Christmas spirit by sending food and clothing together with white gifts to different orphanages.

Sheep-Killing Dogs Levy Heavy Toll on Sheep in County

Dog Tax Collected Will Fall Short of Compensating for Damage Done. Twenty Claims Paid by County Treasurer.

Sheep-killing dogs are a great expense for Moultrie county. During the past year, ending November 30th county treasurer, D. G. Carnine paid out the sum of \$1502.21 to farmers whose sheep had been killed. Included in this amount is also the appraisers fee of 50c in each case. Sheep are paid for by the county at the rate of \$12 to \$15 per head.

The money for this purpose comes out of the annual dog tax which is collected by the assessors at time of making assessments. The sum of \$943 was collected from this source and turned in by the assessors this year and was placed in this special fund.

It will be seen that the amount so collected is about \$550 less than the amount expended.

Parties paid for killed sheep and amount paid to each are as follows:

J. H. Wood	40.00
R. B. Wheeler	40.00
Earl Horn	47.05
Leonard Hudson	75.00
E. E. Marquis	220.00
J. L. Mitchell	12.00
W. C. Robertson	12.00
John W. Craig	429.66
H. C. Kearney	240.00
Deseu Barbeti	20.00
George Betts	30.00
L. E. Wilt	100.00
Orla Kimbrough	90.00
E. L. Lilly	12.00
S. P. Purvis	30.00
G. C. Schable	27.00
Scott Lowmaster	15.00
J. E. Alexander	15.00
C. O. Glascock	25.00
G. C. Garrett	15.00

JUDGE WAMSLEY SPENT BUSY DAY IN COURT

TUESDAY, ADJOURNED
Judge Wamsley held a day of court here Tuesday at which time he heard motions in the various cases on the docket and entered his orders. Court then adjourned until January 6th.

The reward case was up for some attention on arguments against the report of the Master in Chancery giving the reward to George Geer of Decatur. The objector is a man named Daniels. He claims that his son Ellis Daniels was the first one to give information which led to the apprehension and conviction of Marion and Hines the two men who murdered Edward Libotte at his dining station at Gays. Judge Wamsley did not record his decision in this case.

Various Master sales were reported and approved. The biggest deal of that kind was the recent sale of the Rhodes farms on route 32.

C. Lane was denied a new trial in his case against the estate of the late E. W. Lanum, and prayed an appeal to the Appellate Court.

The Pyatt case was, on direction of the Appellate court, reinstated and the Master is to take more evidence and make an accounting in accordance with instructions from the higher court. This is the case in which Dr. Edward Pyatt objected to the manner of the division of his mother's estate.

LETTER MEN Sullivan Township H. School Football Season 1927

Hollenbeck, John, Capt.
Bolin, Clifton
Bolin, Edwin
Elder, William
Freeman, Russell
Hannahan, Ralph
Hogue, John
Hostetter, William
Kellar, Vern
Larsen, Dale
Lundy, Glenn
Nedden, Wenzel
Pearson, Donald
Smith, Vernon
Sullivan, Robert
Taylor, Edward
Thompson, George
Walker, Hildreth
Lenders, Glenn

Sullivan Basketeers Going Strong; Two Worthy Foemen Fall

Bement and Tuscola Were Victims During Past Week. Kellar's Playing and Scoring a Big Feature of Both Games.

Sullivan township high school basketball teams is starting the season off in a very encouraging way.

After defeating Lovington and Strasburg recently its next foe was Bement. The game was played here Friday night and provided enough thrills and exciting plays to satisfy the most ardent fan.

After holding a 6 to 5 lead at the half. Bement failed to hold the local boys in the last half and the final score was 17 to 15.

The Bement coach used two full teams in an effort to stop Sullivan but failed to solve the combination. Vern Kellar with three field goals and one free throw was the star scorer for Sullivan. Long shots on the part of the visitors gave the home folks a feeling of uncertainty until the timekeeper blew the whistle for the final count.

The official score:

Sullivan	FG	FT	TP
J. Smith, f	0	1	1
W. Smith, f	1	3	5
Kellar, c	3	1	7
Hollenbeck, g	0	0	0
Nedden, g	2	0	4
Totals	6	5	17

Bement	FG	FT	TP
Alvar, f	0	0	0
Ball, f	3	0	6
Siders, f	1	0	2
Dare, f	2	1	5
Harrell, c	1	0	2
Darrell, c	0	0	0
Allen, g	0	0	0
Sape, g	0	0	0
Lennon, g	0	0	0
Bodman, g	0	0	0
Totals	7	7	15

Referee—Mattoon

Sullivan 23; Tuscola 17

Showing improvement over former cage tilts the local boys defeated Tuscola 23 to 17, here Tuesday night in an Okaw Valley contest. Both quintets possessed fast breaking offenses and strong defenses.

Sullivan took an early lead and held an advantage throughout the game. The score at the end of the first half stood at 7 to 3 for the locals.

Kellar and W. Smith were especially noticeable, leading the winners in the scoring column and playing outstanding floor games. Kellar totalled 10 points and W. Smith added seven. Hollenbeck and Nedden put up a strong defense until the latter went out on fouls and Lundy then filled the position in good shape.

Huber, York and Bales scored all but one of Tuscola's points with the former snagging six and York and Bales each getting five. Morgan was relieved by Warren after committing his quota of personals. The lineup:

Sullivan	FG	FT	TP
J. Smith, f	0	1	1
W. Smith, f	3	1	7
Kellar, c	3	4	10
Hollenbeck, g	0	0	2
Nedden, g	1	1	3
Lundy, g	0	0	0
Totals	7	9	23

Tuscola	FG	FT	TP
Huber, f	2	2	6
York, f	1	2	5
Roberts, f	0	0	0
Morgan, c	0	0	0
Warren, c	0	1	1
Green, g	0	1	1
Bales, g	2	1	5
Totals	5	7	17

Referee—Rogers, Millikin.

GRADE SCHOOL TEAM HAS GOOD SCHEDULE FOR BASKETBALL

Coach Roney's grade school basketball players have started their season with a win over Arthur at that city on Dec. 2nd and they were again victorious on their visit to Shelbyville on Friday night of last week. They won this game 11 to 1.

The following schedule will be played this season.

Jan. 6—Mt. Zion at Mt. Zion.
Jan. 10—Humboldt at Sullivan.
Jan. 13—Moweaqua at Sullivan.
Jan. 20—Humboldt at Humboldt.
Feb. 3—Shelbyville at Sullivan.
Feb. 10—Tournament at Arthur.
Feb. 17—Open.
Feb. 21—Mt. Zion at Sullivan.
Feb. 24—Moweaqua at Moweaqua.
March 2—Arthur at Sullivan.

Brumfield and Roney wishes to thank the folks who donated cars to take the boys. They would like to have larger crowds attend the games. The games will be played on the Armory floor.

—Maxine and Henry Wright, Hubert Kingrey, Clark Lowe and the Garrett all students of Illinois College at Jacksonville have arrived for the holidays.

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EDITORIAL

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

The wonderful story as told by St. Luke in the second chapter of his Gospel, being the 1st to 20th verses inclusive. Read and refresh your mind in observance of this birthday of the King of Kings:

¶ And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

¶ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

¶ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David.)

¶ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

¶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

¶ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

¶ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

¶ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round them: and they were sore afraid.

¶ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¶ For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

¶ And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

¶ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

¶ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

¶ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into the heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

¶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

¶ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

¶ And all that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

¶ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

¶ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WORLD

By S. J. Duncan-Clark.

America's flying ambassador of international goodwill, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, has accomplished another great mission. His non-stop flight to Mexico City comes at a time when the influence of this friendly demonstration upon the popular mind should be most helpful to the delicate negotiations in which Ambassador Morrow is engaged.

It was a happy thought, wherever it originated, which suggested that the man who leaped the Atlantic should thus traverse the continent and in the space of a few hours link the capitals of two neighbor countries.

Aviation stands chief among the factors which are working to make a neighborhood world, and Col. Lindbergh foremost among the personalities which are helping to create within it the neighborly spirit.

What may prove to be the expiring kick of the communists in China has occupied space in the news columns with the story of the temporary capture of Canton by the "reds", the setting up of a very brief soviet rule, and the retaking of the city by nationalist soldiers, with heavy loss of life to the disciples of Moscow.

An interesting phase of this affair is reappearance of Chiang Kai-shek, the young nationalist leader who some months ago announced his retirement from active politics and military command in China. Chiang came back when the movement against Peking failed thru the intrigues and treachery of ambitious generals, each trying to get the power and the glory for himself. He had eliminated himself when it became evident that Gen. Feng, who had promised to cooperate with him, was planning a one-sided cooperation aimed at advancing his own fortunes rather than the nationalist cause.

It was the prompt action of Chiang which turned the table at Canton. Moreover Chiang followed his military coup by announcing that the soviet consulates in nationalist China must shut up shop, and that no further emissaries of the Russian government would be accorded recognition by the kuomintang administration. Thus Russia is now ousted by both north and south China.

Doubtless there will be a loud protest from Moscow over this action,

and disavowal of Russian responsibility for the Canton affair. It is unfortunate for Stalin, who is trying to reestablish Moscow on terms of intercourse with Great Britain, that this outbreak should have occurred at this time. It looks like poor teamwork between the home authorities of the soviet and its agents in China. While the rioting doubtless was done by Chinese communists, Chiang knows from what source came the investigation. Russia's well-earned reputation as a trouble-making neighbor will discredit it any plea of innocence in the present case. A bigger effort must be made by Moscow to prove itself capable of neighborly relations if it really desires to gain the goodwill of the neighborhood.

Fortunately the Polish-Lithuanian crisis has passed. All of the big powers were mixing in diplomatically; they were getting involved. If a break came it would be difficult for them to pull out. Then the council of the league met at Geneva, and Lithuania and Poland sent their representatives to face each other before it. The belligerent little schoolmaster, who is president of the Baltic republic, sat and glowered at the tall soldier who is virtually dictator in Poland. The Council declared that the state of war between the two countries must end. Pilsudski snapped across the table at his Lithuanian opposite, "Is it to be peace or war?" And the Lithuanian answered "It is to be peace." Relations are resumed between the two countries. Outstanding disputes are to be settled by a mixed commission, and each country has agreed to abide by its findings.

Roumania has been suffering considerably in world esteem as a consequence of royal scandals, political squabbles, and student demonstrations—the latter characterized by a wanton brutality and destructiveness of which alien minorities, chiefly Hungarians, were the victims. It is therefore pleasing to record a good deed—or, at least, the proffer of one—which must be set to the credit of this not very happy country.

One of the shameful neglects of neighborly spirit in the world neighborhood has been the failure of the big powers or any powers—to deal practically and helpfully with the problem of the homeless and oppressed Armenian people. The coun-

CHRISTMAS TODAY

There are really two kinds of Christmas—the commercialized kind and the truly religious kind.

All business, whether it be that of Christian or Jew, believer or unbeliever, observes Christmas in the commercial way in all those countries where the Christian religion is in practice.

This is really the more popular way of observing it. There is nothing wrong about a mid-winter festival season, when gift giving is the order of the day—when stores put forth their best sales efforts to cash in on the desire of people to buy.

It is a time that makes for good feeling, for good fellowship and for a renewal of the bonds of family and the bonds of friendship.

It is a time of the year when the poor, otherwise neglected, are fed and when a ray of sunshine enters the lives of children who on other days are up against the hard and seamy side of life.

And in this spirit of buy and sell, of give and take, of charity and compassion, the greater part of the Christian world observes the Christmas-tide.

Any other festival day, at the same time of the year would answer as well for such observance as does the natal day of Jesus the lowly Nazarene.

All such Christmas observance is simply an outpouring of a spirit of good will, in which the religious event which it is supposed to observe is often forgotten or overlooked.

But there is another kind of Christmas observance. That is the truly religious kind and we must all admit that we have entirely too little of that, especially in communities such as Sullivan.

This year there will be religious church services, because Christmas Day fall on a Sunday. Were such not the case, the churches would not be open.

True, there are Christmas programs and such affairs, but if Christmas really means the big thing to man—the birth of his Saviour,—ought he not be in God's temple on Christmas morn to give thanks to Almighty God for this wonderful gift to mankind?

