# CITY'S POOR GET BASKETS OF FOOD

### Many Organizations Give Bountiful Supplies to Thousands of Deserving

### CHEER FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Thousands of deserving poor throughout this city were bountifully supplied with food today by various charitable organizations.

Baskets filled with choice morsels were handed out by the thousands in all sections of the city. Banquets were given to children. In fact, nearly every one, from the tottering old men of seventy or more years to the infants in arms who really deserved charity, received it.

The Union Benevolent Association, 716 Spruce street, gave out approximately sixty baskets of food to widows with dependents, the aged, and families where there was sickness. The Special Relief Bureau of the Emergency Aid, of which Mrs. John Wanamaker, 3d, is chairman, provided baskets to every one of the sixty-nine families on its list. The Social Service Department of the Diagnostic Hospital, through the kindness of the gentlemen of the board, ladies' auxiliary, Mrs. Frank T. Decker, and the Charity Club of Germantown furnished one hundred and fifty-five dinners for their dispensary families.

The thirteen Boys' Clubs within the membership of the Y. M. C. A. of Germantown distributed baskets of good things for the Christmas table to needy families in the neighborhood. During Christmas week there will be special events held for the schoolboys in the gymnasium and swimming pool, also hikes through the surrounding country and educational trips to large industrial establishments. The new addition of this institution will open for inspection on January 1. Part of the New Year's celebration will be the opening of the new equipment.

**Red Men Give Dinners**

Christmas dinners were sent to many homes by the Osage Tribe, Order of Red Men, 761 South Broad street. A party was also given to scores of children in Osage Hall. John Carey was chairman of the Kiddies' Party Committee which provided toys for all the children.

The Prison Welfare Society with the able assistance of Judge Howard A. Davis, of Court of Common Pleas No. 3, extended Christmas cheer this year as usual to the poor families of men serving terms in jail. Hundreds of well-filled baskets were distributed today in Room 285, City Hall, to those who presented cards given them by the society's agents.

Each basket contained a fine bird and a generous supply and variety of vegetables and other eatables ample to satisfy all demands of at least a half dozen healthy appetites and when the family to be fed was known to be large, there were extras for each such case.

The Salvation Army lassies, with the money given them on the streets of the city, gave away 750 baskets, each containing a Christmas dinner for eight or nine persons.

The Volunteers of America distributed 600 Christmas dinners, serving about three thousand persons. Recipients of these Yuletide baskets, piled high with nourishing foodstuffs, include more than two hundred destitute widows with families of one to ten children, families whose earning capacity has been blasted by sickness and families where there has been unemployment.

Miss Julia Z. Robinson, an incurable invalid who is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, raised most of the money to purchase the food contained in the seventy-five baskets distributed by the Social Service Department of the hospital. Miss Robinson is a singer of unusual ability and appeared at several recitals for this cause.

The Tenth and Lehigh Young Men's Christian Association gave out fifty Christmas baskets to needy families in that section of the city.

**Children Get Goodies**

Hundreds of children were provided with Christmas cheer in the shape of baskets of food and "goodies" by friends of the Advisory Council of the Department of Public Welfare. The distributions were made under the supervision of Mrs. Henry D. Jump, head of the council.

More than one hundred baskets were distributed to poor families by the Artisans' Dining Club. The Christmas plans of the Artisans also included an entertainment for a group of children gathered together by the Protestant Episcopal City Mission, Third street below Walnut.

The Visiting Nurse Society gave away seventy-five dinners to families throughout the city where the wage-earners in the families were ill or where the mothers were widows.

The Lions' Club of Philadelphia sent many of its members in person to the poor sections of the city and distributed baskets of food and toys. Arrangements for the distributions were under supervision of a committee consisting of Jean Paul Richter, the Rev. Robert Alexander Mackie and Samuel L. Dodd.

More than a thousand children in the various boarding homes conducted by the Children's Aid Society were recipients of presents from the Christmas Committee of that organization. The gifts were selected according to the age of the girls and boys receiving them. Specially selected presents were given to more than one hundred older boys and eighty older girls, who are about to graduate from the care of the society into positions of self-support.

