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PERSONALS

—Supervisor F. S. Potter was a Wellsville caller, Wednesday evening.

—Mrs. J. P. Cannon was a business visitor in Wellsville, Wednesday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse O'Donnell motored up from Hornell, Sunday, calling on relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roland Laven were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gee at Wellsville.

—Miss Rose Ellen Casey returned to Buffalo, Thursday, where she has accepted a position in the General hospital.

—Mrs. Emma Ladd of Wellsville accompanied her brother, W. N. Rice home, Wednesday, remaining over night with him.

—Miss Pansy Waldon of Bethesda hospital, Hornell, was a guest at the MacCauley home on Elm street, Monday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Claire Backus were in Alfred, Thursday evening, in attendance at a dancing party, held at Fraternity Hall.

—Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Sutherland of Andover were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland—Horse Run Cor.

—J. Harvey Backus and Claire C. Backus were in Bolivar, Saturday evening in attendance at a meeting of the Past Grands Council of Allegany county.

—Ralph Taylor and mother motored up from Hornell to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ila Clarke, Tuesday. Mrs. Leona Davis accompanied them home for a visit.

—Mrs. Earl Jackson, daughters, Alta and Bernice and Mrs. Gladys Rogers and daughters, Jean and Betty and Sara Lobdell, were Canisteo guests Saturday.

—William and Alva Loughhead motored to Woodhull, Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Symonds; Wednesday they were in Jamesville, passing the day with their mother.

—Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith attended Pomona Grange meeting at Belfast, last week Tuesday. They report a good attendance and fine programs.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Bassett and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ordway of Canisteo were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingram and in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Ila Clarke, Tuesday.

—Mrs. Jennie Flint entertained her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Clair, son, Leon and granddaughter, Veronica Clair of Hornell, Sunday, the party being in honor of Edgar Clair's birthday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henning and children and Miss Dorothea Roach of Cuba were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne. Henry Bennett, who has been visiting at Cuba, returned home with them.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clarke and daughters of Binghamton, Mrs. Reva Thompson of Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood of Bridgeton, N. J., were called to Andover this week by the illness and death of their mother, Mrs. Ila Clarke.

—The following company was entertained at the pleasant home of Mrs. Martha Orvis, of Elm street, Thanksgiving Day: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Baker and son, Hiram of Hornell; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crosby, Clark Crosby, Mrs. Seymour Crosby and two sons, of Canisteo; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lyke and two children of Hornell; Mr. and Mrs. George Luce and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hess and two chilren, Mrs. Emily Swain and Roger Swain of Canaseraga; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baker and Miss Alice Baker of Alfred Station; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dodge and four children of Elm Valley and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Orvis of Andover.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kaple passed the week-end at Almond and Hornell.

—A. L. Youmans was in Galeton, Pa., last week, installing an automatic oil burner.

—Mrs. Henry Carr, Mrs. Frank Davis and George Carr were Wellsville visitors, Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCoy of Cleveland, Ohio, were pleasant visitors at the Frisbey-Porter home, Saturday.

—Mrs. Frank Holmes and daughter, Mrs. E. Gordon Cartwright, were business callers in Wellsville, Thursday.

—Mrs. Emma Robbins went to Angelica, Tuesday, to visit at the home of her brother, Charles Bossard and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams left Saturday by motor, for Florida, where they expect to pass the remainder of the winter.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne and Mr. and Mrs. John I. Thorne passed Sunday and Monday at Cuba, guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott.

—Mrs. H. G. Storner of Olean was in Andover, Monday, having dental work done and a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge.

—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lyke and two children and Raymond Rupp of Hornell also Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Orvis visited Mr. and Mrs. John Dodge and family, Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rogers, Albert Rogers and Mrs. Denzil Baker were Sunday visitors of Hayden Rogers at the Strong Memorial hospital, Rochester, where he is reported as gaining.

Hincher — Sortore

Miss Mary Hincher of Elm Valley and Albert Sortore of Belmont were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, who attended them. Rev. Charles Parsons of the Andover Presbyterian church officiated.

The bride is the estimiable daughter of A. A. Hincher of Elm Valley and the groom a well known and respected citizen of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Sortore will receive the best of wishes from a host of Andover friends.