Of all the gifts that man has ever made to man on Christmas morn—how puny and insignificant they seem when compared to this ever renewing gift which God gave to mankind on that first Christmas morning in the barn in the little town of Bethlehem. Visualize the new-born babe in the lowly manger—Jesus, the son of Mary!

Yea, even the unbeliever, must feel like bending his knee to do homage when he considers how this man's teachings have affected mankind in the centuries which have elapsed since that time.

We Christians are so very apt to forget this religious part of Christmas, simply because it is convenient to do so.

We glory in the gifts, in the giving, in the feasts and the family gatherings, all of which are good and proper, but do not let them overshadow the real significance of the day—Give Thanks to the Father for His Son and for All that His coming has meant to You.

cil of the League of Nations has made a general appeal for funds to establish an Armenian national home in the Republic of Erivan. The first country to answer the appeal is Roumania. The league has received from Bucharest the offer of the government to contribute \$5,000 to this object. It will need much more than that, but the example of a comparatively small country, with serious problems of its own, may stimulate some better able nations to make more generous gifts.

The friend of the Armenians in Europe is Dr. Fritjof Nansen, famous Arctic explorer. He has done the preliminary work of paving the way for settling Armenian refugees in Erivan, and Armenians in the United States and Europe have promised to aid in carrying out his program if the governments are willing to do their part.

World wars are not likely to become cheaper as time goes by, and since any war is, today, a potential world war, a foresighted nation ought to take into consideration what strain upon national finances indulgence in this form of stupid luxury may occasion in the future.

Tucked away in the United States treasury's report for 1927, where few citizens will find it—how many ever look at that report?—is a calculation of the cost of the late war to this country. It has been carefully made with all possible allowances and deduction. Of course it is not final. There is a pension expenditure which is adding to the total every year. This same report shows \$230,556,000 paid out for pensions in the fiscal year 1927.

Without including subsequent interest on the war debt it is estimated by the most competent authorities that the Civil war cost the United States a million dollars a day during its early years, increasing to three million a day toward the close of the struggle.

The estimated cost of the world war to this country, according to the treasury accountants show an average expenditure of some \$68,000,000 a day.

Thus it will be seen that money price we must pay for the privilege of slaughtering our fellow men either they or we are the aggressors for a war has gone up fantastically.

Brisbane

MIGHTY CHEMISTRY NO ATHEIST GRIP INDUSTRIAL WAR OUR STANDARDS?

Dr. A. B. Lamb, who teaches chemistry at Harvard, says chemists will solve "humanity's three major problems of the future, the supply of energy, of food, and prevention and cure of disease."

Progress is swift. Twenty-seven years ago chemists solemnly agreed that in chemistry the limit of knowledge had about been reached. And since 1900 more has been learned about chemistry and its possibilities, including construction of atom and the power locked up in it than had been learned in all the previous centuries.

The Rev. Frank W. Bible, missionary says "Atheism is spreading in America and in the East and is literally gripping the world." He thinks the coming fight will be between Christianity and atheism, Asia becoming Christian or atheist. The first step will be a uniting of all Protestant churches.

It is difficult to understand how atheism can "grip the world." With WHAT does it grip? Atheism is mere denial and foolishness. There was never a real atheist. No man can be an atheist who admits that everything of importance is beyond comprehension, that the universe is sustained and directed by a power whose existence he feels but cannot define.

Only an idiot would really be an atheist. Only a fool or biggot would insist that others accept his particular definition of God and his right to interpret omnipotence and omniscience.

All over the world the real war is industrial war, which has no armistice and never stops. France and Germany have combined in a gigantic dye trust, good for both countries, because it will make money, and France and Germany, having interests in common, may forget about fighting.

We are developing big units here. The second and third biggest chain stores in the United States, Kresge and Kress, are planning a \$250,000,000 merger. They do a business of \$190,000,000 a year. And Julius Rosenwald, all by himself, does as much.

This country, urged to recognize the Russian Government, because we do business with Russia must accept our standards before we recognize Russia. The next step would be to let Russia know what our standards are. Are they represented by our dominating corporations, by our lynchings, by our bootlegging, by some of our recent elections to the Senate for cash, by our inability to do anything but talk when powerful men steal a Government's oil supply? What are our standards, exactly?

Mrs. Taylor, talented Los Angeles musician, says we sing the wrong kind of songs, which accounts for our crime wave. Such songs as "Red Hot Mama," says this lady, "drive youth to crime." Young people sing the foolish songs, and young people fill the modern prisons. Saxophones are harmless. Jazz properly used is all right, songs about love are all right, and drive nobody to crime, if they are modest. Mrs. Taylor writes some herself. It is "Red Hot Mama" affection that does the harm.

No wonder Stock Exchange seats go up. Mr. Simmons, president of Wall Street's Stock Exchange, says there is no limit, except the sky, to New York's financial future. Securities listed on the exchange were worth on September first eighty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-seven million dollars and have gone up nearly millions since.

Those millions go back and forth over the ticker from buyer to seller, and the patient broker gets his little one-eighth. A seat on the exchange ought to be worth \$1,000,000.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad, the stock of which went climbing a few days ago, is operated in a country with population smaller than that within forty miles of New York's City Hall. What makes Wall Street pay such high prices for a Canadian railroad?

How do you explain the Canadian Government's ability to operate Canada's national railroads, national telegraph and telephone systems well with a profit?

A farmer took his wife to a concert and after listening with apparent joy the pair suddenly became interested in one of the choruses: "All we, like sheep, have gone astray."

First a sharp soprano voice exclaimed: "All we, like sheep;" next a deep voice uttered in a most earnest tone: "All we, like sheep." Then all the singers at once asserted: "All we, like sheep."

"Well, I don't," exclaimed the farmer to his wife. "I like beef and bacon, but I can't bear mutton."

SUPER-SALESMAN PLUS

From the hall where the salesmen's convention was being held came roar after roar of applause.

"What's all the noise about?" asked a policeman of a man who had just stepped out.

"They've been making speeches," replied the latter, "and somebody just introduced the man who sold Mussolini a book on how to acquire self-confidence."—Life.

A beauty specialist assures us that beautiful thoughts make for beauty of both face and form. What a horrible thinker a gorilla must be!—Ex.

A neighborhood world without the neighborly spirit is an expensive kind of world in which to live. It is likely to become an impossible world in which to live.

JIMMIE WRITES TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus I hate to write
And bother you so soon again
I wrote to you the other night
And told you what I wanted then
But I forgot one special thing.
When I wrote to you first you see

Won't you please mark each toy you bring

So Dad will know it is for me.
Please write it wont you Santa Dear
In letters big this is for JIM
When I show Dad he'll see real clear
It is for me and not for him.

He thinks he has to take my stuff
And show me how to make it go.
You think that I am smart enough
To make things run, myself I know
Don't think that I don't love my Dad
I do I just want to play
With my own things most awful bad
Especially on Christmas day.

OWE OR OWN

I must confess I'd rather dress
In overalls and blouse,
Than run in debt for what I get,
And mortgage shop and house.
I'd rather choose some common shoes
Sufficient long and wide,
To fit my feet tho not so neat,
That gratify my pride.
I'd rather strive to keep alive
Our good corn bread and beans
Than live so high on cake and pie,
And go beyond my means.

I'd rather own a hut of stone
Than owe for a mansion grand;
I'd rather pay my honest way,
Than owe for house and land.
I'd rather dwell in a lonely dell,
In a shack my funds can buy,
Than live in style in a house of tile
And owe for living high.

CLOUDS AND SUNSHINE

(F. A. D. '27)

Some days the sun shines out so bright
And ne'er a cloud is seen;
Just joy and gladness seem to reign
And all the world's serene.

Our friends meet us with glad some smile
And ne'er are in a hurry
We give to each a friendly nod,
And have no cause to worry.

But when the sun is shut from view—
By clouds and stormy weather,
We oft times have a sigh or two—
Then pull ourselves together.

We can't have sunshine all the time
Clouds will obscure the sky,
So we must do the best we can
Until the clouds pass by.

When a man gets married.
He thinks he is boss—
But the woman soon shows him
Its all Apple Sauce.

AT ELLIS ISLAND

"Next."—Who, me?" "Born?"—"Yes, sir." "Where?"—"Russia." "What part?"—"All of me." "Why did you leave Russia?"—"I couldn't bring it with me." "Where were your forefathers born?"—"I only got one father." "Your business?"—"Rotten!" "Where is Washington?"—"He's dead." "I mean the capital of the United States?"—"They loaned it all to Europe." "Now, do you promise to support the Constitution of the U. S.?"—"Me? How can I? I've got a wife and six children to support."—Open Road.

WHEN THE ORGAN STOPPED

He was a good minister, but the second hand auto he purchased was not so good.

For a week he drove it about the country by himself and time and time again it would stop without the slightest warning.

After a strenuous week with the auto Sunday came. The choir was singing, when suddenly the organ stopped. The minister evidently day-dreaming, exclaimed: "Now what the hell's the matter?"

He gave up the ministry.

"Won't you buy this lovely manicure set, sir?" asked the pretty stallholder at a charity bazaar.

The man glanced carelessly at the dainty article and decided it would be very expensive.

"Well," he said, "I'm afraid it wouldn't be of much use to me."

"But won't you buy it," pleaded the girl, "for the woman you love?"

For a moment he thought he was properly caught. Then he had a brilliant idea.

"I couldn't do that," he replied. "You see, I'm married."

"Pa."

"Yes, my son."

"What's a flapper?"

"A flapper, my son, is a woman who does what an old maid would like to do and hasn't the constitution to stand it."—Ex.

—Miss Olive Wacaser, a freshman at Illinois Woman's College, Jacksonville, Illinois, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wacaser near Lovington.

"Which of the parables do you like best?" said the minister to a boy in the Sunday school.

"I like that one where somebody loafs and fishes," was the unexpected answer.

¶ His lips met hers" said a novelist. Must have been an old-fashioned girl. If she had been modern his lips would have met a layer of red muck, resembling brick dust or barn paint.

High School Life

Editor—Dorothy Mitchell
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Literary Editor—Ruth Monroe.
Athletic Editor—Edwin Bolin
Theme Editor—Zelma Mathias
Joke Editor—Ralph Leeds.

GENERAL NEWS

Those absent from school last week were: Lois Anderson, Margaret Cochran, Dorothy Edmiston, Clyde Freeman, Olive Hoskins, Mark Kenny Glen Lundy, Rose E. Martin, Eugene Mathias, Kenneth Walker, Virgean Schneider, William Hostetter, Orla Cummings, Lenore Roley, Keith Fultz, Wayne Smith, Dora Devore, Evalyn Finley, Alberta Harsh, Lucia Harshman, Lowell Hodge, John Hogue, Donald Lane, Nettie Loveless, Mary Elizabeth Leeds, James Rhodes, Eloise Mallinson, Wallace Ritchey, Robert Sullivan, Ralph Hanrahan, Gertrude Monroe, Pearl Mathias, Gerald Alumbaugh, Maxine Robertson, Martha Duncan, and Donald Van Hook.

The English III classes are studying "Sir Roger de Coverly Tales". The English IV classes are studying Longfellow.

Don't forget the Cantata next Thursday night at 8:00 at the Sullivan Township High School auditorium. The Special Glee Club and the Band both have special concerts. Come! Come! Come!

Several of the students accepted Mr. Sparks' invitation to the Millikin-Sparks basket ball game Saturday night. Sparks won.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Sullivan's Basket-ball team added another Okaw Valley victory to her list last Friday night. Bement played them a close game all the way through. The final score was 17-16.

Next Friday night our boys play Arthur on Arthur's floor. That team defeated Lovington last week. Since we also defeated Lovington, we expect this game to be very close.

Our home games are attracting excellent audiences and we hope as good a crowd will support our team in Arthur Friday night.

JOKES

Mr. Taylor: Don't you think a baby brightens a home?

Mr. Moore: "Yes, we have the lights burning all night now."

Freda: "You say some of the High school boys are growing mustaches on the installment plan? How?"

Faye: "Sure thing, a little down each week."

Ralph Leeds: "A strange girl tried to flirt with me."

Jeanette L.: "She must have been a strange girl."

Traffic Officer: "What's the matter with you?"

