

MOTHER CRAMER GETS PRESENT

Boy Scouts Take Gift to Aged Smithtown Woman Yesterday

One of the prettiest Christmas stories of the season is that of two Boy Scouts who walked from here to Smithtown yesterday morning to take a Christmas present from Troop Four to Mrs. Harriet (Mother) Cramer.

The story of the making of this friendship is that during the summer the troop had hiked to Smithtown and selected a camp in a clump of woods, near a creek. They had built their fire and were preparing for supper when one of the troopers saw an old lady crossing the fields toward the camp.

"We are in for trouble," said one of the boys, "for that lady has seen our fire, and fearing it will catch in her woods, is coming to ask us to get off."

It happened that nothing like that occurred. The troopers stopped their activities and watched the old lady approach. She had to cross two large fields and it took some little time for her to gain the camp. When she arrived there was a smile on her face.

"I read in the paper about you boys coming down here and I came over to make you feel at home and welcome," she greeted them. "I am not going to let you go home without showing you some very interesting places. Come with me."

Despite her four score years, Mother Cramer led the boys on a hike of over three miles. She showed them caves, peculiar rocks and other interesting sights; she took them to the peak of a hill where four stars could be seen on a clear day. In fact, she gave them the time of their lives and she was sorry when the homeward hike began.

Ever since the boys of the troop have been planning to give Mother Cramer a Christmas present, so recently a fine footstool was bought for their old friend.

Yesterday Woodford Moore, patrol leader and LeRoy Allen took up the duty of delivering the present. They left Fairmont at 8:30 in the morning and in spite of the bad roads were in Smithtown at 11:30, negotiating the 10 miles in three hours.

Moore and Allen had secured some evergreens from a nearby wood, and on the return journey they fell in with a man driving a machine. The car had stalled in the mud so they assisted him in getting it out. In cranking the car he back-fired, throwing Moore's arm out of place and severely spraining it. The hurt made the lad pretty sick, but he recovered and drove on to town where he had his injuries dressed by a doctor.

Last night the bearers of the holiday joy were proudly telling the members of the troop about their trip to Mother Cramer's.

SPECTACULAR FIRE PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23—Three buildings of the plant of William Whitaker and Sons, cotton goods manufacturers at Oldney were destroyed by a spectacular fire early today. The loss is \$500,000, according to James Law Whitaker, president of the company. Costly machinery and an immense stock of goods and raw material were lost.

Midnight Service At Christ Church

Midnight service will be held at Christ Episcopal church on Christmas eve. The service will begin at 11:45 and will continue until 12:30 o'clock. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated, and Christmas carols will be sung. Walter Barrington will sing "Night of Nights," by Van de Water.

It is the custom of Episcopal churches in the large cities to hold midnight service on Christmas eve, and from this time on this custom will be observed at Christ Episcopal church.

The services on Christmas day will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:30. Morning prayer and sermon Holy Communion, 10:45. No evening service.

ALTOONA, Dec. 23—Fire of unknown origin at Madra, near here, last night destroyed three buildings in the heart of the town causing a loss estimated at \$100,000.

All Xmas Trade In Chicago Broken

CHICAGO, Dec. 23—The Christmas shopping season in Chicago has broken all records in volume of business, according to leading State street merchants, but probably will not measure up, dollar for dollar, with those of 1919 and 1920.

The city's total retail merchandise business for December was estimated at \$50,000,000 and the State street stores obtained the bulk of the trade, their figures running between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000.

Buyers this year are spending their money more wisely, merchants said, and the demand is mostly for substantial articles.

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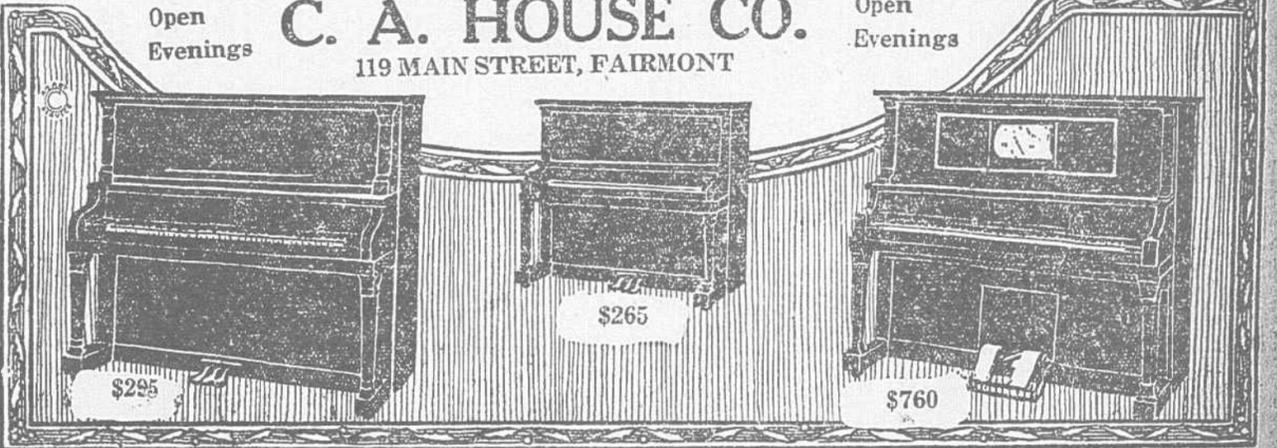
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