

William Cecil of Plattsmouth was recently initiated into Beta Chapter of Sigma Theta Epsilon, national religious fraternity for Methodist men. Cecil is attending the University of Nebraska.

### Mrs. Schwenneker Departs Recently

Mrs. Delbert Schwenneker left Wednesday morning for Greenville, South Carolina, after visiting with relatives and friends for the past two weeks.

Sgt. Schwenneker was unable to accompany her as he was attending a special school in Virginia. They plan to return together some time in the spring.

### Keen Timers Slate Party

The Christmas and New Year's party for Keen Timers will be held Friday evening, December 28, at eight o'clock, at the V. F. W. Hall.

The party, a dress up affair, is open to all Keen Timers. Chuck Bowman's orchestra will play. Refreshments will be served.

### Grosshans' Home Scene Of Party Friday Evening

Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Grosshans was the scene of a lovely Christmas party given by Mrs. Grosshans and Alice Jayne.

The event honored the employees of the county treasurer's office. Present were Miss Ruth Patton, treasurer, and Charlene Holoubek and Jean Meisinger.

Decorations were in the Christmas motif and included a large tree with gifts.

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**DON'T HAVE A TREE FIRE THIS CHRISTMAS**

EVERY AVERAGE American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fire hazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly-cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen trees growing outside, but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas day or to leave it too long after the 25th. Trees of all kind will become highly inflammable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week should take special safeguards to keep it reasonably safe.

The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.

### Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

WHO HAS ONE of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy. It's Santa.

The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year.

However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the



country, and talking to thousands of youngsters on street corners and in department stores, Santa usually comes to the same conclusion each year. Times and customs change, but children seldom do.

Requests that Santa receives follow a general pattern each year—everything from bicycles to roller skates and cowboy suits for boys, with dolls and elaborate accessories the favorite with the girls.

There are some exceptions. Lots of children make requests for useful items, typewriters and such, in the hope of becoming writers and stenographers. Last year one lad asked for a Bengal tiger.

Santa, understanding human that he must be, promises to fill all the requests that he can and explains tenderly why there are some that are out of reach.

### St. Nicholas Possessed Of Great Virtue, Piety

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, was said to have been a saint of great virtue and piety.

An ancient legend is told that he became the patron saint of school boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-keeper while they were enroute to school in Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a vision, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayers and also forced the murderer to confess his crime to authorities.



**CHRISTMAS CANDLE**... The soft, steady glow of a lighted candle is one of the treasures of Christmas which no one would want to lose. Another treasure is the happy child.

Farm prices rose 1.7 per cent in November, Government re-

### Pleasant View Woman's Club Meets Recently

Pleasant View Women's Club met at the home of Mrs. Clifford Cooper with Mrs. Vernon Gish assisting, December 13. Seventeen members and three visitors, Mrs. Ed Ruby, Mrs. Wallace Philpot and Mrs. Elmer Terry, were present. Mrs. Terry became a member of the club.

Mrs. John Jochim gave a reading, "Christmas in Other Lands" which was interesting to the group. Secret pals were made known and names were drawn for the coming year.

Christmas Carols were sung and an exchange of gifts held. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Merle Ragoss. Mrs. DeForest Philpot will assist.

Mrs. Clifford Cooper, News Reporter.

### Gleaners Circle Meets Thursday

Gleaners Circle of Women's Society of Christian Service, of the Methodist church, met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Clement Woster. Martha McQuinn, chairman, presided at the business meeting.

Devotions were given by Mrs. F. Scott, and Mrs. William Heinrich gave the lesson. Luncheon was served by Mrs. Woster, assisted by Mrs. Cecil Traudt and Mrs. Vern Waterman.

Mrs. Sophie Guenther was taken to the Methodist hospital at Omaha Sunday by Sattler Ambulance.

Mrs. Joseph Holly was taken to St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha by Sattler Ambulance Monday morning.

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### St. John's School Has Christmas Program Thursday

St. John's school had its Christmas program on last Thursday afternoon. The children of the school presented a very well prepared program which came to a climax with the arrival of Santa Claus who brought everyone a gift as well as a Christmas stocking filled with candy.

Confessions have been heard on Saturday and Sunday but will be continued to be heard today (Monday, Dec. 24) from 10:00-12:00 a. m. and from 2:00-6:00 p. m. Confessions will not be heard after 6:00 p. m. Christmas Eve.

Midnight High Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 Christmas Eve. Carols will start at 11:30 p. m. The school choir under the direction of Sister Annalita will sing. Margaret Mary Eiting is the accompanist.

Other Masses on Christmas Day will be at 8:30 and 10:00 a. m.

Dr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Rebel and son, Donald, Jr., of Omaha, were here to attend the Rebal-Aikire wedding Saturday.

### Christmas Dinners

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Nielsen and family are leaving Monday evening for Minden where they will spend Christmas Day with their parents.

John P. Davis of Geneva is in Plattsmouth where he is visiting at the home of his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Davis.

A Classified Ad in The Journal costs as little as 35c.

**Santa through the years**

IT'S LITTLE WONDER that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adapted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

**Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law**

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

### St. Francis Made First Crib in Cave

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported once to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

So at midnight, in the small Italian village of Garcia, in the year 1200, St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.



**AN AGE-OLD STORY RETOLD**... "She brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

Public reminded need for blood donations has not stop-

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maddox and children of Grand Island, are here to visit with Mr. and Mrs. August Kopp, parents of Mrs. Maddox.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Buckingham of Pacific Junction, Iowa, were here Saturday to visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Johnson of Bartlett, Iowa, were here Saturday to look after some matters of business.

Dean Dunham entered Clarkson hospital at Omaha Thursday afternoon, where he underwent surgery.

Stanley Mead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Mead of Union, was here Sunday for a short time. He was enroute home from San Francisco and will enjoy a holiday leave from his service in the U. S. Navy. He will spend the holiday season visiting with relatives and his host of young friends in the Union community.

Visiting in Plattsmouth Saturday was Emil H. Holka of Elmwood.

Otto Schafer of Nehawka was a caller in Plattsmouth Saturday.

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