

### SANTA CLAUS CLUB READY TO SCATTER GOOD CHEER

**Kris Kringle Is on the Job and It Only Needs Good-Hearted People to Cheer Up Poor Kiddies**

There's a persistent rumor in the air today that will not be downed. It's mysteriously seeping through the crowds of shoppers and it's sinking at you from out of every other store window. Christmas is coming! But maybe you don't believe in rumors? Well then here's a piece of news that's proof positive.

The LEADER Santa Claus Club is open—2000 sunny square feet of it, at 612 Chestnut street where the club is located this year there's a big sign hanging out that says, "Come in," and if you believe in little girls and boys and their general right to happiness you go in and this is what you find. At the very door the most congenial Santa Claus in the world—six feet tall, he doesn't talk. It's just his job to get you ready for the "Plumby" year of the children's page of the Sunday LEADER and it was she who six years ago through the columns of the paper founded the Santa Claus Club for the needy children of Philadelphia.

Gave Gifts to 12,000 Miss Thompson doesn't stand still like Santa Claus. In fact it is not exaggerating to say that at this moment she is the busiest young woman in all Philadelphia. To give you an idea of the task before her think over these figures. Last Christmas the Santa Claus Club distributed gifts to 12,000 children in Philadelphia. Miss Thompson will explain to you, "we are going to beat that record. See how nicely we're doing so far," and the good fairy to Philadelphia's forgotten children Philadelphia's forgotten children were being unpacked. There were doll beds, boats, miniature kitchen cabinets, dolls and any number of other delightful things.

"Of course this is only a start," she is apt to tell you. "We are depending this year, like we have every other year, on our good friends in Philadelphia being awfully good to us. We welcome with open arms their gifts of any kind of toys, old or new, as long as they are clean and unbroken. "Do you know," Miss Thompson will add if she takes you into her confidence, "there is one class of boys and girls strangely neglected when gifts are sent in. They are the boys of the Huckleberry Finn age, between twelve and fourteen. And the girls are of the 'little mother' age." Somehow folks seem to forget how much these children, too, look forward to Christmas.

What Boys Want Most "The sort of things boys of this age would particularly appreciate are books, candy, skates, baseball gloves, foot-

balls and real live gifts like that. Girls of the same age like hair ribbons, books, pocketbooks, little chains, or, in fact, anything to wear."

Miss Thompson also adds that clothing is appreciated. The toys and clothing received are distributed from the Santa Claus Club two days before Christmas.

The letters of appeal lent Santa Claus forget are already beginning to pour in. Here is a typical one:

"Dear Santa Claus—Would you please send me a doll and a coach as my father is dead. I have three brothers, and would you give them something? And I have a little sister girl, and would you give her something, too? Yours sincerely, ADDIE."

Gifts Are Coming In A wonderful surprise in the way of a truckload of toys from the Rogers Construction Co., in Gloucester, came yesterday. Yesterday also a man who would not give his name but who has made anonymous contributions to the Santa Claus Club all through the year came in and gave \$10 in his mother's name. When it is impracticable to send toys money is very welcome. All contributions and toys can be sent directly to 612 Chestnut street, care of the Santa Claus Club.

The piggy banks filled with pennies by little readers of the children's page of the Sunday PUBLIC LEDGER are proving as heavy and more plentiful than ever this year.

CLUBS TO GIVE CONCERT U. of P. Organizations Will Play at Germantown Cricket

The combined musical clubs of the University of Pennsylvania are giving a concert tonight at 8:15 o'clock at the Germantown Cricket Club. The concert will be followed by a dance.

The affair is under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Germantown. The following members will act as patronesses: Mrs. James Anderson, Mrs. Nicholas Potry, Mrs. William Buehler, Mrs. Walter G. Sibley, Mrs. Gordon S. Carrigan, Mrs. Calvin N. Smyth, Mrs. David Halstead, Mrs. Isaac P. Smyth, Jr., Mrs. Edward Newkirk, Mrs. J. Barton Mustin, Mrs. George Wheeler, Mrs. Frank Watson, Mrs. Wayne Whipple, Mrs. W. F. Mofrey, Mrs. W. C. Melchior.

The proceeds are to be used for improvements to the clubhouse, and for an expansion of the club's activities. The bazaar that is being held at the clubhouse now is for this same purpose.

### THE SAMAROFF RECITAL

Four Beethoven Sonatas of First Period Given

An audience limited only by the capacity of the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford last evening heard the third of Mme. Samaroff's Beethoven sonata evenings, with the interesting and informative explanatory talks before each sonata, by Mr. Stokowski.

As has been the case with the other evenings, the program was admirably chosen, the four sonatas illustrating highly different phases of the composer, yet not going beyond the first of the periods into which the works of Beethoven are generally divided. Mme. Samaroff opened with the sonata in B flat op. 22, conventional in form, as pointed out by Mr. Stokowski.

