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November 27, 1923

Mrs. Margaret Downes
County Court House
Syracuse, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Downes:

May I tell you how much I regret your leaving the probation field, but I do have some appreciation and understanding of the difficulties which you have had for the past year or more. I also have some appreciation of what this has meant to you personally, but you have the satisfaction of knowing that you did a splendid job as a probation officer.

May I tell you how much the Commission appreciated your splendid cooperation, and as a personal friend wish you all kinds of success in your new job?

Sincerely yours,

Frederick A. Moran

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Secretary.

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**Place Open for Woman
Probation Officer**

Examinations to establish an eligible list for appointment as woman probation officer will be held by the State Civil Service Commission May

The appointment will be made by County Judge Barnum in co-operation with William K. Hodge, chief probation officer of the county. The place pays \$1,000 a year.

It has been vacant for several months due to the resignation of Mrs. Margaret Downes who became investigator of the Board of Child Welfare.

**Children of County Get
Shoes as Christmas Presents**
**Gifts Sent to Welfare
Board by Johnson
Company**

Distribution of 150 pairs of children's shoes, sent to Onondaga County by George F. Johnson of the Enniscott-Johnson Company, was practically completed today.

The shoes were consigned to Mrs. Margaret Downes of the Child Welfare Board and arrived two days ago.

Records of the county agency were consulted immediately, a list of prospective needy children compiled and the work immediately started under Mrs. Downes' personal direction.

Mrs. Downes and her agents toured the city and county to find the 150 neediest children. They found them, found shoes in the Santa Claus bag to fit them and the Christmas gifts were presented then and there without the slightest red tape.

"Were those children tickled?" Mrs. Downes said. "That's putting it mildly. Some of them kissed me, some of them hugged me, and some were too overjoyed even to say 'thank you,' but they certainly appreciated them."

"One little girl told me she was going to pray for George F. Johnson whether he needed it or not."

"He couldn't have helped being delighted if he could have seen the way the children received those presents."