

CHRISTMAS IN DELPHOS TO BE JOYOUS EVENT

Churches Plan Special Services In Observance of Holiday

MASS AT MIDNIGHT

Annual Entertainment for Children Will Be Held Thursday Night

(Lima News Bureau) DELPHOS, Dec. 24 — The chanting of solemn high mass at midnight Christmas eve, following carols sung by the soprano voices of the boys choir will herald the birth of Jesus in St. John's Catholic church.

This will be followed Christmas day with low masses at 6:30 a. m. and 8 a. m. and high masses during the morning as each priest is granted the privilege of saying three masses on this feast of the church.

The high school choir will sing at the 8 a. m. mass and the seventh and eighth grade girls will sing during the high mass Christmas day.

There will be a Christmas confessional service in St. Peter's Lutheran church at 9:30 a. m. followed by communion service and sermon, by the pastor, the Rev. J. G. E. Mittermeier. Special Christmas carols and anthems will be sung under the direction of Mrs. Lee Carter, organist.

The annual Christmas entertainment for the children of the St. Peter's Bible school will be held Christmas eve. A program of songs, recitations and dialogues will be presented.

Annual Christmas exercises of the Christian and United Brethren Bible schools will be presented Sunday.

Christmas day will be observed here as a general holiday with stores closed and industry silent. Offices, banks and building and loan offices will cease business for the day. Mail clerks and carriers will observe the festival. The post office lobby will be open. Outgoing mails will be dispatched.

Schools closed Wednesday until Jan. 4.

Even before the holiday there was scores of visitors in the city. Students of colleges and universities whose homes are here have been arriving each day this week and will remain over the new year and Christmas holidays.

Many house parties and reunions are scheduled for Christmas day. There will be many such gatherings which will be the first of its kind since last Christmas. Children will be re-united with parents and a general time of rejoicing is forecast.

Special Christmas programs will be shown in the local theater both night and matinee.

There has been heavy sales of Christmas trees which predict some joyful times are anticipated.

That even the needy families, hit by unemployment, may not be without its Christmas cheer, workers of St. Elizabeth's Benevolent society Thursday was to distribute about 20 Christmas baskets of food.

Business Bureau Will Hold Formal Opening

Formal opening of the new and enlarged home of the Better Business Bureau, on the 15th floor of the Old National City Bldg. will be held next Wednesday night and Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Fred Calvert, president of the bureau, said Thursday the board of governors will meet in the new quarters at 6 p. m. next Wednesday and will greet visitors from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Visitors also will be conducted thru the new quarters between the hours of 1 and 5 o'clock Thursday and Friday afternoons. The bureau has more than double the floor space of its former offices elsewhere in the same building.

MONEY SUIT FILED

Citizens Loan & Building Co. filed suit Thursday in Allen-co common pleas court against Evelyn W. Lewis, Harry E. Lewis, William Allen, and W. E. Klein-oder as receiver for the Lima Securities Co. for foreclosure of mortgage. Amount claimed due is \$1,755.02.

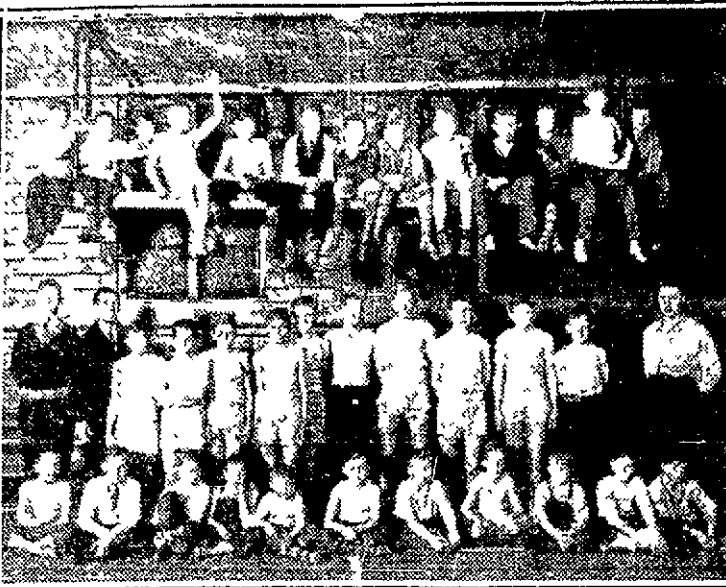
DIVORCE PETITIONED

Alleging extreme cruelty, George Oakes filed suit for divorce Thursday against Emma Oakes. Plaintiff's petition asks that the defendant be barred from dower rights in properties at Delphos and in Spencer-twp.