Miss Mathews: "I'm well thanks, but my engine is dead."

Mr. Dennis: "What is an oyster?"

Hillie Walker: "An oyster is a fish built like a nut."

Teacher: Give me an example of slow torture."

George Sabin: "A ride with an old fashioned girl in a second hand Ford."

Mary E. Leeds: "Yes, mother, thanks to my cooking school course, I know all about marketing. The only thing that puzzles me is whether you get gravy from the butcher or grocer."

NOT IN THE SAME BOAT

A young man was boasting that his family traced its ancestry much farther back than the crusades.

"I suppose," sneered one of his friends, "you'll be telling us that your fore fathers were in the Ark with Noah?"

"Certainly not," said the young man, with a lift of his eyebrows. "My people had a boat of their own."

—French Humor.

Boss—What are you two darkies doin' walkin' so slow up the stairs.

Bones—Boss, we's carryin' a heavy desk.

Boss—Where's the desk?

Bones—Why, good Lord, Sam! We done forgot the desk.

"How comes you're in jail again, Roosevelt?"

"Jes' a case o' mistaken identity."

"Who did they mistake you for?"

"Didn't mistake me foh nobody. Ah mistook the sheriff for a custamah. Dat's all."

"Do you think autos are ruining the younger generation?"

"No, I think the younger generation is ruining the autos."—New York Medley.

Aunt Prudence—"Keep away from the loud-speaker, Benny. The announcer sounds as if he's a bad cold."

"This is your new father, dear."

"But, mummy, we had had used the last one!"—Life.

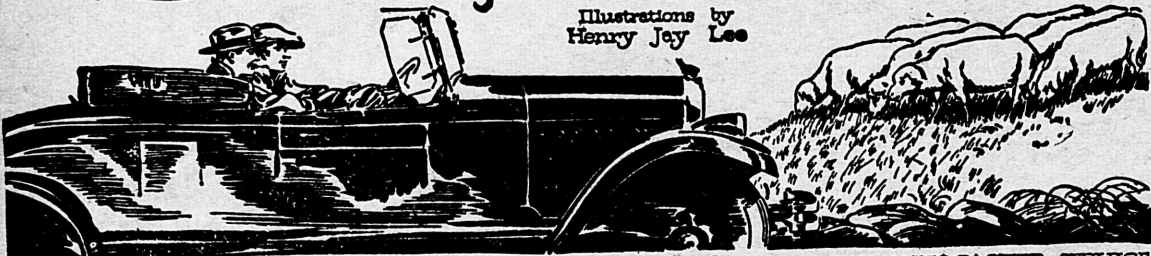
¶ Until two years ago the hadn't changed their under seventy-five years. Pittsb

¶ Today is good but ton

BLACKSHEEP!

By Meredith Nicholson

Illustrations by
Henry Jay Lee



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LAST INSTALLMENT

"It has been in my mind for a day or two that May must be wondering what's become of me. I always write to her, you know; and she imagines me in the Rockies. There must be a stack of mail waiting for me at Banff; I must wire to have it forwarded."

"You needn't necessarily give up the trip—"

She turned her head to dodge an overhanging bough and he caught a glimpse of her face; she was crying; and new and world-shaking emotions were stirred in him by the sight of her tear-wet cheek.

"Do you know," he said, "when we talk about clearing up things I'd forgotten about that buried treasure. I think it would be a mistake for me to leave without exhausting all the possibilities of finding your grandfather's buried gold. I wonder if poor Carey knew any more about it than you do?"

"I'm sure he didn't. There are holes here and there in these woods that he dug in his search. 'Why!' she exclaimed, stopping short and glancing about thoughtfully, 'that's strange.'"

"We're lost, I hope!"

"Not lost; but there was a fork in the trail and I must have made the wrong turn. I don't remember that I ever saw that fallen tree before."

"That old fellow must have made a mighty crash when he went down. I'm sure that I never came this way before."

"Here's an old scar," said Archie "where some one must have blazed the tree years and years ago. It's the mark of an ax or hatchet. And look! Three other big trees bear the same mark. They define a square and must have been made for some purpose!"

Discussion of the markings brought them immediately into accord. Isabel was perplexed to find herself in a spot she had never visited before though she had spent the previous summer on the land, planning the camp, and thought she knew every foot of it. She peered into the pit torn by the roots of the huge tree. The sunlight glinted brightly upon

something that lay half hidden in the earth.

"Oh, how wonderful!" she cried and placed a gold piece in his hands.

They knelt together, tearing up the weeds and loosening the earth. It was Archie who quickly found a second coin, a ten-dollar gold piece stamped 1859. With a stick he dug into the hole and soon they had made a little heap of bright coins, laughing like children with each discovery. A deeper probe resulted in the unearthing of a splintered cedar plank evidently torn from a chest that had contained the money.

"On all the astonishing things that ever happened this is the most utterly paralyzing!" exclaimed Archie jubilantly.

Using the board as a spade he scooped out a capful of coins—gold, American, English and French, which the Southerner had buried in the northern wilderness.

"It won't do to leave this place unprotected, and we must stop or we'll have more than we can carry. We must bring Putney back to help. It's my guess that there's a chest of money at the foot of each of these blazed trees."

"And pretty good hiding places, too, where the gold might have remained forever if—"

"If you hadn't been hating me so that you lost your way!"

They stood with the heap of gold between them, the bewilderment of discovery in their eyes.

"This is the end of the rainbow and the gold lies at our feet!" he said, and he took her hands, and the one still wearing the bandage he held very gently. "Love we know to be better than much fine gold; and wouldn't it be a pity for the finding of these coins to mark the very end, with nothing beyond! And life is so big and wonderful I want your help to make mine of some use."

She looked at him long and searchingly, and her eyes were so grave, their questioning seemed so interminable, that he did not know until she spoke that her lips had trembled into a smile.

"If you can forgive me," she said;

and she laid her hands upon his shoulders, lightly as though by their touch she were investing him with her hope in life renewed and strengthened, and giving pledge that they would walk together thereafter to the end of their days.

In the loveliest of Colorado's valleys you may, if you exercise your eyes intelligently note three houses in the Spanish style, with roads that link them together as though publishing the fact that the owners of the surrounding ranches are bound by the closest and dearest ties. As an adjunct of his residence Putney Congdon maintains a machine shop where he finds ample time for experiment. The Archibald Bennetts are learning all there is to know about fruit culture; and they are in danger of forgetting the existence of cities. Fartherest of the three homes from the railroad, and where the hills begin, Philip and Ruth Van Doren chose their abode. And you may see them any day that you care to penetrate to their broad pastures, riding together, viewing with contemplative eyes the distant peaks or the cattle that are the Governor's delight, a link, he says, between the present and the olden times when the world was young. And often at night, when they are not with the Congdons or the Bennetts, they ride for hours in silence, so great is their happiness, so perfect their understanding, so deep their confidence in the stars.

QUIGLEY

Elder J. V. Brady closed his year's work at Liberty church of Christ last Sunday. He has been employed to preach for another year. He and Mrs. Brady were entertained to dinner Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hoke.

S. K. Ringo butchered a five hundred pound hog Friday. He had purchased the animal of William Simms.

There will be a program and Christmas box at district 139 next Friday evening. Miss Gilbert will give a treat to her pupils and Santa Claus is supposed to be there pro-

iding the roads don't get too bad.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Ringo and Dick Sharp and family spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shuck Saturday night.

Millard Simms was quite ill the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cain spent Wednesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis of near Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Tull were entertained in the home of Mrs. E. A. Dotsen last Thursday.

Our mail carrier has not been able to make all of his route on account of bad roads.

Mrs. Margaret Neill and family of near Windsor were Sunday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Shuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Ringo and son Dean were visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Tull.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sharp assisted S. K. Ringo Friday with his butchering.

John Gaddis butchered a calf the first of the week.

Carl Gaddis of the Findlay High school spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. William Spencer and daughter Erma visited Saturday with Mrs. W. F. Cain.

Mrs. Tom Shuck who has been to the sanatorium at Jacksonville since last fall, came home Saturday much improved.

John Goddard butchered a cow last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler Tull are both

quite poorly. L. W. Tull of Windsor was here Sunday.

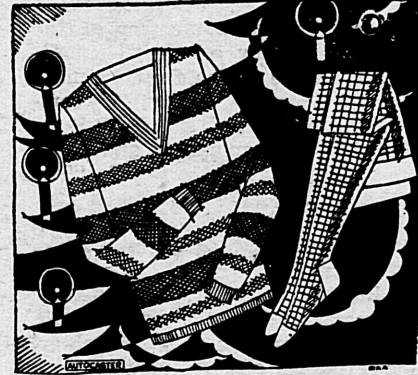
Carroll Walker spent Saturday night with home folks.

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PALMYRA

Dale Elzy and family spent Sunday with W. W. Graven and family.

Joe Basham was called to Windsor Saturday on account of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Higgs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carson were Sullivan callers Friday.

Miss Gladys Graven of Shelbyville spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Carder of Clarksville, Ohio will spend Christmas with P. D. Carder and family. Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Devore and family and Frank Pifer and family will also spend the day with them.

COLES

The Parent-Teacher meeting was held at the Crabapple school Thursday evening Dec. 15. The ladies gave a play "How the Story Grew". The characters were:

Mrs. White—Mrs. Nora Hunt.
Mrs. Brown—Mrs. Edith Cheeley
Mrs. Snow—Mrs. Amanda Davis
Mrs. Green—Mrs. Coral Wilbur
Mrs. Bean—Mrs. Pearl Feller
Mrs. Rice—Mrs. Dora Henderson
Mrs. Dolittle—Mrs. Edna Munson
Mrs. Taylor—Mrs. Allen Hinten.

The new beginners had a spelling bee. They were Warren Davis, Oma Crawley and Lavone Munson. The program was well attended. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Edwards spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis and daughter Fern.

Frank Moore spent Sunday with Mrs. Nora Bouck and sons Richard and William.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Roberts and family and Miss Viola Scott spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Graham and family.

Mrs. Coral Wilbur and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Crouch and baby Georgia Ann spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gearheart and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamilton and baby are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson and family.

There will be a Christmas program at Coles church Saturday evening, December 24. Preaching Sunday morning with Subject "Phylosophy and the Babe." Sunday evening subject, "Resurrection of the Body."

CHRISTMAS SEAL MONEY COMING SLOWLY

The total receipts in the Christmas seal sale amounted to \$365.79 Wednesday morning with nearly all of the rural schools still to be heard from. The tag day in Sullivan Saturday realized \$35.00. Three rural schools and the Sullivan grade schools have made their report.

MODERN TOOLS, EFFICIENCY AIDS, WILL HAVE PLACE ON PROGRAM OF FARMERS WEEK

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 21—Modern machinery, which has helped make the American farmer the most efficient producer of foodstuffs in the world, is to have its inning during the annual Farmers' Week, January 9 to 13, at the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois.

As might be expected, a newcomer to the ranks of Illinois farm machines will head the list of implements which will merit a place on the program. This machine will be the combined harvester-thresher, which has made such a name for itself in the harvesting of Illinois small grains that farmers of this state have installed more than 300 of them in the past four years.

W. E. Riegel, of Tolono, who is a combine user and a member of the college's agronomy advisory committee, will preside at the farm mechanics sectional meetings when the combine is up for discussion. R. C. Ross, of the farm organization and management department, will tell, "The Face of the Combine on Corn Belt Farms"; R. W. Stark, of the agronomy department, will discuss, "Varieties of Wheat for the Combine"; and I. P. Blauser, of the farm mechanics department, will speak on, "Grain Losses in Operating the Combine, Some Troubles and Adjustments."

Something of the role that modern machinery has taken in helping farmers battle one of the worst insect pests of all times—the European corn borer—will be explained during the corn borer sessions on the afternoon of January 10. C. O. Reed, professor of agricultural engineering at the Ohio State University, Columbus, will outline, "Improvements in Mechanical Methods of Destroying the Corn Borer."

The corn borer will figure in another talk on machinery when I. P. Blauser, of the farm mechanics department, speaks on, "Adjustment of Plows," in the farm mechanics sectional meeting January 12. While good plowing is not a lost art, many farmers are not familiar with attachments and adjustments necessary to do a good job. Good plowing is needed in corn borer control as a means of getting trash under cover.

