

FIREWORKS FEATURE AUBURNDALE'S XMAS

Celebrating Holiday at 75 Degree Temperature Unique Ex- perience for Barbers

Editor's note—Mrs. J. O. Barber, 211 Church road, from whom Winnetka Talk had an interesting letter a few weeks ago concerning activities in Florida, pens another missive from their orange grove at Auburndale, Fla. This letter describes graphically a Christmas in the Southland.

"The Christmas number of TALK just received. Well, the Barber twins, Tommy and Edward, have been thrilled by the succession of 'doings' in this sunny land of white sand and poinsettias, around the holidays.

"The weather was so hot they were afraid old Santa would have hard sledding. They hoped Mr. Ford would slip on some rubber tires and get that sled here on time. I reckon Uncle Sam helped, too, as the stockings on the mantel bulged and spilled over.

"I am told that Mr. Washburne, superintendent of Winnetka schools, visited this section last fall, and that, practically, the Winnetka system is used in the schools, only that the first 15 minutes, every day, is given up to devotional exercises, so the children learned why Christmas is celebrated.

"The week before, each child, in the first grade, was given an orange branch set in a tin of sand. A Santa and other forms were cut and colored and other ornaments made. The twins proudly brought home really beautiful trees to decorate the mantel piece.

Xmas at 75 Degrees

"A snowless Christmas day of 75 degrees is the rule but rather unusual to a Northerner. A community celebration was held on the common at 5 o'clock. A hundred small children, covered with scarlet cloaks and hoods, marched on the grounds singing, 'Silent Night,' as they encircled a mighty, beautifully decorated pine tree.

"After a prayer, the Auburndale band led the audience in singing 'Silent Night' again, followed by 'Little Town of Bethlehem' and 'Joy to the World.'

Santa Arrives

"Suddenly Santa Claus bounded on to the scene to the delight of the children who took no note of the announcement that he was 'a professional Santa Claus from Tampa.' He played his part well in funny antics and talk while he distributed a great quantity of candy.

"Next to the grand finale was an event for the twins as the Commercial Men's club ascended to the stand. They stood in the front rank and tried to help men sing:

"Auburndale,' being especially loud in the oft-repeated chorus—

"We don't care for 47 other states,
47 other states, 47 other states;
We don't care for 47 other states,

For we live in Florida.'
"Then came the fireworks. Just think of it. They care little for Fourth of July, it seems, but separate a 'Florida Cracker' from his Christmas fireworks? Well—it can't be did, yet awhile.

Yours truly
Victoria Adams Barber."

Skokie School Pupils Enjoy Yearly Bob-Ride

Skokie school's annual sleigh ride party was held Thursday of this week. Two huge bob-sleds were secured, and on these the pupils were taken for rides by groups. Each group went for a half-hour ride during the day. This has been the custom at the school since it opened, a few years ago. Pupils are enthusiastic over the event and always look forward with great anticipation to its arrival.



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