**1500 Sailors Get Presents**

Every one of the troops of the Girl Scouts of Philadelphia did something for some one else this Christmas season. Most of the troops sent out large baskets to at least one family and others filled big "stockings," which were distributed to needy ones by various charitable agencies. Still other troops made their gifts through the Co-operative Club to the Philadelphia Hospital.

The Seaman's Church Institute, Second and Walnut streets, in co-operation with other agencies, sent representatives aboard all ships in the harbor and gave away presents to more than 1500 sailors, including substantial comfort bags. At the headquarters of the institute, 200 residents received gifts of tobacco, handkerchiefs, etc., from the Women's Auxiliary. Prominent in the work of this organization are Mrs. Lincoln Ferguson, Mrs. C. C. Zantzinger and Mrs. Edward M. M. Benson.

To each of the families of thirty blind men who are employed in the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men, Thirty-sixth street and Lancaster avenue, who live outside with their families, a chicken dinner was given. Every individual connected with the home was presented with suitable gifts, including toys and books for the children.

The Philadelphia Society for the Employment and Instruction of the Poor has given presents to all children in the nursery and shelter, as well as gifts to many of the grown-ups.

Substantial expressions of the Yule spirit, in the shape of appropriate gifts, were given to 225 children and young mothers with children in the foster home department of the Children's Bureau of Philadelphia by that organization. The children ranged in age from mere babies to boys and girls in their 'teens.

The Church Mission of Help, 225 South Third street, followed the usual custom of the mission and gave presents to 109 girls and thirteen children.

**Nicetown Poor Aided**

Another organization that took splendid care of any and all sailormen in the port for the holidays was the Mariners' Church, maintained at Front and De Lancey streets by the Seamen's and Landsmen's Aid Society. This institution was founded more than 100 years ago and has never failed to remember Jack Tar on Christmas.

Following the custom of many years the U. and I. Club, composed of senior boys and girls, who have grown up in the Nicetown Club, distributed baskets among more than 1500 poor and needy families throughout the Nicetown section of the city. This meant that something for the baskets was contributed by every one of the members of the club.

The Helping Hand Rescue Mission, 721 North Second street, did its share by distributing baskets among scores of needy families and sent toys to the children of many of these families.

The Children's Christmas Cheer Association, of Delaware County, which was organized fourteen years ago, sent out packages of eatables and other presents to needy persons whose names were turned in by physicians, nurses and Sunday schools of the various churches. More than 500 members of the association took part in the distributions. The president of the organization is David J. Laupheimer and the secretary, Guy Davis.

One of the biggest distributors of Christmas cheer in the city was the Philadelphia Lodge of Elks, whose headquarters are at 1320 Arch street. Besides entertaining more than 7000 poor children at the annual party, 600 baskets conveying food supplies for several days were sent out to families throughout the city. The distributions were in charge of a committee of more than 100 Elks, known as the Santa Claus Committee. Henry J. A. Newton, past exalted ruler, was chairman of the committee.

## THE CHRISTMAS MAGNET STILL DRAWS

One would not call these youngsters "window shoppers." They are reveling in the real beauty of Christmas displays that make the store fronts so alluring

## *Yuletide Spirit Grips Entire City*

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celebrated Christmas Day, true expression of the season consecrated to the spirit of love, sacrifice and benevolence.

As far back in the history of mankind as A. D. 98 Pope Telesphorus ordered that the anniversary of Christ's birth be fittingly observed, and although the day has never been satisfactorily established, it was chosen by Pope Julius I in 337 A. D., who designated that this date, December 25, be set aside for general observance throughout the Christian Church.

Later on in the years Saint Nicholas of Lycia, in Asia Minor, so legend says, came along in the night and threw a bag of money into the window of a man who was about to sell his daughter because of poverty. Mothers urged their daughters after that to hang their stockings in expectation that Saint Nicholas might stop at Christmas-time and fill them.