Tractors, of which there are some 70,000 in Illinois, are not to be crowded off the program by some of the newer implements. In a special tractor session on the morning of January 11, R. I. Shaw, of the farm mechanics department, will speak on, "Diagnosing Tractor Troubles, Mechanical Troubles, Lubrication, Carburation and Ignition."

MRS. MAE LUCAS HOSTESS TO DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLUB

The Domestic Science club met at the home of Mrs. Mae Lucas Friday afternoon. Twenty-three out of the twenty-five club members were present. This was the annual Christmas party and grab bag; also election of officers.

The officers for the new year are: President—Mrs. Nona Cochran. Vice President—Mrs. Hettie Ellis. Secretary—Mrs. Mary Miller. Treasurer—Mrs. Eva Hill.

The first meeting for the club year of 1928 will be held at the home of Mrs. John Gauger, Jan. 4th.

SEND HOME SOME REAL MONSTER TEXAS LEMONS

Olaf McIntire and Ray McCune who are spending the winter in Houston, Texas, have sent a number of lemons to home folks. These lemons are about four times as big as the ordinary size and look more like young grapefruit. One sent to A. P. McCune had a circumference of 13 inches.

FILLING STATION ROBBED

The filling station operated by Tom King was robbed some time during Monday night and tires and candy bars to the amount of \$30.00 were taken.

The Rhoda Rebekah Sunshine club will meet at the home of Mrs. Olive Woodruff, Friday, Dec. 23rd.

CHAUTAUQUA PLANNING FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM ALREADY UNDER WAY

J. Oscar Hall of Bloomington, manager of the Loar Chautauqua Bureau was here Friday afternoon and met with the officers and directors of the local chautauqua.

The object of the meeting was to present to the committee a list of talent available for next year's chautauqua which will be held the latter part of August.

A tentative program was decided on. Mr. Hall or a representative will be here in the Spring to definitely decide what the Sullivan program shall consist of.

Among the lecturers who may appear here are Ira Landrith, former president of Ward Belmont College at Nashville, Tenn., now extension secretary of the United Societies of Christian Endeavor. His subject is: "Fiddling while the world burns."

Another lecturer who may speak to a Sullivan audience is George Henry Bradford, for ten year chancellor of the Methodist U. of Oklahoma. Mr. Bradford was one of the best lecturers that Loar placed on the chautauqua platform last year.

Goforth's orchestra, an old chautauqua favorite may be booked again. If not, an instrumental organization of six musicians known by the stage name of "The Serenaders" will appear.

For several years the committee has tried to book a colored Jubilee troupe and at the next chautauqua the Carolina Jubilee Singers will doubtless be on hand to dispense melody from "Way Down South."

A novelty Four, singing, playing and whistling act has lots of variety and the committee is favorably inclined toward booking it.

Another musical company always pleasing is the Maghus Schutz company, also under consideration as a local feature.

As special features, Zellner, the man of many faces and an electrical stunt program may be booked.

There will of course be a play company, but just which of the four companies available will appear here has not been definitely decided.

"JIMMY" DELK IN PRISON GARB AT REVIVAL

"Jimmy" Delk, "two-gun" Evangelist, who some three years ago conducted tent meetings in Pana and Shelbyville and who got in trouble in the latter city, landing a term in the state penal institution at Chester, has been paroled and given his freedom.

Delk is now back in Saint Louis conducting a series of revival meetings on the sensational scale, which was "Jimmy's long suit" in Pana and Shelbyville.

Clad in a prison uniform he wore for twenty months, and with manacled wrists for added effect, Delk opened a revival Tuesday night at the Interdenominational Mission in St. Louis.

He says he will "preach the story of the Cross without fear or favor as the only cure for crime to be found in the world."

Delk was recently paroled from the penitentiary to which he was sent, following his conviction at Shelbyville, on a charge of assaulting a twelve year old girl who had attended his revival services there.

He says it is a mistake to believe all convicts are bad. "I met some of the most noble and Christ-like persons I ever knew in the Illinois prison," Delk said.—Pana Palladium.

MAY ERECT ANOTHER THEATRE

The many friends of H. S. Butler and Andy Weingand will be surprised and pleased to learn that they will probably erect another theatre building in Sullivan, Ill., at an early date and that it will be similar to The Grand Theatre recently built at Hillsboro by Mr. Butler, which is managed by Mr. Weingand.

Tuesday fourteen of the leading business men of Sullivan visited Hillsboro and made an inspection of The Grand theatre building and they were so well pleased with it, its seating arrangements, its exits, the

pitch of the floor, the low stage, ventilating system and other features they are anxious to have a similar theatre built at Sullivan. We also understand a contract was virtually closed with Messrs. Butler and Weingand for the erection of such a theatre which will be under the same management as The Grand theatre at Hillsboro.

The visitors were taken to the Hillsboro Country Club Tuesday evening where a chicken dinner was served and the party then went to The Grand Theatre where they witnessed the screen version of "The Fourth Commandment."

The men who visited Hillsboro are members of the Sullivan Chamber of Commerce and many of them are not strangers here as they have played golf on our local golf course and have visited here quite often. They therefore have the assurance that in dealing with Messrs. Butler and Weingand, they are dealing with responsible parties who will give Sullivan a show house that will attract visitors from all over Moultrie county and which will be a big asset to that city as the very latest and best pictures will be shown there.—Montgomery News.

TUBERCULOSIS HEAVIEST AMONG YOUNG WOMEN

Springfield, Dec. 20.—Declaring that modern young women are paying for slender forms and midnight recreation with excessive mortality rates from tuberculosis, Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, State health director, points out in statistics released here today that deaths from the great white plague in Illinois are 42 per cent greater among girls and young women between 10 and 35 years old than among the male sex of the same age group. Mortality from consumption has declined almost phenomenally among all other age and sex groups except in these females where the fatality count stood at 1,402 in the State last year against 983 among the corresponding male group.

"Tuberculosis is one of the most sensitive indexes to errors in living habits" said Dr. Rawlings, "and the fact that it is so much more prevalent and fatal among young women is distinctly significant. We know that few things are more apt to bring on pulmonary tuberculosis than too little food and not enough sunshine and especially when these two deficiencies are coupled with excessive fatigue."

"Infatuated with the slender form fat young women deny themselves enough food. They participate now as never before in evening social activities that frequently keep them up until late hours at night. They often burden themselves with housekeeping that comes in addition to a job elsewhere. On top of it all they are more subject to fatigue than the male."

"Loss of sleep is probably the most common cause of malnutrition, and this in turn leads straight to tuberculosis when fatigue and lack of sunshine are added to the program of life."

"Nothing reduces weight in the average person quite so quickly as loss of sleep and a short diet and nothing favors tuberculosis more. This is particularly true in young people who have not become inured to the threats of that infection."

"Tuberculosis among young women appears to be positively on the increase. Last year mortality was 42 per cent greater among them than among their brothers under age 35 but the death rate was higher among males in the older ages. These facts point toward bad hygienic habits and these appear to be chiefly too little sleep, too little food and over-fatigue."

Ralph J. Monroe, attorney for Martin, immediately made a motion for a new trial. Maximum sentence allowed for conviction on the offense is a fine not to exceed \$200 and a 60-day prison term.

AMISH COUPLE LICENSED

Chris E. Herschberger 22 and Amelia J. Bontrager 19, both of the Amish colony near Arthur were here Monday and secured a marriage license at the office of the county clerk.

LOCALS.

—Charles Patterson and daughter Miss Mamie entertained a number of guests to dinner at their country home Sunday. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Davidson of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McLaughlin and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Patterson and daughter Jacqueline.

—Miss Clara Robinson accompanied by her friend Miss Olive Cox, both students of Knox College, Galesburg arrived Friday of last week to spend the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Robinson.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hogue and daughter Wilma were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Carmine.

—Samuel Bolin a student at Knox College Galesburg and Purvis Tabor, a student at Milwaukee, Wis., are home for the holidays.

—Miss Clara Robinson and her house guest, Miss Olive Cox visited with friends in Champaign Tuesday.

—Betty Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Foster, who is a pupil of the Bowman school of dancing in Decatur will take part in the holiday dance program called, "A Modern Mother Goose Revue." This Revue or program will be presented in Lincoln Square Theatre Dec. 29-31.

—Miss Mildred McClure who is a teacher in the Evanston schools, will return to this city Saturday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClure.

¶ Education helps those who haven't much natural intelligence.

¶ Canaries have been men's—and especially women's—pets for several hundred years. They were household pets as early as 1400. Our American supply comes mainly from Germany and England, although during the war, we imported a few from China. From 1905 to 1915, three and one-quarter million canaries were imported into the United States.

Dr. Arrowsmith. "Think your son will soon forget what he learned at College?"

Mr. Babbitt: I hope so. He can't make a living drinking."

¶ Fortunate is the man who learns a lot from a little experience.

COUNTY AUDIT BEING MADE BY PEORIA FIRM

The Peoria Audit Bureau is now engaged in making an audit of the books of the county officials for the period from Dec. 1, 1926, to Nov. 30, 1927, inclusive. The men in charge of the work are M. B. Coker and C. H. Linder. They started Monday morning.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

WANTED—Job on farm or in town. Can give best of references. For further information inquire at The Progress office.

READY FOR IMMEDIATE delivery—some 12 or 15 coats priced from \$25.75 down to \$4.98. Mrs. G. F. Allison, Phone 233w 1403 Camfield street. 1t.

CANARIES for sale—singers and females. Mrs. Jack Myers, Sullivan, Phone 372. 49-tf.

PURE BRED Buff Orpington cockerels \$2, each if taken soon. Mrs. J. E. Righter, Sullivan, Ill., Phone 793. 50-2t*

CAPONS—for your Christmas feast; nothing better. We have them ranging in weight from 6 to 9 lbs. Will furnish dressed or live; priced 35c and 40c. Place your order now. Roy B. Martin, Phone 10 on 20 Bruce. 50-2t*

RABBITS—I want all of the nice dressed rabbits you can furnish me. Will pay \$2.00 a dozen, W. C. Neaves, Sullivan. 50-tf.

PURE BRED BARRED ROCK cockerels for sale. Mrs. J. E. Watkins, Sullivan, Telephone 694. 49-3t*

FOR SALE—1926 model ton Ford truck. Good condition. B. H. Reed, 906 Calhoun Street, Sullivan 49-2*

LADIES—Several beautiful coats on hand for display and sale; priced reasonable. Mrs. G. F. Allison, Phone 233w, 1403 Camfield Street. 45-tf.

TIRES AND TUBES, new and used, right prices.—W. H. Walker. 12tf.

S. T. Butler Donald M. Butler BUTLER & BUTLER DENTISTS

Hours 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Phone No. 129 Sullivan, Ill.

Closing-Out Public Sale

Having decided to quit farming, I will sell at public sale on place of residence, known as the J. E. Fleming farm, located 1 mile south and 1 mile West of Allenville on

Wed. Jan. 4, '28

the following described personal property, to wit:

9—HORSES—9

One team black mares, smooth mouth and grey horse, smooth mouth weight 3070; grey mare, 10 years old, wt. 1400; grey horse 5 years old, weight 1540; black colt, 4 years old, weight 1300; another black colt 4 years old, weight 1280; black mare 9 years old, weight 1200; bay horse, 10 years old weight 1270; also one suckling colt.

3—COWS—3

Yellow cow 5 years old, will freshen last of this month. Red cow 6 years old, gives gallon per day, will freshen in March. Brindle cow 3 years, gives 2 gal. per day, will freshen in January.

HOGS

One red sow; one black sow, both young ones; one shoat and 7 pigs.

FARM IMPLEMENTS

P. & O. 12-inch gang plow; 14-inch Pace Maker Gang plow; 2 shovel cultivators; one disc; 3-section harrow; corn planter; E-B mower; good farm wagons; old wagon; iron wheel wagon with rack; 2 sets of good work harness, collars, etc., and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

TERMS OF SALE

On all sums over \$10 a credit of three or six months will be given, purchaser to give bankable note. No property to be removed from premises until terms are complied with.

