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## CHARITY MAKES GLAD CHRISTMAS

GIVERS OUTSTRIP PREVIOUS EFFORTS—MANY POOR ARE MADE HAPPY.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS GIVE FREELY

Good Fellows' Club, Salvation Army, and W. R. C. Lead in Charities Movement—Practically All Needy Found Are Given Necessities and Gifts For Christmas.

Good fellowship, charity, and christian service, working side by side during the days and weeks just preceding Christmas did probably more to make a merry Christmas for the poor, to relieve need and want that pressed down upon the poor of the city, than at any other Christmas time in years. That is the opinion of those who were closest to the various relief movements. The result of their efforts was to bring Christmas cheer to many who would not have known it, to make Santa Claus real to many a poor child, to supply food, clothing, fuel, and other essentials to many who would not otherwise have had them.

Charitably it was a glorious Christmas. The spirit of giving and of service was widespread and general. An appeal was all that was needed. The organizations, groups of friends, and single individuals gave and gave. Of much of this giving the public will never know, nor should it know. But the givers know the joys of service. These who received realize the sweetness of charity.

All Poor Were Satisfied. As far as can be learned practically every poor family that was in real need was supplied. The Good Fellows' Club found a giver for every family it knew of. The Salvation Army had a basket for each family it could search out and investigate. There was the vast amount of individual giving, done without outside suggestion, of which there is no detailed knowledge.

The Good Fellows' Club distributed food, supplies and Christmas gifts purchased with \$275 cash. It distributed ten tons of coal given by coal dealers, and more coal supplied by individuals.

It sent clothing to the poorly clad. Every needy family which was found was fed, coal was supplied where needed, clothing was given in many places, as were orders for Christmas shoes. Toys were given to children of the poor by the central committee of the club. Hundreds were thus given Christmas cheer and necessities, and these do not take into account the many families that were looked after by individuals who agreed to take Christmas time into many a home. The club carried out well its rule of no personal publicity either for giver or receiver.

Salvation Army Helps 100. One hundred baskets, filled with food enough for at least one meal for a large family, and worth \$250 to \$3, was the measure of the Salvation Army's charity. Each basket contained potatoes, canned vegetables, butter, sugar, coffee, milk, bread, canned fruit, corn meal, pancake flour, cereal, and either a chicken or turkey. There were children nuts and candy wrappers added. The Salvation Army workers feel most grateful to those who made it possible for them to supply these baskets.

The W. R. C. women sent out seventeen baskets, each worth \$2.75, and a large amount of clothing. Each basket had in it a chicken, sugar, beans, coffee, candy, canned fruit, canned and fresh vegetables, bread and butter.

Others Give Freely. Just one instance need be given briefly to show the willingness of the public to help the needy. Where reported, Thursday evening's T.-R. called for help to start a destitute family of five that had found temporary shelter in the Y. M. C. A. A call was published for household furniture, to start the family to self dependence.

Givers were asked to telephone the Y. M. C. A. what they would give. Before a copy of the paper was delivered to the association building charitable people began phoning. What they offered to give ranged all the way from a pillow to free rent for a suite of three or four rooms. One woman offered furnishings for an entire room. A lodge wanted to help, and there were offers of bedding, blankets, and quilts, chairs, tables, carpet, food, beds, etc.

Had all those who offered been allowed to send their gifts there would have been enough furniture for three or four families. To prevent this needless giving the association officers today are telephoning those who first offered, and who wanted to give the most essential and most badly needed things.

There were no happier children around any Christmas tree than were the three small ones of this family around the tree the Y. M. C. A. officers supplied. It had all the trimmings of candles, tinsel and garlands, besides toys, rattles, nuts, candy, and oranges. The father takes Jan. 1 a steady job which, if he can hold, promises with the help given to make this family self supporting.

COWGILL-PETERSON WEDDING.

Young People of Albion Neighborhood Married Christmas Eve.

A pretty home wedding took place Christmas eve at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Anderson, at Moninger Station, when Mrs. Anderson's daughter, Miss Ellen May Peterson, became the bride of George Worth Cowgill of Albion. The service was read at 8 o'clock by Rev. C. E. Luce, pastor of the Methodist church at Albion, in the presence of forty friends and relatives.