**Santa to Fill Stockings**

And so Saint Nicholas in the spirit is here today to begin the task of filling the stockings of a metropolis for those who otherwise would have to go without.

On many of the playgrounds in the city today Christmas celebrations were carried out. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. R. Cromwell have helped to provide a generous Christmas for the children of the Shot Tower Recreation Center, where they are dancing about the great Christmas tree today and going home happy and tired, their arms burdened with the good things given them.

At the Happy Hollow center on Wayne avenue, opposite Logan street, the children have a tree and an entertainment; at Starr Garden Center, Seventh and Lombard streets, a tree and a playlet and a distribution of goodies, through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury; at Tip Top Center an entertainment and gifts, through the courtesy of business men in the neighborhood of Front and Allen streets; at Sherwood Center, Fifty-sixth and Christina streets, a Christmas play, "Santa's Surprise"; at Seger playground, Tenth and Lombard streets, a tree and gifts and Christmas carols at 9:30 tonight; at Waterview Center, Haines street and McMahon avenue, a play, "Christmas With the Pixies," and at McCoach Center, Seventeenth and Fitzwater streets, a concert and gifts for the children from five to twelve years old.

Children's parties today reign everywhere, and one of the biggest is at Osage Hall, the home of the Osage Tribe of Red Men at 704 South Broad street. Nearly 5000 youngsters poured in and out of the building to receive their gifts and make their bows and hear the entertainment provided by a troop of minstrels.

**Celebrations in Germantown**

Hundreds of youngsters in Germantown are being made happy by the big tree in Vernon Park, which burst forth last night with its myriad of little colored bulbs.

The Y. M. C. A. at Tenth street and Lehigh avenue is giving an entertainment today to 275 children and presenting each with a Christmas stocking filled brimful of good things, and out at Drexel Hill the Drexel Hill Community Club has provided a spread for the children that takes in youngsters far outside the ordinary boundaries of the organization's activities.

At the Babies' Memorial Hospital, 1600 children are gathered with their mothers to partake of the good things and enjoy the entertainment provided there. Miss Rena P. Fox, the superintendent, arranged long ago to have a toy to give to each of the youngsters who visit her today.

Many other children of the city are being remembered by the employes of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company and 500 tots are having a joyous time today on the fifth floor of the company building, where Joseph M. Conover, president of the Employes' Association, is taking the role of old Kriss Kringle.

In the lobby of the Central Y. M. C. A. boys of various ages have been invited to gather in groups for an old-fashioned Christmas party, which reaches its climax tonight.

In the Thirty-second Ward the Republican women's organization has placed its second annual Christmas tree, and no matter how many report there will be a box of candy and perhaps more to bring joy to the little hearts. And even City Hall is having its Christmas party, with Sheriff Lamberton the host to all the attaches of the force with their wives and their children and their grandchildren.

**Orphan Society Program**

And yet all these activities today are but a beginning of the celebration that will be held on Monday, with tomorrow being spanned with the usual observances of Sunday. Christmas Eve will be celebrated by the children of the Orphan Society of Philadelphia, and every one of the little stockings, bulging with unexpected things, will be hanging in its place when the sun creeps in with Monday's dawn.

At the Holy Trinity Episcopal Chapel, Twenty-second and Spruce streets, tomorrow night the church will be opened after being closed five months for renovation and repairs, and Christmas carol service will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Another Christmas Eve service will be held in the chapel of the Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Home, 3615 Chestnut street.

The Inasmuch Mission will be the scene of a Christmas Eve entertainment, in charge of Mrs. H. Malpass, president of the Drexel Biddle Social Workers. The women will serve 400 dinners and many entertainers well known on the stage will lend their talents for the delight of the unfortunates. Major A. J. Drexel Biddle will have charge of the religious services.

At the United States Naval Home, Twenty-fourth street and Grays Ferry road, a special Christmas church service is to be held Sunday at 10 o'clock, and on the evening of Christmas Day there will be a party for the hospital inmates and their friends in the assembly room.