ALBERT SELOCK

O. F. DONER, Auctioneer
FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Clerk.

Notice to the Public

Notice is hereby given that beginning January 1st, 1928, we the undersigned oil companies will sell petroleum products only for cash on delivery.

The Standard Oil Co., Sullivan

BY D. K. WILLIAMS, AGT. S. O. CO.

The Superior Oil Co., Sullivan

BY WM. FISHER AND FRED FISHER

The Sullivan Home Oil Co.

BY CHARLES H. JENNE

The Most Unusual Display of Used Cars Ever Shown in this Vicinity

SEE THEM IN OUR SALESROOM

ONE CHRYSLER 70 1926-COACH

ONE CHRYSLER 70 1927 COACH

ONE CHRYSLER 70 1927 SEDAN

ONE CHRYSLER 58 1926 2-DOOR SEDAN

ONE ESSEX 1926 COACH

ONE DODGE 1924 COUPE

ONE CHEVROLET COUPE—VERY NICE

ONE FORD TOURING—good tires, starter, new top, Cheap
ONE 1926 FORD COUPE—new battery, Duco finish just rebuilt.

ONE CHRYSLER 50 COUPE—1927 Model

ONE OVERLAND 91 TOURING

ONE MAXWELL 1925 4-DOOR SEDAN

Terms—Your present car in trade.

C. H. TABOR Motor Sales

PHONE 57

SULLIVAN

Notice to Hunters

Hunting or trespassing on our farms with gun or dog or in any manner whatsoever is forbidden and those who fail to heed this warning will be prosecuted.

Orville Hogue
W. J. Patterson
E. F. Bayne
C. W. Darst
E. A. Ellis, Whitley Township.
Illinois Masonic Home
J. P. Lanum.
S. P. Purvis
Walter B. Carnes.
A. and E. Evans.

Note:—Any landowner who may want their name subscribed to this notice which will run during the hunting season, can do so at a cost of 50c. Call Phone 128.

ALLENVILLE

Royal Neighbors Elect

The Royal Neighbors of the Opal Miller Camp No. 1363 met with Mrs. Kate Wernsing Thursday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers for the year 1928. Those elected were:

Oracle—Mrs. Kate Wernsing.
Vice Oracle—Mrs. Maggie Mann
Recorder—Mrs. Lua Snyder
Receiver—Mrs. Sadie Turner
Marshal—Mrs. Hattie Leffler
Assistant Marshal—Mrs. Fern Black.

Chancellor—Mrs. Flossie Turner
Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Hattie LeGrand
Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Rebecca Adlington.

Two managers held over for 1928. Manager for 3 yrs.—Mrs. Mary Knott.

Auditor—Mrs. Hattie Leffler.
Doctor—A. D. Miller of Sullivan

Box and Pie Social
A box and pie supper was held at the Allenville school Wednesday evening of last week. The sum of \$26.75 was cleared which was good considering the bad roads.

Miss Opal Watkins box brought \$6.00. That was the highest box sold. The following prizes were awarded: Miss Ruth Judd received a box of toilet articles as most popular young lady; John Turner received a blue and white enameled bucket for the man that carried the most water; Adlai Maxedon received a tie and cigarette lighter for the prettiest man; Mrs. Veta Moran received an aluminum kettle for best cook and Fred Watkins a cake for the most henpecked husband.

Other News

Orval Watkins of Decatur visited here last week.

Mrs. L. W. Hawkins spent one day last week in Mattoon.

Mrs. W. E. Mann and Mrs. H. E. Wernsing spent Thursday in Mattoon.

P. D. Preston was a business visitor in Sullivan Thursday.

Mrs. Ringo and daughter Hortense were callers in Decatur Friday.

Miss Catherine Anderson of Mattoon spent Saturday here.

Mrs. T. L. Ridgway was a business caller in Mattoon Saturday.

Miss Freda Miller of Mattoon spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller and children.

Mrs. Forrest Misenheimer and daughter Joyce and Vernon Sutton spent Friday evening and Saturday in Mattoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Misenheimer and daughter Catherine spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wernsing.

Mrs. Z. I. Standerfer was a business caller in Mattoon Monday.

Johnnie Bert LeGrand spent Saturday evening with Beldon Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Black and Mr. and Mrs. John Turner and daughter Berdina spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Booker.

Misses Ola and Clara England were business callers in Sullivan Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stiff spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Black and daughters Berdina and Marie.

PROVIDE CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR KEMMERER CHILDREN

Each lady of the Presbyterian church has drawn the name of one orphan and will give a Christmas gift to the child at the Kemmerer orphanage whose name was drawn. The collection which was taken at the Xmas program Sunday night was also sent to the home, as also were white gifts brought by church members.

MIKADO

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Scribbles
Analyzed

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YELLOW
PENCIL
WITH THE
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Louise Rice, world famous graphologist, can positively read your talents, virtues and faults in the drawings, words and what notes that you scribble when "lost in thought."

Send your "scribbles" or signature for analysis. Enclose the picture of the Mikado head, cut from a box of Mikado pencils, and ten cents. Address Louise Rice, care of EAGLE PENCIL CO., NEW YORK CITY



WAS Christmas Eve and everything in the small town of Robbinsdale was bubbling over with the true holiday spirit. Brilliantly lighted Christmas trees, holly wreaths and bells shone through the windows of most every home in town; while each church joined in with its usual Yuletide celebration.

A snow storm the day before had clothed the town in white, as if in preparation for the great holiday. The children just knew that it was sent on purpose, so that Santa Claus could come in his loaded sleigh and fill their stockings.

But amidst all this joy and beauty there was one sad family, who lived at the far end of Main street. They had just received word that their eldest son, Ray, had been lost on the field of battle. Father, mother and the four remaining children were seated within the living room in silence while the happy celebrations were in full swing on all sides of them. Each one was filled with thoughts of other years and how happy they had been. Each saw visions of the heavily loaded Christmas tree gleaming in all its beauty, while their son and brother presided over it in his Santa's outfit. Thus they sat speechless, with lumps in their throats, until bedtime. One by one they retired broken-hearted to finish their visions in the far-off dreamland.

When quietness covered its cloak over the little town and the children's stockings were all waiting for Santa Claus, the midnight flyer pulled in, dropping off a lone passenger—a soldier boy. He had come to surprise his family on the glorious Christmas holiday. Not having heard of the false report of his death, he had come to be their Santa Claus, as of old.

As he was hurrying home he met an old schoolmate, who told him the sad story of how his family had mourned, thinking him dead; and that they had not joined in the usual holiday festivities.

Suddenly a beautiful surprise filled his consciousness, and with the aid of his friend he scoured the town from end to end, frantically awakening all the storekeepers. Loaded with



Here He Trimmed the Tree, Hanging All the Smaller Gifts.

gifts, and with his friend carrying the Christmas tree, they proceeded homeward, while the full winter moon looked down upon them, knowingly.

Bidding his companion a Merry Christmas, and thanking him heartily, he crawled in through the basement window and carefully ascended to the living room. Here he trimmed

the tree, hanging all the smaller gifts upon its branches and placing the larger ones upon the floor beneath.

When it was completed he lay down upon the old couch of his childhood and dreamed happy thoughts. He, too, felt a lump in his throat, but his was a lump of gladness, as theirs had been one of sadness.

Here he remained in silence, his heart filled with joy, until Christmas morn. As he beheld the sun glimmering upon the snow-covered scene, making diamonds everywhere, he realized that it was to be one of the most gorgeous Christmas days he had ever witnessed. He hurriedly dressed himself in a bright new Santa outfit, his heart wildly thumping as he did so; and he had just seated himself beneath the glowing tree, when he heard his dear old mother's soft, familiar footsteps upon the stairway.

He listened breathlessly while she descended and passed through the hallway into the kitchen. Then soon the old familiar odors of coffee and griddle cakes came floating in. He could hardly contain himself, as he wanted to rush out and smother her with caresses. With sheer will-power he remained silent until the family was called to breakfast.

Then little Ruth stole into the living room to see if by chance Santa had left her anything. She gave a scream of delight as she beheld the marvelous tree loaded with gifts, and Santa himself actually sitting beneath it.

The next moment the whole family stood wide-eyed, gazing upon the scene before them, too surprised to utter a single word.

Thoughts of a practical joke by their friends came to them, and they hardly knew what to do or say. Tears came to mother's eyes with the memories of her lost son.

Just as father was going to speak, Roy, their own son, pulled the mask from his face and smiled a "Merry Christmas."

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CUSHMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cummings entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booker, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cummings to six o'clock dinner Thursday evening.

Mrs. Albert Myers returned home Saturday after spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foster.

Mrs. Kendall Hamblin spent several days last week in Decatur with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Robetson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Foster spent Saturday in Sullivan with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster.

Clyde Randol threshed sunflowers Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cummings were Lovington shoppers Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bathe and family spent Sunday in Sullivan with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holsten of Sullivan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. VanGundy.

Carl McDaniel of Allenville called on George Cogdal Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wood called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foster Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Valentine and son Harold spent Sunday in Sullivan with Mr. and Mrs. Loren Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Butts and Mrs. O. A. Foster were Sullivan shoppers Tuesday afternoon.

Fred Cook is serious yill at his home north of Cushman. His son Thomas of Decatur was called to his bedside Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leeds and daughter Mary Elizabeth and Mrs. Helen Myers spent Saturday in Decatur.

EAST HUDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burks and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Monroe and family spent Wednesday in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burks of near Shelbyville and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Tol of Indianapolis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burks and son J. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Monroe and family attended a pot luck dinner at the home of Harry Foster and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mumma spent Saturday afternoon in Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swietzer of near Bruce and Mrs. Paul Robinson and family spent Tuesday with Miss Ann Elliott.

Art Alumbaugh and family spent Sunday with Miss Ann Elliott.

JONATHAN CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pound and sons and Mr. and Mrs. John Bracken and daughter Helen visited with Mrs. J. C. Bracken and son Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Powell entertained Rev. Brown, Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Bolin spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Jesse Hodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hughes assisted Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Osier with their butchering Friday.

Miss Elsie Slover spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Campbell and daughter spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Dolan and family.

Margaret and June Cochran, Vern Righter, Carrol Wooley and Bill and John Ballinger visited with Bernice, Robert and Willard Bolin, Sunday.

Miss Emogene Mathias visited Sunday with Nettie Slover.

Walter Crane called on George Miller who is ill, Sunday.

There will be a Christmas program at the church Saturday night.

Services for Sunday are as follows: S. S. 10 o'clock; Christian Endeavor 6 o'clock. Carl Freese, leader.

ENTERTAINS SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster and son Richard entertained several relatives and friends to a pot luck dinner Sunday, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Harry Foster, and Mrs. J. J. Harsh. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harsh and daughter Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. Orr Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Franklin and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mayberry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woodruff and daughter Loraine, Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Cook and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Monroe and family, Misses Leota Cain, Annona Wheeler, Eloise Malinson and Wyonna Price.

As soon as some fellows get prosperous they get lazy.

CONTRACT TO ARGENTA

The L. T. Hagerman Co. has been awarded the contract for the installation of the heating and plumbing systems in the newly erected high school at Argenta.

—Evelyn Finley suffered slight burns and scorched hair when gasoline exploded in an oven at her home on Thursday of last week. The explosion blazed into her face, but luckily the burns were not serious. She is a daughter of Mrs. G. L. Todd.

—Mrs. Omer Lowe, Mrs. Luther Lowe and Mrs. S. W. Johnson spent Monday in Decatur.

—Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sullivan of Decatur spent Sunday here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levy Dickerson.

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is a Prescription for
COLDS, GRIPPE, FLU, DENGUE,
BILIOUS FEVER AND MALARIA.
It kills the germs.

Read 'On Tip- Toe' Starts This Week

Huge Ice Fields Found

50 Miles From Equator

New York.—Huge ice fields, only 50 miles from the equator, at an altitude of 15,400 feet above sea level, were found by Dr. James P. Chapin and B. L. Sage, two curators of the American Museum of Natural History, they reported on their return from an exploration tour in Africa and East Congo.

Chapin and Sage, who passed 18 months in Africa, said they scaled the lofty Ruwenzori range and explored the Kavi volcanoes. It was at this elevation that the ice fields were found.

