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INDOOR CARNIVAL HELD IN NOAH'S ARK THURSDAY

MANY PERSONS FINED FOR CAR- RYING "WHITE MULE"; SIDE SHOWS DRAW CROWD

The young peoples class of Fishers Sunday school, taught by Mrs. Cora Flanagan, gave an indoor carnival at Noah's Ark, last Thursday night.

Everybody entered without paying anything but before leaving they were fined or had given something to see some of the side shows.

There were several side shows. Some were "Why Girls Leave Home," "The Hold-up Gang," "Kisses," "Fortune Telling," "The Wild West," "The Swimming Match" and others. To see these each person had to give from 1c to 5c.

They sold sandwiches, pie, candy, pop-corn, cracker-jack and everything good to eat. Some of the pies sold at auction brought from twenty to thirty-five cents. Candy in boxes was also sold.

Another interesting thing of the evening was the fact that so many people were found guilty of having "white mule" in their possession and were taken before the judge and fined.

The "white mule" was made of white paper and pinned on the victims when they were not looking. Dr. J. H. Allin, who was appointed judge, punished the people for having white mule. Craig Klepfer was appointed as policeman. He caught them and taking them to the judge, they were fined. T. A. Beaver was found guilty and fined five different times.

Everyone departed paying a fine of two or three cents to get out. All enjoyed a good time and hope to have another one soon.

Willing Workers Social

The Willing Workers Class of Zion Chapel met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ringer and family, Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th.

During the business meeting of the evening they elected the new officers for the coming year. Those who were elected were Mrs. Ceiva Douglas, president; Mrs. Jessie Ringer, secretary; and Walter Ringer, treasurer.

After the business meeting was over they were served with a delightful oyster supper, which all enjoyed very much.

Those who enjoyed the evening were Mrs. Ruth Russell and children, Virgil Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boram and son Glen, Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas and son, David, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Boram and son, Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. William Hamble and children, Mabel and Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. George Blockson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Graham and son, Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harper and Elmer Perry.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the friends and relatives for their kindness during the illness and sympathy shown following the death of our beloved daughter and sister. Also the pastor, Rev. J. W. Borders for his kindly words and all who rendered service of song, by floral tributes, the pallbearers and the undertaker, Charles Coaltrin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Douglas and Family.

Surprise Birthday Party

A surprise party was planned by Mrs. A. P. Butz, in honor of her daughter, Beulah's seventh birthday, Saturday, Dec. 15th.

Several of her little playmates were present and games were played. Later refreshments of hot chocolate, cake and pop-corn balls were served. The little guests made their departure a' wishing for many happy birthdays.

Those present were; Mary Elizabeth Parter, Pauline Crossley, Ruth Marie Seymore, Francis Randall, Lula Flanders and Beulah and Irene Butz.

BOX SOCIAL AT SCHOOL HELPS PAY FOR PIANO

Fishers School gave a program and box social at the school house on Dec. 18th to help pay for the new piano.

Under the direction of Mr. Clark and Mr. Kinnaman there were three plays given, by the pupils of the fifth and sixth grades and of the seventh and eighth grades.

Rev. Borders won the prize for being the laziest man, which was a pair of silk hose. Ethel Mantz received the prize for being the prettiest girl, which was a box of candy. Gladys Clark had the prettiest box and received a box of candy.

Mr. Souders, the auctioneer, sold the boxes and also helped to make fun for everyone present. Mr. Souders is a real live auctioneer and the school appreciated his service.

NEW PIANO ARRIVED WEDNESDAY MORNING

The new piano, which was bought some time ago, arrived Wednesday morning. It came just in time for use in learning our Christmas carols. With the new piano it is expected that the orchestra will progress more rapidly.

Mr. Caylor, our music teacher, is planning on being with us in the afternoons the last semester. He is making this change so he can give the students who wish to take lessons his time immediately after school.

I Wonder

If Clarence Castetter ever bought a box before.

Where Miss Folsom was Tuesday evening.

Why some boys were late to class, Wednesday morning.