81,167 SEALS SOLD

With reports on the sales by the school children gradually coming into the headquarters of the Lima Public Health League, 304 S. Elfricks-st., the total amount received for the annual Christmas seals reached a total of \$1,167.57 Thursday morning.

CLUB TO ATTEND DINNER EVENT



THE Community boys' club, shown above, is looking forward to its party in the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night at 7 o'clock when the dormitory men will entertain with a Christmas program. Fred Reyer will lead the singing, after which Charles Schroner, leader of the club, and Merrill Clague of the boys' division will give Christmas talks. Walter Monbeck will sing Christmas carols, James Davis will give a pianologue and Robert Eckford will offer several violin solos. Ray E. Overmire will tell Christmas stories after which Santa Claus will appear and take charge of the program. The club is composed of more than 50 boys who meet once each week for gymnasium work, swimming, games and a club meeting.

YULE MUSIC FROM ALL SECTIONS OF WORLD TO BE HEARD OVER RADIO

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—(AP)—Here's an indication how the radio networks have planned to celebrate Christmas, the list including many of the outstanding programs:

- WEAF-NBC: 6:30 a. m.—Yuletide greetings in popular music. 7:00—Cantique Noel organ. 7:30—Merry Christmas in Mexico, Mexican orchestra. 9:00—St. Nick in Bavaria, Bavarian band. 11:00—Children of Bethlehem, orchestra and children's chorus. (Also WJZ-NBC). 12:15 p. m.—Babes in Toyland, chorus and orchestra. 5:15—"Christ the King", oratorio. WABC-CBS: 11:30—Christmas service from Washington cathedral. 9:00—Modern male chorus. 12:00—Mid-Ben Bernie and the lads. WJZ-NBC: 6:30 a. m.—Old Russian Christmas. 7:00—Merry Christmas band. 10:45—72-Bell Carillon from Riverside church, New York.

\$1,739.94 COLLECTED BY LIMA NEWS PENNY FUND

With practically a complete check Thursday, The Lima News Penny Fund stood at \$1,739.94, or 1,139 pounds of pennies, exceeding the goal set, by \$299.94 or 159 pounds.

Various small amounts are still to be received and it is anticipated that the fund will total at least \$1,750 when all contributions are received.

Collections from "thermometer" receptacles late Wednesday added

ERNEST MORRIS GIVEN YULE GIFT BY COURT

Ernest Morris, of W. Spring-st. was freed Thursday from the Toledo workhouse by order of Judge E. B. Everett in Allen-co common pleas court, so that Morris may spend Christmas with his family in Lima.

Morris was serving a 90-day sentence for assault and battery. He wrote a letter to Judge Everett expressing repentance for his wrong-doing. Judge Everett promptly remitted the remaining 25 days of the 90-day sentence he had imposed on Morris.

LIGHT BULBS STOLEN FROM CHRISTMAS TREE

C. W. Thornberg, of 716 Ewing-av. has a Christmas tree for his home this year, but no lights. Wednesday night, while the tree was on the front porch, trimmed with lights, tinsel and ornaments, an unidentified thief removed the bulbs and went on his way. Thornberg reported the theft to police.

HORSE KILLED IN CRASH

A horse was killed and an automobile was damaged badly Wednesday night eight miles east of Lima in the Harding-by, when the car, driven by Charles H. Collett, of Ada, crashed into five horses, owned by Mrs. Lovoge, who resides near the scene of the accident.

GRAMM MOTORS SUED

Cecil Burden and Walter A. Houser filed suit Thursday in Allen-co common pleas court against Gramm Motors, Inc. Action is for recovery of money. Amount alleged due is \$841.05.

40 APPLY FOR TESTS

More than 40 applicants for positions as stenographers and typists in the junior and senior grades will be given an examination by the federal civil service commission in the basement of the postoffice on January 9. This is one of the largest examinations of the kind ever held in Lima.

A Merry Christmas from United Auto Supply Co.

