

City Ready for Yule Observance; Gift, Food Distribution Is Begun

Last-minute Christmas shopping, distribution of toys and baskets of food, parties for needy children, and decoration of holiday trees indicated the approach of Christmas Eve in the city this afternoon.

Throughout the city a holiday atmosphere prevailed. Out of town students and others arrived to join their families for Christmas. Vacationing students took advantage of the icy hills and streets for sliding while others awaited the expected new sleds to begin their fun.

Mild weather has delayed the opening of the large skating rink at OPA but Albert Barton, chairman of the board of education's athletic committee, said today that the rink will be ready for use as soon as weather permits. A few children used the hockey pen last night but ice on the rink itself is still not in good condition due to the weather.

Merchants, who today indicated that the holiday trading season has been successful, but not at a record high, were experiencing a last-minute spurt this afternoon as the inevitable later shopper went into action. A complete check-up on the holiday trade will not be available until late this week.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the distribution of more than 1,000 toys and quantities of fruit and candy was begun in city trucks. More than 500 families will receive gifts by nightfall as a result of this activity.

A children's party was scheduled by the Franco-American club for their clubrooms this afternoon to which more than 300 were expected to come. Other children's parties were scheduled for today in various sections of the city.

In addition the regular Christmas activity was being carried on by the Salvation Army, the Sisters of the Atonement, Booster Clubs and practically every other civic and fraternal organization in the city. Children and aged persons at United Reapers Home and St. Joseph's will receive gifts tomorrow from a number of groups.

Ogdensburg Lodge of Elks, which for a number of years has contributed shoes to needy children in the county, this year is carrying on its holiday activity through other channels. Money has been contributed to the Salvation Army and other groups by the lodge for use in the holiday activity. While a major portion of the money has been spent in Ogdensburg, contributions have also been sent to Canton, Norwood, Norfolk and other villages where members of the lodge reside.

At Hepburn Hospital some 84 persons will spend Christmas Day in sick beds. A special menu of turkey will be given there tomorrow. The entire building has been decorated, trees placed on every floor, wreaths in each ward and holiday decorations in the halls to give a yuletide atmosphere. In addition trays served patients tomorrow will be especially decorated in Christmas colors.

Among the happiest persons in the city this Christmas are members of the federalized Company M who arrived yesterday from Alabama on their first furlough since becoming part of the army. In all 88 members of the company

are here to spend the holiday with their families and friends.

Tonight churches of the city will usher in the holiday with Christmas Eve services. Bishop Francis J. Monaghan will celebrate a pontifical mass at St. Mary's Cathedral and impressive services will also be held at St. John's Episcopal Church. Christmas music and decorations will add to the effectiveness of the occasion.

All in all, the city was ready for a happy holiday as decorations on every block of the city clearly showed.

MARINES OFFICER



Capt. Reid Paige

CAPT. PAIGE PROMOTED TO MAJOR

Captain Henry Reid Paige of the Marine Corps was selected for promotion to the rank of Major by a board of officers convened in Washington recently.

Captain Paige is the son of Mrs. Alfred S. Paige and the late Alfred S. Paige of Ogdensburg. He was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1927. Since then he has served at various posts in the United States, Nicaragua, Guam and aboard the cruiser Indianapolis.

In Nicaragua he was awarded the Nicaraguan Medal of Merit with citation by President Moncada. He is now stationed at the Marine Barracks, Parris Island, South Carolina with the 5th Defense Battalion.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Napoleon David wishes to extend their sincere thanks to their friends, relatives, neighbors, Ogdensburg City Band, Holy Name Society and Standard Shade Roller Co. for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown them during their recent bereavement.

MISS JEAN ALLEN WINS SCHOOL AWARD

The Cortland Normal School paper of Dec. 20 contains the following reference to Miss Jean Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Allen, 814 Montgomery St., Ogdensburg:

"Using the Christmas season as an inspiration for mixing fun and festivity with the routine work of a speech class, Mr. Edward Linnehan's sophomore English held a party last Monday evening in the music room.

"One of the features of the program was the presentation of an award to Miss Jean Allen for the most progress in speech.

"Novel gifts with a little verse attached were presented to each one present. Mr. Linnehan received a gift from the English class in appreciation for his part in making both his class and the party a success."

Miss Allen was graduated from the OPA in 1937 and took a post-graduate course there in 1938. She entered Cortland Normal in the fall of 1938 and will finish her course in 1942.

CRAIG SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVE YULE PROGRAM

Annual Christmas exercises at Craig School were attended by a large number of parents and friends in district number seven last Friday afternoon preceding the holiday vacation period.

The program was presented by the teacher, Mary A. Moore, and included:

Song, Away in the Manger; recitation, Christmas Shopping by Dorothy Barney; recitation, My Elizabeth Rose by Carol Sophy; song, Playmates by Joan Sophy; recitation, Johnnie's History Lesson by Philip Brooks; song, Hark the Herald Angels Sing; recitation, He'll Come Aright by Irene Jock; recitation, Jim Coulter's Violin by Eleanor Brooks; song, O Little Town of Bethlehem.

