CHILDREN WILL ASSIST BYRON PREVENTORIUM

Furniture To Be Bought With Offering Made at New Year's Rally.

SPECIAL ORCHESTRA

United Church Gathering Will Be Addressed by Rev. Floyd Maine.

Plans are progressing favorably in connection with the grand Sunday school rally of the United churches of the city on New Year's morning at 10 a.m. in the Metropolitan church.

Rev. Floyd Maine, professor of history and religious education at Albert college, Belleville, now taking post-graduate work at the University of Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Main, 84 Byron avenue, will be the speaker for the occasion.

There is to be an orchestra of 100 pieces under the direction of A. S. Gesensway, leader of the Sunday school orchestra at Metropolitan church.

Telegrams of greeting will be read from Rev. Geo. C. Pidgeon, D.D., Toronto, moderator of the United church general council, and from Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton, where similar Sunday school rallies are being held.

The eighteen ministers and Sunday school superintendents of the United churches in the city will occupy seats in the choir loft.

There is to be a roll-call of each school, to be responded to by the singing of a verse of some hymn or in some other original manner.

The offering, which is to be taken, will be used to provide furniture for the preventorium at Byron Sanatorium, something from children to children.

A pennant will be given to the Sunday school having the best percentage of attendance at the service.

Rev. Col. Wm. Beattie, D.D., First church, president of the United Church Ministerial association, under whose auspices the rally is being held, will be [illegible]

[illegible] confidently expected by the committee having the arrangements in hand that the auditorium of Metropolitan church will be taxed even beyond its capacity.

W. M. MESSER.

331 St. James street, who was elected worshipful master of the Temple lodge, No. 597, A., F. and A. M.

NAME M'WILLIAMS KILWINNING'S HEAD

Masonic Lodge Elects New Officers—Harmony and Progress Mark Year.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Kilwinning lodge, No. 64, A., F. and A. M., was held recently in the lodgerooms in the Masonic Temple. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering which indicated the harmony and progress of the lodge, under the direction of Wor. Master W. C. Doidge. Encouraging reports were given of the various activities of the lodge during the year.

Bro. W. A. McWilliams was elected to the wor. master's chair. The results of the election of the other officers were as follows: I. P. M., Wor. Bro. W. G. Doidge; S. W., Bro. W. M. B. Boyd; J. W., Bro. W. A. Adams; secretary, Wor. Bro. W. Lancaster; treasurer, Bro. W. Glover; chaplain, Bro. J. P. Kerman; S. D., Bro. A. Lamery; J. D., Bro. W. G. McNeill; D. of C., Bro. Thos. Copp; I. G., Bro. C. H. Tennent; S. S., Bro. A. L. Anderson; J. S., Bro. W. G. Summers; tyler, Bro. A. Young; organist, Bro. L. Buller; executive board, Wor. Bro. Thos. Wolley; Wor. Bro. E. Flock, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. P. Walsh; rep. building committee, Wor. Bro. A. A. Campbell; rep. benefit committee, Wor. Bro. U. A. Buchner; auditors, junior and senior wardens; rep. finance committee, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. T. May, Wor. Bro. W. Lancaster, and Wor. Bro. W. A. McWilliams.

SPLENDID PROGRAM GIVEN BY STUDENTS

Wortley Road Seventh Grade Pupils Prove Clever Entertainers.

An excellent entertainment was put on by the pupils of the seventh grade of the Wortley road school Tuesday evening. The proceedings were opened by a short address from the chairman. Then the school yell was lustily given, followed by the program which included recitations, reading, a violin solo by Lindsay Cott, a pirate play, and a collection of minstrels who provided much humor and as they were the last on the program the audience went home satisfied.

The room was beautifully decorated by the members of the class and the parents provided much good cheer. T. A. Willis, who is in charge of the class, was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, including a copy of Tennyson's poems.

