

SANTA TAKES LEASE ON SKOKIE TOY SHOP

Entire School Turns out to
Make Toys for Poor
Children of Chicago

DADS, MOTHERS HELP

Christmas Program to Cli-
max Work Season

Santa Claus has just completed ar-
rangements for establishing a branch
toy factory here in Winnetka.

At the Skokie school assembly hall
Wednesday morning of this week,
director of Shopwork Charles A. Kin-
ney announced that Santa Claus had
taken a lease on the entire school
shops for a period of ten days, begin-
ning next Monday.

A call was sent out for several hun-
dred workers, skilled mechanics for
repairing mechanical toys, specialists
in doll anatomy, expert hand and
machine sewers, designers, painters
and wooden toy experts. By noon
what might have been a labor shortage
was relieved by the entire school
signing up for the various positions.

Cheer for 475 Kiddies
The plan as outlined calls for the
production and distribution by the
pupils of Skokie school of one or more
toys for each of 475 children in Chi-
cago institutions. About three-fourths
of the toys will be made in the sew-
ing and wood shops of the school,
the remainder being toys brought in
for repairs. Beginning next Monday
the shops will be organized on a fac-
tory production basis and the entire
efforts of the pupils concentrated on
the making of dolls, doll beds, cradles
and furniture, toy carts, areoplanes,
boats and toy animals.

Every Department Helps
Under the direction of Miss Beals,
Miss Reese, Miss Ganning and Miss
Ratliff, dresses will be made for one
hundred dolls. Miss Baer's group
has volunteered the making of one
hundred candy bags. Miss Pearson's
and Miss Ostlund's groups will make
the bedding for the one hundred beds
and cradles. Mr. Sipple of the shop
department will join Miss Hartwell
of the science department in the
repairing of mechanical toys, among
which are thirty sets of mechanical
trains contributed by William Ogden
Coleman, of Hill road, president of
the American Flyer company.

The painting and decorating of the
toys will be under the direction of
Miss Gahan, Mrs. Brenton, Mrs. Har-
shaw and Miss Coe.

Dad, Mother Also Help
One of the most important features
of the project will be the calling in of

the parents to work in the shops one
evening next week. Parents will be
given their choice of either Wednes-
day or Friday evening, the shops
being in operation both evenings from
7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. The parents
will work in groups with a foreman
and inspector for each group, and
on the same class of toys as are being
made by the children.

Thursday, December 21, the entire
collection of gifts will be on exhibi-
tion and a special Christmas pro-
gram of music and dramatics arranged
by Mrs. Kohlsaat, Mrs. Murray and
Miss Whitehead will furnish an ap-
propriate ending to the largest Christ-
mas project in the Winnetka schools.

DRAMA CLUB COMEDY DECLARED A BIG HIT

At the regular monthly social eve-
ning of the Community Drama club at
Community House on Monday evening,
the play, "Spreading the News," was
presented by a very excellent cast.

"Spreading the News," an Irish
play by Lady Gregory, proved to
have a laugh in nearly every line and
was thoroughly enjoyed.

Sister of Mrs. E. F. Alden Dies at Washington Home

Word has reached Winnetka of the
death of Mrs. W. S. Sergeant, sister
of Mrs. Edgar F. Alden, 352 Linden
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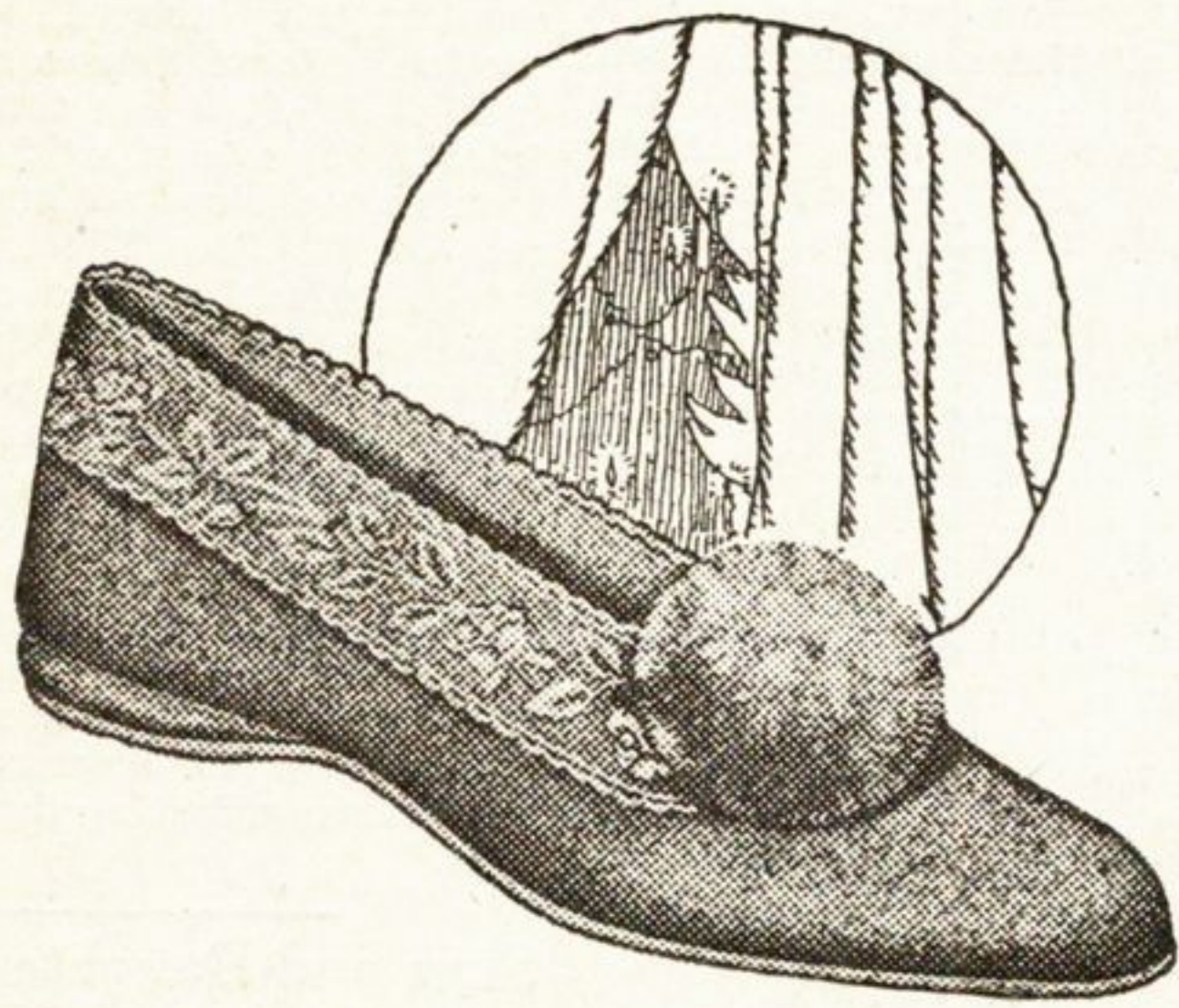
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