

VIRGINIA THEATER OPENING XMAS TO BE BANNER EVENT

More Than 3,000 People Ex-
pected to Visit New Play-
house Opening Day

By FILLEM
Harry B. Clark and Russell
Lowe will open their new movie
house in Main street, the Vir-
ginia, on Christmas Day. It
is a great house. It ranks with
the best in the state; in fact,
many people think it is the great-
est theatre of its kind in West
Virginia.
A large force of workmen has
been on the job night and day put-
ting on the finishing touches in
order that the house will be in
the top shape for the grand open-
ing on Christmas Day, when
Jackie Coogan in "Oliver Twist"
will be the headliner.

Bob Fisher, who will be house
manager, took us through the
building the other night, and the
new theatre made a distinct hit
with us.

Walking down the aisle on the
main floor, Bob stopped at an end
seat and said: "Sit down a
minute."

He did. Golly, what a wonderful
theatre chair. It was just like
leaning back into a big comfort-
able Morris chair at home beside
the glowing coal fire. And what's
more, there was "knee room."

That is to say, the rows of seats
were far enough apart so that one
does not have to sit doubled up
like a jack-knife. If a fellow
didn't care for movies, he would
be tempted to go into the new
show place just to sit down and
rest for a while and listen to the
good music by the special orches-
tra that has been engaged.

A great, wide copper canopy ex-
tends out over the sidewalk from
the lobby covering much space
and making a good entrance from
the street no matter what the
weather may be. A big electric
sign extends up over the canopy,
blazing out the name of the the-
atre, "Virginia."

There are three sections of
seats in the building—a large
section on the first floor, seating
more than 500 with a two-section
balcony seating nearly as many,
making a total seating
capacity of the theatre 1,000.

It is estimated that the new
building cost about \$100,000.
Jones & Nazum were the archi-
tects and acted as superintendents
of construction.

The lobby is 82 by 22 and offers
by far more space to patrons than
any other theatre in the city.
There is a retiring room for wo-
men and a lavatory for men at the
head of the incline slope leading
up from the lobby to the main
floor past the mezzanine floor.

The new theatre is well equip-
ped and handsomely decorated
throughout and should make a
wonderful appearance to those
who visit it Monday, and it is
through that more than 3,000
movie fans will be there some
time on Monday.

The operator's room is located
at the rear of the balcony, with
one open gout on the roof. It is
equipped with the latest movie
machinery and with every known
device for the safety and con-
venience of the operator. It is
shut off from the rest of the build-
ing by a concrete wall, absolutely
fire proof.

The doors of the new theatre
will be thrown open at 12:30 on
Christmas day and the first pic-
ture will start at 1 o'clock. Yes,
today the carpets were put down
and everything is moving along in
good shape for the opening. A
number of canary birds in pretty
cages will be distributed about the
theatre on opening day.

Following are the members of
the orchestra that has been ob-
tained for the theatre: F. B. Mc-
Neese, base; Fred Hans, violinist;
Stanley Hicks, first trombone;
Edna Linn, pianist; William Tou-
grams; John Abercrombie, clar-
inet; and Glenn Arnett, director.

MAY CALL MEETING
ROME, Dec. 22.—The probability
that the Pope will call a meet-
ing of the entire Catholic Episcopate
in Rome during the next jubilee
year was announced in the Papal
Encyclical issued today. Such a
meeting would be a continuation
of the ecumenic council which
was held in Rome in 1870.

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COOGLE GIVES BIBLE CLASS DEED FOR LAND

A controversy between John L.
Coogee and the trustees of the
East Fairmont Union Bible Class,
which has been on for five or six
years ended yesterday with the
filling of a deed for recording in
the office of County Clerk Lee N.
Satterfield, conveying a piece of
land from Coogee to the Bible
class.

About six years ago the class
got an option on the piece of land
and built a recreation building
costing \$5,000 on the land. Later
it is claimed that the board of di-
rectors of the class had a split up
and part of the directors asked
Coogee not to give the class a deed
for the property.

The trustees of the class tender-
ed Mr. Coogee \$900, the agreed
purchase price, and he refused it.
The trustees then entered court
and asked that Coogee be com-
pelled to give them a deed for the
property. Recently the case was
heard in chambers and the court
ordered Coogee to give the class a
deed for the property. The deed
was filed yesterday and the long
standing controversy settled.

BEST PROGRAM OF YEAR SCHEDULED

New High Standard For
Vaudeville Expected to Be
Set at Blue Ridge.

With "The Haunted Violin" as
the headline attraction and the
four acts of vaudeville and with
an unusual feature picture com-
pleting the entertainment, the
Christmas bill at the Blue Ridge
Theater promises to set a new
high standard for vaudeville in
Fairmont. The other three acts of
vaudeville will be the Summers
duet in an aerial novelty act,
Amoros and Jeanette in a comedy
sketch and Raynor and Nerret in
a clever little skit replete with the
latest jokes.