I. O. O. F. Christmas Tree

At the close of the regular session of Rebekah Lodge, Wednesday evening, Dec. 18th, the annual Christmas tree for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be held, followed by one of their old fashioned parties. Each person will bring a 10c present wrapped ready for the tree. These will be numbered so that each one bringing gifts will receive one. A good jolly evening is anticipated.

Variety Shower

A variety shower was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sortore, Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wahl of Elm Valley. There was a large company in attendance and many beautiful gifts presented to Mr. and Mrs. Sortore.

Uncle Ab says that the best boss is the one who really knows what is going on and can therefore encourage good work.

Coleridge's Expensive Innocence

Material things bothered Coleridge little more than they do most other poets and it is said that as a result of his serial abstraction he came to attend Jesus college, Cambridge, as innocence personified. One of his biographers relates how the young man was accosted by a polite interior decorator requesting to be permitted to fix up the new pupil's rooms. "How would you like them furnished?" the tradesman asked in his most solicitous manner. "Just as you please, sir," replied Coleridge, thinking the man was employed by the college. The decorator took the young man at his large word and did a thoroughly good job of it. Coleridge moved in and was well pleased with his quarters. A few days later he received a bill, the amount of it making him gasp, but seeing where the error was he did not complain.

Thought Stars New Each Day

Metrodorus of Chios (not to be confused with the four other Grecian philosophers of the same name) was a complete skeptic. He accepted the Democritian theory of atoms and void and also believed in a plurality of worlds, but he had a very ingenious theory of his own by which he staunchly stood. He declared the stars were formed from day to day by the moisture in the air under the heat of the sun. His radical skepticism also is seen in one of his writings quoted by Cicero: "We know nothing, no, not even whether we know or not!" His theory about the stars drew a lot of contemptuous criticism but he came back at his critics with, "Everything is to each person only what it appears to him to be."

"Be Careful, Dick"

Mrs. Richard Evelyn Byrd, mother of Commander Richard Byrd, the explorer, who is now near the South Pole, talked to her son over the radio from the executive mansion at Richmond, Va., where another son, Harry Byrd, is Governor. "Be careful, Dick," she warned the daring aviator.

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—R. C. O'Brien.

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Christmas Greetings

CHRISTMAS IN THE ANDOVER CHURCHES

Fine Christmas Exercises in the Various Andover Churches Are to be Held the Coming Week.

PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.

The regular Christmas exercises of the Presbyterian Sunday School will be held Tuesday evening, December 24th. Following is the program arranged:

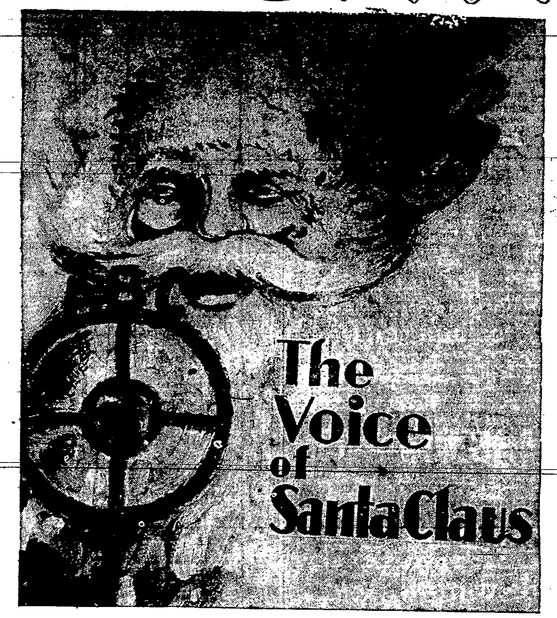
Piano and Organ Prelude.
Song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," ---------- By the School
Responsive Reading.
Prayer ---------- By the Pastor
Welcome ---------- Marian Swartz
Recitation, "Christmas Greeting," Mildred Jean Rogers
Recitation, "If I Were Mr. Santa Claus," ---------- Jack Saunders
Song, "Clap Your Hands," Primary Class
Recitation, "Eternal Christmas," Franklin Hall
Exercise—Inez Kemp, Laura Adelaide Backus, Nancy Jane Snyder and Jeanne Backus.
Selection ---------- Orchestra
Recitation, "A Speech," Marlyn Hardy
Song, "Fill the Frosty Air With Song," Royal Circle
Exercise, "Christmas Candles," Junior Boys
Recitation and Song, "The Christmas Reville," -- Dorothy Yorton
Recitation, "A Wish," Helen Rogers
Recitation ----- Margaret Mattison
Song, "Silent Night, Holy Night," By the School
Recitation ---------- Donald Hardy
Recitation, "A Good Swap," James Hall
Song, "Hush, O Hush," Marian Swartz and Josephine Baker.
Recitation, "At Christmastide," Anna Hardy
Recitation, "To Bethlehem," Arlene Rogers
Song, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," ---------- By the School

