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# The Christmas Store

This year we have placed on sale one of the largest and most varied Christmas stocks ever carried which makes selection a comparatively easy task. Our lines comprise everything in furniture as well as a big assortment of toys for the kiddies. A few of the many things to be found here include

- Furniture of all kinds
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# Gifts For All

Our stock of Xmas Gifts comprises everything in the line of useful articles for the older folks. We feel safe in saying that you will find it comparatively easy to make a selection for any member of the family. We have placed in stock such articles as our customers will demand for Christmas giving and in order to appreciate what we have gathered for your selection a visit to our store is essential.

**Toys, Candies and Nuts**

Santa Claus has left at our store toys of all kinds for the little folks and we are sure that they will enjoy seeing them. We have also stocked up with a fine line of Xmas Candies, Nuts and Fruits. Also Christmas trees.

**JOS. J. MILLER**  
McHENRY, ILLINOIS

## WEEKLY PERSONAL ITEMS

**COMERS AND GOERS OF A WEEK IN OUR BUSY VILLAGE.**  
As Seen by Plaindealer Reporters and Handed Into Our Office by Our Friends  
Mrs. Wm. J. Welch spent Saturday last in Elgin.  
Henry Kennebeck was a county seat visitor today.  
Albert Justen was a Chicago visitor last Friday.  
Miss Helen Justen passed last Friday in Chicago.  
Miss Mary Burke was an Elgin visitor last Saturday.  
Miss Blanche Pryor was a Chicago visitor last Saturday.  
Miss Lena Stoffel was a windy city visitor last Saturday.  
C. Unti attended to business matters in Chicago Tuesday.  
Miss Eleanor Phalin was an Elgin visitor last Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickler were Chicago visitors Monday.  
Miss Elizabeth K. Miller was a Chicago visitor last Saturday.  
Miss Kathryn Burks passed Saturday in the metropolitan city.  
Edward Brefeld boarded the Chicago train Monday morning.  
F. A. Beller attended to business matters in Chicago last Friday.  
Miss Kathryn King boarded the Chicago train last Friday morning.  
H. E. Buch transacted business in the metropolitan city last Friday.  
Mrs. Chas. Givens was a business visitor at Woodstock last Friday.  
Frank Schnabel was a business visitor in the metropolitan city Saturday.  
R. S. Howard was a business visitor in the metropolitan city Tuesday.  
Miss Trace Barbian passed the first of the week in the metropolitan city.  
Mrs. N. E. Barbian spent Saturday and Sunday as the guest of friends at Elgin.  
Prof. A. E. Nye attended to business matters at the county seat last Saturday.  
Robert Aylward of Elgin spent the week end as the guest of McHenry friends.  
Dr. C. H. Fegers transacted business matters in the metropolitan city Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Holly were visitors at the county seat last Friday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bonalett boarded the Chicago train last Friday evening.  
Wm. C. Fay was among those to board the Chicago train last Friday morning.  
L. I. Edinger passed a day last week as the guest of relatives at the county seat.  
Newell F. Colby and daughter, Florence, spent Saturday in the metropolitan city.  
Mrs. R. T. Wray was among those to board the Chicago train last Saturday morning.  
Misses Mary and Blanche Meyers attended the theatre in Chicago last Sunday evening.  
James B. Perry attended to matters of a business nature at the county seat Tuesday.  
Misses Mayme and Vera Buss were among the Chicago passengers last Saturday morning.  
W. J. Donavin and C. J. Reihansperger were business visitors in the windy city Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wegener and daughter, Marion, were Chicago visitors last Saturday.  
Mrs. A. J. Kamholz and Miss Elfrida Block were metropolitan city visitors last Saturday.  
Miss Ruby Claxton of Woodstock spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Claxton.  
Miss Elsie Wolf was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. McArthur, at Elgin over the week end.  
Robert O'Kane of Woodstock was in town Tuesday looking after the interests of the gas company.  
Mrs. F. O. Gans passed several days last week as the guest of relatives in the metropolitan city.  
Chas. G. Buss of Chicago spent Sunday as a guest in the home of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Buss.  
Mrs. John Pint passed the latter part of last and the first of this week as the guest of Chicago relatives.  
Richard B. Walsh attended to business matters in Chicago last Saturday and again the first of this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schaefer of Chicago spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Math. J. Schaefer.  
Miss Mary Meyers passed Saturday night and Sunday as the guest of her brother, George, and family at Elgin.  
Miss Eva Meyers of Chicago is spending the week as the guest of Mrs. Frank Grasser west of this village.  
Mrs. Wm. A. Saylor went to Elgin Tuesday morning for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Geo. A. Hanly.  
Wm. Dryer of Arlington Heights was a week end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Block on John street.  
Corp. Robt. Knox of Camp Grant spent the week end as a guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Knox.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoelscher of Wheaton were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Sutton at Emerald Park.  
Miss Esther Rose and Mr. Walsh of Crystal Lake passed an evening last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conway.  
Mrs. D. G. Wells and son, Glenn, will leave the first of the week for Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., where they will be the guests of Lieut. D. G. Wells over the holidays.

## OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Earl Whiting is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.  
Pvt. Paul Doherty has been released from army training at Lewis Institute, Chicago. He arrived home Tuesday of last week.  
Pvt. John Kennebeck, son of Mrs. Henry Kennebeck of this village, was released from services at Camp Grant and arrived at his home here last week.  
Sergt. Allen Noonan of Garden City, Long Island, N. Y., received his honorable discharge and arrived at his home near Ringwood last evening.  
Pvt. Jay Comiskey, who has been in service at Camp Johnston, Fla., arrived here Saturday evening. He has been granted a ten day leave of absence.  
Pvt. John J. Schaid, who has been in training at Camp Grant, received his honorable discharge last Wednesday and is again at his home east of this village.  
A postal card from Pvt. George Nicholls, who is somewhere in France, to his sister, Mrs. John Engeln, of this village, reports him well again. He was severely wounded some time ago.  
Pvt. Anton Schneider, son of Mrs. Catherine Schneider, Court St., has been sent from Camp Fremont, Calif., to Camp Grant and expects to be mustered out of service in a short time.  
Corp. Chas. J. Reihansperger received an honorable discharge from service at Camp Grant last week and has resumed his duties with his partner, W. J. Donavin, in the West Side hardware establishment.  
Pvt. John Bolger has been released from the U. S. army service and arrived at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ellen Bolger, in this village on Sunday evening. He has been in training at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.  
Pvt. Geo. Conway, who was mustered out of service recently, was recalled and left McHenry on Sunday evening last. He will be sent to France as an ambulance driver. He received training in a Red Cross unit in Chicago.  
Pvt. Richard Cronin, who is stationed in some camp near Philadelphia, Pa., spent one day of a four day furlough with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cossman and family at their rural home west of this village. He returned Wednesday evening.  
A letter from Joe Wrede, who is now stationed in far-away Siberia, states that there is plenty of wild game in that country, but apparently it isn't attracting him, as he expresses the wish of being back home for a day's rabbit shooting.  
Pvt. Geo. Heimer was operated on at the base hospital at Camp Grant Sunday. Later reports are that he is doing nicely. His mother, Mrs. Helena Heimer, and sons, Leo and William, and Mrs. A. Bickler, visited him at the hospital Wednesday.  
An interesting letter to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pries from their nephew, Pvt. W. A. Platzke, who is with squadron A, Gerstner field, Lake Charles, Ala., was received this week. He has been flying in a Curtis tandem scout plane. He expects to be back in some camp in Illinois soon.  
A letter from Pvt. Alfred Richardson, who is confined to a hospital in France, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Richardson, says that he is able to walk around his room with the aid of crutches. Anxious parents await his return home soon now that he is able to be out of bed. He has been overseas for more than a year.  
Pvt. Robert Costello, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Costello of 659 North State streets, Elgin, who died in a base hospital in France of spinal meningitis some time ago, was buried with full military honors and in the base hospital cemetery No. 6. The word was contained in a letter from Charles Leonard of Elgin, leader of the 15th cavalry band, stationed near Bordetux, France. In his letter to an Elginite he states he played in the band at the funeral of the Elgin boy. They have played at a number of military funerals and have also given concerts in the hospital where Costello died. Leonard writes he has passed the grave several times and that he never fails to see fresh flowers on the grave. The French peasants often decorate the graves of the fallen yanks as an appreciative token.

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THE individual calls it the high cost of living; the retailer calls it the high cost of doing business; the manufacturer calls it the high cost of production—but it means the same to all of them. It cuts down what's left after expenses are paid. War conditions have sent costs soaring for the individual, for the retailer and for the manufacturer. Figures show that even before the start of the war, the expenses of running a retail store had more than doubled in the preceding 25-year period.

Cost standards of even a few years ago no longer apply to any business. The most stable commercial enterprises are constantly undergoing readjustments to offset rising costs. Only by use of up-to-the-minute cost figures can any business now be kept on a safe and sound basis. This applies to the small business as forcibly as to the large enterprise.

The cost of operating a bank has increased in the same way and to the same extent that other businesses have been affected. Meeting this situation has made us familiar with cost problems in general and has convinced us that the whole matter of costs is one demanding the constant attention of every business man. If you desire to handle the cost problem in your business by methods of known value, we will be glad to have you take up the question with us. Please feel free to consult us at any time.

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The attention of the public is invited to the modification by the Postmaster General of the service connection charges embodied in his order No. 1931, dated August 28, 1918.

Effective December 1, 1918, the following service connection charges cover all classes of telephone service, and apply to both new installations and moves from one address to another.

- Where new line and telephone must be connected **\$3.50**
- Where there is a line and telephone on the premises, which can be used without change **\$1.50**

In the case of all new customers, service connection charges are payable in advance of the establishment of service.

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