At the home of the Elks, on Arch street and Juniper, 5000 youngsters will be entertained during the day and Sunday night will take part in the dedication of the big Elk Christmas tree in City Hall plaza near the band stand, and George F. Ingraham, chairman of the committee, promises a treat for the big boys and girls as well as the little ones. The Elks will give 1000 books, the kind boys love, to the future young men of the city. These will be donated at the library of the Big Brothers' clubhouse, at 25 South Van Pelt street.

Notice has come from Ridley Park that churches there will fittingly celebrate Christmas Eve and tonight.

In Kensington Miss Elizabeth D. Egglestoh is directing rehearsals for a pageant, "A Masque of the First Christmas," that will be presented the afternoon before Christmas by the Girl Reserves of the Kensington branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, 174 West Allegheny avenue.

The masque is made up of ten tableaux. It opens with a narration of the Christmas story and closes with a "Peace Benediction by a Chorus of Angels." Suitable music and costumes have been selected.

In places where conditions and schedules permit, the real celebrations have been postponed to Christmas day and among these will be a dinner for 250 men at the Galilee Missior, 821 Vine street. The dinner will begin at 11 o'clock and will follow a service to be held in the chapel of the home.

The Western Community House will have a "Community Tree and Garden." Baskets donated will be given to the needy. The various classes and clubs are planning parties, and carol singing, at which time candy, games and toys will be distributed.

No more faithful worker for the dissemination of Christmas joy seems to exist than "Daddy" Cohen who each year gathers up as many youngsters as he can handle and hies them off to a restaurant that he has hired for the day. On Christmas day this year, Daddy Cohen will collect his little band of expectant boys and girls at the Reading Terminal and march them to Walnut street for their feed.

**Navy Men to be Hosts**

Fifty orphaned children will be made happy on Christmas Day by the officers and men of the newly commissioned flagship of the Atlantic aviation fleet, the U. S. S. Wright, now at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. A Christmas dinner with toys, clothing and an entertainment will be provided for the youngsters.

The men of the crew gave $350 to provide toys and clothing for Christmas gifts for their little guests. A friend from New Jersey sent over a big supply of evergreens and holly for the decorations, and part of the band from the U. S. S. Relief will spend the afternoon aboard the Wright to furnish the musical end of the entertainment.

On Christmas Day, the Salvation Army will entertain 1000 poor children and distribute presents to every boy and girl from under two huge Christmas trees.

Charles J. Webb, president of the Army's Advisory Board, will probably be present, and superintend the distribution. The entertainment will begin at 2 o'clock Christmas afternoon, and continue until 4. Visitors will be admitted.

**Animals to Do Stunts**

Trained animals will do stunts for the amusement of the children, and there will be a program of Christmas music, with selections by the Divisional Band. In addition, there will be motion pictures of the Army's work at the Fresh Air Camp at Upland, last summer.

Many of the children in the audience will see themselves in the pictures.

On Christmas Day the Army will give a Christmas dinner to nearly 500 homeless persons in the big hall of No. 2 Corps, at Eighth and Vine streets. A number of the guests will be women.

Owls of South Philadelphia, members of Nest No. 1613, will maintain a wide-open house at 1931 South Third street on Christmas Day to entertain many of the poor children who live between Market street and the river.

At the Vare Recreation Center at 2:30 Christmas afternoon the John P. Garland Post, No. 196, American Legion, will place a lighted star upon the Christmas tree to mark the post's gift to the comrades who died in France.

The Prison Welfare Society will be busy Christmas Day taking care of the poor little children whose fathers have found that the way of the transgressor is hard. The society will take care that Christmas trees and other happy things will be available for the youngsters in this class.

In Llanerch a great community tree will be erected in front of the Llanerch firehouse and decorated. On Christmas Eve the tree will be stripped and the things on it will be taken to the Babies' Hospital in Philadelphia. Here they will be distributed.