When they will change the collection of books from the Carmel Public Library.

If Miss Folsom held up a News stand last Monday morning.

What has become of Arthur Whitacre.

If Delores Tate has a beau.

Why Joe Kinnaman hesitated about buying a box Tuesday night.

If the Junior class has all turned out to be news-paper carriers?

Where Miss Folsom was the night of the box supper?

Who will be the first one to play the new piano.

If Santa will come to see all of us.

Where the little mouse is that turns the clock up?

If we are going to have a Christmas tree?

Why the boys tried to fool us about their Basket Ball game, last Friday night?

BEECH GROVE GIRLS DEFEAT LOCAL TEAM

When Fishers girls left for Beech Grove, last Friday night, they were all in a good humor. After they arrived at the small town every one was for herself until the game started.

When Fishers girls came out on the floor they were cheered as well as Beech Grove. The team five started the game with Mary E. Hamble playing center, Delores Tate and Dorothy Butz as forwards and Mabel Askren and Dorothy Emery as guards. They played hard and had good passing and had no fouls called on them.

The Beech Grove girls were good, fast players, but rough. They had about ten personals called on them and two of their girls put off. At the end of the first half the score was 4 to 1 in Beech Grove's favor, Dorothy Butz having made a foul goal. In the second half several substitutes played. Blossom Beaver was substituted for Dee Tate and Minnie Johnson for Mary Hamble and Wilma Brizendine for Dorothy Emery and Mary Belle Frazier for Wilma Brizendine in the third quarter. All the substitute played hard and Dee Tate made two foul goals, making the score at the end of the game 3 to 10 in favor to Beech Grove.

Mrs. Klepfer Hostess To Willing Workers Class

Mrs. Bert Klepfer entertained the Willing Workers Class of the Fishers M. E. church at her country home Wednesday, December 12th.

The dining room was decorated with green and red crepe paper. From the lights were streamers of red and green ribbon which was fastened to the corners of the table. Hanging in the windows were little red and green Christmas bells. The other part of the house was also decorated with red and green crepe paper.

After all the guests had arrived the roll was called. When the roll was called each person answered by reciting a verse from the Bible.

Next was election of Class officers. The officers elected were; Mrs. Carrie, president; Mrs. Cora Flanagan, vice-president and Mrs. John Castetter secretary and treasurer.

After the business part of the meeting was over they had a discussion of a Christmas lesson. The ones that got the questions for the lesson were Mrs. Frank Castetter and Mrs. Carrie.

After the discussion a general good time was had by playing games.

Refreshments of chicken and gravy, hot rolls, cranberries, ice cream and cake and coffee were served.

Those present were; Mrs. Cora Manship, Mrs. John Castetter, Mrs. Edna Harold, Mrs. Ora Klepfer, Mrs. Allin, Mrs. Frank Shafer, Mrs. Frank Castetter, Mrs. Alice Manship, Mrs. A. W. Trittip, Mrs. Cora Flanagan, Mrs. John Borders, Miss Mary Flanagan, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Stella Castetter, Mrs. Randell, Mrs. Lela Thompson, Mrs. Will Morgan, Mrs. Flosie Madge, Mrs. Lela Bolander, Mrs. Mollen Cope, Mrs. A. V. Clauson, Mrs. O. M. Fisher, Mrs. Clara Humbles, Mrs. Marion Beaver, Mrs. Lee Kingery, Mrs. Butz, Mrs. As.

Everybody enjoyed a good time and at the last they exchanged Christmas presents. Everybody that came brought a present and exchanged with Class have a social each month at a someone else. The Willing Workers different place.

Miss Edna Douglas spent Tuesday night with Miss Mary Edith Hamble.

