

### SAPULPA AFFAIR A FULL SUCCESS

#### Community Christmas Is Enjoyed by Hundreds at Court House

### CHILDREN SURPRISED

#### They Provide Christmas and in Turn Are Taken Care Of by Santa Claus

SAPULPA, Dec. 24.—In contrast with the usual system of gathering baskets of toys, food and clothing for the poor children at the orphan home here, was the community Christmas tree celebration which took place on the courthouse lawn here Christmas eve.

Inmates of the Children's Home presented a playlet to make money with which to present the city of Sapulpa a community tree. They prepared a program, made toys for other children and gave their more unfortunate neighbors a wonderful good time, instead of remaining at their home, satisfied with waiting to receive a Christmas from donors.

A New Kind of Christmas. Very few of the children could remember visits from Santa Claus in a real home of their own with a loving father and mother, having been forced by circumstances to take a place with the other orphan boys at the home at an early age. And their Christmas times at the home, although well meant, have proven shallow when compared with their dreams.

But when the jolly Saint Nicholas himself, in person, entered the scene where the children had prepared the tree, their wildest dreams were fulfilled. They had prepared a place where all in the city could enjoy the spirit of the occasion and they were there in numbers.

There on the courthouse lawn the homeless waifs had the most wonderful time of their young lives. Santa Claus was present in a maze of toys, fruits, clothing and many other gifts for the children and the many Sapulpanes participating in the community celebration. Their wildest expectations were exceeded when Santa became their playmate for a short time, praising them for giving the city such a good time and not thinking of their own happiness.

2,000 People Enjoyed It. A 40-foot cedar, brilliantly illuminated with many colored electric lamps and decorated until the tinsel shone like stars for several blocks away, held many gifts for all present. Twelve groups of carol singers sang the praises of Him who was born in the manger on that night centuries ago. The affair was a decided success and thoroughly enjoyed by more than 2,000 people.

The orphan children at the home had prepared the tree and celebration for all of Sapulpa, but they became the happiest present when Santa began a presentation of gifts. The joy of the little children brought tears to the eyes of many of the first one and then another of the orphans could be seen fondly embracing a fairy doll or clasping tight a steam engine with a strange light shining from their eyes.

Christmas ever the children from the home were in turn made Sapulpa's enthroned guests and they were given such a time as they never dreamed of before. All of Sapulpa made merry on the streets, enjoying the spirit of the celebration more than any past Christmas regardless of place, and all through the efforts of orphan inmates of the Children's Home. Candles and electric lights will be left burning every night until the new year as a continual reminder to Sapulpa that it is better to give than to receive.

Christmas eve here bore out the prophecy that "A little child shall lead them."

"The Unseen Princess was the most unusual play in costume and stage setting that Sapulpa has ever seen."

Not only were the settings unusual for their beauty, but for the fact that they were made at the cost of only a few dollars from "rags and bones and banks of hair."

Edna G. Keith of the National Community Service, the director utilized her experience in making scenery from army salvage in theatrical work among our troops in France.

The sumptuous robes of the princess were from show window velvet loaned by a local store.

A large fireplace was built with stones made of wadded newspapers covered with gray crepe paper. A fire was made of red and yellow crepe paper flames which twinkled and flickered above a red light over an electric fan.

In a garden scene a wall of brown burlap was shown beneath a sky cyclorama of blue paracel. Aprons for the children in the home will now be made from this sky.

Steps from a local bootblack's stand, together with an empty dry goods box covered with a red curtain furnished the steps of the palace.

### FRISCO GETS MINERAL BELT

#### Big System to Absorb Smaller Railway Line.

Special to The World. PITCHER, Dec. 24.—Unofficial but apparently reliable reports are in circulation to the effect that the Mineral Belt railroad, a short line which has served as an outlet to the main producing mines of this vicinity, is shortly to be absorbed by the Frisco.

The Frisco has an option on the Mineral Belt, which expires about the first of the new year, and it is understood that the former will close the option and take over the latter before the expiration date.

Visit Woman's Art Exchange, 20 West 4th for beautiful, desirable Christmas gifts. Give the gift that counts.



### She Starred in Sapulpa's Playlet



Lillian Smith

This little girl played the part of Ursula, the toy-master's adopted daughter, in the play presented by the children of the Children's Home at Sapulpa, from which was realized a fund of \$200. This money was spent in providing a community Christmas celebration for the city of Sapulpa.

### PASS AMNITY TREATY

#### Colombian Congress Ratifies Pact Between United States Over the Panama Canal Dispute.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The treaty between Colombia and the United States has been ratified by the Colombian congress according to a cablegram received today by the American International corporation.

The treaty which provides for the payment of \$25,000,000 to Colombia by the United States, was ratified by the United States senate on April 28, of this year, and by the Colombian senate on October 13. The Colombian treaty is an outgrowth of differences between the United States and Colombia in con-

nection with the acquisition by the United States of the Panama canal route and of recognition of the Panama republic by the United States government during the Roosevelt administration. Considerable debate attended the ratification of the treaty in the United States senate.