M'CORMICK EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED BY FIRM

Every employee of the McCormick Manufacturing Company will be remembered this Christmas with gifts from the firm. The "old-timers" who have been with the company for a number of years will be given turkeys, while if they are unmarried they will receive a certificate of purchase on any store in London. The more recent employees will be given a two-pound box of chocolates.

The company is distributing also Christmas candies to the Aged People's Home and other similar institutions in the city.

BOYS' PARLIAMENT BEGINS SATURDAY

London Sending Three Representatives to Annual Session in Toronto.

TO ELECT PREMIER

Kitchener, Perth and Picton Have Candidates in Running.

Saturday, Dec. 26 marks the opening of the fifth annual session of the boys' parliament in Toronto. The London members going down on Saturday morning are Oswald Brown of Knox church United, Harry Hookaway of Metropolitan United, and Hugh Scratch of Dundas Centre.

The premier for this session will be elected by the 136 members on Saturday night at the Ontario parliament buildings. "In the five years of the existence of the boys' parliament," Mr. Scratch stated, "London has contributed one premier, Milton Walker, and one leader of the opposition, Frank Adams."

Sunday no business will be transacted, but there is a special service being held at St. Paul's United church in the evening.

Monday evening at 8:30 is the time for the formal opening of the parliament. An address of welcome will be given by Hon. J. Howard Ferguson, premier of Ontario.

Tuesday there will be a caucus of members and at 12:15 the Toronto Rotary club will entertain the boys at the King Edward hotel for luncheon.

Wednesday, after the morning session, a bus ride will show the members the principal points of interest around the city. Another session will be held in the evening.

On Thursday, Dec. 31 the sessions will close. When asked if there was any talk of inaugurating a dominion parliament Mr. Scratch said "Yes, there has been talk of that, but it is not feasible on account of the expenses that would be incurred. But the London members are going to urge that a dominion cabinet be formed. This would bring the C. S. E. T. of each province under a central head."

The three boys eligible for the premiership are Edward H. Devitt of Kitchener, Ronald Fredenburgh of Perth, and James Grimmon of Picton.

DISTRICT COVERED BY SNOW BLANKET

Farmers Talking Seriously of Getting Sleighs Out For Winter.

A blanket of snow over four and a half inches thick covered London and Middlesex county when the sun of the day before Christmas peeped over the edge of the horizon this morning.

Commencing late yesterday afternoon the snow fell until an early hour this morning. As the evening drew on the storm developed almost into a blizzard, driven along by a gusty wind.

Londoners generally seem to be rejoicing over the prospects of a "white Christmas," and farmers who came in over the country roads to market, talk seriously of bringing out their cutters and bob-sleighs.

The records of Miss M. I. Dewar of the local weather bureau, show that Western Ontario has had snow on the ground every Christmas since 1918. In some cases the snow fell only the day before, but when Christmas morning came—there was the snow.

This morning both the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific railways announced that no serious tie-ups had been reported. The Detroit and Sarnia trains leaving the city at 9:08 and 9:20, respectively, last night were both over an hour late, and were operated with additional power to cut through the drifts which were rapidly rolling up. All Canadian Pacific trains and all through freights were pulled by two engines.

Street Car Service Kept Up.

Local transportation was not seriously affected, although George Louch, inspector of the London Street Railway, stated that a short tie-up was reported in South London, as a result of the drifting snow. The two snowplows were immediately pressed into service, however, and during he latter part of the evening every car was running as per schedule.

The Metropolitan buses went through the evening without a mishap or a delay in transporting the Christmas shoppers to and from the business district. In a statement made to The Advertiser early this morning, the manager of the local bus fleet said that every bus ran on time during the night, and any adversities, with which they may have met, were easily overcome.

The blinding snow greatly hampered local motorists, but no accidents were reported to the police headquarters. According to Tom Terry, local garageman, many hurried calls were received from motorists in all parts of the city, who complained of being "frozen up." Aside from frozen radiators, however, no mishaps were reported, and traffic in the downtown district was capably handled by the police.