HONOR ROLL OF HIGH SCHOOL FOR MONTH

Seniors

Nona Emery—96%
Roberta Dodd—94%

Juniors

Nina Nance—93½%
Dorsie Dodd—93%
Gladys Clark—92½%
Blossom Beaver—91%
Sylvia Maxwell—90%
Dorothy Butz—90%

Sophomores

Jack Ohler—90½%

Freshmen

Mildred Whelchel—93½%
Dorothy Emery—92½%
Joe Johnson—92%
Forest Garboden—91½%
Byron Clark—90%

Entertains At Party

Little Miss Jean Alice Klepfer delightfully entertained some of her many little friends with a luncheon, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Klepfer, Sunday, December 9th from twelve o'clock until four.

The guests were seated around the long table. The centerpiece was a birthday cake with five candles. The favors were crepe paper baskets filled with candy. She received many nice gifts.

LOCAL INDEPENDENT TEAM WINS FROM BROAD RIPPLE

The Red Arrows five defeated the Broad Ripple five, last Friday night in a fast game by the score of 43-24. Many times throughout the game the score was almost doubled on the Broad Ripple five.

In the last half Clauson was substituted for Butz. Then the score began to mount till the Broad Ripple boys lost all hopes. Knowing that they had only a few minutes left and were playing their best men. Clauson and Castetter were the stars of the evening on the Fishers team. Overby starred on the Broad Ripple team; also Dobbinspeck.

BOXLEY FIVE WINS OVER LOCAL TEAM

The Fishers Basket Ball team was defeated by the Boxley team last Friday night by the score of 19-10. The game throughout was not very exciting, as both teams made many foul plays. The game was staged at Sheridan.

The score at the end of the first half was 10-4 in the opponents' favor.

This game was the first Boxley has won during the season, while the Fishers five has been unsuccessful so far.

FOR FINALS SHOULD BEGIN NOW

It is only a few more days until the end of the first semester and now is the time to start reviewing for the final exams. It hardly seems possible that it is such a short time until Christmas but Father Time knows no competitor and steadily goes on.

The honor roll shows that many students have room for improvement and should be working hard for the final exams. A high school is its pupils and can be no more than the pupils make it. So let's wake up, put some pep behind the school and go over the top this semester.

Junior Officers

The Junior Class of Fishers High School held a meeting Monday, electing class officers. Those elected were: Dorcey Dodd—President.
Ethel Mantz—Vice President.
Sylvia Maxwell—Sec. and Treasurer.

Clifford Howell, Chester Willoughby and William Smith, of Indianapolis spent Sunday with Joe Johnson.

Dorothy Myers, of Anderson, visited Mrs. John Boarders over Saturday and Sunday.

Minnie Johnson spent Friday night with Delores Tate.

Miss Ethel Mantz spent Tuesday night with Miss Sylvia Maxwell.

OLD TIMER COMES BACK TO SEE TOWN CHANGED

WORKS WAY HOME FROM TEXAS IN YEAR 1974; FINDS MANY ACQUAINTANCES

In the year of 1974 I thought that I would go back to my old home town of Fishers. On Nov. 7, 1974, while in Texas, I made up my mind to go to the one-horse town of Fishers. Rather it was when I left it.

I worked in Texas until December 2. Then I started north. When I got to St. Louis I was out of money so I had to work and get enough to pay my fare to Indianapolis, which was \$21.73. On Jan. 7, 1975 I reached the wonderful city of Castleton and on Jan. 8, 1975 I reached the beauty spot of the world.

All of my friends were growing old. The first person I saw was Howard Flanders, whom you could always see down town. I asked him a few questions about the city.

When I left the town in 1923 it had a population of 253, but in 1975 it had a population of 10,375.

It was getting about eating time, so I went to a cafe to get something to eat. And who should I meet but Edgar Frazier, who was always looking out for an easy life. He was so glad to see me that he gave me a cup of coffee free. He invited me down to his house to stay all night with him and his wife, who was Ethel Mantz before she was married. So I took the invitation and went down to Mr. Frazier's house to stay all night.

He kept his place open all night and had an old school mate of mine to run it at night, Jack Ohler.

The next morning when we got up Mrs. Frazier told the cook, Miss Dorothy Emery, to make a special table for me. So she did it.

