

# Christmas Suggestions

ANSWERS TO THAT OFT REPEATED QUESTION:  
 "What Shall I Get Them For Christmas?"

AN INSPECTION of our display racks will convince the most skeptical that we have this year the finest most magnificent and most up to date stock of high grade Christmas gifts ever offered in Minot. Nearly everything imaginable suitable for the entire family can be found on sale at our Progressive Store. Check over the following lists, or better even, bring it with you when you do your shopping:

For Mother	For Father	For Brother	For Sister
Sewing Sets Percolators Copper Teapots Casserole Crumb Trays Water Pitchers Victrolas Hand Painted Pottery Candle Sticks Mirrors Vases Fancy Clocks Manning-Bowman Copper Ware Copper Casters Copper Castors Relish Dishes Bibles French Ivory	Shaving Sets Smoking Sets Whiskey Flasks Pipes Necktie Holders Fountain Pens Shaving Mirrors Collar Bags Box Cigars Safety Razors Automatic Strops Stems Cigar Humidors Suit Hangers Ash Trays Cigar Cutters Cribbage Sets Traveling Cases	Military Brushes Smoking Sets Ink Wells Coat Hangers Box Cigars Match Trays Smoking Sets Fancy Dominoes Traveling Cases Tie and Glove Cases Pennants Tobacco Humidors Desk Novelties Late Novelties Nail Clips Stems Cigar Clips	Manicure Sets Toilet Sets Individual Toilet Articles Christmas Stationery Perfume Chafing Dishes Book Racks Pennants Fancy Boxed Candy Books Sewing Sets Brass Dresser Trays Bon Bon Dishes Chafing Dish Forks, Spoons Harrison Fisher Drawings Hand Bags Christmas Cards Toilet Trays

The early shopper has a tremendous advantage in Making Selections. Do Your Christmas Shopping NOW

**MINOT DRUG CO.**  
 E. ORSON DOE, Manager

with Mrs. Don Davy.  
 Ruth Pettit visited Friday night with Mrs. Will Moyer and sister Lulu, Beulah Herring, Grace and Ada Williams, Cecil and Francis Bowman and Richard Williams spent Thursday evening at the Shaffer home.  
 Mrs. Elmer Williams' sister from Canada is visiting with her a few days.  
 Mrs. Davy and daughter Bertha spent Friday at the Waggoner home. Stella Moyer spent Saturday evening with Catharine Groninger.  
 Buck and Bert Stevics were at Minot Friday with grain.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Halligan called at the Coffey home Wednesday.  
 Will and Foster Moyer went to the Indian reservation last Thursday to build a house and barn on Foster's claim.  
 Theo. Marks was in Des Lacs Saturday on business.  
 Mr. H. D. Davy was in Minot Saturday on business.  
 Archie Shaffer called at the Moyer home Friday evening.  
 Lulu Grady spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Will Moyer.  
 Mr. A. B. Metcalf was cleaning grain at J. A. Pettit's Monday.  
 Rev. A. V. Rhoads preached his farewell sermon at the Reeves school house Sunday and those who were there reported a fine sermon.  
 J. A. Pettit has rented his farm to A. B. Metcalf, and intends on moving west in the spring.  
 Merrit Warner has been hauling hay to Minot, lately.  
 Fill your veins with rich, red blood. Gives you a hearty appetite, builds up flesh, makes you strong and rugged. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea; it's health insurance. 35c., Tea or Tablets. Paul V. McCoy & Co.  
 Mrs. Myers, wife of Burlington's editor, is improving nicely at the Minot hospital. She is recovering from a seige of typhoid fever.  
 Tom Anderson, the Harvey grain king, visited Minot friends Saturday. In addition to buying grain, Mr. Anderson is auditor for a line of elevators.  
 Frank Busek, who owns six quarters of fine land, just north of Minot, called at our office Saturday. Frank threshed over 20,000 bushels of grain this year with his own outfit and cleaned up nicely. He secured 2400 bushels of wheat from 80 acres of corn land, while he threshed 6000 bushels from a 240 acre old.  
 E. H. Kendall of Norwich left for Stewartville, Minn., where he will spend the winter months at his old home. His family have been visiting there for some time. The Kendalls will be back about April 1 to look after their extensive farming interests.  
 L. S. Kinney was down from Foxholm last week visiting friends. Mr. Kinney is an old time engineer, and never fails to call on the boys at the G. N. roundhouse. He declares that he just can't get railroadng out of his system.  
 Prepare yourself for a healthy, happy Xmas, clean your stomach, liver and bowels, make them fresh and active, able to do their full duty, then you'll be well and happy. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does the work best, 35c., Tea or Tablets. Paul V. McCoy & Co.  
**ST. CARL ITEMS.**  
 Theodore Mostad made a trip to Stringtown Sunday, returning Monday.  
 Mary Maher started going to school Monday.  
 Josephine Underdahl returned to her school Monday morning, after spending Thanksgiving vacation with folks at Drady.  
 Fred Johnson of Minot spent Sunday hunting rabbits with Tom Davis.  
 Charles Geist spent Thanksgiving with home folks.  
 Miss Inez Herzog of Drady spent Sunday and Monday with Anna Sundre.  
**FOR SALE**—A good well improved farm in good locality. Cheap if taken at once. Address the Independent. 12 5 15