Merchants of the city were generally disappointed with the heavy snowfall which commenced late in the afternoon. According to several businessmen, the Christmas trade was greatly affected, as the majority of citizens did not venture out last night. They are of the opinion that things will get back to normal today, and are preparing to handle the rush, which they say, will be exceptionally heavy as the result of last night's blinding storm.

M. C. R TRAINS FEEL STORM

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—No serious tie-ups are anticipated as a result of the blizzard which broke over Western Ontario this evening. Travel was the heaviest it has even been on the local roads, and every train, with the exception of No. 41, will be operated in two sections on the M. C. R. out of Buffalo.

The Detroiter was pulled by two engines this evening, and some of the through freights are operating under additional power. Heavy drifts are rolling up in cuts on some of the roads.

London Misses Mistletoe, City Misses Miss Kisses

Kissless Christmas Looms as Complete Famine in Magic Mistletoe Ie Reported—Health Authorities Herald Shortage As a Victory For Progress—History Dates to Pagan Days.

A kissless Christmas is the appalling prospect facing London today as the result of an acute shortage of mistletoe. In fact, it's worse than a shortage. It's a complete famine. Florists say there isn't a bit of the real article to be had anywhere in town.

"Isn't it awful," commented a demure maiden with auburn locks this morning in rueful tones. "And mother just said yesterday that if I got kissed on Christmas Day she wouldn't say a word. Oh, what will I do? What will I do?"

A little ray of hope dawned when she was informed that some of the stores had on sale very creditable imitations of mistletoe sprigs, so clever, in fact, that any daring youth might well be pardoned for mistaking them for the real article. Until the supply of these is exhausted there's still hope of a Merry Christmas.

Unhealthy, Anyway.

But while youths and maidens view the absence of mistletoe with genuine alarm, the fact is comforting to Dr. W. H. Downham, medical officer of health. Why? Because he knows that every kiss is laden with thousands of germs. A noted physician has declared that one small kiss (they come in different lengths these days) could transmit a million germs. Another medical authority has said that osculation is intoxicating. So from the strictly medical standpoint London will have a safe and sane Christmas as the result of the mistletoe famine—perhaps.

Meanwhile florists are said to be putting forth every effort to produce the innocent little white berries in greenhouses so as to guard against similar calamity next season. The price, of course, will be high; but, as every flapper knows, mistletoe is no good unless it is over one's head. It is usually within reach of gallants who desire to make use of its magic propensities.

Forestry officials and tree doctors have decided that mistletoe is a parasite. It stunts the growth of trees by twining around their branches and strangling them. Sometimes it kills a tree—so the foresters have decided to kill the mistletoe instead. They haven't killed it as yet—but a bunch that would cost Miss London ten cents two years ago is thirty-five cents today, and next year it may be a half dollar.

Comes From Alabama.

With the exception of a little grown in Southern British Columbia, no mistletoe can call Canada its native land. England is said to have been the original home of this romantic little plant, but the state of Alabama supplies practically the entire London market today, and holly comes from Virginia.

Since the Christian era mistletoe was dedicated to Christmas time. With it went the custom of kissing under the white-berried plant, probably a survival of the saturnalia of pagan rites. But the Christian elders decided that when the churches were decorated with mistletoe there was too much kissing going on during the services, and too many requests for the wedding service.

So they abolished mistletoe and hung up in its stead holly, to signify the dark monotony and many thorns of matrimony. But the mistletoe stayed in the homes at Christmas, and so did the kissing custom.

No Kisses—Bad Luck.

It is very bad luck for a maiden to stand under the mistletoe and not be kissed. It means that she will not be married that year. So there is no excuse for repulsing a man under the mistletoe.

In ancient Germany the peasants called the mistletoe "spectre's wand," for it was believed that if you hold a branch in your hand you will not only see ghosts, but you can compel them to speak.

It was also believed that mistletoe will open all locks, but has not been heard of as part of a burglar's kit. Up until very recent times it was held to have great medicinal properties. It was just about the only cure for epilepsy, and very effective against sterility. The Druids called it "all-heal," and said it was a cure for all diseases.