After we ate, Mr. Frazier told his driver to get the old Ford out and take me around over the town. Well, the town sure had changed. The capitol of Indiana was where the farm house of Arnet Beaver's was when I left and at the place where the main part of town was when I left was a great park owned and run by Byron Clark.

Some of the boys whom I ran with when I was a boy were running farms outside the city, while many of the others were helping keep the town going.

On Jan. 25, I thought that Fishers was too high priced for me and started back south hoping to see the town soon again. —R. A.

KLEPFER GREYHOUNDS GO 'ROUND BULL DOGS

The other day Mr. Thomas, the teacher at the Highland school, went up to visit Mr. Young, teacher at the Klepfer school. Mr. Thomas thought that he would have some fun and he took his great Basket Ball team with him. When he got there Mr. Young was very glad to see him and wanted to play a little basket ball. Mr. Thomas said that there was no use to play Mr. Young said that he could beat them with his second team so they started playing.

At the end of the first half the score was 10 to 0 in favor of the Highland Bull Dogs. Then Mr. Young got afraid that his second team would get beat so he put in his greyhounds and they went around the Bull Dog's and ate the bacon with a score of 38 to 10 in favor of the Greyhounds. —R. A.

ATTENTION

A MERRY XMAS AND A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR IS THE WISH OF FISHERS SCHOOL
TO THE MANY ADVERTISERS AND READERS
OF THE COMMUNICATOR.

BASKETBALL

Fisher's High School

vs

Cicero High School

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 26th.

R. E. Harold

Gym

Decemehr Staff

Paul Seigmond Mary Manship
Blossom Beaver Gladys Clark
Addison Harrison Dorothy Emery
Queentin Kirkpatrick Mary Frazier

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Self-control is a thing the lack of which causes much trouble, distress and dependence every where. Those who have not self-control may possibly be put into two classes. First, those who have never received the education necessary to command this great asset; and second, those who are mentally and physically weak and have practically no control of the will.

The first class demands our attention chiefly because those in this class may be educated and made to see the right side instead of blindly and ignorantly pushing and blustering into trouble just because they had no self control.

Some of our great crimes have been committed because of this. Something was said or done which caused the offended to lose all restraint upon himself and the deed was done. But by proper education this class may be slowly eliminated.

The other class is practically hopeless because there is no chance to improve their education. Nearly all of them are born weak minded or physically imperfect and education makes no show on them. In fact an educated fool is worse than the greatest of fools. The greater part of our insane have no control of themselves and the lack of self-control may be traced by degrees on down to the point of illiteracy and from there it begins to raise with the beginning of education, from which it never permanently ceases to rise.

YOUR FREEDOM

Probably most of us look forward to the time when we will be grown up and be able to do exactly as we please; especially do we long for the privilege of going where we like without asking the consent of anyone. But as we grow older, and begin to take our place in the world's work we will soon discover that there are good reasons why we cannot always do as

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we like, even though we are no longer restrained by our parents.

There are some people, of course, who never learn this lesson, and, as a consequence they are moral failures! Some learn it only by hard experience. They had the wrong idea to begin with. Many people to come may have the wrong idea, but they will learn after bitter experiences as many others already have that true freedom is not to do what one likes but to like to do what one does.

YOUR JOB?

Have respect for your job. It will not be the job you will have ten years from now, but it's your job now—to prepare yourself for that better job—and your attitude toward it will determine not only your attitude toward that better job but also the job itself.

Moreover, loyalty to your teachers demands that you carry yourself with pride toward your work and perform your duties with thoroughness.

Should any loafing on your part come to their notice, a lowering of your grades would be justifiable.

Your grades may be low, but they will rise as you yourself make them rise.

Advertise your school and yourself by your actions. Be prompt and courteous.

Don't idle. It is a very poor advertisement, indicating that there is nothing doing there.

During school hours, concentrate on your work. Your time may be your own, but your school deserves and should receive all that you can give it.

Take the same interest in the school affairs as you would in a business of your own and if the teachers don't promote you, some other man will.

