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PLAN YULETIDE EVENTS.

"Giving Christmas" Program For Methodist Congregation.

At a council meeting of the Methodist Sunday School workers held last Monday night, it was decided that a "giving Christmas" program would be held for the whole congregation of that church on Christmas eve night, and that on Wednesday afternoon or night during the holidays an old-fashioned Christmas party would be given the children, with probably a Christmas tree in connection with this latter event.

The program to be used on Christmas eve night is known as the "White Gifts For the King" program, and is being largely used now by the churches throughout the whole country, and carries with it the idea of giving rather than that of receiving as the Christmas ideal. While the songs, responsive readings, and recitations are about as programs in the past have been, the giving feature is distinctive.

The gifts are to be "of self," "of service," and "of substance," the first implying that no thanksgiving for the gift of a Savior is worthy until the Savior himself has first been accepted by the worshipper; the second, that one's service is more highly esteemed by the Maker than one's substance; the third, that as the wise men on that first Christmas brought "gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh," so on any Christmas, gifts of substance should be presented, that some who have not had their share of the heavenly Father's temporal gifts might be remembered and made happy. The decorations are all to be in white, in the center of which an electric star, representing the "Star of the East," is to appear during the entertainment.

The committees appointed to carry out the program are: On arranging program—Mrs. W. S. Cary and Mrs. C. Wintter. On rehearsal and training—Mrs. P. O. Lowrey and the Sunday School teachers. On deciding on what objects are to be remembered in the gifts of substance, and the distribution of gifts—Mr. C. F. Berkel and the members of the two adult Bible classes. On decorations—Miss Georgia Richard, Miss Abbie Allen, Miss Nerissa Warrick, Mrs. J. T. Guyton, Mrs. C. F. Berkel, Miss Lilian Wintter, Hudson Hunley, Mr. Weatherford, Christian Hunter, and Dr. Warrick.

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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Five-Day Conference to Be Held Here After Holidays.

Announcement is made by Parish Superintendent H. P. Broussard that a teachers' institute of five days' duration will be held here the week after the holidays, commencing Monday, Jan. 3, and extending through Friday, Jan. 7. The sessions will be convened in the auditorium of the Donaldsonville High School at 9 o'clock a. m. each day, and it is expected that every teacher in the parish will be present.

At the opening session Mayor Walter Lemann will deliver an address of welcome, to which response will be made in behalf of the teachers by Principal W. L. Smith of the Oak Grove Agricultural High School. The topics to be discussed throughout the week will be as follows: "What I Have Done in Community Studies Since School Opened," Miss Isabel Folse, Miss Alma Klos, Donaldsonville High School. "Model Lesson in Eighth Grade Algebra—Factoring," A. R. Babin, Dutchtown High School. "Should the New Educational Readers Be Taught Throughout the Parish and Why?" Miss Celine Babin, Dutchtown High School. "Model Lesson in Phonics," Miss Dora Kaffie, Donaldsonville High School. "Simple Home Economics Lesson That Can and Should Be Taught in Our Rural Schools," Miss Esther Smith, Oak Grove High School. "The Importance of Limiting the One-teacher School to Five Grades," J. D. Aymond, Martin School. "Model Lesson in Reading," Miss Edith Morgan, Gonzales High School. "Consolidation with Special Reference to Ascension Parish," Chas. Broussard, Gonzales High School. "Are the Two High Schools, Dutchtown and Gonzales, Justified in Teaching Bookkeeping and Typewriting Instruction of a Short Course in Agriculture?" W. A. Babin, Oak Grove High School; Jerome Aydel, Gonzales High School. "Model Lesson in Geometry," Miss Helene Coon, Gonzales High School. "Public Entertainments at the Closing of Our Schools," R. S. Vickers, Donaldsonville High School. "How I Teach Spelling in the Fifth and Sixth Grades," followed by a lesson, Miss Josephine Devall, Grove High School. "How to Beautify Our Grounds with Our Native Trees and Shrubs," Miss Lucy Gallion, Elise Memorial School. "Long Tenure of Teachers in the Same Position," L. J. Babin, Dutchtown High School. "Questioning: Can a Teacher Have Good Questions Without Having Planned the Main Points of the Lesson?" Miss Lucy Gallion, Elise Memorial School. "My Method of Teaching Correct English to the First and Second Year Pupils," Miss Annie Pujos, Miss Mary Stuart, Donaldsonville High School. "Model Lesson in Third Grade History," Miss Jeanne Landry, Donaldsonville High School. "Agriculture Work That Should Be Done by Our Rural Schools, Taking Into Consideration a Seven-month Term Beginning Sept. 1," W. M. Babin, Oak Grove High School. "Should School Time Be Given to Athletics?" Otto Mestayer, Donaldsonville High School. "The Importance of Teachers Keeping Informed About Current Events," Adner Lafleur, Sacramento School.