Dealers in Auto Tires, Accessories and Vulcanizing Equipment, Batteries, Oil and Heaters. Your patronage appreciated. All prices reasonable.

NEW LOCATION—201 SOUTH MAIN

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Best Wishes And, may we add, a Merry Christmas, that the friends who have been constant will know that their patronage has been appreciated.

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FINANCIER KILLS SELF; BUSINESS WORRY IS CAUSE

Col. Knowlton Ames, 63, Former Publisher, Ends Life With Gun

CHAUFFEUR HEARS SHOT

Victim Rushed To Hospital, Dies Few Minutes Later, Son Arrives Too Late

CHICAGO, Dec. 24—(AP)—Col. Knowlton Ames, Sr., 63, social leader, financier, former newspaper publisher, and chairman of the board of Booth Fisheries, shot and killed himself last night in his automobile.

Members of the family said he had been near a nervous breakdown because of business worries.

Mrs. Walter W. Ross, sister of Col. Ames, said that Mrs. Ames had been hurriedly summoned home from Florida last Monday night because of her husband's condition. She will arrive today.

'SHOOTS SELF IN AUTO

Col. Ames dined with the Ross family last night and appeared, they said, to be in a better frame of mind than in recent weeks. On his way home he sent the chauffeur to a drug store on an errand. The chauffeur heard a shot as he returned and was joined by a policeman in running to the automobile. They found Col. Ames lying in the tonneau, a pistol slipping from his fingers.

There was a bullet wound and powder marks on his left temple. He died a few minutes after arrival at a hospital.

Two sons, Knowlton L. Jr., president and publisher of the Chicago Evening Post, and John D., publisher of the Chicago Journal of Commerce, arrived at the hospital shortly after his death. A daughter, Rosemary, is a stage star in London, and the youngest child, Emily Ann, 5, accompanied her mother to Florida.

Col. Ames was publisher of the Journal of Commerce until a few years ago, when he gave the paper to his two sons. Knowlton, Jr., purchased the Chicago Post for \$132,000 at a receiver's sale last February, and since then John D. Ames had been in sole charge of the Journal of Commerce.

DISMISSED JANITOR MAY START SUIT FOR WAGES

A suit for wages due is contemplated by Wayne Plikerd, 33, of 334 S. Pierce-st, whose dismissal as janitor of Central high school was sustained by the Lima civil service commission at a hearing held last Tuesday on his appeal from the action of the Lima board of education. Plikerd was discharged Oct. 23, after the building had been burglarized and a safe blown.

He was claimed Plikerd was late in arriving at work that night.

Counsel for Plikerd said that unless the school board pays wages alleged due the ex-janitor since he was dismissed, a suit likely will be filed, on the basis that Plikerd had been illegally discharged and not permitted to work altho he was willing to do so.

JUDGMENT OF \$300 GIVEN PLAINTIFF FOR INJURIES

In the damage suit filed by Cora Disman, of 437 Lanner-av, against the Mack Taxis Co. judgment in the amount of \$300 has been issued by Judge E. B. Everett in Allen-co common pleas court in favor of the plaintiff.

The suit was the aftermath of injuries sustained by the plaintiff and her son when a car operated by Mrs. Disman was in collision with an automobile owned by the defendant, in December, 1929, at S. Main and Kibby-sts.

TRANSFER APPROVED

Transfer of four \$1,000 bonds of the Dallas Joint Stock Land bank, Dallas, Texas, owned by the estate of Florence M. Flood, was approved Thursday by Judge H. Hamilton in Allen-co probate court, on application of Minnie Johnson, executrix of the estate.

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Owen T. Jones, student of Harvard university, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones at Gomer.

Robert A. Foltz, student at Northwestern university, Chicago, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Foltz, 917 W. High-st.

Miss Lois W. Johnson, 3 Runyan-st, Miss Mary Winget of Cridersville and Robert Breneman of Elda were recovering at their homes Thursday from minor injuries suffered late Wednesday night in an automobile collision on the Dixie-hy near the Solar refinery. They were given treatment at St. Rita's hospital.

33 KIDDIES ARE DINED BY COUNTY AUDITOR'S STAFF

Santa Claus and the Christmas spirit ruled the Allen-co courthouse when 33 boys and girls from homes in Lima and vicinity that have felt the pinch of privation sat down Thursday noon to a real old-time Christmas dinner in a room in the basement, as special guests of the office staff of County Auditor C. A. Rusler.