And one of the less imaginative works in musical thought, excepting always the beautiful Adagio. This was followed by the sonata quasi una fantasia, op. 27, No. 1, a work the beauties of which have been overshadowed by the perhaps too great sentimental value given to its companion piece, the famous "Moonlight" sonata, but a work of much freedom, both in thought and form. Mme. Samaroff did one of the best pieces of work of the evening in the effulgent second movement.

The third number was the sonata in E, op. 14, No. 1, conventional in form and Mozartlike in simplicity except for the Allegretto, the trio of which contains more feeling than is usually found on a Mozart piano sonata.

But the piece de resistance of the evening was the "Moonlight" sonata, regarding the origin of which Mr. Stokowski gave the Countess Guicciardi version of the many legends which have been written and told as to how the work came into being. Mme. Samaroff gave a temperamental reading of the great sonata, which like all the other numbers was very cordially received by the audience.

### YEOMANETTES TO DANCE

Affair to Be Given as Benefit for U. S. Naval Home

Members of Yeomen F Post 60 will hold an entertainment and informal dance Monday evening at the United States Naval Home, Twenty-fourth street and Grays Ferry road. The 200 beneficiaries at the home and the attaches will be the honor guests at the event, to which members of the American Legion are invited.

At the meeting of the post held on November 30, Miss Anna D. Boyle was unanimously nominated as post commander for the ensuing year. There is a large field of candidates for the various offices, and the election will take place at a meeting to be held at 1616 Master street December 13.

### Child Hurt Running into Auto

Patsy Paquale, seven years old, 2041 Ceyoga street, is in St. Luke's Hospital, suffering from injuries to his head, sustained last night, when he ran into an automobile driven by Calvin Poorman, 142 Manheim street, at Germantown avenue and Ceyoga street.

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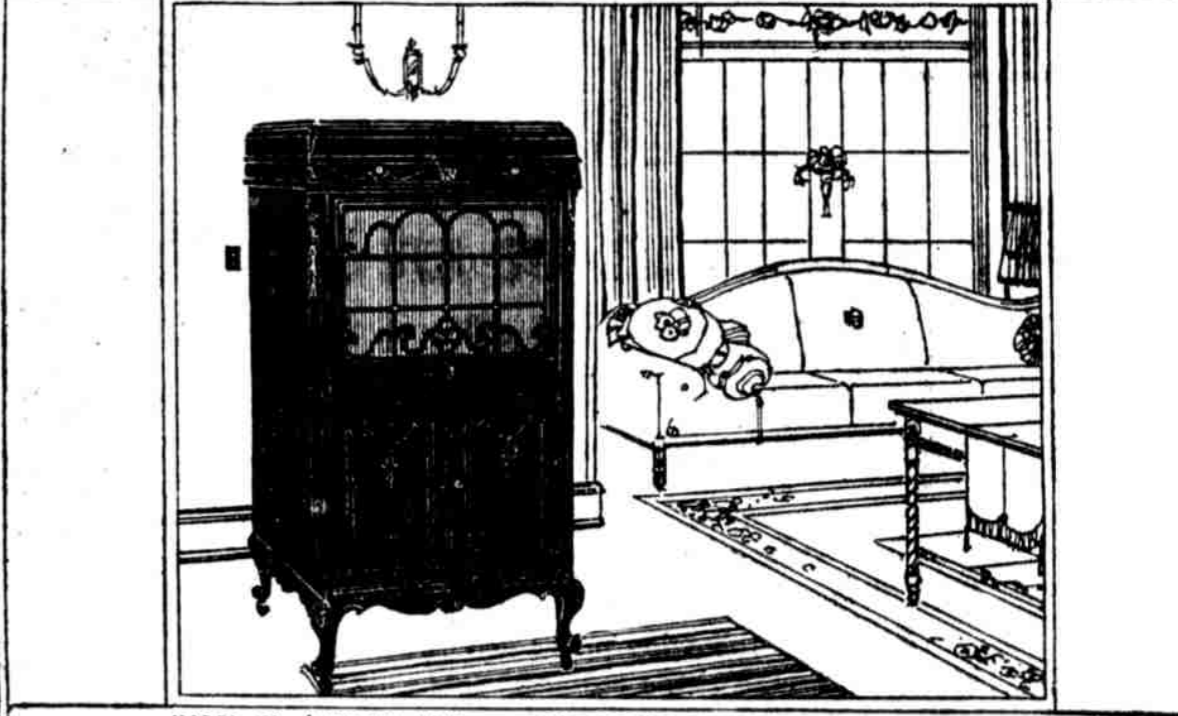
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