Another tree has been erected by the Sixty-ninth Street Business Association, and the public has been asked to decorate the tree for the poor, sick, helpless youngsters in the Babies' Hospital.

## *World Peace Theme of Bishop's Poem*

The spiritual significance of Christmas Day is emphasized in a poem composed by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania. He has sent hundreds of engraved copies to his friends.

BISHOP GARLAND

The custom is an annual one with Bishop Garland. In early manhood Dr. Garland was a successful business man, the manager of an iron and steel company, and the treasurer of several manufacturing concerns. The poem is:

### God With Us Evermore

*"On Christmas Day we're near to God,*
*'Tis easy then, to pray.*
*At Bethlehem hear angels sing,*
*And in sweet memory dream again*
*Of dear ones passed away.*

*"Some tell us that the Christ still lives,*
*That He is ever near;*
*Oh that would be a blessed thought*
*As strength renewed we hasten forth*
*To greet the coming year.*
*"But Thou, O Lord, seem'st far away,*
*When Christmastide is o'er;*
*O give us grace that we may know*
*The message of Incarnate love—*
*God with us evermore!*

*"Come back, live in our lives, O Christ,*
*And bid our wavering cease,*
*Through us proclaim love's triumph near,*
*Use us, O Lord, to conquer strife,*
*And lead the world to peace."*

## BOOTLEGGING FINES HERE TOTAL $15,000 IN 2 WEEKS

### 106 Plead Guilty in Federal Court. Eight Others Convicted

One hundred and fourteen bootleggers have pleaded guilty or have been convicted during the last two weeks in the criminal branch of the United States District Court.

Of that number, 106 entered pleas of guilty and were assessed fines totaling more than $15,000. The other eight entered pleas of not guilty, but were convicted. Sentence has not been imposed upon them, but in view of Judge Dickinson's recent statement that convicted persons need expect no leniency, it is expected they will get substantial prison terms.

# HOSPITALS DISCARD CHRISTMAS DIETS

### Eat and Be Merry, With No Thought of Morrow, Is Slogan

### PATIENTS TO GET GIFTS

Christmas—all the pictures that flit through the mind at the mention of that word—carols, turkey, stockings, Santa Claus, Christmas trees, plum pudding—all these and more will be the share of the patients in the various hospitals in Philadelphia.

There is no such thing as a diet on Christmas Day—it is only eat and be merry, with no thought of the morrow. The hospitals are buying enough turkeys to make the world wonder if the folks in there are spoofing about their ailments. Santa Claus must scratch his head in bewilderment at the huge family when he slides down the chimneys of a hospital and sees hundreds of stockings flapping empty from the beds, waiting to be filled.

Gigantic trees, with twinkling lights, tinsel, shiny balls and grotesque ornaments of all sorts gladden the wards, and Santa in person, with his pack on his back, will give out gifts to large and small—to the children doomed to spend the big day in bed and to the prosaic grown-ups—what could make for a gayer Christmas?

"Dizzy from joy," is exactly the way the 300 children who were entertained by the nurses of the State Tuberculosis Dispensary at the Mulico-Chirurgical Hospital, 1722 Cherry street, this morning, felt.

How can one small child—or a grown person for that matter—watch a magician do his fascinating tricks, listen to the mysterious powers of a ventriloquist, choose which piece of the candy in their lap they want to eat next, play with the toys which have just been given to them, and at the same time not neglect the fat and funny Santa Claus, whose hearty laugh booms out above the din of joyous shouts.

The annual Christmas party given to tubercular children and those with whom the nurses have come in contact in work for their families was given this morning.

The children were given toys and candy from the Christmas tree the nurses had erected and decorated.

Two hundred and ten baskets containing Christmas dinners will be distributed by the nurses, who collected funds for this celebration besides contributing themselves.

In the quadrangle at the Philadelphia General Hospital a large Christmas tree lighted up at night with electric lights will be displayed and the wards will be gay with greens. Radio concerts and motion-pictures will gladden the season for the patients.