Your present job is your greatest opportunity for self-development. So on the whole it is a good policy to have a wholesome respect for it.

LUMBER YARD BEING REBUILT BY COMPANY

The Hamilton County Lumber Company is now re-stocking its yard, and at the same time re-building.

The office building has been raised and set on a new foundation, and re-decorated on the inside, which together with the large stock of building materials makes it a real hardware store and one ready for business.

The old saw-mill barn which was used for a lumber shed has been dismantled, and a real lumber shed is now being erected at the back of the yard. The new shed is a two-story and 112 feet long. There have already been several car loads of lumber placed in this shed.

The lumber company is leaving nothing undone in making the yard at Fishers one of the best. When the yard is completed—which will be very soon—one will not need to go other places for building hardware, lumber, paint, plaster, lime, glass, cement and in fact everything used in a house or barn from bottom of foundation to top of flue.

Mr. Griffey, who has an interest in the yard and is now managing the same is leaving nothing undone in making the yard one which will meet the needs of the contractor and builder.

The Hamilton County Lumber Company promises the public the very best of services and invites one and all to come visit its yard and see what improvements they are making and have made in order to give the best possible service to the building possible.

Zadia Richards, of Noblesville, left last Tuesday for Oklahoma City, to spend the winter with her two children, Mrs. E. G. Reid and Mark Burton. Mr. and Mrs. Burton are the proud parents of a son, born December 9th. Mr. Burton was a former F. H. S. student and is now engaged in the furniture business in Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. George Baker and Ernest Johnson were week-end guests of Mrs. Luther Johnson.

Bobby Carl Castetter has been visiting with Mrs. W. T. Barnes.

Lead is the most valuable mineral in the Pacific northwest. In early days asbestos was chiefly taken from Italy and Corsica.

Nine-tenths of the total duck and goose population of North America is reared in Canada.

White arsenic is being produced on a commercial scale by a Montana gold mine as a profitable by-product.

Federal Supervision For Highway Traffic?

Motor transport should come under Federal supervision, like rail and water carriers. Highways should be developed in response to needs, so says a report submitted by a special committee to the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The personell of the committee includes railway traffic officials, officers of farm and labor organizations, representatives of the motor industry, motor haulage companies, water carriers, and the shipping public.

The committee believes that—"The best interests of the public and the carriers lie in cooperation between the various agencies of transportation.

"The greatest opportunity for cooperation is at the points where the limited; that is, in the terminal areas capacity of the railroads is most "Store door delivery by motor truck of our great cities.

is undoubtedly the greatest contribution which can be made to the solution of the terminal problem.

"Outside of the terminal areas, motor trucks and busses should be used to supplement the facilities of existing common carriers.

"It is to the public interest, as well as to the interest of the respective carriers, that the economic limitations of each type of carrier be recognized; that the railroads be permitted to discontinue unprofitable service, to which the motor is better suited, and that the motor abandon its efforts to handle general traffic over excessive distances."

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Klepfer were entertained at dinner, Sunday evening, December 16th in the home of Miss Gladys Perry.

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History of Christmas

In England and America, as you know we hang up our stockings but in France the little children put there funny little wooden shoes on the earthstone to be filled by "Bonhomme Noel", (father Christmas). The Norwegian children have lots of fun hunting for their new toys that have been hidden in unexpected places. In Italy the children draw from a large basket.

The practice of the Christmas tree and its frost trimmed boughs probably is a Roman idea and is practiced in Germany.

The elaborate street festivals of Italy and Spain are decorated with bonfires and fire works, but every year United States is grasping the idea of giving to the poor and needy and the idea of the community Christmas Tree.

Let us give much and receive much. "God Bless us, every one" and Tiny Tim.

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Merry Christmas

"Merry Christmas"—"Merry Christmas"! How many times has this message passed from one to another for a few days at this season of the year,—by mail, by phone, by wire, by wireless. The pen, the voice, the soft clicking of the operator's keys have sent the message pulsing around the world.