Curious maidens in the old days would speak away to consult the witches to see if they would be married. The witch, for a certain consideration, would impart a magic secret. Fresh mistletoe berries, not exceeding nine in number, steeped in wine, beer, vinegar and honey, and made into pills, should be swallowed on an empty stomach before going to bed, provided the maiden goes to bed before twelve. Take these pills on Christmas Eve, or the first and third of a moon, and you will dream of your future husband. If no husband is in store for you, a coffin will appear.

The Druids used to venerate the mistletoe as a sacred plant, second only to the oak; in fact, if the mistletoe did not grow on the oak, it had no peculiar properties. So it was the custom among the fakirs of the priests to take the mistletoe from the apple tree and graft it on the oak, where it rarely grew.

Five days after the new moon, in the winter solstice, the Druids gathered the mistletoe with great ceremony. There was a long procession, first the bards, then a herald bearing a golden scythe, then the priests, finally the prince of the Druids. All were clad entirely in white, and the entire populace turned out to view the spectacle.

When the oak on which the mistletoe grew was reached, two white bulls were bound to the tree. The prince took the scythe, climbed up the tree and cut the mistletoe. The mistletoe must be caught in a white mantle held by the priests. If a sprig dropped on the ground a great catastrophe would overtake the nation. Then the bulls, perhaps human beings, were sacrificed. On the first of the new year the mistletoe was distributed among the people amid great jubilation. They hung it over their doorways and windows, and thus kept out witches.

TRANSIENTS CARE NOT FOR LOOKS OF BOBBIES

Seek Cheap Fares Out of London—Inspector Says Roads Are Still Good.

London transients do not like the watchful and penetrating gaze of London policemen, so they tell Relief Inspector Richard Sanders.

Three gentlemen of leisure who have no home in particular have called on Mr. Sanders recently asking for railroad fares to cities where the police won't look upon them as potential criminals.

The latest arrived at the city hall yesterday and asked for a ticket to Hamilton. Mr. Sanders presented him with a crisp $1 bill and told him that the roads were open to Hamilton, with lots of motorists travelling in that direction.

WILL SELL HIS PAPER FOR ONE DOLLAR CASH

Illinois Publisher Tired of Publishing—Wants To Spend Time Writing.

Associated Press Despatch.

Fountain Inn, S.C., Dec. 23.—Robert Quillen, humorist and publisher, who recently erected a monument to Eve, wants to sell his weekly newspaper, the Fountain Inn Tribune, for one dollar.

The current issue of the paper bears this announcement across the front page:

"The Tribune is for sale, lock, stock and barrel, subscription list, print shop, equipment, paper stock and good will. The price is one dollar, no more, no less.

"This is no joke, but it is a bargain.

"The first responsible man who planks down one dollar gets it. The business will be turned over to him Jan. 1."

Mr. Quillen began publishing the paper Jan. 1, 1911, sold it in 1922 and reassumed editorship in March, 1925. He said the paper "amused me at first" but that he was giving it up in order to devote more time to writing.

WINTER TRAVEL.

The desire to travel is inherent in the great majority of people and at this season of the year thousands of Canadians have their winter trip in view. With many the question is "where to go." The Pacific Coast, California, Florida, The Bermudas, The West Indies or Gulf Coast Resorts all have their individual appeal—it is just a matter of selection.

Take advantage of Canadian National Railway services—their travel representatives can be of much assistance to you in completing the details of your trip, make your reservations, etc. Nothing adds more to the pleasure of your journey than to have complete advance arrangements.

Agents of "The Canadian National" are at your service.—Advt.

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GAMBLING ON SUNDAY COSTLY FOR YOUTHS

Fifteen Young Men Pay Fines Following Raid on Poker Party.

Police court was richer by $100 shortly after 9 o'clock this morning when 20 Londoners appeared to plead guilty and pay fines out of court on gambling and disorderly conduct charges.