**Polyclinic's Plans for Kids**

The Polyclinic Hospital has a practical plan for the children's wards—every child will receive a pair of new stockings filled with toys and a decorated Christmas tree will shine brightly in their wards. The corridors and wards are to be trimmed with evergreens and wreaths, while the trays, loaded with goodies, will have a special card with the patient's name on it.

Patients at the Germantown Hospital will hear carols Christmas morning and receive a gift, as will those confined in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital. In the Howard Hospital Santa Claus will distribute gifts to the patients.

Every ward of the Hahnemann Hospital will have a Christmas tree. The tree in the children's ward will be trimmed while the youngsters are asleep and in the morning gifts and candy is provided for all.

At the Pennsylvania Hospital every patient will receive a gift, and in the afternoon musical entertainments will be given through all the wards.

Jefferson Hospital has many festivities planed. Besides gifts, Christmas trees in all the wards and a turkey dinner, the patients will receive a favor on their breakfast trays. Children in the out-patient department will have a glittering tree and be entertained by a monologist, a magician and an orchestra. If that isn't gayety!

Children at St. Christopher's Hospital will be given clothing, toys, fruit and candy, while a Punch and Judy show will be added to assure a good time for all. Dr. Alex Arthur will play Santa Claus at the Children's Homeopathic Hospital, while 600 youngsters in the Children's Hospital, Eighteenth and Bainbridge streets, will be the guests of the employes of the J. E. Caldwell Company.

Little ones, under the care of the Society to Protect Children From Cruelty will be bountifully remembered by Santa, and in the various day nurseries numerous pleasant things have been planned. In some a professional story teller has been hired to entertain the children.

At the Mercy Hospital a chorus of men will sing carols and distribute gifts to all the patients, while children will have the best of things at the Northwestern General, University and the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women.

At the Memorial Hospital there will be gifts and open house all day, and the Kensington Hospital will celebrate with a turkey dinner.

# *DOES ESTHETIC DANCE TO DESCRIBE XMAS TREE STANDS*

### *Man With Holly in His Buttonhole Starts His Same Little Piece Again at City Hall as Tony Listens and Smiles*

Just aft of the garden of Christmas trees that blooms on the east side of the City Hall, the man with the holly in his buttonhole started his piece again.

"It's one of those kind that have the curled-up iron stunts," he shifted the packages from his left arm to his right arm and put his brown suit case on the sidewalk. "The kind I mean is the kind we get every year, only you don't seem to get me. It's the kind that—that's like this, see?" He made a gesture suggesting one of the daily dozen. A small package slipped out and he leaned to pick it up, thus releasing two other packages which a small boy picked up for him.

He began again.

"You—you don't seem to get me. Used to carry 'em in the five and ten cent store. I'll tell you—it looks like a couple of dumb-bells fastened together, only you use screws instead of nails. Not one of those block kind that slips in—" he paused for breath.

A beam, spread suddenly, crept over the face of the gentleman with the boutonniere. "I'll tell you the kind I mean—they don't always work but you use flatirons—"

The passer-by who had been listening with a suspended expression drew a little nearer.

"Think I know what you mean, neighbor," he set his bundles on the sidewalk. "It's not one of those new fangled kind. It's one of those old-fashioned ones something like this—" He accompanied this description with a motion that looked something like the beginning of an esthetic dance.

"Get him now?" he asked hopefully.

The gentleman on the outskirts of the crowd grew more pained inch by inch. Were they losing their minds, his expression suggested.

Tony who sells the Christmas trees only smiled, however. It was the day before the day before Christmas. It was only the three hundredth time that morning he had listened to otherwise normal Philadelphians trying to describe their favorite Christmas tree stands.

No. 13 car clanged its uneven way down Chestnut street at the noon hour. Passengers with many bundles got within three inches of their destined corners before undertaking an exploration trip for a car ticket. It was enough to drive any conductor to distraction!