In addition to a fine dinner each youngster was the recipient of toys, candy and oranges, presented to them by Santa Claus.

Several boys and girls unable to be present were to receive gifts later in the day. The dinner was prepared and served by Mrs. Grace Long, Miss Pauline Pool, Mrs. C. A. Rusler, Mrs. Ruth Workman, Miss Mary Jauman, Mrs. Vesta Rucker and Mrs. Charles Rusler, Jr.

Funds to defray the expenses of the Christmas party for the children were raised by the auditor's staff, which includes M. L. Mayers, E. I. Crites, Gilbert Greenland, Herman Ruhlen and Walt M. DeKalb.

FOOD BASKETS TO BE GIVEN NEEDY VETERANS

Christmas cheer was to be spread among the families of 33 indigent ex-soldiers of the city Thursday afternoon when members of the William Paul Gallagher post of the American Legion were to distribute food baskets.

Members of the post's auxiliary packed the baskets.

The welfare committee of the post also has provided that all families have plenty of coal and clothing. It is estimated the post will spend more than \$500 this year in welfare work among families of veterans.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS OF ESTATE IS APPROVED

Distribution of the remaining assets of the estate of William Burchin, including transfer of 40 shares of stock of the Lima Sheet Metal Products Co., was approved Thursday by Judge J. H. Hamilton in Allen-co probate court, on application of Harry A. Burchin and Andrew J. Burchin, executors. In the application the executors stated that all debts of the estate had been paid and satisfied.

COPY OF WADSWORTH WILL FILED IN COURT

An authenticated copy of the will of William Austin Wadsworth, of Geneseo, N. Y., was filed for probate Thursday in Allen-co probate court by Neil Ahlefeld, acting as agent for Mrs. Elizabeth G. Wadsworth, trustee for the estate. The will originally was filed in Livingston-co, N. Y., but the authenticated copy was placed on file in Allen-co because the estate includes mortgages on property in Allen-co.

HANDLES ESTATE

Appointment of the Lima First American Trust Co., as administrator of the estate of Albert C. Watson, of Lima, who died Nov. 24, was made Thursday by Judge J. H. Hamilton in Allen-co probate court. The estate is estimated at \$30,500.

Give Gifts of FURNITURE The Everlasting Gift

Merry Christmas and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

At this season of the year we welcome the opportunity to evidence our good wishes to the many friends who have favored us with their patronage, and to extend to them the season's heartiest greetings.

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CHURCHES READY FOR CHRISTMAS

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HOLD MIDNIGHT SERVICE

With Mrs. Susan Macdonald as organist and choirmaster and the Rev. Don H. Copeland, rector, as celebrant, the midnight service at Christ church will begin at 11:30 p. m. Christmas carols and folk-songs and classic Christmas music, will be sung and played. Holy communion will be at 8 and 10 Christmas morning. The children's entertainment and procession to the crib was held Wednesday evening.

Other services planned for the Christmas season at Christ church are Saturday, St. Stephen's day, communion at 7:30 a. m.; Sunday, dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, communion at 7:30 and pageant of the Holy Nativity, 10:30 a. m.; Monday, Holy Innocents' day, communion at 9:30; Wednesday, Dec. 30, communion at 9:30 a. m. and recital of Christmas organ music at 8 p. m. by the rector, under the auspices of the Kappa Beta Kappa; Jan. 1, New Year's day, communion at 9:30 a. m.; Jan. 3, communion 7:30 a. m., church school and children's worship, 9:15, choral eucharist and sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Jan. 6, the Epiphany, communion at 9:30 a. m.

HOLD SOLEMN HIGH MASS

Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 11:30 p. m. Thursday at St. John's Catholic church, by the Rev. Leonard Plumann, with the Rev. Paul Brissel as deacon and the Rev. Carl Willacher as sub-deacon.

At this mass and at 10:30 a. m. solemn high mass on Christmas Day, the following students will assist with ceremonies: Cornelius Flynn, of Mt. St. Mary seminary, master of ceremonies; Leo Lemkuhl and Timothy Downey, College of St. Joseph's college, Collegeville, Ind.; acolytes: John and William Conces, also of St. Joseph's college, cantor and incense bearer; and Howard Schmiesing, of Mt. St. Mary seminary, of Norwood, second master of ceremonies. The Rev. Father Plumann will give a sermon.