Fifteen young men were charged with breaches of the Lord's Day act when they were caught last Sunday by Sergeant James Oakley in the midst of a poker game. Five other participants were too loud in their shouts of jubilation at a big winning and they were summoned on disorderly charges. Each was fined $5 and costs when Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon learned of their reluctance to fight the case.

WEST IS WARMING TO LONDON REUNION

Recent Visitor to Prairies Predicts 100,000 People Will Be Here.

London's centennial celebration and old boys' reunion next August will see large delegations from the Canadian west, George Chittick who returned to the city last week after a tour of the west, declares.

"There were over 300 people at a London Old Boys' dance in Calgary recently," said Mr. Chittick. "I found flourishing associations of London old boys and girls at Lethbridge and Saskatoon."

"I am willing to bet anybody a flock of hats that there will be 100,000 people here next summer."

Ex-Mayor George Wenige stated this morning that recent communications from New York, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago and Toledo were highly enthusiastic and optimistic.

INCOME TAX FORMS TO BE ISSUED SOON

Assessment Commissioner's Office Will Begin Work of Distribution January 2.

Ten thousand city income tax forms will be mailed from the assessment commissioner's office on Jan. 2. They will not interfere with the happy new year greetings, as the taxes on the 1926 incomes will not be payable until 1927.

The forms will be mailed to all manufacturers and employers of labor and to financial institutions for returns on dividends last year. The greater number of forms will be for personal income returns.

NO STAFF CHANGES, C. N. R. ANNOUNCES

Change at Leaside Locomotive Works Will Not Affect Local Carshops.

There will be no changes in the staff of the local car shops of the C. N. R., due to the conversion of the Leaside locomotive works into a steel car shop. The rumor which was circulated in Toronto to the effect that the Leaside locomotive works would be closed and the men transferred to Stratford and Pointe St. Charles, Montreal, involving a number of changes throughout the system, was corrected later. In the correction it was stated that the locomotive works would not be closed, but converted into steel car shops.

The changes and transfers which would then be made, would concern only the men being brought to Leaside to work in the steel car repair shops and the men who are sent to other car shops for locomotive work.

No other changes in the local plant have been officially announced as yet and it is not expected that there will be any for some time.

USE LEASIDE SHOPS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 23. — The following statement was issued this evening from the head offices of the Canadian National Railways:

"A report has been circulated from Toronto that the Canadian National Railways have decided to close down the locomotive shops at Leaside and transfer the men to Stratford and Point St. Charles, Montreal.

"The facts, as they have been presented, are only partially correct, and in order to prevent and apprehension the incorrect report may cause, the following statement is made:

"The C. N. R. have decided to convert the locomotive shops at Leaside into a steel car shops. This change will be brought about gradually, and will extend over a period of some months.

"It will not reduce the total number of men now employed at Leaside, though it will necessitate a certain number of transfers, men being brought to Leaside to work in the new steel car repair shop and replacing such men now employed in the locomotive shops, who will be transferred to other locomotive shops of the system.

"The imputation that these men are being moved to further the interests of any of the political parties is as ridiculous as it is false.

"The conversion of the locomotive shop is due to the fact that the company has more locomotive shops than it requires, while the Toronto district is at present without the proper facilities for doing steel car repair work."

News Briefs

COAL CENT A POUND.

Boston, Mass.—Hard coal has become so scarce here that one large firm is offering anthracite to cash-and-carry buyers at one cent a pound. Buyers must bring their own hods or baskets.

GIRL HEADS BANDITS.

New York—Four gunmen, led by an auburn-haired girl, today entered a jewelry store in Brooklyn, handcuffed Samuel Pistanowitz, son of the proprietor, to a radiator pipe, and made off with diamonds and other jewels valued at $25,000.

KILLS SELF IN REMORSE.

Duluth, Minn.—Ivan Petrovich shot himself after writing a letter saying he had assassinated Col. Petlurovski at Miropole, Poland, several years ago.

BULLFIGHT IN FLORIDA.