The native guides were afraid to approach the ice and turned back, leaving the two Americans to go on alone.

The explorers brought back a collection of 2,500 stuffed birds and many stuffed small mammals for the museum.



Gifts of Beauty

A Framed Picture
A Handsome Mirror
An Artistic Tray

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Kitchen Furniture

Suites or single

Pieces for any room

Bridge Lamps, Floor Lamps

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We are offering one set of 3 pieces, upholstered fibre—settee and two chairs for only \$32.00, a wonderful value, an ideal and very desirable gift.

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A beautiful line of trays priced from \$1.25 and up.

A small amount of money will buy big gifts here. May we have the pleasure of showing you.

W. R. Robinson

The Gift Store

FURNITURE

UNDERTAKING

ARE YOU ONE OF THE FOLKS??

Are you still wondering "What shall I buy?" Have you been putting off your Christmas shopping until the last few days in the hope that you would be able to decide on what to get? If you are, you're one of the people, for whom this adv. is written.

WE'VE GOT WHAT YOU WANT—COME LET US CONVINCE YOU

The biggest and most popular present this year is

A RADIO

We have them on hand and can install in a hurry. What nicer present could anybody desire. It's the ideal present for the whole family. We also have radio supplies and accessories.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

These are always appropriate for Christmas giving—an electric iron, a two burner electric stove, a waffle iron, toaster, waterless cooker, etc.

For the Car—Chains, tires, tubes, windshield cleaners, cigar lighters etc.

Don't expect us to list everything in this adv. Come to the store and you'll find many other nice things, such as flashlights, batteries, etc.

All of these things are practical, useful gifts.

We also sell Christmas tree lighting sets. Get one and avoid fire danger.

Time is short—but we are waiting to take care of your last minute wants on very short notice.

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by **Stewart Edward White**

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"ON TIP-TOE"—A Romance of the Redwoods—By Stewart Edward White, Author of the "The Blazed Trail."

INSTALLMENT I

"Few men know the forest as Stewart Edward White. All the mystery, romance and lure of the great woods is in this adventure story that keeps you 'On Tiptoe' of excitement from the first page to the last."

CHAPTER I "We're Stuck!"

This is a swashbuckling story of pirate days. It has as leading characters the Buccaneer and his Second in Command; the Fair Damsel in Distress; the Bright-Shining Hero and those great intelligencies by whose caprice—or by whose ordered Law—our tiny world carries on among its millions of sister worlds. Follow and you shall see brave adventuring and dastardly plots; and a fool exalted and cast down as his little affairs were swept into the mighty and onward-flowing currents of Fate. So up-anchor and away!

At the moment our story opens the Pirate, appropriately named Grimstead, was leaning back in the stern-sheets of his craft smoking a cheroot. He was a large, square man, with thick bushy eyebrows.

Gardiner, the Second in Command, was much younger and slenderer, with clean shaven face and an inscrutable eye.

Neither of these men were paying the slightest attention to anything but each other. Indeed, the man at the wheel alone seemed to be not at all aware of his surroundings. For the only other human being visible on the craft was the Damsel in Distress, and she was completely occupied with her own thoughts, which seemed to be resentful and unpleasant.

As beset her position in the story she was young and beautiful and as daughter to the Pirate Chief, caparisoned in costly garments.

The Bright-Shining Hero had not as yet appeared.

Suddenly and most unexpectedly a loud bang sounded under the port quarter. The craft staggered.

"What is it, Simmins?" cried the Pirate Chief. "Are we damaged?"

"Blowout, sir," replied Simmins. He walked around to the rear of the car, and uttered an exclamation of dismay.

"When she blew she slid into the rut and let us down pretty hard on one of these little stumps in the middle of the road," he answered Grimstead's inquiry. "The gasoline's leaking."

Gardiner joined the chauffeur.

"It's buckled the tank," he announced briefly. "We're stuck."

"The gasoline is all run out," replied Gardiner calmly.

"We're stuck, all right," Grimstead agreed. "How far is it to help?"

"Nearest garage is about twenty miles."

It was agreed that Grimstead should pick out a shadier place to wait while Simmins, after changing the tire, walked the 20 miles and got help.

Now to be considered is the Damsel in Distress. Her distress was heartfelt but not too serious. It consisted in the fact that she had been ravished away against her will; which is the usual and proper reason for the distress of females aboard pirate craft.

At this moment she should have been listening to the dulcet strains of a jazz orchestra, or mayhap bossing about infatuated youths in any old haunt where sport clothes are correct and numerous.

Instead of which she was here! Atop a stump! On a barren California hillside of high brush and an occasional tree! Stranded! Hot!! Uncomfortable!! No wonder the lines were unbending; no marvel that her eyebrows were level and that the regard below them was—sullen?

Out upon you! This damsel is young and beautiful. Smouldering is the word. Of ten thousand people the younger half would have sympathized heartily with Burton, by gad! dragged off into the sticks right in the middle of the Del Monte Tournament; and the other half would have muttered things about spoiled brats and an indulgent father and would have regretted that she was too old to be spanked.

And none of this would have affected Miss Burton in the least. When her father insisted, in face of

her first careless refusal, that she join him in this trip into the backwoods, she was vastly surprised, though not greatly put out. But when at the last minute she found that this Gardiner person was to be in the party, she saw—and resented—it all.

Burton had met Gardiner before. She did not like him; and she did not care whether he was the Second in Command of the piratical craft, part keeper of the loot, principal deviser of stratagem, or not. There would seem to be no reason why one should not like Gardiner. He is tall, very dark, with regular movie-queen dark eyelashes, a sleepy well-bred supercilious expression on his thin long face. All his movements are languidly graceful. He is exceedingly well dressed.

His ability is enormous. He knows all about electricity, and water power, and oil wells, and Diesel engines, and railroads, both theoretically and practically, for these things are some of the loot the Pirate Chief had captured. Burton said she didn't like him because he played no bridge nor golf; but that was not it. She had other reasons—no, not reasons, instincts.

At the present moment the second in command did not attempt to approach the aloof young goddess. Instead he gave needed assistance to the chauffeur, and when the job was finished he was just as hot and dirty. There were qualities to the man, besides those necessary to boarding and scuttling.

By the time the job was finished Grimstead reappeared.

"Found a great place!" he announced, and partly on the little "gas" in the vacuum tank and partly by gravity the big car glided around

the corner of the mountain.

CHAPTER II

Enter the Hero

As often happens at skylines in California, the nature of the country there changed. Burton had seen redwood trees before, but never had she seen one of the redwood forests of the north. The sullenness in her eyes was replaced by a startled and somewhat awed look.

The car coasted slowly for a half mile and came to a little stream where a tiny patch of green had won for itself a tiny patch of unobscured sky.

"Stop here, Simmins," Grimstead commanded, and all debarked.

Simmins hustled out the lunch basket and the thermos cases and proceeded to lay things out in seemly and proper style.

Simmins was an engaging person. The natural self within him would have carried him through life skip-tiously, like the giddy goat—but it wasn't done, you know. He loved

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TABE'S SALES

W. H. Walker has bought a 72 Chrysler sedan and Judge O. F. Cochran a 72 coupe from the C. H. Tabor Motor Sales. W. W. Burns of Decatur bought a nearly new Essex coupe.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Alice Evelyn Runyan, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Alice Evelyn Runyan late of the County of Moultrie and the State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Moultrie County, at the Court House in Sullivan, at the February term on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this sixth day of December A. D. 1927.

Maude Armstrong, Administratrix.
C. R. Patterson, Attorney. 49-3t.

D. U. V. TENT NO. 58

President, Mrs. Pearl Crowder in company with the State President, Mrs. Emma Cadieux and the following members Florence Sabin, Lillie Kinsel, Edith Crockett, Ethel Ntw-bould, Rose Hawkins, Nannie Birch, Cora Dixon, Minnie Panches, Ella Jenne, Stella Everett, Elizabeth Birch and Clara Jordan went to Windsor on Friday night of last week and organized Tent Catherine Roche No. 76 and installed officers. After the sessions refreshments were served by the Windsor Tent.

Time of next meeting of Tent No. 58 Tuesday evening Dec. 27, 1927.

Julia Brown, Press Corres.

No man is ever so tall or so straight as when he bends over to lift a little child.

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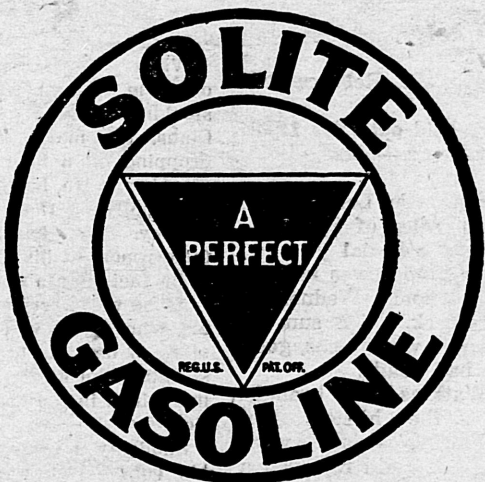
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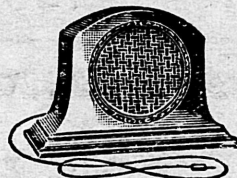
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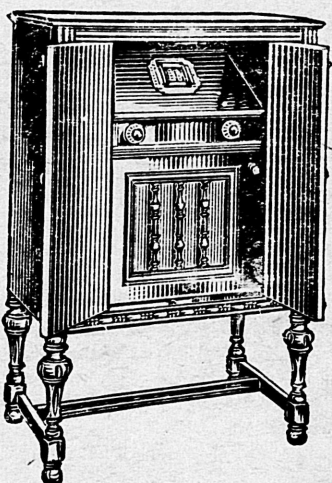
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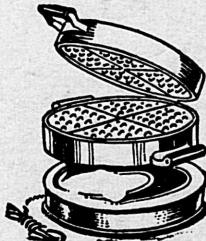
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ON TIPTOE

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playing up to his part, which was solemn, eminently correct, terrifically imposing, and he could do it in such a manner as to make self-conscious all but the most conventional.

When at home Simmins became a house man. In this capacity the one fatal misfortune of his professional career overtook him.

Burton, unseen herself, had witnessed his answering of the door bell. He came down the hall cakewalking, a wonderful double shuffle, snapping his fingers, his head thrown back, his eyes closed; but all quite noiseless. Then he turned the door knob and instantaneously a wonderful transition took place. His elbows snapped out at an angle, and his inflexible sing-song voice declaimed impersonally that he could not say, madame, but that he would ascertain.

O fatal day! Next time he tried to come it over Burton, as usual, he ran against a snag.

"Look here, Simmins," she said decidedly. "I wish you'd come off the perch and be human. I like friendly looking people about me."

"Sorry, Miss," said he non-committally in his best manner. "I was not aware of giving offense. It is pawisibly the results of my training miss."

Simmins was enjoying himself thoroughly. He knew just when to put the accents and yet avoid impertinence. It was his last shot.

The next instant he exploded. Miss Burton had seen!

For a long time his world was in chaos. He never did quite recover the integrity of his attitude toward Miss Burton. It wasn't done, you know; but he rather liked it.

After supper, Simmins most reluctantly began the long journey to the nearest garage.

Burton brought to the camp fire a small covered basket and removed the contents, a Pomeranian dog, half-size even for that breed, named Punkety-Snivvles. The men surveyed the creature in silent disgust.

Burton adoringly fed him slices of chicken and then he curled up in a small fluffy ball and went to sleep.

Burton reclined on cushions, looking straight up, still within her inscrutable silence. Gardiner was clever enough to realize that this was the time for effacement. Grimstead dozed.

But now the peace of the night was broken by the approach of something metallic and loose.

Three of the watchers sat up. "Can't hear any engine," puzzled Gardiner; "must be horse-drawn—a wagon load of milk cans."

But the doubt was almost immediately resolved by the dancing glare of headlights through the trees, and an instant later a small light car swerved off the road and came to a stop. Enter the Bright-Shining Hero!

The thing he rode was one of those nondescript home-made things of galvanized iron by which the youthful attempt in vain to disguise and render sportful a certain otherwise

jokeful brand of inexpensive car.