Superintendent's remarks on the work of the schools of the parish as a whole, H. P. Broussard, superintendent of schools. Patrons and friends of the schools are cordially invited to attend and take part in the discussions of the program. Leading educators of the state have been invited to address the institute. Thus far the following have accepted: State Superintendent T. H. Harris, State High School Inspector C. A. Ives, and State Institute Conductor John R. Conniff.

BELL PEPPERS.

Good Crop For Louisiana Truck Growers.

"Louisiana truck growers who are looking for new crops, should try bell peppers," says George L. Tiebout, horticulturist of the U. S. U. experiment station. "The common impression that there is a very limited demand for this vegetable is erroneous. Peppers are a staple crop in Florida, which ships many carloads to the northern, eastern and western markets. Texas is finding out that there is money to be made in raising this vegetable. Louisiana should also enjoy her share of these profits. Tiebout, who has just been called to the management of hotbeds, peppers are an easy crop to grow. There is no pruning or staking required, and no special skill is necessary in the cultivating, picking and packing of peppers. This can all be done by common labor. "In this latitude peppers should be planted in hot beds about December 15 to early January, and transplanted to horizontal rows in April. The Ruby Ring is the most popular variety."

Professor Tiebout has had fifteen years of experience in the growing of bell peppers and will be glad to help any grower to get started in this industry. Means Johnston, county attorney of Lafourche county, shot and killed Dr. R. E. Birdsong on the street at Schlar, Miss., last Sunday. The men were neighbors and the cause of their fatal quarrel has not been made public. Johnston was placed in jail and refused to discuss the affair. Four tons of black powder exploded from some unknown cause in a yard of the Dupont Powder Company's big plant near Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30, killing thirty workmen and injuring seven others. H. B. Roper, chairman of the great Leyland steamship line, died in Liverpool Dec. 2.

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL BODIES.

Successful Experiment in Training Young Men For Citizenship.

If the boys can be started right there need be no fear about the men of five or ten years later. An original method of getting hold of the boy and developing him into a good citizen has been devised by the Knoxville (Tenn.) Board of Commerce. About a year ago a Junior Board of Commerce, composed of boys from 14 to 25 years of age, was formed at a meeting held in the Board of Commerce rooms. The object of the junior board is to instruct its members upon civic and economic questions, to train them for citizenship and to enlist them in the work of Knoxville improvement. The experiment has more than justified itself. Numerous excursions have been made by small groups, under supervision, to leading manufacturing plants in Knoxville. A fine piece of constructive work has been done by the boys in making a thorough survey of the city market. This survey is to be published in pamphlet form. A delegation from the junior board recently asked the city commission to submit to the vote of the people the question of issuing \$50,000 in bonds for public parks and play-grounds. The commission granted the request. The junior board has met regularly once a month, has been addressed by different county and city officials, and has seen its membership grow from 50 to 230 in twelve months. In these days when the average youth seen on street car or train is more concerned in the page of sports than any other part of the daily paper, it is encouraging to find young men under twenty-one solving problems of city improvement. Along similar lines the Rochester (N. Y.) Chamber of Commerce is gathering a list of all sons of members attending educational institutions away from Rochester, the plan being to send them a letter "for the purpose of letting them know that the city of Rochester appreciates the value of their good will and is desirous of strengthening the ties of mutual interest and friendship." Weekly inspection trips to typical factories of the city's leading industries will also be made for the benefit of sons of members of the Chamber of Commerce. If chambers of commerce in other cities would follow similar methods, not confining their efforts to sons of members, the effect upon good citizenship and city improvement would be remarkable.—Leslie's Weekly.