Recitation, Santa's New Suit by Lillis Sophy; recitation, Aunt Tabitha by Beverly Daily; recitation, Christmas Gifts by George Sophy; song, We Three Kings of Orient Are; exercise by Margaret Roy, Winona Grenier, Carol Sophy; Joan Sophy; recitation, Sprinkle Liza by John Jock; dialogue, Boy's Time by Jack Barney and Winona Grenier; song, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear; recitation, What I Want by Joan Sophy; song, Jackie Frost by three girls.

Recitation, Star of the East by Helen Roy; recitation, Pa's Funny by Eleanor Loucks; recitation, A Boy and his Stomach by George Sophy; song, O Come All Ye Faithful; dialogue, Waiting Up For Santa by Joan Sophy and Richard Loucks; play, Christmas Sprites; recitation, Aren't You Shamed by Joan Sophy; song, Silent Night.

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GUS BALFOUR SERIOUSLY ILL IN HOSPITAL

F. Augustus (Gus) Balfour, Watertown, who for more than 40 years has operated the Hotel Woodruff tobacco store and newsstand, is seriously ill in the Syracuse Memorial hospital. He is 70 years old.

Mr. Balfour has been in ill health for several weeks and has been in the Syracuse hospital since Saturday, Dec. 14. The exact nature of his present illness has not been fully determined. He was first taken ill with a cold and later a growth developed in his nose. This was removed. After that he developed an asthmatic condition and went to Syracuse to consult a specialist. It was upon his advice that he enter the hospital.

While his family learned he was feeling better he was described as a "very sick man." Mrs. Balfour is with him. Other members of his family visited him Sunday.

Before opening the Hotel Woodruff stand near the turn of the century, Mr. Balfour was associated with C. A. Mariani, who operated a store in Arsenal street.

Mr. Balfour is a native of Ogdensburg. His brother, W. H. Balfour, died recently in Watertown.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Robinson, 510 Russell St., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Eunice, to James Joseph Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Irwin, formerly of this city and now of Watertown.

The marriage will take place here Feb. 22, 1941. Both Miss Robinson and Mr. Irwin are graduates of OPA. After their marriage the young couple will reside in Watertown where Mr. Irwin is employed at Pine Camp.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

The Ogdensburg Business closes today for the Christmas vacation and will re-open Monday, January 6, 1941.

Notice—Howard Freeman has announced that he will close his Texaco service station on Main Street at noon on Christmas Day to enable his employees to spend Christmas at home. Adv.

Successful Toy Designer



Anne Farrell

Anne Farrell Featured In Magazine Article

The leading article in the Christmas holiday number of the magazine "Friends", published by the Chevrolet Company, features a two page story in word and picture of Anne Farrell and her toys.

The article contains several closeups of Miss Farrell watching children at play with her toys and tells of Miss Farrell's background and success as a toy designer.

GRADUATES FROM AIRLINE SCHOOL



Mildred Prosser

Miss Mildred Prosser, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Prosser, Heuvelton Road, who was graduated this week from American Airlines Stewardess Training School, is now in flying service between New York City where she is based, and Chicago.

A native of Spencerville, Canada, where she was born Nov. 24, 1917, Miss Prosser received her training at the A. Barton Hepburn Hospital.

During the seven weeks she was in training at American Airlines Stewardess school at LaGuardia Field, New York City, Miss Prosser learned the principles of aerodynamics, radio, meteorology, airways traffic control, ticketing food service, and company organization.

Eleven other Registered Nurses won their stewardess wings at the graduation ceremonies and are now based throughout the country at points which are served by American Airlines Flagships.

60,231 Cancellations at Post Office Sets Record

Postoffice cancellations reached a record peak during the holiday season, Postmaster Arthur J. Belgard announced today, as the mailing season for the holidays reached its climax.

Yesterday there were 42,351 cancellations at the local postoffice while on Saturday, peak day of the current season, cancellations totaled 60,231. This figure is 8,231 ahead of the previous record of 52,000 established on Dec. 21, 1939.

A regular and special staff worked over stacks of cards and packages today and thousands of cards were delivered in the city. Incoming mail was heavier than usual, and has kept the staff busy both day and night.

rell have appeared from time to time in the Ogdensburg Journal and Sunday Advance-News, which featured an interview with Miss Farrell during a weekend visit here last summer with Mr. and Mrs. George Wright.

A consultant with the well known firm of Milton-Bradley and Company, Miss Farrell first became interested in toys when she studied Child Psychology at Detroit's Marygrove College. She later went to Sweden after studying with Crafts Guild in Detroit and at the Teachers College of Columbia University.

