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## Christmas at The Methodist Church

The Trinity Methodist church of Clay City will give a Christmas cantata "Santa's Advance Man", Christmas eve.

### Opening Exercises.

Song, "Joy to the World" by Congregation  
Prayer . . . . . Rev. Nelson  
Welcome—Mr. Joe Mountz, Supt.  
Girls' Chorus . . . "The Bells"  
Bible Drill . . . . . by children

### Characters:

Santa Claus.  
Sunny Jim, Santa's Advance Man  
Everet Hurt  
Helen, a Selfish Girl—Lily Burgher  
Percy, a Philosopher . Frank Mize  
Fairy Queen . . . . . Mary Eaton

### Friends of Helen:

Marion, . . . . . Vivien McKinney  
James . . . . . Lois Robbins  
Gladys . . . . . Ethel White  
Joe . . . . . Clarence Eaton

### News Sellers:

Nick . . . . . Robert Eaton  
Lena . . . . . Myrtle Wright  
Pedro . . . . . Lester Carr  
Sally . . . . . Orpha Burgher

Chorus of Fairies and Little Tots  
Everybody welcome.

## A Mild Winter Predicted

The soft weather the first of week put to work the memory of weather forecasters to recall the pre-evidence of a mild winter. They found the goosebone presaged a mild winter, bats' and owl's nests forecasted warm weather; the corn had only a light shuck, and best of all the first snow fell when the moon was only three days old, indicating that we were to have only three snows and that we already have had them. A cold snap can easily reverse these prognostications and cold weather signs as having taken place he remembered just as easily.

## Car of Cement Arrives

The Devon Oil Shale Products Company, of this city, the company that is putting up the shale plant on the Powell farm near here, has received a car load of cement this week. A car of sand is to follow, and another car of steel, we are informed. This company received a car of steel last week. It certainly begins to look like they are going to do something whether the project proves successful, finally, or not. The Times is with them in their undertaking and wishes for them unbounded success.

## One Busy Day

Saturday was a beautiful day and a busy one for Clay City. At this season of the year, good business days come and go with the weather.

## New Police

D. B. Hurt is serving as City Policeman and is making a good one. The boys will now have to "stay put" or get pulled.

Once it was insulting to tell a man to go to Halifax, but since Halifax has voted wet they go without being told.

## To Enter Business Here

Prof. Franklin Margison has rented the Thos. Edge store building now occupied by Geo. S. Ware and will conduct a produce and grocery store soon as Mr. Ware can give him possession. Mr. Margison will move his family to this city. He will be a valuable acquisition to our citizenry, and we welcome him and his family here.

Besides being a good merchant Mr. Margison is one of the best teachers of this county. He will finish the Spout Spring school this week. The new law drives him from the profession as it will do thousands of other good teachers. While he holds a first class certificate, he has not had the required high and normal school training.

## Expenses Excessive

The State Inspector and Examiner reports his investigation of the Department of Public Roads to disclose excessive expenditures in a number of its branches. He finds automobiles furnished the eleven division engineers of the State, and finds that some of these engineers have run up enormous expense bills with these machines. One of these engineers at Bowling Green and one at Louisville ran their expense on machine alone up to more than \$2,000 per year. This the Inspector says is excessive. We are glad to note that no complaint is made of John S. Dawson, our division engineer, for making big bills, and we are sure he doesn't.

## To Improve Garage

Joe Mountz will equip his garage with incline and run his machines to the second floor of his building for storage. He will be getting in new machines all winter in order to have them ready for the Spring trade and of necessity must provide storage for them.

## Looking for Christmas Trade

Hardwick & Company, the wide-awake Stanton merchants, are calling for Christmas trade through the advertising columns of The Times. Our readers should call and see this stock and get their prices when they are in the county seat.

## Locates in Kansas

Mr. L. J. Love, who left here, together with his family, six weeks ago for Oklahoma, has made a tour of that state, Texas and Kansas. He has located permanently at Erie, Kansas, where he has ordered their household effects shipped.

## Attending Highway Meeting

Hon. H. G. Garrett, Chairman State Highway Commission, is attending the meeting of the National Highway Association at Washington.

## The Shortest Day

Next Wednesday will be the shortest day of the year, after which time the days will get longer until next June.

## Take Convicts off Roads.

That the establishment of road convict camps causes a state of terror among women and children wherever they are established, that the exposure to public gaze hardens the men and makes more difficult their reformation, and that they are subjected to all kinds of temptations that go with the lax guarding that is unavoidable under such conditions, are some of the declarations made in a letter from former Chaplain Walter Q. Vreeland, of the Frankfort Reformatory, to Chairman H. Green Garrett, of the State Highway Commission. The Times regrets that lack of space prevents this letter from being printed.

Had the road convicts been kept in the prison at Frankfort Miss Laura Parsons would not have been cruelly and brutally murdered on Pine Mountain. State Highway Engineer Joe S. Boggs said the past week at Frankfort that there was considerable opposition to the use of the convicts on the roads. Joe is right. The Times agrees with most of its brethren of the Kentucky press. The system ought never to have been put into use in this State.