### Hens Strike—Can't Pay.

DETROIT—When the hens start laying Antoneta Sluka will get her alimony from her husband, James. James was brought before Judge Clyde L. Webster for non-payment. He explained to the judge that he is in the chicken business and the hens have been on a strike. As soon as he can induce them to lay he will pay up. The writ of attachment was dismissed.

### CHRISTMAS COMES TO COUNTY HOME.

#### Musicians Give Happy Hour; Little Blind Lady Dances

It was Christmas at the Tulsa county farm Saturday. There was music and laughter and tears that blinded old eyes as the tunes of yesterday brought back memories of old loves and old days. Some one called for Grandma Sumpster.

Laughing and protesting, the little old white-haired lady was led into the center of the circle. "Let me sing a veritable waltz 'Twas in the grand old days when I was in the midst of the inmates of the home and the members of the special Christmas orchestra that had come to play for Mom. She is deaf and blind and 84 years old.

Sang an Accomplishment. "But I'm not dressed up!" she said. The excuse wasn't accepted, and she drew her little gray shawl closer about her as she grasped the hands of the superintendent of the home and said with a graceful little smile at the visiting musicians that she wouldn't need music. She sang her own accomplishment as she danced.

Clipping up her skirt with one hand and holding tight to the superintendent's hand with the other, she moved her small feet in lively sympathy with the rhythm of the ancient waltz of "Johanna." "New Mind the Weather as the Wind Don't Blow," she sang in her quavering old voice. High and brave sweet, she chanted the words over, and over again as she danced.

She paused, flushed and radiantly breathless. In answer to applause she picked up her skirts and singing "O widow woman, I want your daughter, O widow woman, I want your daughter," interspersed with the reply to the importuning swain "Well, by jinks, you can have her!" she danced again. She brought down the house with a swoon. Her

few inmates were no less admiring than the members of the orchestra and all were swift to congratulate the little old lady who neither heard nor saw, but who was happy in doing her small bit towards making the impromptu Christmas celebration a happy one.

Audience Loved Old Songs. Joe Lyday, Don Robinson, Henry Bazo, Al Caville, Ted Warner and Homer Phillips were the musicians who drove out from Tulsa yesterday to give this bit of pleasure to the county home. With them were Mrs. Robert P. McArthur, whose brother, the late A. D. Young found his greatest pleasure at Christmas in these trips and Miss Emma Anderson. The home was gay in its reds and greens and with its two sturdy trees laden with brilliant boughs and popcorn strings. The news spread quickly that visitors had come, and it was only a few moments until the room was filled with the audience—gentle old folks whose faded eyes were eager, and whose hands trembled with anticipation of the pleasure that was to be theirs. The beloved old hymns the familiar old songs of days gone by brought tears and tremulous handclapping. Then while the violins "fiddled" the old turkey in the straw, J. J. Payne judged.

It was merry Christmas at the county home.

### Clothiers Association Raps Daugherty Hard

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The National Association of Retail Clothiers, through Ansel Frankel, president and Charles E. Wry, executive director, today addressed a letter to Attorney General Daugherty denying his recent assertion that retail dealers' profits were unreasonable and that they have understandings which tends to keep prices high. On behalf of 6,000 clothing dealers in their association, they invited the attorney general to avail himself of all information at their disposal and sharply criticized him for "announcing the results of your investigation" before it was made.

### Prisoner Leaves Court.

KENNETT, Mo.—Riley Torrence has "city slicked" the circuit court.

### Police Find Secret Liquor Cache

DELIANCE, Ohio.—The most artfully concealed liquor cache ever found by Deliance police was described by officers who raided the home of Clayton Archambeault, in Perry street. Archambeault was fined \$500 by Mayor Kirtley. He was placed in the county jail following his failure to pay the fine.

To find the evidence, police entered a closed door under the stairway at the Archambeault home and removed a safe, behind which was found a section of the basement which could be opened as a small door. This opening led to a compartment under the floor where reported seven quarts of moonshine liquor, it is claimed.

A farmer was originally one who collected taxes.

It is our wish that your  
Christmas be merry  
and the New Year  
filled with contented-  
ness and prosperity



## OUR WISH—

To the many greetings that come to you at this happy season may we add ours. They represent the friendly thoughts of the whole long year crystallized into a single wish—May yours be a joyous Christmas, and may the New Year be an open sunlit road to greater happiness, larger usefulness and a fuller realization of all wise hopes.

### THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TULSA

Tulsa's Oldest Bank



## A "Hard Boiled" Christmas Greeting

Once in a while, interspersed among the flowery Christmas greetings, we receive a "hard boiled" greeting which appeals, if only because it is different.

We feel like trying that kind this year, and in extending our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, remind you—and ourselves as well—that while prosperity sometimes comes to those who wait, it comes a whole lot quicker to those who HUSTLE!

Here's hoping that the New Year affords us all plenty of opportunity to HUSTLE and that it will repay such HUSTLE with wonderful prosperity.

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## Merry Christmas

Closing our books for the year without thanking you for the business given us, and wishing you the Compliments of the Season, would be like leaving unpaid an important debt. Therefore, we take this occasion to thank you kindly and wish you one and all a

Merry Christmas and a  
Happy and Prosperous  
New Year

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