How often it comes to us amid the busy scenes of everyday, yet we scarcely think of its full meaning.

Just a lifeless greeting, do you think? Ah no! In its first and last analysis it means that you have a friend.

Some one has cared enough about you to wish that joy might find its way to your heart this Christmas time. Someone has stopped the course of is busy thought, has even turned aside to greet you.

Yes it means that you have a friend. How warmly your heart glows, at the thought. It permeates your whole being, physical, mental and spiritual.

It makes the gold and rose of the winter's sunset glow brighter than before. It makes the icy blast less chilling. You desire to pass on your gladness to the nearest one.

Truly this is what Christmas and the Christmas greeting mean. This is the essence of the Angelic Chorus. "Peace on the Earth, and Goodwill to Men".

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Tell your friends about the Communicator, if you don't subscribe for them. Help spread that good news. Any person who has never seen the Communicator will welcome an introduction through a subscription.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Boram spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Boram and son. Early Sunday morning they went to Jolietville, in the new Dodge which Mr. Jess Boram purchased last week to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boram.

Nothing is better than a good lesson; A poor lesson is better than nothing. Therefore a poor lesson is better than a good one.

mas friendliness and good cheer originate?

Did you ever stop to think? Where, in deed, but in the lowly manger of Bethlehem's unfriendly, crowded Inn! Where, indeed, but in the marvelous personality of Him who "had not where to lay His head."

Homeless, friendless, misunderstood by those who were nearest to Him, He came to be a Friend to all, the poor, the friendless, the sinner.

He, the man of sorrows, came to give the world its greatest Joy. Sinless He came to be made Sin for us! Friendless He came to be our Supreme Example of friendship!

Never, since time began have we needed to practice His great example more than today, this Christmas of 1923.

The whole world is starving—physical hunger grips many millions; spiritual hunger many millions more; Hatred, blood-shed, revolution, earthquake, famine, pestilence stalk hand in hand, abroad. What an opportunity to practice friendliness! What an obligation rests upon us!

We need not look far away to other lands, for near us are those who need a word of Christmas cheer.

To be a friend entails sacrifice. One must give the best of himself or it is not friendship. As you desire your friend to be to you, so must you in turn be your best for him.

You love your friend because you are at your best with him; he brings out the best there is in you because he believes in you. You love him because he passes over the weak and foolish and rough unlovely places in your character and magnifies only the good he sees.

He listens, not to the discords of your life, but helps you make a harmony.

Out of the rough hewn timber of your life, he helps you build, not a tavern, but a temple.

Such a friend we all desire to have and to be.

Such a Friend is the Child of the lowly manger! It is his good cheer with which we greet our friends on Christmas Day. Because of Him we help others and are in turn, helped.

Here is the real Christmas Joy,—to be a friend; to have a friend, nay rather, to have the Friend. To love Him and to be loved by Him!

This is indeed that which makes a "Merry Christmas". This is indeed that which makes the New Year "glad"

This is the Angel's song.

When I Was A Freshman

I still believed in fairies. I didn't know that most everyone spent their honeymoon in Reno.

I thought that school teachers never made mistakes.

I thought a hot dog was a sandwich. I thought Dicken's Christmas Carol was a song.

I believed everything the obituaries said.

I thought I knew absolutely everything.

Conceited

The Freshmen knew not and they knew that they knew not.

The Sophomores knew not and thought they knew.

The Juniors knew and thought they knew not.

But, the Seniors knew and knew they knew.

Most of us would rather be called anything than early.

His name was Longitude, so they called him Long for Short.

Mrs. John Borders has been visiting friends at Bloomington.

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Isn't it great to be just sixteen, With parties and friends and such—

When everyone really counts a lot— But nobody counts too much; When love is just a story book That you're going to read some day,

And sorrow is only a favorite doll That's broken and laid away.

Isn't it great to be just sixteen, Though it only lasts a year? Why! the best of life is almost gone

Before we know it's here. And after the years have hurried by You'll long for the ruffles and giggles and all— And wish you were just sixteen.