The bride wore a dainty gown of white silk, adorned with lace and a long veil of tulle, and carried a bouquet of bride roses. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Margaret Peterson, who wore a white taffeta suit, and Miss Helen Nichols, dressed in white embroidered voile. Little Gwendolene Evans and Esther Swain, the former dressed in a pale green crepe de chine and the latter in a

white embroidered dress, were ribbon stretchers, while little Lottie Ralston, nephew of the groom, carried the wedding ring in a rose. The bride and groom were married with the ring the bride's parents used in their wedding. Miss Shan Culver played the wedding march. Green and white predominated in the decorations, the bridal party standing under an arch of green and white during the ceremony.

Following the service the hostess, assisted by Gwendolene Evans, Esther Swain, and Robert Culver, and Misses Vera Lloyd, Helen Nichols, and Margaret Peterson, served a two-course luncheon.

Both the bride and groom are well known in the Albion neighborhood, where they have always lived. Mr. and Mrs. Cowgill will make their home on a farm of the groom's father, Henry Cowgill, one and one-half miles east of Albion.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Evans and family were the only guests at the affair from this city.

### "THE GIRL FROM MUNNS."

Orpheum Offers Good Tabloid Sunday Night—Music, Singing and Dancing.

At the Orpheum theater tomorrow night and for the three nights following "The Girl From Munns" will be the attraction of the evening. Fifty songs galore, with a bunch of beauty girls in the support of Billy Gilbert and George Bartlett, the musical comedy comedians, make up the company.

A sweet singing Prima Donna Lorraine Bernard formerly with the "Princess of Teutonia" company is in the cast. Her gowns are said to create much talk among the feminine members of the audience.

Cory Hunt is with the cast and will sing several new selections. "The Girl From Munns" is a play that charms in her "Little of Roses" and "Vampire Dances" is one of the features of the evening's entertainment.

"The Girl From Munns" company has a big beauty chorus that equals the higher priced shows. The public are assured of a good bearing and a half's entertainment. Orpheum.

### TWENTY-FOUR BELOW.

Cold Wave Arrives Christmas Day and Brings Stinging Cold.

A cold wave that began arriving Christmas evening, and continued in severity during Christmas, made of the day and Christmas night one of the coldest in many years. Starting with a minimum temperature of 2 below for Christmas eve, the temperature rose during Friday to only 9 above zero, then fell in the night to 21 below. Early in the morning the intense cold began to moderate somewhat, and at 7 o'clock this morning the government instrument registered 18 below. But for the absence of wind Christmas night the weather would have been most severe for those who were outside. A year ago Christmas day was in the range of temperature was 23 and 15 above.

Friday night was the coldest December night in twelve years. The government's local records show only seven colder nights in twelve years. Four were Jan. 5, 7, 11 and 12, 1912 when the temperature dropped to 26 and 31 below, and Feb. 2, 3 and 13, 1905, when the temperature was 27 and 30 below.

### AT THE CHURCHES

Sunday services, and sermon subjects of pastors, have been announced for the churches as follows:

Congregational, Rev. B. F. Martin—Morning, "The Power of Hope in Religion," a New Year's service; vesper, "Our Forefathers' Contribution to religious Progress in America."

Baptist, Rev. R. E. Davidson—Morning, "Let Christ Be Born in Me," evening, Christmas song service by the chorus, including Schaecker's cantata, "The Hope of the world."

St. Paul's Episcopal, Rev. H. M. Rabin—Morning, "The Christmas Call," vesper, "Emmanuel."

German Evangelical, Rev. Karl Rest—Morning, "The Infidelity of Steward," Evening, Lutheran, Rev. O. Ingvaldstad—Morning no service; evening, in English, "The Christian's Post-Christmas Cry."

Presbyterian, Rev. James P. Linn—Morning, "Difficulties a Blessing," evening, "A New Year Message."

Methodist, Rev. R. P. Hurlburt—Morning, "The Brief Time For the Great Work," evening, "Our Heavenly Home," the ninth in the series of sermons on "Messages From Home."

First Church of Christ, Scientist—Subject for 1914 service, "Christian Science."