Her toys are finding their places in nursery schools as well as homes and because they are durable, hygienic and safe are meeting with immediate favor. All Anne Farrell toys are made of wood and the wheels of toy vehicles are unpainted because their designer has found that children tire of toys whose painted wheels have become chipped and scarred. Her toys are all functional, being the take-apart put-together type and their simple designs avoid details which tend to confuse the child's comprehension of the toy.

REV. BENTLEY SERIOUSLY ILL IN WATERTOWN

Rev. Oswald L. Bentley, 76, chaplain of St. Patrick's orphanage, Watertown, and one of the oldest Catholic priests of the Ogdensburg diocese, is critically ill in the Black River hospital, suffering chiefly from a heart condition.

The priest, who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Nolan, in Watertown, has been suffering recently from bronchitis. On Saturday he consulted Dr. James A. McCullough at Black River and upon the doctor's advice he entered the hospital, located near the doctor's office. Rev. Father Bentley has also been afflicted with high blood pressure.

Until his resignation two years ago Rev. Father Bentley was also chaplain of Mercy hospital, Watertown. He resigned that position owing to poor health. Ordained to the priesthood in 1896 at Lowellville, he has served churches at Antwerp, Adams, Belleville, Alexandria Bay, Redwood, Copenhagen, New Boston and Rutland. He became chaplain of the hospital and orphanage in Watertown in 1926.

MISS WOODS WILL BE D. A. STENOGRAPHER

Miss Mary E. Woods, stenographer in the office of Attorney John J. Livingston, will serve as secretary to Mr. Livingston after he assumes his duties as district attorney on Jan. 1. The name was given yesterday as Mrs. Mary Woods.

Burton R. McMonagle of Massena will be retained as grand jury stenographer.

Appeal Made by Monsignor Lacey for St. Joseph's

One last appeal was made today by Right Rev. James J. Monsignor Lacey to the friends and benefactors of Saint Joseph's to respond wholeheartedly to his earnest appeal for assistance, and to show this year as they have done so many, many times in past years, that they really want to bring untold happiness and Christmas cheer into the lives of the children and the aged under care of this well known institution.

In making his final appeal Monsignor Lacey said: "What is more joyous than the Spirit of Christmas; it is universal; it brings and gives to everybody; rich and poor rejoice alike. Christmas is for everybody regardless of their station or condition in life. Kindness and thoughtfulness of God's poor is a natural and moral responsibility. To show kindness and respect to bring happiness unto others comes deep from the heart of man. The special and universal thought for Christmas does not vary from year to year.

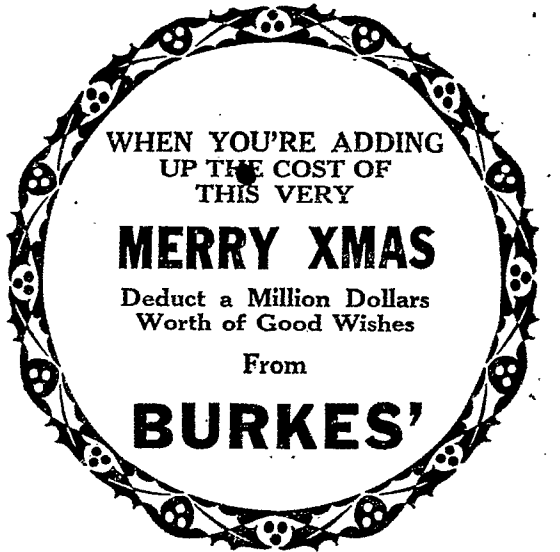
"Here at Saint Joseph's, it is a big task to prepare for Christmas, but surely one that is most commendable. We want to hold fast to our tradition of Christmas, and one of the most important of these is the happiness that we can give to little children and aged poor. Yes indeed, our dear good old ladies and gentlemen look forward to Christmas with just as much anticipation as do the children. They enjoy every moment of this happy season that is about us.

"Great expectations are aroused in the minds of all the children, and nothing works more on their feelings than the Spirit of Christmas. Fond memories and cherished recollections are being instilled into their minds while they are under our care, and some day when they are preparing for Christmas, after they leave the portals of Saint Joseph's, they will have one desire—to enjoy the same kind of Christmas as that which they enjoyed at Saint Joseph's," Monsignor Lacey said.

"If in the midst of your own preparations for Christmas you

have temporarily forgotten your contribution for Saint Joseph's, send it today; if you want a suggestion, we can always use and would be very glad to receive anything in the line of toys, clothing, cash donations, books for the children's library—these books need not necessarily be new books; skates, dolls, tobacco for our good old gentlemen, cards for the old ladies, everything that is donated is gratefully received and deeply appreciated.

"Finally, we wish to extend to all our good friends' best wishes for a very Happy and Blessed Christmas, and we hope that God will bless you all abundantly on the birthday of His Divine Son for the happiness you have given to His poor."



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