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Blessed Sacrament Hall, Sunday Evening, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock.

The following is the program for the Christmas Exercises of Blessed Sacrament Church, Sunday evening, Dec. 22, at Blessed Sacrament Hall at 8 o'clock:

Chorus, "Merry Christmas."
Chorus, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night."
Recitation, "Little Jesus, Wast Thou Shy?" James Lynch, Donald Joyce, Joe McAndrew, John Regan.
Chorus, "Adeste Fideles."
Recitation, "Why Do Bells for Christmas Ring?" Donald Lynch, Leslie Brundage, Irene Marie Lynch, Margaret Joyce, Dorothy Joyce.
Chorus, "Come, Children, Come Hither."
Recitation, "Divine Infant." Wanda Dolan, Kathleen Howland, Mary Lynch, Veronica Lynch, Mary Teresa Burns, Josephine Butler.
Chorus, "Angels We Have Heard on High."
Recitation, "What the Stockings Say," Lester Regan, George Joyce, Gerald Dolan.
Song, "The Snow Lay on the Ground," Paul Joyce, Victor Yannie, Basil Brundage, Lester Regan, George Joyce, John Regan, Richard Appier.
Recitation, "Gates and Doors," Elizabeth Snyder, Anna Dean, Rita Burns, Mary McAndrew, Gertrude Dean, Virginia Smith.
Recitation, "Telephoning to Santa," Helen Dean, Katherine Lynch, Carolyn Dolan, Regina Lynch, Bruce McGill, Richard McAndrew.



Santa Claus is an American

All over the world on the 25th of December Christians of all creeds and sects celebrate the birth of the Messiah with the festival of Christmas—the Mass of Christ. But only in countries whose traditions and culture derive from Teutonic ancestors do folk celebrate the day by giving presents.

In Italy, France, Spain, the nations of South America and other countries where the Latin culture prevails, Christmas is celebrated as a great church festival but nobody thinks of giving anybody a present at Christmas time. New Year's Day is their great gift time.

In Germany and in all the countries having the Teutonic background, which includes Norway, Sweden and Denmark, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England and the British Dominions and the United States, Christmas has become the great gift-making season of the year, especially the time for giving presents to the children.

Santa Claus himself, however, is an American!

The children of England have never heard of Santa Claus, unless they read American stories. The jolly old chap with white whiskers who fills the stockings secretly on Christmas Eve is known to the little ones of the British Empire as "Father Christmas."

German children call the stocking-filler "Kriss Kringle," and by that name he is known in some parts of the United States and elsewhere. "Kriss Kringle" is a corruption of the German "Christkindlein," the Christ Child. The peasant folk of Germany have come to believe that the giving of Christmas presents is symbolic of the bringing of gifts to the manger at Bethlehem by the Wise Men of the East. But that is not the source from which Christmas giving originated.

Secret gifts to children are a tribute to the memory of St. Nicholas, just as the pure "Santa Claus" is an Americanization of the Dutch name of that good old father of the church. "San Niklaas" as the early Dutch settlers of New York called the patron saint of children, scholars, merchants and sailors, sounded like "Santa Claus" to the ears of the English children, who learned of him from their Dutch playmates. And Santa Claus he has been ever since to generations of American children, tho up to 50 or 60 years ago it was not considered dignified by the grown-ups to refer to him except by his full name, St. Nicholas.

The figure of St. Nicholas as a little fat man in a fur-trimmed coat, riding in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, and slipping down chimneys with a pack on his back, to fill the stockings which hung from the mantel of the open fireplace, was given its present fixed form by Clement C. Moore, whose poem beginning—"'Twas the night before Christmas" was written nearly 100 years ago. Mr. Moore did not call him Santa Claus but entitled his poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

Who was the real Saint Nicholas? Why is he associated with the giving of presents to children?