Friends, Rev. I. N. Rich—Morning, "The Type of Christ," Sermon by pastor in the evening.

### START MEETINGS SUNDAY.

Two Churches of City Begin Revival Meetings Tomorrow.

Two churches of the city, the Central Church of Christ and the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, will begin revival meetings Sunday.

The Vawter evangelistic party, headed by C. R. L. Vawter, is to have charge of the Central church meetings. They are six in the party, the personnel, in addition to the evangelist, being L. E. Chase, organizer, and his wife, who is a personal worker; A. A. Bailey, director of music; Mrs. Bailey, bible work; and Wilfred R. M. Diamond, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase are here to begin the meetings, and Mr. Vawter and the other members of his party are not expected until Friday. The meetings this week will be largely preliminary to the evangelistic campaign proper. Mr. Chase will preach morning and evening.

The meetings at the Pentecostal church will be in charge of Rev. J. W. Short, of Dayton, O., pastor of the church of the denomination in that city. Mr. Short is accompanied by his wife. The morning sermon subject of Mr. Short Sunday will be "Holiness," and the evening, "The Danger of Neglect." Mrs. Short will hold an evangelistic service in the afternoon.

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### LOCAL COMMENT

With the thermometer at 24 below and the enthusiasm of the Good Fellows blown over after the Christmas season has passed it becomes necessary to revive the permanent organization of the Interdenominational Charities Association. Here is a good subject for Sunday morning sermons and mid-week discussions. Chicago has its municipal commission on the problem of the unemployed. Every city in Iowa is experiencing the demand of the unemployed for work and Marshalltown is no exception. We have with us this winter a situation which has seldom existed and it must be met.

People who would like to have their streets improved next summer with paving should get busy with their petitions now as the low cost is always to be obtained on contracts let in the winter time. A curb at the usual price costs \$18 and concrete paving at \$12.50 would cost \$25 for a thirty-foot street and a sixty-foot lot front of \$100 for a twenty-four-foot street, which is wide enough for streets a mile or more from the court house. Divided into seven annual payments the tax will pay rate from \$20.50 to \$17 per annum plus interest at 6 per cent on the amounts unpaid. Property values increase and paving is laid and in most cases it is a good investment.

The beauty of the evergreens in the business streets suggests again what an eternal pleasure it could be to have our court house grounds parked and landscaped with ornamental trees and shrubbery. Let Mr. Rubee have a free hand at his work next spring and make Marshalltown one of the memorable beauty spots on the entire Lincoln Highway. Travelers from New England will carry our fame and glory to California and back again. Farmers thruout central Iowa will move here to build big homes and retire. Traveling salesmen will rent and build here and make Marshalltown the home for their families. A clean town, a beautiful town, a healthful town, good schools and good environment are elements we should value most for growth. Factories will come of they can make money otherwise not.

Fremont, Neb., now wants to do for herself as well as Marshalltown has done. A letter to the secretary of the Marshalltown Club asking for details of the Christmas decorations explains that Fremont hopes to have a festival next year. Traveling men hear comments about our street decorations many miles from home and the story of Marshalltown is not going to be told in a day.

The Good Fellows Club organized—if such a club may be said to be organized—has done a good job both as to the relief it has carried to the needy and as a stimulant to other and better organized societies and organizations. The success of the Good Fellows movement last year drew attention and showed how the work could be done. This year the Good Fellows find their self-appointed task much relieved by the activity of other organizations and private charities which took over certain families and cared for them.

It was well done in all cases. The only criticism offered was a confession by a member of one organization that the distribution of help had been delayed until the day before Christmas and that difficulty was found in making delivery. Every part of the city was searched for needy and deserving with not too much stress put upon desert and the emphasis on the need. Good Fellows, and the other organizations, lodges, Sunday schools and churches covered well the need of the time and every child in the city had Christmas.

It all suggests that with the spirit of helpfulness strong as it is in Marshalltown an effective organization might be effected which would be in operation all the year around. The lack is not in the charity of the town but of an

organizer and manager. Given such the problem would solve itself.

### WILLIAM LONG DEAD.

Old Resident of City Dies at Springfield, Ill.