Eight other masses will be held in St. John's church after the midnight mass. The schedule will be as follows: 6 a. m., daybreak mass, in charge of the Rev. Father Plumann; 7 a. m. nativity mass, by the Rev. Father Willacher; 8 a. m. shepherds' mass, by the Rev. Father Willacher; and 10:30 a. m. solemn high mass of the Three Kings offered by the Rev. Father Brissel with the Rev. Father Plumann and the Rev. Father Willacher assisting as deacon and subdeacon. The ceremonies for Christmas will close with solemn benediction with the blessed sacrament after which "Holy God" will be sung.

At St. Rose Catholic church, the Rev. J. S. Elder will celebrate solemn high mass at midnight Thursday. The male choir will sing. The chancel choir will sing at a high mass at 5:30 a. m. Christmas day, and the girls' choir will sing at a high mass at 9. Low masses will be at 7, 8, 10:30 and 11:15 a. m.

At a midnight solemn high mass at St. Gerard's church Christmas eve, the choir will sing with Miss Catherine McFarland as organist and Louis Miko as violinist. The Rev. John Healey will deliver the sermon. On Christmas day, masses will be at 6, 7, 8 and 11 a. m. Redemptorist Fathers of St.

Gerard's church will have charge of the mass at 8:15 Christmas day at St. Marys church, Bluffton. CHILDREN TO SING

The annual Christmas program of the Immanuel Lutheran church will be at 7 p. m. Thursday. More than 90 children will sing carols and give recitations, and the senior choir will give a Bach chorale. The Rev. Leo E. Albrecht will play an organ solo. Santa Claus will give gifts to the children.

A candle-light service will be at 6:30 a. m. Friday at Zion Lutheran church. The choir will sing yuletide hymns, with Miss Vera Rousculp and Miss Marguerite Moyer as soloists. The Rev. Karl A. Mueller will speak.

A Christmas sermon by the Rev. John W. Berger will feature a service at 8 a. m. Friday at St. Luke's Lutheran church.

The Sunday school of St. Paul's Lutheran church, near Rousculp, gave its annual Christmas program of songs and recitations Wednesday night.

"Gifts for the King," a pageant, was presented at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at the South Side Church of Christ. Each class gave gifts for the needy.

Children of the junior and intermediate departments of First Baptist church presented a pageant, "Gifts of Time," at the annual Sunday school Christmas party at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at the church. The Rev. E. W. Bloomquist spoke.

HEFFNER RESIGNS HIS HARDING HIGHWAY POST

James I. Heffner, who has been the secretary of the Harding Highway-assy for the past ten years, today tendered his resignation to take effect immediately.

Heffner has been with the organization since its infancy, and has been a great booster for the project. He has seen the road gradually become more and more prominent until it has finally received a federal number for highways.

The annual meeting of the Harding Highway-assy is to be held at the Harding hotel, in Marion at noon, December 28. At that time a new secretary will be elected, and from all appearances Carl Fries of Keaton, is to be elected, according to Heffner.

GODWIN ESTATE LISTED

Inventory and appraisal of the estate of Mrs. Bridget Godwin, filed Thursday in Allen-co probate court by A. G. Feltz, executor, listed assets totaling \$19,802.43. Appraisers were Val Heil, M. C. Crossley and Robert Edmonds.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Leroy Thomas Hunt, 28, farmer Amanda-twp. and Zelma Laverne Counts, 16, Amanda-twp.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Sheryl Jess L. Sarber to George S. Neff, lot 2025 Satterthwaite's addition, \$1,400.

Durward A. Fuffer to W. P. Anderson, lot 12153 San Feliciano, \$1.

South Side Building & Loan-assy to William M. Carpenter, part lot 2071 West Lakewood, \$1.

Benjamin F. Shook to Frank Harold, lots 13 and 16, Westminster, \$1.

Ernest M. Botkin to Val W. Kohl, lot 1547 Jameson's-addn, \$1.

Warren Stillwagon to Forest Park, Inc., lot 14141 St. John's-park, \$1.

C. F. Askins to Forest Park,