Not so this cheery faced one with his blue cap on the back of his head. "Silent Night, Holy Night," he whistled as he waited. To the next few bars of the Christmas hymn he moistened transfers and nicely gave them out. The last sweet ageless strains of the shepherds' watch song brought the whistle solo to an end only to have it begun cheerily again as the car stood in line in a long interminable block.

The little old lady in the store where books and statuary are sold did not try to break through the last-minute throng and ask to be waited on. Finally, though, a kindly faced young man came up to her.

"I want one of those sets to set up in a little miniature manger," she said. "I'd like that little figure of the Christ Child and the one of the Blessed Mother and of the three Shepherds, too. And please two or three of those little animals to put around the crib."

She sighed in a rather satisfied way. "I've always wanted one of those sets," she said, "but nobody ever thought to give it to me." She flashed a smile at the young man. "So I'm just giving it to myself."

Out into the brilliant 6 o'clock night she went, hugging her bulky bundle. There were so many bundles on that Christmas street. One at least was bearing the Christ Child.

# FOREIGN STUDENTS CHEER PENNIMAN

### Acting Provost Host at Yuletide Dinner to Men From Far-Off Lands

Cheers rose last night, in the high beamed halls of the Houston Club at the University of Pennsylvania for Dr. Penniman, acting provost of the University.

It came from eighty-five Chinese students attending the University who were among the guests from all the nations of the world at the annual Christmas dinner of the provost to the foreign students. Forty-five nationalities were represented.

The guests from many shores showed vociferously their approval of the American Yuletide feast, for at its close cheer after cheer arose, some good old "Penn yells," and others in tongues that smote strangely on the ear.

There was plenty of noise. Waiters brought to each guest a plateful of toys and fun makers such as might grace any child's stocking.

With Dr. Penniman sat J. Hartley Merrick, acting vice provost; the Rev. A. W. Stevenson, director of the Students' International House; E. W. Madeira, assistant to Mr. Merrick, and Arthur Spencer, assistant to Dr. Penniman. The acting provost greeted each student, passing from table to table to see that all were enjoying themselves.

As the dining ceased, Dr. Penniman called for a toast to the President of the United States, drunk in fresh cider. Then the orchestra played the "Star Spangled Banner," followed by "Adeste Fideles."

Taking the occasion of Christmas as the keynote, Dr. Penniman said: "We are gathered here representing almost every race on the earth, and we have come together to publicly recognize the coming of the Prince of Peace.

"There are many religions here, but we all can regard His advent on earth as the most extraordinary event with the most far-reaching influence that has occurred in the history of the world.

"The Christmas spirit is here tonight. It is a cosmopolitan gathering of all the nations. There can be no peace unless there is good will, for that is what the angels meant when they sang 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.'"

Dr. Penniman then called on representatives of the different nations for words of greeting. M. C. Len, president of the Chinese student body, represented his country, and he thanked Dr. Penniman for all the good work the university was doing.

Mr. Len handed Dr. Penniman a yellow-striped silk flag of China's republic, and then leaping on the table led his countrymen in a Chinese cheer which ended with the only distinguishable word to the American ear—"Penniman."

## ROBBED OF XMAS FUND

### Money for Presents Taken From Woman in Shopping Crowd

Money which she had drawn from a Christmas savings account was taken from Mrs. Anna Dongy, 2403 North Thirty-second street, in the shopping crowds yesterday.

Mrs. Dongy withdrew the cash to make presents and then discovered that she had left her shopping list at home. She boarded a crowded street-car to return for the list. When she left the car she found that the money had been taken from her handbag.

## QUARANTINED BLIND BOYS TO HAVE MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Dozen Youths at Overbrook School Will Enjoy Feast, Tree and Fun

Amid all the bustle of going home for the holidays, one of the boys at the Pennsylvania Institute for the Instruction of the Blind had to get the measles—so he and a dozen of his companions must spend the jolly season at the school in Overbrook. But their Christmas will be a merry one, with a great big tree, stockings—or socks hung up, a regular Santa Claus—and a more than regular turkey dinner.