## Spreading Knowledge of Farm Improvements

The most effective method that has been proposed for increasing the crops and making farming more profitable in the United States is the plan for county advisers or demonstrators. It is the judgment of men who have given most thought to the subject that an efficient, practical, educated farmer in every county, under salary to give free advice regarding improved methods of farming will accomplish great results in a few years.  
 A vast fund of knowledge has been accumulated at experiment stations

and agricultural colleges relating to improved farming methods. Experts have demonstrated that yields of grain can be immensely increased by certain methods of seed selection, planting, cultivation, crop rotation and soil conservation, and the great problem is to make practical and widely extended use of this knowledge. Farmers' institutes and good croptains carrying lecturers to talk to farmers have accomplished something, but a competent man in every county, accessible at all times to confer with farmers, explain improved

methods and demonstrate their results by practical application will increase the efficiency of farming.  
 It is necessary to devise methods for paying the expenses of the county demonstrator but that should not be a difficult matter. Every banker and merchant in a county should be willing to contribute, along with the more enterprising farmers.  
 A bill is now before congress to provide a contribution from the national treasury to every county which will supplement the appropriation with funds raised locally. On similar terms the million dollar Sears-Roebuck fund, administered by the crop improvement committee of the various boards of trade, is available.  
 The greatest difficulty will be to find the right sort of men to serve as county advisers and demonstrators, but such an impetus has been given to farm education that the agricultural colleges may soon be depended on to supply the demand for men to do this work.—Kansas City Star.  
 The Star is perfectly right in what it says, for out here in North Dakota, we have tried out this plan during the past year with remarkable success, under the Better Farming movement. Nearly every county in the state is in the movement and in addition to the efficient corps of instructors furnished by this association, the Great Northern has done some very effective work with its demonstration plots.

go for the benefit of the church. Mrs. Davy and daughter and Mrs. Davis and daughters spent Saturday

### CHRISTMAS CANDIES

10,000 pounds of Christmas Candies to be sold at 10 cents a pound or 2 pounds for 25 cents

### CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

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### 50 cents to \$10.00 a box

Buy HIM a box of Choice Cigars or a Fancy Pipe  
 We'll give you the benefit of our expert judgment

## Manson Bros.

Postoffice Block  
 Waverly Confectionery  
 Minot, N. D.

### SOUTH OF DES LACS.

The weather is turning colder and looks like snow.  
 Miss Dora Sartwell of Burlington visited with the Moyer girls over Sunday.  
 The Thanksgiving dinner and sale that the Rolling Green Ladies' Aid gave was well attended and they made the sum of \$96.20, which will

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