Miss Leatha Siegmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Siegmond.

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Church Notes

The church is the school of character. Will your child's schooling be complete?

The Indoor Carnival given at Noah's Ark by the young people of Mrs. Flanagan's class was indeed a "howling" success. All the usual carnival attractions were given, including a wild west show, fortune tellers and various freaks and curiosities. Although the attendance was smaller than expected, the class was well pleased by the financial success. About twenty-five dollars was cleared.

Do you believe in America—Hear Webster say, "The springs of American Civilization have flowed in the wake of the Christian pulpit." Support your church.

Next Sunday at Fishers the pastor will give a special Christmas message. A special collection will be taken for Japan relief. Children under 12 are asked to give ten cents, young people 25, and adults one dollar.

The third quarterly conference of the local circuit was held Sunday night. The new district Superintendent was present and preached. At the business session, which followed the preaching service, splendid reports were turned in by all officers. Dr. Arnold expressed himself as well pleased with the progress made by the churches.

Come to church, Sunday. Give Christ his share of your Christmas happiness.

Christ was born that men might be reborn. Are you ready to celebrate Christmas?

Revival services at Brittain will start the first Sunday in January instead of the last of December, as previously announced.

History Of Christmas And Its Observance

Christmas has been observed from the early centuries of Christianity.

Christmas is probably the only holiday that is common to all parts of the world and everything except the nations that worship the Mohammedan.

Although we observe Christmas on the 25th of December many other countries have their holiday in January, April or May. January 6th is Christmas in some Eastern states, in the Armenian church.

One of the great causes for Dec. 6 to be chosen was probably the fact that the day marked the beginning of great winter solstice festival of the Gauls, Germans and Britons.

Christmas gained its popularity during the middle ages. Churches were adorned with rustic decorations and quaint little plays were given, that portrayed the birth of Christ and even today such plays are commonly given at our churches.

Possibly the highest degree of celebration was reached in England during Shakespeare's time. The large feast lasted 12 days after Christmas day, but still there are people who can hardly take a day off.

We owe our tradition of Santa Claus to the jovial old Dutch settlers of New York and for the jolly St. Nicholas.

From Cowboy To Artist

Will James, Self-Taught, Successful IN Art World.

Will James, the cowboy artist and writer, who has jumped into national fame in the last three years, passed through San Francisco from Reno the other day. He and his wife were on their way to new fields.

This time there are going to be no cities on their itinerary, except as spots on the map to be passed thru.

Will James came to Sausalito first about four years ago with little money, few acquaintances, no job, and nothing to keep him going but the girl who was waiting for him in Reno and the unconquerable ambition to be an artist.

The editors of Sunset Magazine looked at his drawings—crude, rather hard things—Maynard Dixon called them "iron drawings." Very few city laymen could see much in them. There were two kinds of people who liked them—cowboys and rangers, who knew that they were faithful to the things depicted and artists who saw fidelity and also a promise of real talent behind them.

As artists always do, these men put their own work aside to give Will James a handup. Sunset Magazine bought some of his drawings and was the first to publish anything of his. At the suggestion of Charles K. Field, the editor, James himself wrote without the faintest knowledge of grammar, spelling, rhetoric, style or niceties in words. Oddly enough his direct, almost primitive, English was more forceful, colorful and style stamped than 90 per cent. of the best writing done in magazines. Mr. Field suggested to James that he write of his experiences as he wrote those simple captions.

"But I can't sling English the right way," James objected.

"Thank God for that very day you live!" Charles K. Field said. "Don't sling English—write as you feel it." Now such magazines as Scribner's, Century, Red Book and the Saturday Evening Post are buying Will James's articles and pictures as fast as he can turn them out. He still can't sling English.

Will James was born in a wagon somewhere in Montana. His mother died when he was a baby, his father before he was 4 years old. A French-Canadian trapper adopted him and with the child strapped to his back "mushed" northeast into the trapping country and raised the boy there.