It Isn't Your Town—It's You.

If you want to live in the kind of a town That's the kind of a town you like, You needn't slip your clothes in a grip And start on a long, long hike. You'll find elsewhere what you left behind. For there's nothing that's really new. It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town. It isn't your town—it's you. Real towns are not made by men afraid. Lest somebody else gets ahead; When everyone works and nobody shirks You can raise a town from the mud. And if you make your personal stake Your neighbor can make one, too, Your town will be what you want to see; It isn't your town—it's you. —Ladies' Home Journal.

Get Wise to This Plan.

There are people in almost every community who are anxious to avoid paying the merchants a reasonable margin on their merchandise. They readily believe an invitation to them by smooth-tongued frauds who are entire strangers to them. Nearly all of the "soft snaps" offered by these fellows are swindles. The best plan is to patronize home merchants. They help to pay a large part of the taxes, help support the churches, the schools and are citizens among us. They are responsible for what goods they sell and can be found at any time should anything be wrong or goods not as represented.—Alexandria Democrat.

Why You Should Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Because it has an established reputation won by its good works. Because it is most esteemed by those who have used it for many years, as occasion required, and are best acquainted with its good qualities. Because it loosens and relieves a cold and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Because it does not contain opium or any other narcotic. Because it is within the reach of all. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.—(Adv.)

Ivy A. Hearn, former postmaster of Riverton, La., Caldwell parish, has been indicted for embezzlement of postoffice funds and released on a \$400 bond.

WILSON PLEADS PREPAREDNESS.

Comprehensive Plans For Strengthening National Defenses Outlined by President in Message to Congress—Hyphenated Conspirators Scathingly Denounced and Laws to Deal with Them Demanded.

Full partnership of all the nations of the western hemisphere in world affairs—a doctrine of genuine Pan-Americanism—was proclaimed by President Wilson in his third annual message to congress, read Tuesday before the national lawmakers, the president in person. Preparedness for the United States to defend not only its own independence, but the rights of those with whom it had made common cause, was the great theme upon which the message was based. Comprehensive plans for strengthening national defenses loomed up in every recommendation embodied in the document. Taking the position that America's independence was "provincial" and that preparation to meet the exigencies of world-developments was imperative, the president presented a program that included army and navy plans already made public by Secretaries Garrison and Daniels; legislation that would open upon the ocean a fleet of government-owned merchant ships; a rural credit law; Philippines and Porto Rico bills which failed of final passage at the last session; conservation legislation; a law giving federal aid to industrial and vocational education and the creation of a commission to probe to the bottom the nation's present transportation problem. Scorching denunciation the president poured upon naturalized and native-born Americans who, sympathizing with belligerents abroad, had plotted and conspired to violate United States' neutrality. Congress was urged to provide laws adequate to deal with such offenders. Urging a "pay-as-you-go" policy for governmental expenditures as far as possible, the president proposed internal taxation as means of providing money necessary to add to army and navy the increased efficiency planned. Income taxation was urged as a means of raising large sums. Other sources suggested were gasoline, naphtha, automobiles and internal explosion engines, fabricated iron and steel, and a stamp tax on bank checks. Further sales of government bonds were proposed, and extension of the war revenue bill and continuance of the present tariff on sugar recommended. Following is a condensed summary of some of the things the president said: "The states of the Americas are not hostile rivals, but co-operating friends. Pan-Americanism is the embodiment of the spirit of law, independence, liberty, mutual service. We have been put to the test in Mexico. We have stood the test. We have not ships enough of our own. We cannot handle our own commerce on the seas. Our independence is provincial. It is only on land that we are within our own borders."