The occupants of this craft were three. The young man at the wheel, a pleasant-faced youth, with short, light hair, and what had been a fair complexion dark-reddened by much exposure. Behind him, seated atop a canvass-covered pack, was an Irish terrier dog. The third occupant was Simmins.

"This gentleman picked me up, sir," said he glibly, "and I conceived as how it would be more expeditious sir, to come back with him."

"More expeditious! He's going in the other direction!" said Grimstead.

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BRUCE

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose, Mrs. Alma Rose and daughter Mona were Decatur visitors Thursday.

W. A. Luttrell delivered his sunflowers to Sullivan Friday.

The Old Home Town Club met with Mrs. Walter Sampson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Daum and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. George Allen.

Mrs. Clara Belle Butler and Miss Wisely spent one day this week with Mrs. Bert Kirkendall.

Miss Emma Evans was a Sullivan caller Saturday.

Miss Bessie Sampson spent Saturday night with Mrs. Bart Tull.

The Bruce school will give a Christmas program and have a tree Friday afternoon.

Rev. Ilk of Windsor spent Thursday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sampson and daughter Lois spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sampson.

Word was received by relatives of the birth of a son Dec. 13th to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Sharp of Huron, S. Dakota. He was given the name of Charlie Denton Sharp.

Ray Rose spent Saturday night with home folks.

CHARLES COLE'S BIRTHDAY

A few friends of Charles Cole met at the home of his parents on Wednesday night and surprise him, it being his 14th birthday anniversary.

The guests helped Charles eat the large cake decorated in pink and white, which his mother had baked for him. All had a nice time.

LOCAL POULTRY FANCIERS

PLACE AT PANA SHOW

Mrs. Jessie Tichenor was awarded first pen in White Rocks and Harry Harsh won fifth old pen in the S. C. Rhode Island red class in their showing at the Pana poultry show last week.

—Mrs. W. A. Newbould of Decatur who has been very ill, is improving.

MERRITT

Mr. and Mrs. James Landers and son spent Thursday in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Wiley were Sullivan shoppers Thursday.

Mrs. Ross Thomas spent Wednesday visiting Mrs. Clifford Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yaw and daughter spent Thursday in Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Yaw and daughter spent Sunday at the home of Ross Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ray and sons spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Mrs. Frank Stillians spent Thursday in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thomas and son spent Saturday in Decatur.

There's nothing equal to the self-respect that comes from self-support.

CONSERVATOR-ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Lura Wood Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Conservator-Administrator of the estate of Lura Wood, late of the County of Moultrie and the State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Moultrie County at the Court House in Sullivan, at the February term on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of November A. D. 1927.

U. G. Dazey, Administrator.

Thompson & Wright, Attorneys. 48-3t

LAKE CITY

Mrs. Will Stackhouse was a Decatur shopper Thursday.

Mrs. Robert Collins of Sullivan spent Wednesday night with S. J. Sallings and family.

Joe Gaugh of Decatur called on friends here Thursday.

Miss Elsie Stackhouse was a Lovington caller Thursday evening.

Miss Nancy Fail returned to her home in Terre Haute Friday after a several weeks visit with Mrs. Ruth Gifford.

Mrs. Harry Wood was a Lovington caller Friday evening.

Mrs. Osa Ault and Miss Vera Powell attended the supper and bazaar at the Christian church at Lovington Wednesday night.

Mrs. A. R. Dickson and daughter Naomi of La Place visited with Mrs. Ruth Gifford, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Taylor of near

Lovington visited with Mr. and Mrs. Butler Tudor Friday afternoon.

Misses Ruth, Vera and Cressie Powell and Mrs. Osa Ault were Decatur shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Gifford was called to Decatur Saturday by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Vansickle.

Miss Rose Sallings was a Decatur shopper Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dickson and son Clyde, and daughter Marguerite and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dickson, motored to St. Louis, Sunday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Estes and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gifford.

Mrs. L. M. Baker and Kathryn Adams visited several days last week with relatives in Decatur.

Mrs. Bertha Tony and Miss Aileen Dickson entertained their Sunday school class at the home of Aileen Dickson Saturday afternoon at a Christmas party.

Those present were as follows: Marguerite Dickson, Lois Dickson, Madeline Cook, Hortense Redfern, Jack and Marjorie Beck, John and Eleanor Rankins, Kenneth, Donald and Helen Kirkwood, Genevieve Duff, Lorene and Glen Wood, Derald and Troy Martin and Betty Keyes.

A feature of the afternoon was a Christmas tree and each child was presented a gift. Refreshments were served.

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LOYAL DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HILL HOME

The Loyal Daughters will meet at the home of Mrs. C. R. Hill, Monday, Dec. 26th for their annual Christmas party and grab bag. The committee in charge of the party is: Josephine Loveless, Hazel Monroe, Flossie Yarnell, Catherine McCarthy, Eva Hill, Ione Thomas, Charlotte Murphy, Mamie Bathe, Flossie Elder, Freda Elder, Mrs. Mose Perry, Stella Ellis, Bee Leeds, Mertie Witts, Lois McIlwain, Helen Dickerson.

"The time will come," shouted the speaker, "when women will get men's wages."

"Yes," said the little man in the corner. "Next Friday night."

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We have a big order of the best available. Get your order in Early

We are making special prices on candies for school and church Christmas treats. If you are shopping for a bulk lot, let us show you what we have to offer and our very reasonable prices.

Fruits, nuts and everything else you may need for the holiday package or the table.

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Church Notes

ST. COLUMBA'S

Mass will be read at St. Columba's Catholic church, Sunday at 10 a. m.

BRETHREN ASSEMBLY

Sunday school at 9:30. Breaking of bread and scripture lesson at 11 a. m.

Sunday evening Christian Endeavor and evening service will be given over to a Christmas program. This program will consist of hymns, recitations, dialogues and readings that will be in honor of Him whose birthday we celebrate. God so loved the world, with sinful humanity in it that He gave Jesus to save us from our sins. We mostly give gifts to those we love but God gave His great gift for those who loved Him not. May many at this time accept this great Gift, Jesus Christ into their hearts. Tuesday and Friday evening service as usual.

THE GOSPEL MISSION

H. H. Smith, Supt.
9:30 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
6:30 p. m. Young People's service.
7:30 p. m. Evangelistic service.
Cottage prayer meeting on Tuesday evening and Bible study at the hall on Thursday evening.
Almost two thousand years ago, our heavenly Father gave to the world its first Christmas gift, when the Jewel of Heaven was given to earth. Then for fear that man would forget the wonderful gift, a loving Father gave us the Holy Spirit. We this Christmas time listen to the wooing of the Spirit as He pleads with us to honor and worship our Lord.

METHODIST CHURCH

C. D. Robertson, Pastor
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Hugh Murray, superintendent.
A Christmas treat will be distributed to the children, and of course the parents will be present without a treat.

Morning worship at 10:45 a. m. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon on the theme, "Military Peace."

Go-to-Church club, A Christmas story, "The Old Shoemaker."

Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Sunday evening feature service at 7:30 p. m. The theme of this service is "The Coming of the Child." It will be presented in allegorical fashion, in a very beautiful action which symbolizes the effect of the coming of Jesus to the world.

The Sunday School will give their Christmas program under the direction of Misses Anna McCarthy and Gertrude McClure, Friday evening at 7:30.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

C. E. Barnett, Pastor
Sunday is Christmas day. Many will spend this day with relatives out of the city. These will be unable to be present with us, but we trust will attend church elsewhere. Many others will visit friends in our own city. Bring these friends to church with you. Let us not neglect the assembling of ourselves in the Lord's house on this great day. The pastor will deliver a Christmas sermon, subject, "What is Christmas?" at 10:45 a. m. This service will close promptly at 11:45 o'clock. Come to church before going to dinner. Feed the soul first and the body will profit in turn. The Sunday school will convene at 9:30 a. m. One year ago 300 were present. Will you be present in an effort to better this attendance? A large attendance and large offering on Christmas Day.

The Christian Endeavor will meet at 6:30 p. m. The topic "What Does Christmas Mean to the World?" The evening service should bring to a close a perfect day. "A Perfect Christmas" will be the pastor's sermon subject at 7:30 p. m. A most cordial invitation is given every one to attend these services.

The Sunday School will present the Christmas program "Children of the Star" at 7:30 p. m. Friday evening. Those desiring may bring gifts for our orphanages and old people's homes. Please wrap all gifts in white paper and leave in the entry of the church.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas is here with its hallowed memories, its gladness, its joyous festivities. Above all other days it is a day for glad thanksgiving. The associations of the day are so winnily beautiful, so poetically tender, and so full of pathos, that it stands out, and away beyond any other season of the year. There are other great days and great seasons in the church year but were it not for this, they would not be. They are the result of what first took place at Christmas time, the birth of a child. We are in truth told that everything great begins with the wail of a new born child. We celebrate with the thought of the birth of the Christ, the Father's Christmas gift to us in the person of His own son, His miracle of love.

This is a time when hearts are melted, when joy and sorrow shake hands, a time when we forget and forgive, a time when we wish each other all the good things in life, when self is placed in the background for the joy. It is a time, when in

LOCALS

—Les Atchison wants you to read his adv. on page 5.

—Mrs. Lucille Poland, Mrs. Orville Strickland and Melvin Strickland all of Decatur spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Strickland.

—There is nothing that makes a more welcome gift than a bouquet of a nice blooming plant. We have them. Sullivan Greenhouses, Phone 265. 49-3t.

—Mrs. Agnes Kellar entertained the Morgan Community club to a one o'clock luncheon at her home Wednesday. They also had a Christmas grab bag.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brumfield entertained the grade school teachers to a Christmas party at their home Tuesday evening. They exchanged Christmas gifts and had a social good time.

—We now have SOLITE gasoline at the Standard Filling Station. Jim Dedman, Manager. 50-2t.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Horn and son spent Saturday in Decatur.

Helen Smith will leave Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Smith in Chicago.

—Try our Chocolate Cherries—J. W. Dickens, Grocery. 50-2t.

—Mrs. Nora Sharp of Coatesville, Ind., who spent a week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Sona, departed for her home Saturday.

—Mrs. Rolland Denton and son Bobby of Lansing, Mich., arrived Sunday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes. They expect to remain until the middle of next week.

—Mrs. John Croyle of Chicago arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Ray.

—There is nothing that makes a more welcome gift than a bouquet of a nice blooming plant. We have them. Sullivan Greenhouses, Phone 265. 49-3t.

—C. G. Waters of Decatur visited at the home of his uncle, Will Kinsel Tuesday.

—We have a nice selection of wreaths for the cemetery. If it is inconvenient for you to take them to the cemetery, select one or call us and we will place them on the graves for you. Sullivan Greenhouses, Telephone 265. 49-3t.

—Misses Gertrude McClure, Cleo Wood, Marie Hoke, Mabel Cazier, Enid Newbould and Jean Whitfield spent Saturday in Decatur.

—Christmas Wreaths for your windows and cars at 15c and 25c each. Phone 265, Sullivan Greenhouses. 3t.

—Robert and Lester Barnes of Chicago will spend the week end with home folks.

—Just received fresh shipment of famous Brach candies, see our line—J. W. Dickens Grocery. 50-2t.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Light of Decatur visited the former's sister, Mrs. J. M. David, Sunday.

—Clearing Sale of all winter hats. Every hat in the shop goes at \$1.00 beginning Wednesday. Strickland Hat Shop.

—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hawbaker spent Tuesday in Decatur.

—We have a nice selection of wreaths for the cemetery. If it is inconvenient for you to take them to the cemetery, select one or call us and we will place them on the graves for you. Sullivan Greenhouses, Telephone 265. 49-3t.

—Miss Olive McCusker of Eureka will arrive Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McCusker.

—Brown's Store for Bibles, books Xmas cards, dolls, music, china ware and other articles to numerous to mention. 49-3t.

—Lester Dunscomb of Urbana spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Dunscomb.

—Keith Grigsby of Chicago expects to come Saturday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Homer Wright.

—We now have SOLITE gasoline at the Standard Filling Station. Jim Dedman, Manager. 50-2t.

—Frank Thompson Jr. student of Howe Military Academy in Indiana, arrived the beginning of the week to spend the holidays with his father, Frank Thompson.