Tampa, Fla.—Ralph Gomez, said to be a premier matador of Spain, has been engaged to mingle with bulls here on New Year's Day. Two Spanish-American clubs are backing the show, in which, under the laws of Florida, no bulls may be slain and no horses may be used. Otherwise everything will be just like Seville.

COUNTESS MERE BOY.

San Francisco.—The Countess Zeldan Letroveiski spent a joyous five weeks as a dashing widow, but then it is said made the misstep of purloining a couple of female wigs. The countess was arrested and turned out to be Jack MacDonald, 17-year-old Bingham, Utah, youth.

NO SENTIMENTAL MUSH.

Cambridge, Mass.—The Harvard Glee club has voted to withdraw from the intercollegiate contest in New York rather than sing sentimental mush.

OPTIMISTIC AT 76.

New York.—Oscar S. Strauss, an immigrant boy, who became a member of the United States cabinet, a diplomat and a member of the permanent court arbitration at The Hague, is entering his 76th year optimistic about peace. There were 75 candles on his birthday cake yesterday.

HAD $800,000—NOW BROKE.

New York.—"Nick E.," race track plunger, who made $800,000 at the New Orleans track two years ago, is broke and suffering from pneumonia.

$631,000 IN FIVE MONTHS.

New York.—In five months, F. E. Moskovico has made a paper profit of $631,000 in an option on Stutz stock. At Charles M. Schwab's behest, Moskovico became president of the company last August with an option for purchase of 10 per cent of the stock, or 263,000 shares at the then market price, $10. The last closing price was $34. The option runs until Feb. 15, 1927.

COURT HOUSE OFFICIALS BEGIN SHORT VACATION

Today marks the beginning of the short vacation for officials and employees at the courthouse and county buildings.

All offices will close at 12 noon every day for two weeks.

No business will be done after that hour except in the office of Crown-Attorney Albert Judd, which is open until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

DEATH LIST NOW FOUR.

Associated Press Despatch.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 24.—The death toll as a result of the panic late Tuesday, in which three children were trampled to death when 5,000 boys and girls made a wild dash for exits following the collapse of a bench at the Erie arena during a Christmas observance, was increased to four yesterday when Joe Majikilewicz was reported dead at his home. His name had not been included among the injured.

W. A. McWILLIAMS,

elected worshipful master of Kilwinning lodge, A., F. and A. M.

CHURCHES SEEKING REGULAR PASTORS

Five Charges in London Presbytery Unsettled—Pottersburg Meeting Next Week.

London Presbyterian presbytery has only five charges that are not now settled with regular pastors.

Rev. DeCourcey Raynor, former Congregational minister at Watford, has already taken charge at Wallacetown.

Rev. S. D. Jamieson, Brantford, has received a call to Kintore and South Nissouri and will give his answer in a few days.

Rev. James MacKay, B.D., moderator of presbytery, will moderate in a call at St. George's church, Pottersburg next week in the vacancy created by the removal of Rev. John Hosie to Kintyre.

The churches in which there are no ministers settled are: Mosa; Appin; Crinan and Duffs; St. George's Pottersburg; and Delaware and Tempo.

The London presbytery will hold its next regular meeting in Knox church, St. Thomas, the latter part of next month.

TWO PRISONERS ELECT SUMMARY COURT TRIAL

Charges Laid by Three Girls To Be Heard On Monday.

Charles Medley and Vernal Morse, electing summary trial before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court this morning, will appear on Monday to face serious charges under the criminal code laid by three girls under the age of 16 years.

The men were arrested two months ago with Claude Fisher, who was sent for trial by jury last week, when evidence in the case was heard by Magistrate Graydon. E. W. M. Flock and Frank Curran appeared for the prisoners this morning, but adjournment of the case was granted by the magistrate when Crown Attorney A. M. Judd announced that three of his witnesses were not present.

Morse, who is 80 years of age and a deaf mute was acquainted of the court proceedings by an interpreter.

OFFICIAL'S OFFER GETS COLD REBUFF

Aged Couple Prefer Rent-Free House to Old People's Home.

