

**FIND BENTONITE DEPOSIT.**  
 MERRITT, British Columbia, Nov. 16.—The Department of Mines is investigating a great deposit of soluble clay which is close to this town. It is believed it will prove to be very valuable bentonite. This is used in arts as a filler for finishing paper and certain textiles, and there is a greatly increased demand for it.

**HYGIENE CLASS TONIGHT.**  
 Charles Hart, principal of Eastern High School, has notified the teaching center of the District of Columbia Red Cross chapter, that he will set aside another night for home hygiene classes and accordingly will receive applicants for a Tuesday evening class, which will begin tonight.

**7,000 IN D. C. HEAR RED CROSS APPEAL**

Memberships Pour In on Workers Striving to Reach 75,000 Goal.

Red Cross roll call headquarters reported last night that the 7,000 mark had been passed and that memberships were continuing to pour in through the volunteer workers and the mails. More than 100,000 sets of supplies have been distributed throughout the District, the Government departments taking \$2,160 to date, with the Treasury leading with 25,000; Commerce, 8,000, and the Navy Yard, 6,250.

No returns have been received from any of these departments as yet and the roll call officials will be unable to make an announcement in this respect until next week. The various auxiliaries engaged in the movement are on duty daily in the business district. Several of them are making a house-to-house canvass, notably the Petworth, Chevy Chase and Park View units. Mrs. H. M. Test, chairman of the Petworth auxiliary, is taking an active part in the work.

At Keith's Theater, Mrs. Ida M. Galoway, chairman of the comforts section of the District chapter, is in charge of the enrollments and is assisted by Mrs. Marie Lix, Mrs. John H. Wilson, Mrs. Mary Van Ness Faith and Mrs. Lulu Wells.

**Early Xmas Shoppers Find Choicest Stocks**

\$200 Offered for Essays Pointing Out Advantages of Holiday Foresight.

By HARRY HAHN, Secretary of the Wm. Hahn Shoe Co.

Christmas shopping should be done as early as possible by everybody so that the best selections may be made, the greatest pleasure derived from the purchasing and the giving, and the burden upon store employees lightened.

There are numerous reasons for doing the Yuletide buying well in advance of Christmas week and practically no reasons for putting it off. Manifestly those who make their purchases early will have more time quietly and conveniently to make their selections without the hurry, hubbub, and rush. Therefore, they can do greater justice to themselves and derive more pleasure from the giving. Today practically all the stores in Washington are heavily stocked with articles suitable for Christmas giving and the range of selections is as wide as the capacity of the stores will permit. All the merchandise is new, fresh, and spick and span, and in its present condition will be appreciated far more than merchandise that has been handled repeatedly by shoppers, but which late comers will have to take.

**EARLY BUYING DESIRABLE.**

The days are longer now than they will be in December and more hours of daylight prevail for the selection and close examination of Christmas merchandise. Then, again, the weather now is better than it probably will be later on. It is a sad and dismal spectacle to see thousands of Christmas shoppers thronging the streets, hurrying, pushing and jamming through a heavy rain and plowing their way through puddles of water and over wet slippery pavements. The carrying of wet umbrellas is not only a nuisance but it impedes the progress of the shoppers, interferes with their giving their undivided attention to the business in hand, dampens their clothing and enthusiasm. Of course, no one can now say that it will or will not rain during Christmas week, but those who do their Christmas shopping early will thereby emancipate themselves from the uncertainty of December weather.

**EMPLOYEES INTERESTED.**

Employees in Washington's business establishment take an interest in their customers' purchases and are always ready and willing to assist in every way possible when time permits. That time is now. A majority of people put off their Christmas buying, the clerks and other employees will be able to devote but little time to individual cus-

tomers and the valuable help of trained, experienced men and women will thereby be lost in making selections getting good value and buying with an idea of appropriateness. There are only thirty-one shopping days left before Christmas. The population of Washington is large and there are only a certain number of stores in the city for the accommodation of the thousands of buyers. Those who wish to be economical, those who want to do their buying while cool, calm and collected; those who want to be comfortable and make their money purchase as much pleasure for them and the recipients of their gifts as possible; those who want to be sure of deliveries and those who want to exercise foresight and avail themselves of the numerous advantages offered by taking time by the forelock, will do their Christmas shopping now.

The Washington Times is offering \$200 in prizes to school children who write the best 100-word essays on "Why Everybody Should Do Their Christmas Shopping Early."

The first prize is \$50, the second \$30, the third \$20, and there are ten consolation prizes consisting of orders for \$10 worth of merchandise. The contest closes at midnight, December 1, and as soon thereafter as possible the judges will announce the winners so as to enable the latter to do their Christmas shopping early. The essays which set forth the best reasons for early Christmas shopping in the fewest words will be adjudged the winners of the substantial prizes.

The theme for the essays is one which gives every school child an opportunity to write as good an essay as any other child, because the reasons for early Christmas shopping are obvious. The rules are as few and as simple as it is possible to make them. The writers are asked to write their names, ages and the school they attend at the top of the essay, so the judges will know to whom the prizes should be sent.

The essayists are also asked to write on only one side of the paper to facilitate their being handled by the judges and the printers. That's all the rules there are; there aren't any more.

If you are a school child and can use \$50 in doing your Christmas shopping, send in an essay.

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**CONGRESS WILL OPEN HEARINGS ON BUDGET**

Committee Meets Saturday to Consider Legislative Bill.

Present plans are for the subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee which has charge of the legislative, executive, and judicial bill to begin meetings the latter part of this week, probably Saturday.

It was the intention to meet November 15, but Chairman Wood, of Indiana, has been unavoidably delayed.

That the subcommittee is going at the estimates with a determination to cut down the force in the departments is emphatically stated in Appropriations Committee circles. It is admitted that it will be difficult to pare down appropriations in such a way as not to cripple the departments.

Congressman Davis, chairman of the District subcommittee, is a member of the legislative subcommittee also. He will, therefore, not be able to begin hearings on the District bill until considerable progress has been made on the legislative hearings.

Chairman Good, of the Appropriations Committee, is expected here the coming week, and he will promptly begin hearings on the sundry civil bill.

**Hendrick to Speak.**

Commissioner J. Thilman Hendrick will address the Chevy Chase Citizens' Association tomorrow night at the Elizabeth V. Brown School at 8 o'clock.

**AIR LINE HEARING SET.**

The seaboard air line railway company will be given a rehearing before the United States Supreme Court on January 3, on its appeal for alleged underpayment in transport-

ing troops and supplies during the Spanish-American War in 1905-1906. The company's claim was dismissed by the Court of Claims. The Supreme Court heard arguments in this case last term.

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