—Noble Ellis of Peoria is spending this week with his mother, Mrs. Stella Ellis.

—Brown's Store for Bibles, books Xmas cards, dolls, music, china ware and other articles to numerous to mention. 49-3t.

—Miss Agnes Collins of Stewardson is spending a week at the home of her uncle, Robert Collins and wife.

—Art Alumbaugh, Ned Fleming, Cliff Collins and Dr. S. W. Johnson acted as witnesses at a trial held in Decatur Monday.

—Fresh from factory, full line of Brach's Chocolates.—J. W. Dickens, Grocery. 50-2t.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Hicks will spend Christmas Day with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hicks of Mt. Vernon, who will observe their 50th or Golden Wedding on that day.

—Mrs. Luther Lowe who spent a month with her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Eden at Atchison, Kasnas, returned to her home Friday.

the very pathos of things we sense the nearness of God. It is a time when no one feels it out of place to say "a Merry Christmas", for the Christ came that our joy might be full.

Sunday school at ten o'clock and everyone invited to this service. Subject for morning service "From Cradle to Throne." No service Sunday evening.

FRIENDS IN COUNCIL WILL OBSERVE THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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will be on January 16th be in the nature of a home-coming.

The following committee was selected to name a place of meeting: Mrs. Jessie Tichenor, Mrs. Margaret Todd and Mrs. Elizabeth Shirey. Mrs. Ella Jenne offered her home as a place for holding the anniversary celebration and her offer was accepted.

Other standing committees which are to officiate relative to the home-coming anniversary are—Program: Mayme Patterson, Lula Clark and Mrs. Hettie Ellis; Invitations: Mrs. Adilla Burns, Mrs. Will Titus, Mrs. Cora McPheeters, Mrs. Grace Richardson and Mrs. Hettie Ellis; Decorations—Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Jessie Miller, Mrs. Bess Hankla, Mrs. Daisy McPheeters, Mrs. Mary McCorvie, and Miss Ida Collins; Table and Silverware—Mrs. Margaret Todd, Mrs. Ada Chapin and Mrs. Hattie Pifer; Refreshments—Mrs. Pearl Crowder, Mrs. Eva Hill, Mrs. Grace Clark, Mrs. Cora Brown, Mrs. Nona Cochran and Mrs. Clara Wood.

The name of Mrs. Charlotte Butler was proposed for membership. Mrs. Arthur Pence, Mrs. Bertha Barnett and Mrs. Flora Creech were voted into membership.

Following the business meeting the following program was presented: Roll Call responded to with Christmas greetings.

Prayer—Ada Chapin.
Paper, "Christmas"—Marie Pifer.
The Christmas music was in charge of Miss Lula Clark, under whose supervision the following numbers were given:

Christmas Carol, "There's a Song in the Air" by quintet composed of Grace Clark, Eleanor Merriman, Grace Richardson, Eva Hill and Jessie Tichenor.

Violin Solo—"Hosanna" "Silent Night"—Mrs. Nellie Wood.
Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Quintet.

Piano Duet—"Christmas Festival" by Mrs. Fred Fisher and Mrs. Carrie Dedman.

Carol, "Long Year's Ago"—quintet.

Vocal Solo, "The Birthday of a King"—Eleanor Merriman.
Carol, "Holy Night, Silent Night"—Quintet.

Following the program a pleasant social hour was spent.

CALF CLUB MEETING HAD GOOD PROGRAM; NEXT MEETING JAN. 28

Ten members and ten visitors were in attendance for the Calf Club meeting at the Farm Bureau Saturday afternoon.

Vern Righter made a talk on "The Origin, History and Use of the 4H Club Emblem".

Granville Cochran spoke on "The Best Age for Jersey Heifers to Calve".

G. H. Ifner discussed club work. The club has already qualified as a Standard club and has been awarded a charter that has been framed and placed in the office of the Farm Bureau.

The charter bears the signature of William Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture; and of W. H. Smith, state club leader. The club plans to qualify for and to receive an achievement seal by June. It will be classed as a Standard achievement club on this accomplishment.

Plans for the next meeting to be held Jan. 28, 1928 were made. Objects of this meeting will be to secure new members and to organize a Demonstration team.

This team will appear on the program of the Dairy Day at the Farm Bureau on Feb. 10th.

Club members present were George Atchison, Ralph Sharp, Glen Clark, Hugh Righter, William Atchison, Mary Fleming, Barbara Winings, Vern Righter, Danson Esry, Granville Cochran, Vincent Esry. Visitors were Ralph Emel, Hal Atchison, V. I. Winings, Frank Fleming, P. J. Smith, Dorothy Winings, Grant Cochran, J. E. Righter, C. C. Turner and G. H. Ifner.

RUBY LEWTON SUFFERS BURNS FROM HOT LARD

Ruby Lewton, a freshman in the local S. T. H. S. and a sister of Mrs. Harold Ray with whom she makes her home, suffered a painful accident Wednesday morning.

While frying eggs a fainting spell seized her. As she was falling backward she grasped the handle of the skillet and poured its contents on her right shoulder. The hot lard burned her painfully.

Miss Lewton is not subject to fainting spells. While her burns are painful the injuries are not serious. It was fortunate that the contents of the skillet did not strike her face.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our thanks to neighbors, friends and anybody else who was so kind as to extend their aid and sympathy in the hour of our deepest sorrow. We especially thank for the floral offerings from the church, the Sunday school, the grade schools, the D. of V. and neighbors.

Mrs. Martha Russell
Mrs. Sarah Strader

ADMIR. WALKER ESTATE
In the county court Carl R. Hill has been named administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Nancy Jane Walker. He qualified in bond of \$500.

MR. AND MRS. BRUMFIELD'S HOME SCENE OF GAY XMAS PARTY TUESDAY

The December party of the Grade School faculty and the husbands was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brumfield. The spirit of the Christmas season was very effectively carried out throughout the house by appropriate decorations such as festoon streamers of red and green, wreaths, poinsettias, and Christmas bells.

At six o'clock a delicious two-course dinner was served on tables beautifully decorated with Christmas trees and Santa Claus favors.

Immediately following the dinner, the auction sale of "White Elephants" was held with Kenneth Roney as auctioneer. Bidding was lively, competition was keen, much merriment was caused by the surprises the various "Elephants" disclosed.

Upon entering the home each lively competition was keen, much bells signifying the two sides of an athletic contest which followed auction. The green represented Allen-ville and the red, Bruce. Yell leaders were chosen and numerous competitive events were engaged in, including "inside run", "dry race", "foot race", "obstacle race", "infant marathon" etc. A loving cup was presented to Bruce the winners.

Various other contests such as guessing the number of candy beans in a jar, a search for Christmas bells, etc., were engaged in, prizes being awarded the winners.

Then came the exchange of the Christmas gifts, which had been placed around a beautifully decorated tree and had afforded much curiosity the entire evening. Each guest was required to perform a stunt before receiving his or her gift. Many useful and attractive gifts were displayed upon the opening of the packages.

The evening closed with singing a group of Christmas carols after the house had been partially darkened.

STOLE LOVINGTON MAN'S HIDES; BOOTY RECOVERED AND MEN MAKE CONFESSION

If a man were to steal your hide, you'd naturally feel indignant about it.

Up at Lovington a crime much worse than this was committed for two men stole seven hides off of one man. That man is D. Barbetti and he is in the meat market business. The hides were cattle hides.

Sheriff Lansden went to Lovington Monday afternoon and played a game of "hide and seek" with a couple of Lovington crooks. Automobile tire tracks leading from the place where the hides were stolen were traced to the home of a man named Hubert Randol. There the hides were found in a shed.

Randol and Earl Kennedy were taken into custody and freely admitted that they had taken the hides and that they had promised to sell them to Oral Foster, a Lovington dealer. Mr. Foster was not aware that the men with whom he was dealing had gotten these goods dishonestly.

Mr. Barbetti reclaimed the hides and sold them to Mr. Foster.

Randol and Kennedy were brought to Sullivan and locked up. Later in the day Randol gave bond and was released. Kennedy is still in jail.

The value of the hides is about \$15 a piece which makes the crime grand larceny and a penitentiary offense.

This is not the first offense of this kind as Mr. Barbetti has several times during the year missed hides. One of the two men under arrest was at times employed at the Barbetti slaughter house.

DEMOCRATS WANT CARTER HARRISON FOR SENATOR; THOMPSON FOR GOVERNOR

The downstate leaders of the Illinois democracy are selecting high quality men for state offices in next year's election, provided these men will agree to run.

For governor the state-wide choice seems to be Judge Floyd Thompson of Rock Island. Judge Thompson is a member of the state supreme court and before being elected to that position he held various important offices. He is a comparatively young man, with an absolutely clean record and is that type of a statesman which will appeal to people of all parties, who desire a change in Illinois state government.

Judge Thompson has not announced his candidacy and says he is "Keeping my own counsel", but also has not definitely stated that he does not choose to run.

This week former Senator James Hamilton Lewis and several dozen more high in the party councils wrote to former Mayor Carter H. Harrison of Chicago requesting that he become a candidate for the United States Senate to fill the vacancy if that body refuses under any circumstances to admit Frank L. Smith. Mr. Harrison is at present in Paris and may remain there until Spring.

MAKING DOLLIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Dickerson's store has sent to the office of Mrs. Clyde Harris a basket of assorted doll heads. Mrs. Ray Yeakle, Mrs. Ruth Larson and Mrs. Lottie Lambrecht have taken the task of supplying a body and nice dress for each head, thus making very attractive dolls. These dolls will be put into the Christmas baskets that are to be sent to homes Saturday.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS AND THEIR APPOINTEES TUESDAY NIGHT

The new officers of the Eastern Star were installed Tuesday night as also were the appointive officers, as follows:

Worthy Matron—Florence Sabin
Worthy Patron—R. B. Foster.
Associate Matron—Kittie Craig
Chaplain—Vene Millizen
Marshall—Rose Lewis
Conductress—Nona Cochran
Associate Conductress—Theo Sona
Secretary—Freda Hicks
Treasurer—Nellie Ray
Organist—Eleanor Merriman
Ada—Helen McCune
Ruth—Mattie Gardner
Esther—Nellie McLaughlin
Martha—Lillian Tice
Electa—Lucille Foster
Warder—Blanche Wright
Sentinel—Clarence Dixon

BUSHART SISTERS TO CHICAGO JANUARY 13TH.

Announcement was made in this paper a few weeks ago of the radio audition held in Shelbyville, won by Misses Etha and Lena Bushart of our city. They are better known to their radio friends as the Bushart Sisters.

They have been notified that the date set for their broadcasting in Chicago at WCFL, the Voice of Labor, is January 13th.

You have no doubt heard this popular harmony team with ukulele accompaniment from WJBL as they broadcast from there quite frequently. They have also assisted in many other entertainments in this city and neighboring towns.

The girls would like very much if you would plan now to tune in on your radios on that date and listen to the contest. The winner will be chosen by vote of the radio audience by mail, telegram or telephone.

The girls would appreciate your vote very much.

—Mrs. S. T. Butler who spent three weeks with relatives at Columbia, Mo., returned Monday evening.

GRANDMA NEWBOULD HAS SURPRISE PARTY ON 85TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Cynthia Newbould was pleasantly surprised by members of the family Sunday morning when she returned from a two weeks' visit from Decatur.

Sunday was Mrs. Newbould's 85th birthday anniversary and her daughter, Mrs. Will Gardner planned and carried out the surprise, which proved to be a complete one.

She was presented with a radio and numerous other gifts.

A big dinner was served at the noon hour.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Chal Newbould and daughter Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Orman Newbould, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Newbould of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newbould, Mrs. Dora Foster of Bethany, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bowers and son Hal of Lovington, Mrs. Ethel Newbould, daughter Enid and son Harold and Mrs. Lyle Harrison of Chicago.

Meat makes the best food for cats. Cats are natural meat eaters. Beef, mutton, and rabbit meat tre good. Kittens like chicken and duck heads. A little milk is all right, but a small quantity of cream is much better than a lot of milk. Too much milk is bad for cats—it causes diarrhea. Large quantities of vegetable aren't good for them, either, although a little suinach is healthful if the cats will eat it.

—Progress with the Sullivan Progress.

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