Although the vaudeville will be
the big attraction, the feature
photoplay on the program is by
far the best that has been shown
at the Blue Ridge since its open-
ing. The picture will be "His
Nibs," in which Charles "Chic"
Sale appears in the leading role.
"Chic" Sale started giving his
famous rural imitations when he
was a boy, and later he perfect-
ed his art to such a degree that
he was given a vaudeville contract
over a small western vaudeville
circuit.

Before many years "young Chic
Sale," as they called him out in
Urbana Ill., where he grew up,
was on Broadway, a star in a big
Winter Garden Show, doing his
famous imitations of rural charac-
ters.

It was almost inevitable that
such a great character artist
should turn his talents to the
screen, and so Mr. Sale decided
to make "His Nibs," in which he
portrays seven distinct roles,
Theo. Bender, the proprietor and
operator of "The Slippery Elm
Picture Palace," commonly known
as "His Nibs"—Wally Crae, the
local weather prophet, who likes
pictures but does not go into the
theater until after they finish
"that awful din they call music,"
Mr. Percifer, Editor of The Week-
ly Bee, who is a self-appointed
Board of Censorship; Elmer Ben-
der, son of "His Nibs," who help-
ed out round the Theater; Peelee
Gear, Jr., the town cut-up who
sings a tenor solo at every per-
formance of the Slippery Elm
Picture Palace; Miss Deasie Teed,
"Hearts and Flowers" during all
the sad scenes; and, seventh, "Pa-
pa Boy,"—hero of "He Pooled 'Em
All," the fillum shown by "His
Nibs."

A most remarkable fact about
Mr. Sale's performance of these
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TEMPLARS WILL TOAST OFFICERS

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Knights of Templar of Fairmont
will join the Templars of the nation
in gathering at a service on Christ-
mas Day to honor the high offi-
cers of the various Templar, Roy-
al Arch and Masonic bodies. All
over the nation toasts will be pro-
posed to these officials. All Tem-
plars living in the country in
which eastern time prevails will
toast at 12 o'clock noon; those
living in sections covered by cen-
tral time will propose their toast
at 11 o'clock; those under the
realm of western time at 10
o'clock and those under the time
realm where Pacific Coast time
prevails will toast at 9 o'clock.

At least four toasts are propos-
ed and some times more. The
four toasts that are definitely
specified in the ritual are to the
grand master of Knights Templar
of the United States; to the grand
commander of Knights Templar
of the state; to the most worship-

ful grandmaster of the Masonic
fraternity of the state and the
grand high priest of the state.

Members of Crusade Command-
ery No. 8, Knights Templar, will
meet in Masonic Temple at 11:30
o'clock Christmas morning to at-
tend the special observance here
in honor of the high officers. The
Christmas service is open to the
members, their families and their
friends. All sojourning air knights
are also being urged to attend.
The service will begin with music,
choruses being furnished by a
male chorus under the direction of
LaMar Satterfield. After that the
set ritualistic service will be ren-
dered.

Saldom is a commandery hon-
ored as is Crusade Commandery
with three active officers of the
Grand Commandery enrolled. No
commandery in the state has such
a large representation of active
Grand Commandery members at
this time. They are: Scott C.
Lowe, the present grand com-
mander; Harry F. Smith, former
grand commander and now grand
recorder; and E. Carl Frame,
grand captain of the host, who is
also most worshipful grandmaster
of the Most Worshipful Grand
Lodge of West Virginia. Other
prominent past officers of Masonic
bodies who will no doubt be pre-
sent at the service on Christmas
Day are Walter J. Boylston,
past grand high priest of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Ma-
sons of West Virginia, and Judge
Emmett M. Showalter, pas-

grammaster of the Most Worship-
ful Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

Former Judge Lowe who is a
present grand commander of the
Knights Templar of the state will
preside and perhaps make a brief
talk.

Four hundred thousand Knights
Templars are expected to meet in
these services all over the country
on Christmas Day.

RUSSIAN CONGRESS OPENS.
MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—Unification
of all the Soviet federated repub-
lica with the capital at Moscow is
one of the principal questions on
the agenda of the All-Russian Con-
gress which opened here today.

The proposal for unification or-
iginated in the Ukraine with a
view to centralizing governmental
affairs in Moscow which now controls
the military, finance, railroad, food
and foreign affairs while the republics
govern in local matters only.

INDIVIDUALS ONLY BLAMED.
MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—(By the
Associated Press.)—A statement
signed by a Soviet Liaison officer
published in the Izvestia with re-
ference to the article recently
printed in the Journal charging
that the members of the American
Relief Administration were un-
willing to contribute articles out of
Russia, declared that the article
was misleading and that he felt
it necessary to explain.

After presenting certain facts
which are supposed to have led
to the publication of the article, the
officer's statement says:
"It was quite clear that in this
case we were compelled to deal
with the actions of individuals,
but to accuse the American Relief
Administration as a whole is quite
impossible."

As many as 13 foreign lan-
guages are taught in some of To-
kyo's schools.

A
**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**
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sincere wish of this
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of the
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tomers a Happy
Christmas and a pros-
perous entrance into
the New Year.

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ments of the season, we wish to thank them,
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