But one winter, the old trapper went out for water and never came back and Bill, then fourteen years old, remembered hearing that he had come from Montana, and found his way back there overland, covering some 700 miles of wilderness alone. He had to go to work and the only thing offered that he felt he could do was range riding.

He was a good cowboy, too. He could handle a rope and ride any horse that he put a saddle on. But all his time he was drawing things. He used a pencil, charcoal, a sharp stick—anything that would make a line. He drew wild animals, horses in action, cowmen, herds of steers.

It was this urge to learn the technique of drawing that brought James to San Francisco four years ago. He went to art school for awhile, but got, more, he says, from watching his friends, the real artists, at work and listening to their criticism and advice.

Finally he drifted back to Reno and was married—on the promise that he had found himself through his few sales to Sunset Magazine. He went to New Mexico, met a young Yale man who became interested in him, was taken to Yale, tried the art college there for ten days, stumbled in on Charles Dana Gibson and met MacMonnies, the sculptor, in New York, and took their advice to get out of schools. He hired a little cheap studio in New York and worked there for a year, getting acquainted with painters and editors and selling some drawings.

One of the first things he learned was that the stuff writers were turning out about the west wasn't true stuff, and this recalled to him what Charles K. Field had said to him about writing his own text. He tried it—Scribner's Magazine bought his first illustrated articles and ordered a dozen more. The Saturday Evening Post took an article with drawings. It appeared a few weeks ago—"Pinion and the Wild Horses," it was called. Now his market is widening and the demand for his material growing.

Miss Wilma Brigendine spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mary Edith Hamble.

OBITUARY

Inez Gertrude Douglas, daughter of William and Abe Douglas, was born in Jackson county, Indiana, Oct. 17, 1910, and was called home Dec. 8, 1923, aged 13 years, one month and twenty-one days. Her early life was one of happiness and health, until she was stricken with the malady, which took her from us.

Even though her life was short, she left her mark, not only upon the hearts of her loved ones, but also upon the life of the community in which she lived. Throughout her illness she gave a beautiful example of quiet unselfishness. Her kindness, gentleness and patience and consideration for others will not soon be forgotten by those who knew her.

She was greatly interested in Sunday school and church and in spite of her weakness came to Sunday school the Sunday before she passed away. She left her testimony that she knew her home would be in heaven and that she had faith in Christ.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss, her parents, one sister, Edna and one brother, David, besides a score of friends.

The shock of her departure is great but we feel today she is free from pain and sickness, happy in heaven, safe in the arms of her loving Christ. We look forward to that day when we shall again find our treasure, our pearl of beauty.

Several Fishers people were in Noblesville shopping Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Pauline Hartley, of Indianapolis spent Thursday with Mrs. Paul Manship.

"I Wonder"

How the games will come out this Thursday night?

Why Paul Siegmund studies his English lessons so well.

If Santa received Bill and Addisons letters.

Why they call Paul Siegmund "Tom the cat".

If the Seniors are going to get class rings?

Election of officers by the Fishers Sunday school board will be held Wednesday night, Dec. 26, after prayer meeting.

Dorothy Emery and Mary Belle Frazier spent Friday evening with Dorothy Butz.

Mrs. Ruth Russell and Mrs. Blanche Graham spent Monday shopping in Indianapolis.

George Wise has returned home after being in Los Angeles, Calif., for twenty years. He is an invalid and Russell Lowery, of Broad Ripple, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowery.

Miss Gladys Siegmund spent Saturday and Sunday with Mary Manship.

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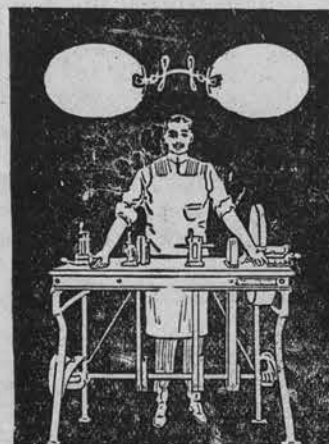
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