Nobody knows very much about him. Like some of the other leaders of the early Christians, a mass of legend and myth has grown up about his name, but the records are strangely silent.

All that is known definitely is that he was the Bishop of Myra, a town in Asia Minor, about 300 years after Christ. Nobody knows how the legends about him started, but he was held in such high esteem that within a century or two after his death thousands of churches were named for him. In England alone there were over [illegible] a thousand churches of St. Nicholas, and he was established as the patron saint of all Russia away back in the Middle Ages.

Pictures of St. Nicholas usually show him standing in a tub with three boys. The legend back of this is that he miraculously restored to life three youths who had been killed by an innkeeper and their dismembered bodies packed in a salt-tub. But the story of St. Nicholas which associates his name with secret gifts is that he learned of a poor man with three daughters, who were unable to get husbands because they had no dowries. Their father was planning to kill the daughters and himself when St. Nicholas slipped into their cottage by night and filled the stockings of the daughters with gold!

St. Nicholas Day is December 6th and for a thousand years the Eve of St. Nicholas, December 5th, was the date for filling the stockings. Christmas was not fixed on December 25th until the Christian church was nearly 500 years old. In some parts of the church it was celebrated on January 6th, elsewhere on March 25th. There is, of course, no record of the date of the birth of the Saviour. But the Angles, the ancient German people whose blood and traditions still rule the English speaking world as well as the German, had a pagan festival on December 25th, "Modranecht" or Mothers' Night, when their New Year began, and in the course of centuries that festival came to be

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 24, 7:30 o'clock.

The following Christmas exercises will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 24th at 7:30, at the First Baptist church:

Christmas Carol and Opening Chorus.
The Lord's Prayer.
Welcome to Christmas, Ida Claire
Song ---------- Fern Nicholson
Recitation ---------- Leslie Lehman
Recitation ---------- Phyllis Pope
Exercise, Living Decorations, Dorothy Sweet, Fern Nicholson, Frances Magee, Ida Claire.
Recitation ---------- Farnam Pope
Recitation ---------- Lewis Dodge
Song ---------- Sunshine Class
Recitation ---------- Wilbur Lehman
Recitation ---------- Dorothy Sweet
Recitation ---------- Meda Nicholson
Exercise ---------- Primaries
Recitation ---------- Alice Pope
Song ---------- Bethel Eldridge
Monologue ---------- Jennie Dodge
Exercise ---------- Busy Bees
Recitation ---------- Dorothy Lever
Christmas Signals ----- Live Wires
Recitation ---------- Edna Claire
Joy to the World ---- Congregation
Pageant, "Joyful Voices," Soloists, Ruth Slocum, Maxine Eldridge, Harold Lehman. Chorus, Sunshine and Busy Bee Classes.

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST

At the S. D. Baptist church Sunday night at 7:30, the following program has been arranged:

Christmas Carols ---------- Choir
Playette, Christmas Spirit, Young People
Vocal Duet, Mrs. E. P. Rogers, Mrs. Will Bines
Christmas Exercise, Primary Class
Recitation ---------- Evelyn Moland
Pageant, "The Christmas Story"
Original Poem, Mrs. W. L. Greene
Playette, Carol and Lorraine Burdick, Barbara and Aline Kenyon.
Christmas Song

After the program gifts from the tree will be distributed among the young people and children.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 24, 7:45.

The Christmas concert with the Christmas tree will be given by the Sunday School, Tuesday evening, Dec. 24th, at 7:45 o'clock.

The program was not obtainable.

ELM VALLEY

Program of the Exercises to be held in the Elm Valley Church, Monday Evening, Dec. 23rd.

Song, "Christmastide," by the school
Recitation, "Christmas Welcome," Robert Perry
Recitation, "Christmas Greetings," Marion Clair
Exercise, "Christmas Bells," Four Children
Recitation, "Christmas Greeting," Clifford Burdick
Recitation, "Wouldn't That Be Grand," ------ Sharley Sanford
Recitation, "Trapped," Francis Mead
Exercise, "Three Seasons," Three Boys
Recitation, "How I Caught Santa," Coretha Mead

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