Again a wonder—wonder how the mind of a blind child pictures Santy—they have never seen red or white or fat. Would they be surprised if they saw the jolly elf in all his glory? or had they pictured him gayer in their minds than any man, even Chris, could ever be?

Then there is a radio out there—just three days old—and the boys can work it like veterans, so concerts and solos will be their share.

# XMAS TREES GRACE CITY HALL OFFICES

### Mayor's Reception Room Elaborately Decorated and Many Celebrations Planned

The spirit of Christmas pervades the corridors and offices of City Hall today as seldom before. Trees grace offices of the various departments, celebrations have been planned and a number of entertainments have been provided for.

To begin with, the reception room of the Mayor has been decorated in an elaborate manner in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. This work was under the supervision of Harry T. Baxter, chief of the Bureau of City Property, aided by Jerome Koerber and Frank Carrigan, decorators for Strawbridge & Clothier.

There has been erected a platform at one end of the room. It is upon this that singers and instrumentalists will give a sacred concert on New Year's Eve. The decorations include several trimmed Christmas trees, lamps and greens. The reception room is open to the public today and will be all day Sunday and next week.

There are a number of Christmas trees in offices throughout the building also. The division of housing and sanitation of the Bureau of Health, in addition to its tree, will send forth "waits," who will sing through the corridors the old-time Christmas carols. This party will comprise twenty-five men and women, employes of the department, led by Inspector William J. Johnson.

There is a gayly decorated tree also in the office of Richard Weglein, president of Council. The Board of Revision of Taxes has a tree, too.

The Receiver of Taxes has a tree also; there is one in the delinquent tax office and the Bureau of City Property, together with the City Hall cleaners, provided singers to patrol the corridors in bands throughout the afternoon.

# *HOLIDAY TRAVELERS THRONG BIG RAILWAY TERMINALS*

### *City Relatives Greet Country Cousins While Whole Families, Bundle-Laden, Scramble for Places in Trains*

The Christmas rush was on today full force in the railroad stations—people rushing into Philadelphia and people rushing out.

Relatives meet relatives for the annual visit, emitting a line of gossip about family affairs that draws gasps and "You don't say so's" from both sides.

Other relatives, with worried faces, sent to meet the visiting cousins, waited at the gates, hoping they were on the right track. Suppose they missed the country cousins and the cousins had to squander money on a taxicab—no merry Christmas in that house.

Country cousins reaching the big city for the first time—complete with bundles and wicker suitcases, stare around with startled expressions—so this is Philadelphia, that they had heard was slow!

**Whole Families in Rush**

Whole families with but a single thought—to catch a train—sweep through the stations. Tots, whose little legs cannot keep up with the race, swing from parents' hands, while others hang on to flying skirts.

And the bundles! No one comes or goes empty-handed—it evidently is not the thing to do. Big packages and little packages—some done up in red ribbons, with a gay sprig of holly—others wrapped in newspapers—are toted through the stations. Men with unhappy expressions try to look unconscious of bulky bundles, while some, standing surrounded by bags and packages and children and wife, look absolutely miserable. One man particularly seemed in need of sympathy, for, as though it wasn't bad enough to be a holy show, the wife took it into her head to blame him, in loud tones, because they had missed the train.

**Three Jolly Rovers**

Three jolly good fellows swaggering through the crowd didn't seem to know that the country had "gone dry." They poked jests at men with their numerous families spread out around them. These men carry suitcases, also.

The man who announces, surrounded by an eager audience that drank in his every word, when trains come and when they depart, has his hands full doling out information to nervous persons with seared eyes.

And the newsboys share the holiday spirit. They might not be going out of town, or just arriving, but they have their fun. One urchin piped out to a buddy at the other corner of the station, "Gosh, the old dame gave me a quarter," pointing to a departing figure. Good reason, too, for the wonder in his eyes, for a dime is a sky-high tip from some women. But he piped too soon—the old lady returned with a worried expression fiddling through her bag. She got her quarter back, but in honor of Christmas parted with a nickel.

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