

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Joyous Celebrations All Over City—Santa Claus Popular as Ever With Tiny Pupils

Members of Education Board Take Part in Exercises at Several Buildings

Christmas exercises were held today in almost every public school in the city, with about 175,000 boys and girls participating.

A spirit of freedom and festivity pervaded the classrooms even during the lesson hours that preceded the entertainments.

Christmas carols were sung at the exercises, little men and women made speeches, and, if the belief in Santa Claus among children is disappearing, the fact was not evident, for there was as much talk an ever about the jolly old saint.

At several schools addresses were made by the members of the Board of Education. The supervising principals also spoke, but the "headliners" were the children themselves.

Froud mothers were there to hear the many future Presidents of the United States recite "The Children's Hour," the "Bad Boy's Christmas" or "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck," and the old standbys were as popular among the adults as the little ones.

At the high schools, the exercises were held in the gymnasiums and in the auditoriums.

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At the school of physical education, the exercises were held in the gymnasium.

At the school of foreign languages, the exercises were held in the gymnasium.

At the school of civics, the exercises were held in the gymnasium.

At the school of industrial arts, the exercises were held in the gymnasium.

At the school of domestic science, the exercises were held in the gymnasium.

DELUGE OF MAIL SWAMPS POSTOFFICE

More Than 1,000,000 Parcel Post Packages Today—Forty Times the Average

The postoffice department in this city is today being swamped with the biggest deluge of Christmas mail in the history of the department.

The normal daily average of parcel post packages is about 25,000. T. P. Johnson, superintendent of mails, said that there are thirty or forty times more parcels this year than last.

More than one thousand extra clerks are helping to keep moving the unprecedent deluge of mail.

Mr. Johnson said that the great influx of today convinced him that Philadelphians were responding to his appeal to do their Christmas mailing early.

There will be but one mail delivery on Christmas Day. Stamp and registry windows in all postoffice substations will close at 11 a. m.

ASKS STREETS FOR COASTING Recreation Board Wants Safety Director to Set Aside Grades

Permission to set aside certain streets in various sections of the city for the exclusive use of coasters will be asked of Director of Public Safety Wilson.

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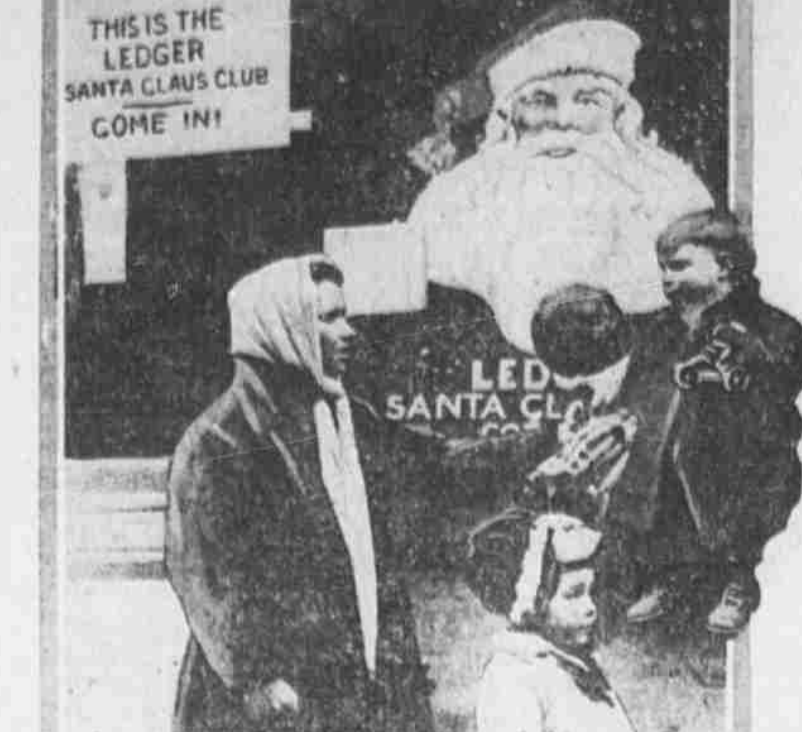
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VISITORS TO LEDGER SANTA CLAUS



Standing under the sign of St. Nick at 608 Chestnut street

CAPTURED AS BURGLAR IN CHASE ON HOUSETOP Alleged Thief Run to Earth and Friend Found Hiding in Looted Store

An exciting chase over a roof at 124 North Twelfth street resulted in the arrest of William Johns, a eighteen year old, 1224 North Eleventh street, and William Walsh, seventeen years old, 218 North Marvine street, both of whom, the police say, were attempting to remove some shirts from the fourth floor of the Milgrim Manufacturing Company, 122 North Twelfth street.

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WANTS JUST A DOLLY! BUT "DADDY" IS SICK

Somebody Has an Opportunity to Be a Santa Claus Where He's Wanted

Caroline and Billy and Mrs. William Bailey, all of 504 South Fourth street, stopped outside the Ledger Santa Claus Club late yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday when Mrs. Bailey had washed the dishes and Caroline had put them away and Billy had swept all the crumbs off the floor all three of them came uptown to see the toys.

Police Probe Strangulation of Boy Further investigation is being made today of the death of six-year-old Charles Herrat, of 247 South Opal street, who was strangled to death while at play in his home yesterday.

Murder Verdict of Coroner's Jury CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 22.—A Coroner's jury gave its verdict that A. Michael Ury, a construction foreman, who died from the effects of the blow of a shovel, was murdered by James Anthony, a southern negro, now in jail here.

Pets! Pets! Pets! For Xmas GUARANTEED Singing Canaries Two Weeks' Trial

Dog Sweaters and Blankets \$1.25 to \$2.50 Dog Collars 100 different kinds 25c to \$5.00

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BURIED GEMS RESTORED; GIRL'S DEATH THE CLUE

Stolen Treasure Dug Up in Reading Owned by Tennesseans

READING, Pa., Dec. 22.—Last October jewelry and silver worth \$1500 were found buried in a field at Wyomissing, a suburb, while excavations were being made for a house.

Irvin F. Impink, of Wyomissing, started investigation. The word "Castner" was on some of the jewelry, and when Impink read in a Philadelphia paper an account of an accident in which Catharine Castner had been killed by an automobile truck he corresponded with the father of the child, Samuel J. Castner, who said the jewelry did not belong to him.

A close examination disclosed the word "Tennessee" on the jewelry, and new interest was created as Mr. Castner had relatives residing in that State.

What do the children want for Christmas? "Daddy" is always talking about a horse and Caroline just wants a dolly," she said.

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A little later he admits to himself that he was a chump, or something about as bad—but he strayed away once, kind o' doesn't like to come back right away, and so he tries another place—with no better luck, to express it mildly.

By and by he makes up his mind to return to his former stand-by, the store where he always received satisfaction, and a little more for his money than was in the bargain.

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