Word received in the city from Springfield, Ill., tells of the death there Christmas morning of William Long, a former resident of the city. Mr. Long had been in failing health for several years, due to paralysis. The message announcing Mr. Long's death came from his son, William H. Long.

The family formerly lived at No. 8 Court street. Mrs. Long is living, as is also one other son and a daughter. The son is J. Schuyler Long, of the Iowa School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs, and the daughter Mrs. Robert Henderson, wife of the state printer, Des Moines.

Mr. Long's body will reach this city Sunday morning, and the funeral will be held from the Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2:30.

### PILGRIM TO GRAND RAPIDS

Former Pastor of Bethany United Brethren Church Accepts Call From Former Church, Effective Feb. 1.

Rev. C. E. Pilgrim, for a little over five years, prior to last fall, pastor of Bethany United Brethren church, has accepted a call from the First United Brethren church at Grand Rapids, Mich., effective Feb. 1. The call, which Mr. Pilgrim has accepted, was unanimous, and came to Mr. Pilgrim following an invitation to him to fill the pulpit at Grand Rapids two weeks ago.

In going to Grand Rapids Rev. Mr. Pilgrim will return to his former church, of which he was pastor for four years. He left Grand Rapids eight years ago. He and Mrs. Pilgrim have many warm, personal friends in Grand Rapids, and this fact, and also the fact that he was acquainted with local conditions, had much to do with Mr. Pilgrim deciding to accept the call.

Rev. Mr. Pilgrim had been asked by Bishop Bell to take the church at San Diego, Cal., and Mr. Pilgrim had expected to go to Los Angeles about this time and investigate the San Diego charge. The Grand Rapids call was unexpected, and caused a change in the plans.

Rev. Mr. Pilgrim has been successful in his work here, and during his stay has built the new church of the denomination at the corner of Seventh and State. He and Mrs. Pilgrim have many friends in the city, outside the church membership who will regret to lose the pastor and his wife as residents of Marshalltown.

The Grand Rapids church is in a strong condition, a new and modern church home worth \$30,000 having been completed within recent years. The foundation for a new parsonage was completed this week, and when complete the parsonage will represent an expenditure of \$4,500. The membership of the church is 400.

PIONEER OF COUNTY DEAD.

Widow of Samuel Hull Passes Away at Home South of City.

Mrs. Sluda C. Hull, widow of Samuel Hull, and an old resident of the county, died at 2:30 Friday afternoon at her home, five miles south of the city in Timber Creek township. Mrs. Hull's death was due indirectly to injuries sustained in a runaway accident seven weeks ago, when she was bruised badly and hurt internally. Lagrippe developed and resulted fatally.

Mrs. Hull was born Hilsabeck in Indiana June 8, 1848. She came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hilsabeck, to this county at the age of 4, the family settling on a farm three and one-half miles south of Marshalltown. On March 19, 1868, Miss Hilsabeck was united in marriage with Samuel Hull, who died Feb. 3, 1909.

Mrs. Hull is survived by three children, Chester and Arthur, who are at home; and Mrs. E. E. Thomson, who

lives six miles south of town. One other daughter died in infancy thirty-four years ago. There also survive Mrs. Hull five brothers and three sisters, in the persons of E. Hilsabeck, Redfield, S. D.; Elvin Hilsabeck, five and one-half miles south of this city; Isaac, six miles south; John, one and one-half miles south; Frank H., an inmate of the county farm; Mrs. Charles Bellus, of this city; Mrs. Thomas Ellisberry, six miles south of town; and Mrs. A. I. Turner, four miles north-west of Albion. One brother, Solomon, died eight years ago near Albion, and a sister died during childhood.

Funeral services will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, interment following in the Timber Creek cemetery.

Lamolle Items. Alfred Moore, who has been residing in different parts of the state, is home for a stay with his sister, Mrs. John Powell, and other relatives.

The little house of Jack Fisher burned to the ground Sunday about noon. The fire started from a defective flue. Most of the contents was saved. Mrs. J. O. Bisette spent the day Monday in Marshalltown. Rev. George LaBounty began moving his household effects to Baxter Monday. Friday at the church, a dinner and a farewell social was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. George LaBounty. A purse was given to them as a memento of their Lamolle friends to purchase books or use as they may wish.

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