An attempt by Inspector Richard Sanders of the city relief department to help an aged couple yesterday met the fate of the ordinary bill collector. In other words, Mr. Sanders had the door slammed in his face.

It seems that a couple 80 years of age have been living in a house for over six months without paying rent. The owner states that he is not a millionaire and has to pay taxes on the place and yet he hasn't the heart to have them forcibly removed. The couple will not go to the aged people's home and have been eking out an existence with the aid of various church societies.

A few days ago an aged couple were admitted to the aged people's home. They weren't capable of taking care of themselves any longer and in order to repay the city they turned over their old home to Inspector Sanders.

The latter lost no time in calling on the first couple to tell them that they could live in the house rent free.

"We are quite comfortable here and we don't want any change," said the old woman, barring the doorway. "You just get out," she concluded, slamming the door in the inspector's face.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS M'CLARY'S FACTORY

Entertainment at York Street Plant Attended by 500 Employees and Children.

McClary's dining-room at their uptown plant on York street was the scene of a real old-fashioned Christmas entertainment last night when 500 employees and their children spent the evening in merrymaking and frolic. The hall was artistically decorated in evergreens and one entering the building was filled with the Christmas spirit.

On the stage was a great fireplace with a large chimney, where Santa Claus came down to make his debut.

Santa was there in all his glory and was literally attacked by the children. He made his round about the hall and chatted with them and they clamored at his knees. It was a great time for the kiddies, who were there in the majority.

The two large Christmas trees were beautifully decorated with lights and were laden with gifts for every child present. The children were also given candies and oranges. The program was an impromptu one, with the children taking part. There were songs, recitations and addresses.

On Tuesday night the foundry plant also held a Christmas tree and the children of the employees of that part were entertained.

DINNERS WILL BE BROUGHT TO CHEVROLET EMPLOYEES

Today every employee of the local Chevrolet garage received a turkey as a Christmas gift from the management.

In addition to this, the men who will have to work on Christmas Day will have a full course dinner, with all the trimmings, of course, brought to them at the garage from a downtown restaurant, arrangements for this having been made today by Thomas R. Faulds, the manager.

MOSA TOWNSHIP MAN ISSUES WRIT FOR $688

A writ has been issued in county court by Joseph D. Simpson against A. E. Squire. Both men reside in Mosa township.

Mr. Simpson claims the sum of $688.60 from Mr. Squire as maker of a promissory note, dated Nov. 11, 1921, made payable twelve months after that date. Of this amount $600 is principal and $88.60 is interest.

Elliott and Moss of Glencoe are appearing for the plaintiff in the action.

SEVERAL AGED MEN IN NEED OF ASSISTANE

Inspector Richard Sanders of the city relief department is anxious to provide a really "Happy New Year" for several aged men dependent on the city for groceries and fuel. These men haven't got very many warm clothes, and the inspector would be glad to receive donations of old suits ,socks and underwear for the oldtimers, who are, every one of them deserving, Mr. Sanders states.

EARTHQUAKE IN ALASKA.

Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 23.—A sharp earthquake lasting nearly a minute was felt here at 1 o'clock this morning. No damage was reported.

Headaches from Slight Colds.

Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets relieve the Headache by working off the Cold. A Safe and Proven Remedy. The box bears the signature of E. W. Grove; 30c. Made in Canada. —Advt.

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SOUP.

Cream of Chicken, a la Imperial.

FISH.

Fried White Fish, mand de hotel.

CHOICE OF MEAT.

Roast Young Turkey. Cranberry Sauce.

Roast Young Goose Pineapple Sauce

Roast Young Duck King Apple Sauce.

Prime Roast Beef, au jus.

SALAD.

Combination Victoria Salad.

VEGETABLES.

Mashed Potatoes. Buttered Sweet Corn.

DESSERT.

Steamed English Plum Pudding. Vanilla Sauce.

Hot Mince Pie. Deep Apple Pie.

Neapolitan Ice Cream. Christmas Fruit Cake.

Fresh Pumpkin Pie. Mixed Fruit and Nuts.