It is high time we repaired our mistake and resumed our commercial independence on the seas.

A tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline and naphtha would yield \$10,000,000. The industry of this generation should pay the bills of this generation. The people are entitled to know at the outset just what burden of taxation they are to carry. If a stamp tax on bank checks will yield a revenue of approximately \$18,000,000. The states of the Americas are not hostile rivals, but co-operating friends. Pan-Americanism is the embodiment of the spirit of law, independence, liberty, mutual service. We have been put to the test in Mexico. We have stood the test. We have not ships enough of our own. We cannot handle our own commerce on the seas. Our independence is provincial. It is only on land that we are within our own borders. We quote the following from the St. James Interim of Dec. 4, and join in the expressions of condolence therein contained: "We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Stark L. Davis, of Gramercy, who on Saturday last, again lost a child—this time their pretty and interesting little Thelma Anthonia, aged three and a half years. "Only thirteen days ago the angel of death had claimed their six-year-old daughter, Julia Mary, and the flowers on her tomb were still fresh when little Thelma was buried. "The mother's and father's heart must truly be filled with true Christian fortitude to bear the loss of another darling, so soon after receiving such a severe shock. This is such a cruel blow that our Divine Lord alone can comfort them in this deepest affliction. "To Him we pray to assuage their grief and assist them to bear a portion of His heavy cross. It is only those he loves he thus afflicts; so, let them say the great 'fiat' and think of their darlings, not as dead, but as transplanted in a better sphere where there are no more tears—naught but joys."

DAVIS FAMILY AGAIN STRICKEN.

Loss of Another Child Brings Further Sorrow to Young Couple.

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EDITING A NEWSPAPER.

All You Have to Do is to Please All the People All the Time.

Editing a newspaper is a pleasing business—if you can stand it. If subscribers want to bowl out anybody—the editor's the goat. If the town is lagging behind and people won't get out and make things hum—it's because the town paper is on the bum. If business is bad—it's because the editor wants too much money for his advertising space. If business is good—advertising hasn't anything to do with it, but conditions are right. If we print what pleases people—that is our duty and we deserve no credit. If we print what is displeasing—we are a grouch and crepe-hanger, and don't deserve the patronage of the public. If we print the news as it actually is—people call us over the phone and tell us to stop their paper. If we make it up—they tell us we are subsidized by the corporate interest. Editing a newspaper is a pleasing business—is it not? HOW FAR IS THIBODAUX? Not So Far That the Statements of Its Residents Cannot Be Verified. Rather an interesting case has been developed in Thibodaux. Being so near by, it is well worth publishing here. The statement is sincere—the proof convincing: "Oliver H. Braud, 513 Lagard street, Thibodaux, La., says: 'I had trouble from my kidneys for several years. I suffered so from weak back at times that I could hardly get around. I couldn't rest well and toward morning my back ached so that I could hardly move until the pain passed off. My kidneys acted too freely at times and I felt miserable all over. Nothing I tried did me any good. I finally began using Doan's Kidney Pills and got relief from the first. After taking a few more boxes, my back felt stronger and my kidneys acted as they should.' "Price 50 cents at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Braud had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—(Adv.)" Piano Tuning and Repairing. If your piano needs tuning or repairing, send for Claiborne Williams. He is an expert in this line of work, and will give your piano a thorough overhauling and place it in the best possible condition. Rates reasonable and satisfactory results guaranteed. Highest references furnished. Residence, 507 Opelousas street. Telephone No. 11. If you are not already reading The Chief, now is the time to begin.

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