## J. N. Burgher Loses Child

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Burgher extend their sympathy to them in their sad loss of their bright little five-year-old daughter, Maryona, who passed away suddenly early Friday morning. The child took sick the evening before, but was not sick enough to call in a doctor. It became suddenly worse in the night and died from convulsions.

## Is Farm Land Dropping?

The sales reported fail to prove that farm lands are declining in price even though the products of the farm have greatly slumped. We read where one small farm sold this week in Clark county at the high figure of \$566.66 per acre. All sales reported in this county are still high as ever.

## Lookout for Christmas

Mrs. Williams wants to help you select your Christmas presents, and is therefore inviting the readers of The Times to her store to make their selections.

## Returns From New York

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Whitt and little son, Addison, returned Saturday from New York where they had been for a ten days business and pleasure trip.

## Carter Reynolds Makes Change

Carter Reynolds, who moved from here last winter, going to Carlisle, Ohio, where he bought a nice home, has sold out there and moved to Franklin Ohio.

## Further Down

Butter fat has taken another drop. It is now only 46 cents per pound, which is a less price than it has been for four years.

## Promoting Radiator Factory

J. E. Barbee, of the Barbee Mfg. Co. Louisville, was here Tuesday. Mr. Barbee, is interested in the stock promotion of his company which holds a patent on an improved radiator. The company hopes to have their radiator on many of the best machines next year. The main feature of the radiator is that it is built in sections and easy to take apart and repair by any person who can use a soldering iron. Mr. Barbee is a minister of the Christian church and preached some for the Clay City church a few years ago. Mr. R. M. Guthrie, of Lexington, was here with Mr. Barbee.

## Christmas Giving

This is the season of the year when every one's mind turns to the subject of gifts, and every one is looking for something that the recipient will appreciate and will remember as token of friendship from the donor the oftenest and longest. There is nothing will serve this purpose better than The Times. It goes to them fifty-two times a year and brings items of gladness to them each week. Think this over and give us the address of some friend you know will appreciate it. A dollar a year still pays the bill.

## Personal Paragraphs

H. G. Crabtree was a business visitor at Beattyville Saturday.

John P. Ringo was in Winchester Wednesday on a business mission.

W. J. and G. W. Burke, of Winchester, were here Wednesday.

W. B. Freeman, of Madison county, is here with H. G. Crabtree.

T. G. White and son, Bev, were in Lexington Saturday on business.

H. K. Page, of Lexington, was here yesterday looking after his lumber interests.

Paul Tipton attended the Commissioner's sale of his father's land at Irvine Monday.

Col. T. G. Stewart, of Winchester, was here yesterday looking after his oil interests.

Joe Mountz was a business visitor in Cincinnati Friday and returned in a new Ford touring car.

Eugene Freeman motored to Lexington Saturday evening to meet Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Whitt on their return from New York.

Mrs. Mariab Rose, of Ravenna, was here Monday on business. Mrs. Rose likes Ravenna fine but expects to return to Clay City in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wells and son, Earl, Kenith Bush and John Eaton motored to Winchester yesterday where young Wells is having his eyes treated.

The American people may be short of money now but will have lots of change on March 4th.

## STANTON.

John Crabtree, Torrent, was here Friday on business.

Deputy Sheriff Floyd Wills was in Lexington Saturday on business.

Robert Baker and D. N. Baker were in Lexington Saturday on business.

Miss Mandy Knox has gone to Paintsville to be with Mrs. Sarah Parmetter.

D. R. Clark was at Indian Fields Tuesday and Wednesday of last week on business.

Mrs. D. R. Clark and Miss Maude Boone were in Winchester Thursday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Harman Orme, Mt. Sterling, were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smethers.

Dr. J. E. Lemming has returned from the hospital and is now visiting relatives in Grant county.

Mrs. Alvin Faulkner visited her sister, Mrs. P. L. Faulkner, at Winchester several days last week.

Sheriff Wm. Garrett and daughter, Mildred Garrett, are visiting relatives at Bowen this week.

Mrs. Charley Johnson, Winchester, visited her sister, Mrs. Henry Faulkner several days last week.

E. T. Simpson and family, formerly of Torrent, have moved to the A. T. Stewart property, west of town.

Rev. R. A. McConagha returned Monday night from New Concord, Ohio, where he was called by the death of his sister, Mrs. Walter L. Bell.

County Clerk, I. S. Boone, has received automobile license plates for 1921 and those wishing to obtain them may do so at any time. Also the 1921 dog tags are now ready for those owning dogs.

Ed Dennis has sold his house and lot on Church street, known as the Robt. Blackburn property, to Jas. Proffitt, of Winchester. Mr. Proffitt and family came Wednesday morning to take possession.

Miss Della Norton died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Annie Norton, Tuesday evening, December 14th, after an illness of seven weeks. Besides her mother, she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Pete Burris, and one brother, J. C. Norton.

## Beattyville Enterprise Changes

Robt. S. Smallwood has assumed the publication of the Beattyville Enterprise, succeeding R. T. Crowe, who has been steering the destiny of that publication for the past fourteen years. Mr. Smallwood is a lifelong resident of Lee county, a young man who knows everybody in his county, and will make good, is our prediction. He has the best wishes of his neighbor, the Times.